

Appendix D: Scoring Criteria for Flood Prevention and Protection Projects

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund Grant Program

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant Name:		
Eligibility Information		
Criterion	Description	Check One
1. Is the applicant a local government (including counties, cities, towns, municipal corporations, authorities, districts, commissions, or political subdivisions created by the General Assembly or pursuant to the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth, or any combination of these)?		
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category	
2. Does the local government have a flood mitigation plan approved by the Director and has provided satisfactory evidence of plan implementation?		
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category, every 5 years	
No	Eligible for consideration under this category, every 10 years	
3. Has this or any portion of this project been included in any application previously funded by Fund?		
Yes (within 5 years)	Not eligible for consideration under this category	
Yes (within 10 years)	Eligible for consideration under this category, if answered "Yes" to number 2 above	
	Not eligible for consideration under this category, if answered "No" to number 2 above	
No	Eligible for consideration under this category	
4. Has the applicant provided evidence of an ability to provide the required match funds?		
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category	

5. Applicant's NFIP Status		
a. Is the applicant a participant of the NFIP and in good standing?		
Not applicable	Applicant is not a county, city, or town (i.e. Planning District Commission, Soil & Water Conservation District, etc.)	
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category, unless answered "Yes" to 5b or 5c below	
b. If the applicant has current violations, is on probation, or is suspended from the NFIP, has satisfactory evidence of how the proposed project will remedy this been provided?		
Not Applicable	Applicant is in good standing, does not participate in the NFIP, or is not a county, city, or town (i.e. Planning District Commission, Soil & Water Conservation District, etc.)	
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category	
c. If the applicant is not participating in the NFIP, has satisfactory evidence of how the proposed project will aid in the application to join the program been provided?		
Not Applicable	Applicant participates in the NFIP or is not a county, city, or town (i.e. Planning District Commission, Soil & Water Conservation District, etc.)	
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category	
6. Will the proposed project comply with the local floodplain ordinance?		
Not Applicable	Project not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area	
Yes	Eligible for consideration under this category	
No	Not eligible for consideration under this category	
Project Eligible for Consideration		☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Name:		
Scoring Information		
Criterion	Point Value	Points Awarded

7. Eligible Projects (Select all that apply)		
Planning for flood risk by revising existing flood-related plans, resiliency plans, or comprehensive plans, or drafting new flood-related plans. This does not include hazard mitigation plans.	10 pts	
Creating a new plan that addresses flood risk within the community.	5 pts	
Revising floodplain ordinances to maintain compliance with the NFIP or to incorporate higher standards that may reduce the risk of flood damage. This must include establishing processes for implementing the ordinance, including but not limited to, permitting, record retention, violations, and variances.	20 pts	
Correcting a noncompliant floodplain ordinance.	15 pts	
Creating a floodplain ordinance as part of an application to join the NFIP.	10 pts	
Developing applications or tools to identify, aggregate, or display information on flood risk. This project type does not include updating or creating web pages or content for outreach and education (select project type below for outreach activities).	10 pts	
Increasing outreach efforts related to flood risk, such as creating and distributing educational materials, creating and installing signs, developing web pages, or conducting community open houses.	15 pts	
Promoting flood insurance.	5 pts	
Conducting hydrologic and hydraulic studies of floodplains. Applicants who create new maps must apply for a Letter of Map Revision or a Physical Map Revision through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).	25 pts	
Remapping existing A Zones to AE Zones with a regulatory floodway.	15 pts	
Mapping unstudied areas.	5 pts	
Developing flood warning and response systems, which may include gauge installation, to notify residents of potential emergency flooding events.	20 pts	
Amending an existing local hazard mitigation plan to incorporate dam safety and/or floodplain management planning requirements necessary for FEMA's High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Grant eligibility. This does not include amending or developing other sections of a local hazard mitigation plan or other planning documents.	10 pts	
8. Does the proposed project support a goal in the local hazard mitigation plan?		
Yes	5 pts	
No	0 pts	
9. Does the proposed project support a goal in the community's comprehensive plan?		

Yes	5 pts	
No	0 pts	
10. Is the project area socially vulnerable? (Based on ADAPT VA's Social Vulnerability Index Score.)		
Very High Social Vulnerability (More than 1.5)	20 pts	
High Social Vulnerability (1.0 to 1.5)	15 pts	
Moderate Social Vulnerability (0.0 to 1.0)	10 pts	
Low Social Vulnerability (-1.0 to 0.0)	5 pts	
Very Low Social Vulnerability (Less than -1.0)	0 pts	
11. Is the proposed project part of an effort to remedy the community's probation or suspension from the NFIP?		
Yes	30 pts	
No	0 pts	
Total Points		