



## National Disaster Resilience Competition North Carolina Emergency Management: *NC Sound*

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### FACT SHEET

#### **What is the National Disaster Resilience Competition: *NC Sound* Program?**

The National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) is HUD's newly-announced Community Development Block Grant-National Disaster Recovery (CDBG-NDR) competitive grant program that is being closely coordinated with the Rockefeller Foundation. The NDRC is a two-phase process that will make nearly \$1 billion available to communities that have been impacted by natural disasters in recent years. The intent of the NDRC is to provide funds for eligible areas to support recovery from the unmet needs of recent federally-declared disasters in a resilient, innovative manner.

North Carolina's approach titled *NC Sound* focuses on specific areas in 11 counties in eastern North Carolina that are coastal, sound, and estuary communities and were impacted by the April 2011 tornadoes (DR-1969) and Hurricane Irene (DR-4019). These areas include: Dare County, as well as certain census tracts within Tyrrell, Currituck, Bertie, Pitt, Greene, Beaufort, Washington, Pamlico, Craven and Carteret Counties.

*NC Sound* is an innovative effort to support long-term recovery and revitalize local communities through a four-pronged strategy:

- 1) The provision of **residential and rental housing stock** that supports recovery from DR-1969 and DR-4019, but also provides a resilient design-oriented solution that enhances the well-being of the impacted resident as well as the integrity of neighborhoods and the communities at large.
- 2) Fostering **resilient infrastructure** solutions that minimize downtime of key services following disaster impacts.
- 3) Encouraging **resilient environmental approaches** that address lingering issues from DR-4019 that directly impact the fragile estuary ecosystems that are the lifeblood of the local economy and a national and even global treasure.
- 4) Stimulating **resilient job creation** to not only support the local economies that suffered during the qualifying disasters covered in this application, but also integrate in a sustainable way into the local culture, economy, and environment.

These four program areas will not only help DR-1969 and DR-4019 impacted communities to continue their long-term recovery, but they will foster forward-leaning solutions that embrace the unique historic agricultural and maritime communities that are part of the largest estuary ecosystem in the world.

#### **How are funds awarded?**

The state of North Carolina is crafting a Phase I application for HUD's review. If HUD reviews the application favorably, the State will be invited to submit a Phase II application to describe programs and funding in more detail. Eligible communities will be invited to submit proposals for potential projects which address remaining unmet recovery needs from these two disasters by fostering resilient approaches to housing, infrastructure, the economy and the environment.

#### **Where are funds going to be utilized?**

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Washington, Pamlico, Craven, and Carteret Counties. This has been vested against HUD eligibility criteria gauging economic distress disaster impact and unmet recovery needs.

**Who is eligible to apply for the NC Sound Program?**

All eligible NC Units of General Local Government (UGLGs) as defined by the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) issued September 17, 2014.

**What is the process and timeline for applying for funds?**

Should North Carolina be invited to submit a Phase II application, the following process and timeline will apply.

Estimated Dates	Major Activities
June 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announce application period</li><li>• Invite eligible local governments to submit potential projects for review</li></ul>
July 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to receive all projects for review</li></ul>
August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NCEM review phase</li></ul>
September – October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation of NCEM Phase II application</li></ul>
October 31, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit Phase II application to HUD</li></ul>
December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HUD Announcement of Phase II winners</li></ul>

**Where can I find more information?**

To learn more about the NDRC effort, please direct any inquiries to [ndrc@ncdps.gov](mailto:ndrc@ncdps.gov).