

*COASTAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM WORKGROUP*



*WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER VIRGINIA*

# CFM POLL

**Please fill out each poll to receive  
the full 1.5 (or more!) CECs**



# UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Workgroup Meeting Introductions

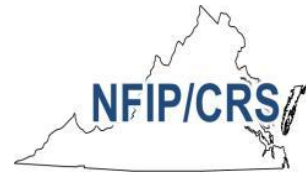
## Future Meeting Dates (James Room & Zoom)

### 2023

Wednesday, July 26, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, September 27, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, November 29, 10AM-Noon



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## **Confirmed CFM CECs (expect 1.5 most meetings)**

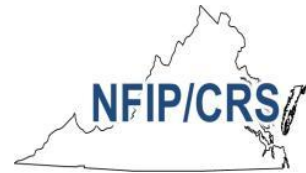
September 2022 - 1 credit

November 2022 - 2 credits

January 2023 - 1.5 credits

April 2023 - 1.5 credits

May 2023 - 2 credits



# VA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



## **Individual Memberships (\$25.00)**

- Networking Opportunities
- Training and Workshops
- Membership Directory
- Quarterly Newsletters

## **Corporate Memberships (\$150.00)**

- Same access as Individual Members
- Includes 7 members (1 membership free – \$25 discount)
- Company logo on the VFMA website



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Coastal VA CRS Workgroup  
July 26, 2023

# RESILIENCE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Resilience Planning

- Recommend changing the VA Code to align resilience plans with one another and tie planning to funding and outcomes.
  - Include in VA Code a basic framework and direction for planning, and a baseline for funding. Elements in the Code should be kept broad and focus on outcomes, rather than output.
  - Align planning schedules to ensure that each administration is tasked with producing a planning document.
- Within the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan, pursue the creation of multiple regional plans, expanding beyond the Coastal Resilience Master Plan to cover the remainder of the state with a similarly scoped planning document.
- Upon completion of its statutory requirements, rescope the Coastal TAC to include statewide representation



# RESILIENCE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Locality Readiness for Resilience Planning

- Establish “grant specialist/management” positions for identifying, applying for, and supporting the management of resiliency-related grants for localities.
  - Positions could work closely with or be embedded within PDCs. Consider Virginia DEQ CZM’s grants or other states’ programs as models.
- Explore state opportunities for the use of RAFT and similar programs and tools, including self- assessment and other resources.
- New CRO Office establishes state goals, metrics, and best practices to define what effective locality readiness for resilience should look like.





# RESILIENCE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Locality Readiness for Resilience Planning (Continued)

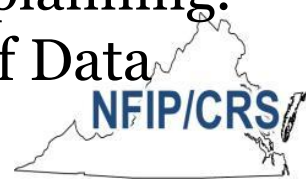
- Ensure that state agencies have internal clarity/review of flood resilience opportunities and challenges that will then trickle down through their technical assistance and grants programs.
- Authorize state resiliency programs to administer a set percentage of funds to awardees upfront to alleviate burden of 100% reimbursement for program activities and improvements --- similar to Virginia's Conservation Assistance Program recently administering funds upfront for Hampton Roads to create natural living shorelines
- Conduct vulnerability assessments at the state and local levels to determine needs and inform planning.



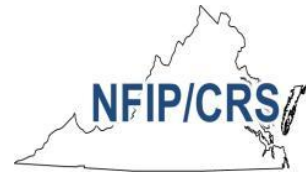
# RESILIENCE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Resilience Data and Resources

- The new Office of the CRO should conduct a periodic survey of state agencies and localities to identify their data needs including what data is required to be used and what data is available for use.
- Establish a working group consisting of knowledgeable representatives from recruited organizations informed by the results of an agency survey of resiliency to identify and address data needs and availability.
- Establish a clearinghouse of data needed for resilience planning. Consider opportunities to leverage the Virginia Office of Data Governance and Analytics for this purpose.



# POLL & DISCUSSION



# ANNUAL VA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS COORDINATION MEETING RECAP

- Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) & Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF) information announced
- Department of Conservation & Recreation's (DCR) progress on Coastal Resilience Master Plan update & Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan
- DCR releasing RFPs to support flood resilience planning efforts
- [Full meeting details/presentations linked here](#)



# CFPF ROUND 4 DRAFT MANUAL

- [Round 4 draft CFPF grant manual](#) released for public comment
  - Comments due on August 6th - can be [submitted here](#) or through [VA Regulatory Town Hall](#)
- \$80 million available
  - \$50 million via grants and \$30 million via loans
- Estimated application window: Sept. - Nov. 2023, awards announced in December 2023



# CFPF ROUND 4 DRAFT MANUAL

## CFPF Round 4

Community Flood Preparedness Fund Round 4 – Total Available \$80,000,000\*

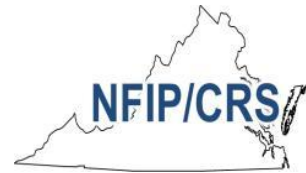
Category	Amount	Award Type	Notes
Planning & Capacity Building, Studies, and Resilience Projects	\$50,000,000	Grants	Awards require match that varies depending on activity/project type. Reduced match for low-income geographic areas. Total awards per applicant are capped.
Resilience Projects	\$25,000,000	Loans	Below market-rate loans for resilience projects. Awards do not require match. Designed primarily to accommodate large projects that exceed grant caps.
Start-Up Funding	\$5,000,000	Loans	Short term loans to provide up-front funding for activities funded by CFPF grants. Currently, CFPF grants are paid primarily on a reimbursement basis, which is a limiting factor for some localities.

\* Total currently available in Fund after June 2023 auction is approx. \$108 million. Anticipated total available funds through Dec 2023 is approx. \$198 million.



# RVRF DRAFT MANUAL

- [First draft manual](#) for the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF) released for public comment
  - Comments due on August 6th - can be [submitted here](#) or through [VA Regulatory Town Hall](#)
- \$18.5 million available
  - \$13.5 million via loans and \$5 million via grants
- Estimated application window: Sept. - Nov. 2023, awards announced in December 2023



# RVRF DRAFT MANUAL

## RVRF Round 1

Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund Round 1 – Total Available \$18,500,000\*

Category	Amount	Award Type	Notes
Non-federal match for federal resilience grants to localities.	\$5,000,000	Loans	Below market-rate loans for localities to use as non-federal match for resilience projects (FMA, HMA, CDBG, BRIC, etc).
Hazard Mitigation of Buildings	\$7,500,000	Loans	Below market-rate loans for projects related to the hazard mitigation of buildings. Awards are for discrete projects that localities wish to support (may be on private property). Satisfies statutory requirement that a portion of the RVRF be set aside for this purpose.
Capitalization for Local Flood Resilience Programs	\$1,000,000	Loans	Interest-only loans to localities with existing revolving funds. Providing interest-only loans allows principal to be revolved within the locality. Loans to localities may be rolled over indefinitely.
Capacity Building for Local Flood Resilience Funding Programs	\$5,000,000	Grants	Grants to localities to support the establishment of Local Flood Resilience Funding Programs. Subject to the approval of DCR, these programs could fund a range of property-scale projects.

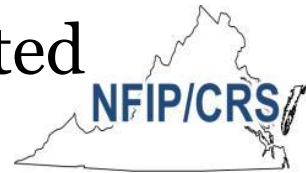
\* Total capitalization of fund is \$25,000,000; \$5,000,000 has been set aside for FEMA STORM RLF Grant match; \$1,500,000 has been set aside for administrative costs (DCR and VRA).



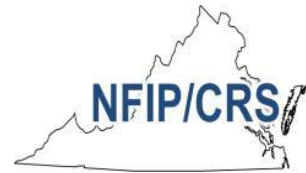


# CFPF & RVERF: OUR CONCERNS

- Existing: Funding existing staff is an ineligible cost
- New: CFM must be employed by locality (contractors do not qualify)
- New: \$5 million grant funding cap for project category per applicant, per award round (CFPF only)
- New: Only localities can hold acquired lands
- New: RVERF outlines that loans will be distributed on a reimbursement schedule



# POLL & DISCUSSION



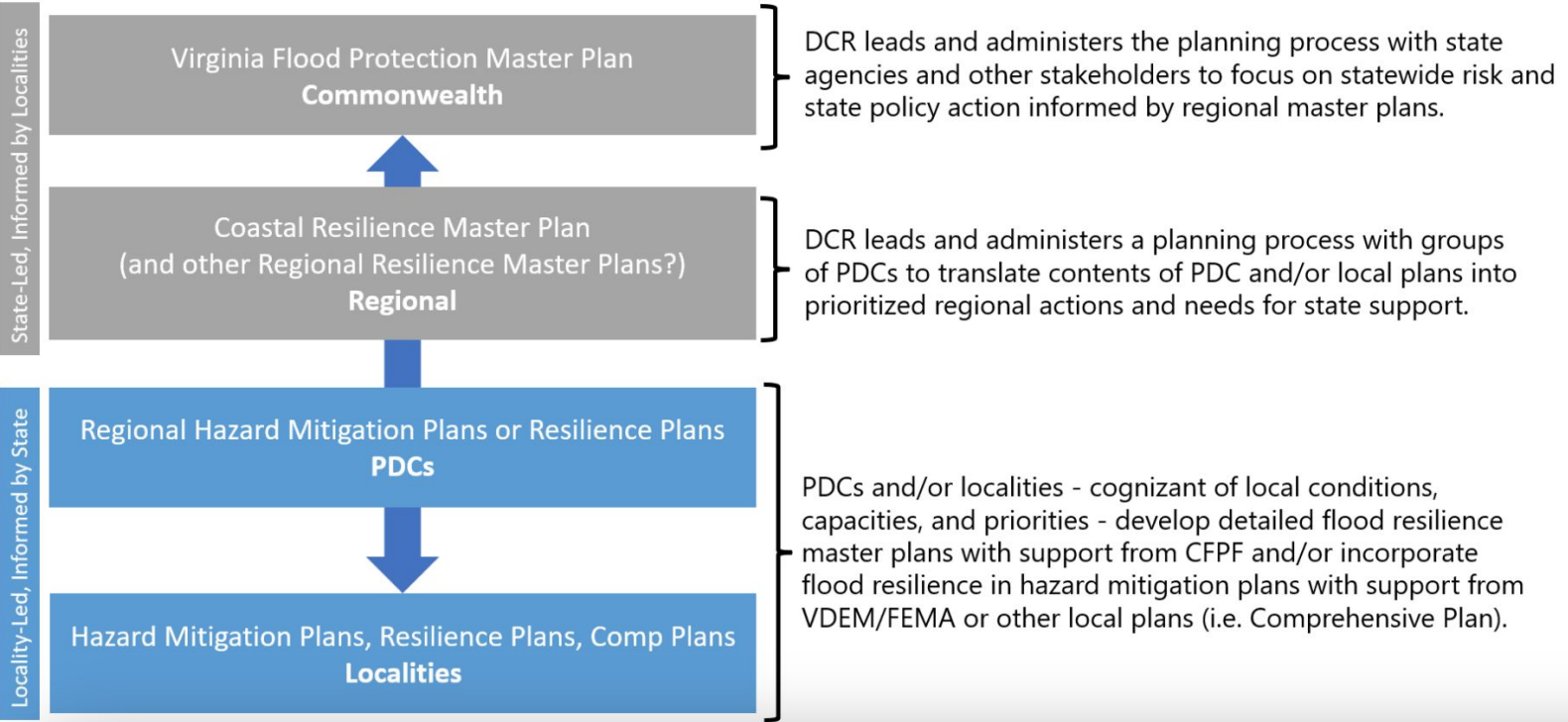
# CRMP & VFPMP UPDATES

- Coastal Resilience Master Plan (CRMP) Phase II will be released in December 2024
- Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan (VFPMP) released date has been moved up, will now be released in December 2025
- After statewide plan is released, DCR will look at developing other regional resilience plans
- Hoping to improve coordination between statewide, regional, and local plans in the future



# CRMP & VFPMP UPDATES

## Looking Ahead: Multi-Level Plan Integration



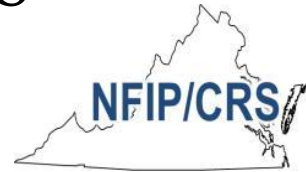
# RFPs TO SUPPORT RESILIENCE PLANNING

- DCR will be contracting additional consultants to support resilience planning efforts
- Contracts will be qualifications based, so scope of work will be flexible
- May award multiple contracts
- Anticipated RFP window: July - October 2023, award(s) announced in November 2023



# CRS ONLINE TRAINING NOW LIVE!

- [CRS online training videos & learning assessments](#) are now available
  - CRS Introduction Workshop
  - CRS Activity 330: Outreach Projects Workshop
  - CRS Activity 450: Stormwater Management Workshop
- Each workshop highlights how Virginia communities can maximize their benefits & points in the CRS Program



# CRS ONLINE TRAINING CONTENT

## CRS Introduction Workshop Content:

- Part 1: Introduction to the NFIP & Risk Rating 2.0
- Part 2: Introduction to the CRS & How to Join the CRS Program
- Part 3: CRS Program Costs & Benefits and Program Resources

## CRS Activity 330 Outreach Projects Workshop Content:

- Part 1: Outreach Projects & Flood Response Preparations
- Part 2: Program for Public Information & Stakeholder Delivery

## CRS Activity 450 Stormwater Management Workshop Content:

- Part 1: Stormwater Management Regulations
- Part 2: Watershed Master Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations, & Water Quality Regulations



# CRS ONLINE TRAINING INFO

- Each workshop has been approved by ASFPM for 2-3 CECs for CFMs
- Registration for each workshop is \$25
- Please be sure to **read all** of the instructions for registration before beginning the workshop
  - Each workshop will take 2-3.5 hours to complete, but does not need to be completed in one sitting





# FEMA RELEASES NEW EC FORM

- [New Elevation Certificate](#) released on July 7th, 2023
  - If you get a “Please Wait” error when trying to download the new EC form, here’s a work around:
    - Right click on the Download File link and select “save link as”
    - Save it to your computer
    - Once saved, you should be able to open it.
- No grace period for transitioning to new form
- [Highlights on the revisions to the new EC form & guidance on how to determine first floor height](#)



# DISCUSSION

## Hampton Roads PDC Project - Regional CRS Support



# WORKGROUP ATTENDEE REPORT OUT

Time for Workgroup attendees to bring up any news, questions, or future meeting topics to the group



# THANK YOU!

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