



# Rhode Island Resilience

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Summer 2024 EC4 Update



# Rhode Island Climate Resilience Program

## 1. Planning

- **Resilient Rhody** – Rhode Island Resilience 2024 Report Winter 2024; *Resilient Rhody 2.0* Strategy to follow in 2025 in accordance with Act on Coasts
- **Community Resilience Building Workshops 2.0 (MRP + HMP)** – FEMA BRIC application submitted Feb 2024
- **Annual Resilience Updates & Grant Application Assistance Meetings** – For 2024, held with cities & towns weeks of May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>; for municipalities who missed this window, a second window will be offered after the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday

## 2. Implementation

- **Resilience Design & Engineering Assistance** – Decisions for Round 1 to be announced week of June 24<sup>th</sup>
- **State + Federal Resilience Grants** – OSCAR applications received; MRP Action Grant and Climate Resilience Fund RFPs active; NOAA CRRC application submitted Feb 2024; NFWF NCRF Letter of Intent submitted April 2024 and approved

## 3. Capacity Building & Partnerships

- **State Resilience Office (Regional Resilience Coordinators)** – Five (5) regional coordinators proposed; NOAA CRRC application submitted Feb 2024; Anticipated to hear Summer 2024
- **EC4 Resilience Collaboration** – Resilience EC4 Subgroup designees determined for each agency and group to meet July 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Rhode Island Resilience Partners** – Non-profit and university partners positioned to provide community engagement, workforce development, and knowledge transfer activities under NOAA CRRC application submitted Feb 2024; Resilience Partners meetings anticipated to begin Summer 2024

## 4. Transparency & Information Sharing

- **Resilience Web Resources** – Website additions for Statewide Resilience Resources, Grant Opportunities & Events, and searchable Resilience Action Database scoped
- **Annual Rhode Island Resilience Summit** – Event anticipated Jan 2025 in alignment with launch of MRP Community Resilience Building Workshops 2.0

# Statewide Resilience Planning & Collaboration

## Who?

State Stakeholders:  
Resilience EC4  
Subgroup



RI Resilience  
Partners: Non-Profits,  
Universities,  
Community Based  
Orgs



Local Stakeholders:  
Municipalities,  
Communities, and  
Businesses

## What?

RI Resilience  
Initiatives: Planning,  
Grants, Assistance



RI Resilience  
Standards &  
Guidance



RI Resilience Goals &  
Metrics for Success

## Outcomes this will inform?

RI Climate Change  
Website – Resilience  
Resource + Action  
Update (Fall 2024)



Rhode Island  
Resilience 2024  
Report (Winter 2024)



*Resilient Rhody*  
Strategy 2.0  
(2025)

# MRP Action Grants & Climate Resilience Fund

## 1. Municipal Resilience Program Action Grants

- **Eligible Projects:** Design & Construction projects that deliver climate resilience benefit (Removal/Redesign/Relocation of vulnerable infrastructure, Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions)
- **Funds Available:** \$19.4mm awarded to date | **\$5mm available (due July 26th)** | \$10mm anticipated through 2024 State Green Bond | 25% Match Required

## 2. Climate Resilience Fund Grants

- **Eligible Projects:** Design & Construction projects that deliver climate resilience benefit (Removal/Redesign/Relocation of vulnerable infrastructure, Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions); some Planning costs considered
- **Funds Available:** \$4.3mm awarded to date | **\$1mm available (due July 26th – application matches MRP)** | \$2mm anticipated through 2024 State Green Bond | 25% Match Required

## 3. Key Updates from Previous Rounds

- **Application Process** – Applications for the two programs have been aligned; an MRP application can also be considered for CRF funding
- **Requirement** – Designation of the specific climate scenario or projection your project will address (design storm, sea level rise scenario, etc.), and demonstration of improvement from existing vulnerability
- **Requirement** – Current design life of structures to be adapted in place
- **Review Criteria** – Nature Based Solutions & Long-Term (Relocation) approaches to be co-prioritized

# Federal Resilience Funding

## 1. NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (CRRC)

- RIDEM submitted a proposal for **\$55m for activities including landmark resilience projects; community engagement, workforce development, and knowledge transfer; resilience funding programs (grants); and regional resilience coordinators.**
  - The proposed work addresses four key categories of resilience – **Land Protection and Relocation; Resilience Hubs; Nature-Based Adaptation; and Shoreline Public Access**
  - Activities to be provided across **39 Collaborators and 11 Subawardees**
  - **Expected to hear Summer 2024**

## 2. NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)

- RIDEM is submitting a proposal for **\$10 million in essential, locally-prioritized, and ready-to-proceed municipal climate resilience projects** statewide, spanning 10 municipalities.
  - The proposed projects were awarded design funding through Municipal Resilience Program Action Grants and/or have completed design. The award would support **restoration implementation / construction.**
  - Projects **address flooding & erosion concerns** in our coastal and riverine systems through Marsh/Wetland Restoration, Dune Restoration, Green Infrastructure, and Aquatic Connectivity.

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