Resilient Florida 2022 Summary

Goals

The Resilient Florida Grant Program aims to expand the use of adaptation planning across the state by providing grant funding to local governments who have not yet performed a flooding and sea level rise vulnerability assessment.

Performing a community-wide vulnerability assessment is the first step to
initiate the adaptation planning process. A vulnerability assessment allows a
community to identify their most at-risk areas and assets and develop adaptation
strategies to address those risks.

Upcoming Opportunities Fiscal Year 2022-23

The program will be accepting proposals for planning projects and regional resilience entities between May 1 and June 22

- Communities who have yet to perform a vulnerability assessment will be prioritized
 for funding. To ensure that the statutory standards are clear, the program will
 provide guidance documents which will contain a standardized scope of work for
 reference.
- For more information on our recommended process for Adaptation Planning, please refer to the <u>Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook</u>.

Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan

Once a local government has conducted a vulnerability assessment, they are eligible to apply for implementation grant funding in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan.

• The program will be accepting proposals for implementation projects between July 1 through Sept. 1 to be included in the submittal due to the governor and the legislature on Dec. 1, 2022. Visit https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/ for the link to apply on July 1.

How to get engaged

The Program will be hosting three online webinars to provide key information and answer questions to assist communities with the application process. The webinars will be held on the following dates. You can request the link to join by emailing Resilience@FloridaDEP.gov please specify the date(s) you'd like to attend.

Session 1: Focus on Planning – Monday April 18, 2022 from 1 to 2 p.m. EDT.

Session 2: Planning and Implementation – Monday May 9, 2022 from 10 to 11a.m. EDT.

Session 3: Focus on Implementation – Thursday June 16, 2022 from 1 to 2 p.m. EDT.

For more information about the Resilient Florida Program, please the <u>program website</u>. A few helpful pages are the <u>Rulemaking Page</u>, the <u>Grants page</u>, and the RF <u>Resources Page</u> which includes links to third party sites. You can also <u>subscribe to our GovDelivery</u> for program updates, announcements, and notifications when applications are being accepted.