

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Question:** Is there a matching requirement?

Answer: Yes, there is a matching requirement of 15% of the requested grant funds. You can find more information about the match on pages 5 and 21 of the RFA.

2. **Question:** What is the project period of the grant?

Answer: The project period is three years, anticipated August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022.

3. **Question:** Our project will require more grant funds than the maximum amount available under this RFA for a single project (\$350,000). Can we apply for the maximum grant amount to complete part of this large project?

Answer: You can apply for a grant for a smaller project that is part of a larger project. The application should be clear as to which component(s) are part of the request under this RFA, and what other components will be funded by other sources.

4. **Question:** Are all projects required to include a construction component to be eligible?

Answer: Yes, projects must include a construction component to be eligible under this RFA. Projects that propose planning activities only are not eligible, but planning is an eligible task as long as it is part of an implementation project.

5. **Question:** Is there a certain percentage of the project that needs to be dedicated toward construction tasks?

Answer: No, there is no specific percentage that needs to be met in terms of construction tasks.

6. **Question:** Is invasive species removal to improve access qualify for the grant?

Answer: Invasive species removal would be eligible under the RFA as long as the project ultimately:

1. Provides new direct access to the tidal Hudson; or
2. Improves an existing access site to make the site more resilient to erosion, tidal flooding, and sea-level rise; or
3. Improves an existing access site to make the site more accessible for people of all abilities.

7. **Question:** Will this grant opportunity be offered again next year or in the future?

Answer: It is not known whether more funding will be available for another grant round in the future.

8. **Question:** Who should letters of support be directed to?

Answer: All letters must be uploaded to the Grants Gateway. Hard copy letters mailed to the office will not be included in application materials. Letters can be addressed to the attention of Susan Pepe, Grants Coordinator, address: NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233.