



Regional Capacity Building Grant Program Webinar

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LOUISIANA
WATERSHED
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working together for sustainability and resilience

Agenda

- Phase I results
- RCBG next phases
- Phase II application guidance
- Regional Steering Committee guidance
- Round 1 projects
- Questions & comments

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PHASE 1 RESULTS

Fiscal Agents

THE COORDINATING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC)

KISATCHIE-DELTA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (KDRP)

CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY

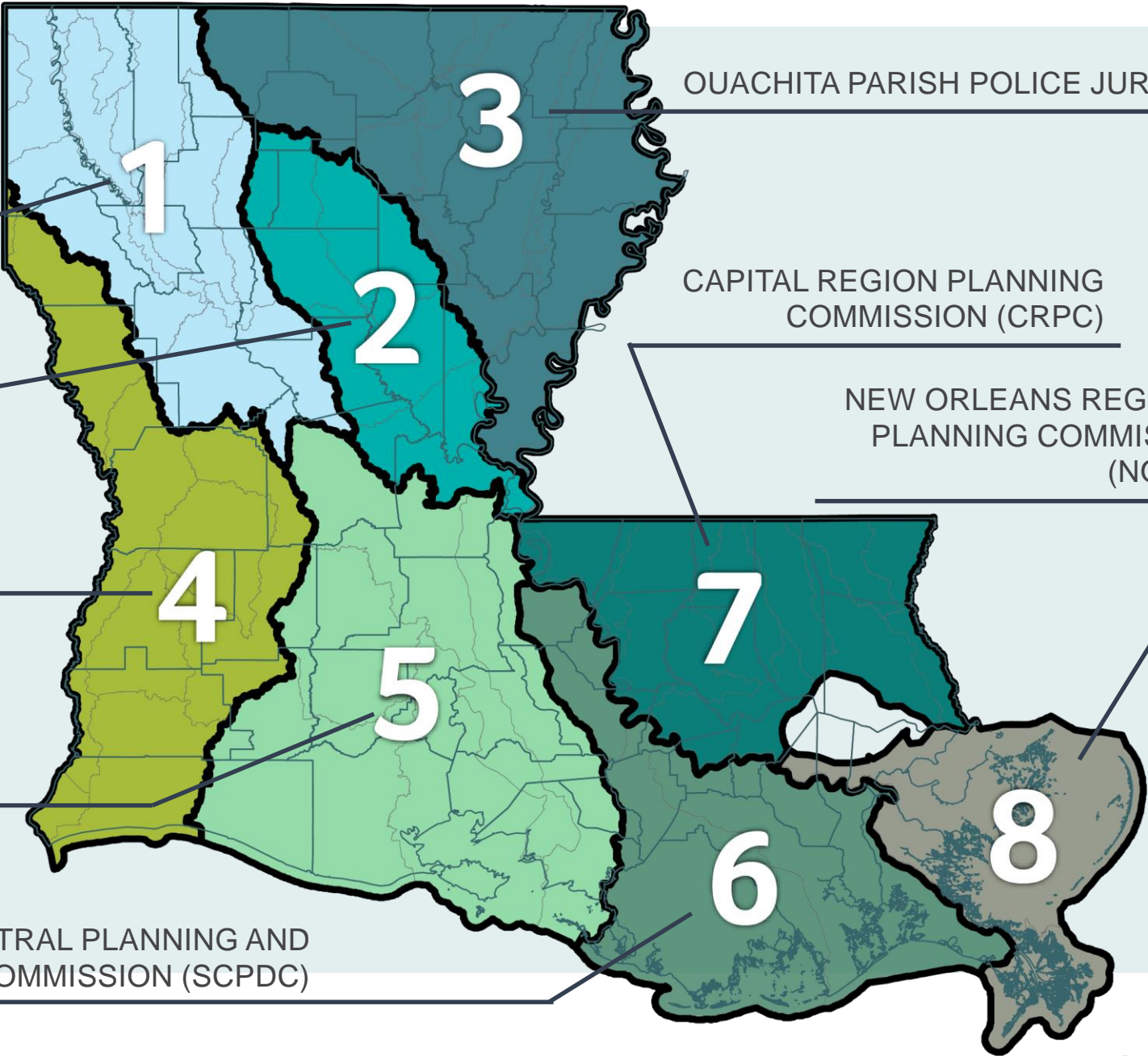
ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION (APC)

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SCPDC)

OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY

CAPITAL REGION PLANNING COMMISSION (CRPC)

NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NORPC)



Fiscal Agent

Roles and Responsibilities



- Submits application and enters agreement with the state to administer this grant
- Coordinates parishes and municipalities in the region
- Procures services reimbursed through this grant
- Facilitates the creation of the Regional Steering Committee member list
- Manages the watershed coordinator

Watershed Coordinator

Roles and Responsibilities



- Fully or partially funded through this grant
- Facilitates steering committee and coalition meetings
- Compiles regional project list and budget
- Assists the region in using H&H modeling



RCBG Next Phases

PHASE I

LETTER OF INTEREST

- Form located in NOFA and online at watershed.la.gov
- Submit by Oct. 15 to watershed@la.gov

IDENTIFIES APPLICANT

PHASE II

FULL APPLICATION

- Detailed program description and budget
- Regional agreements required
- Submit via watershed.la.gov

PROVIDES PROGRAM DETAILS

PHASE III

OCD AGREEMENT

- OCD will review applications and award funding
- Proposed steering committee composition

AWARDS FUNDING

RCBG Important Dates

EVENT	DATE
Webinar and Q&A session	Today
Phase II application preparation	<i>Begin Now</i>
Steering committee selection	<i>Begin Now</i>
Phase II application deadline	12/13/19
Phase III award announcement	1/10/20



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PHASE II APPLICATION



Phase II Application

KEY COMPONENTS

- Description of need and proposed activities
- Implementation approach
- Program timeline
- Cost estimates
- Parish agreements (at least 51%)
- Disclosure report
- Program budget (organized by quarter)
- *Recommended:* Submit proposed steering committee membership

PLEASE NOTE:

- Application must be concise (20 pgs. max)
- Submit applications online via www.Watershed.La.Gov
- Due 12/13/2019 by 3 p.m.



Assistance is Available

LWI CAN PROVIDE:

- Meeting facilitation
- Stakeholder listening sessions
- Assistance with program design and budget planning
- Q&A and application workshop
- “Watershed 101” sessions
- Finance, compliance and reporting briefings
- “CDBG Boot Camp”

Let us know what your needs are!



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EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION APPROACHES



Program Design Option A

WATERSHED COORDINATOR + FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

WATERSHED COORDINATOR

\$80,000 per year for 3 years

- Establish steering committee
- Decide on coalition structure
- Draft watershed project list
- Establish watershed coalitions
- Begin use of H&H models
- Continue business of watershed coalitions
- Adopt higher development standards

REGIONAL FLOODPLAIN MANAGER

\$80,000 per year for 2 years

- Help communities enter CRS
- Train staff
- Administer CRS PPI
- Assist with cycle verification visits and recertification



Program Design Option B

WATERSHED COORDINATOR + OUTREACH

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

WATERSHED COORDINATOR

\$80,000 per year for 3 years

- Establish steering committee
- Decide on coalition structure
- Draft watershed project list
- Establish watershed coalitions
- Begin use of H&H models
- Continue business of watershed coalitions
- Adopt higher development standards

WATERSHED OUTREACH OFFICER

\$80,000 per year for 2 years

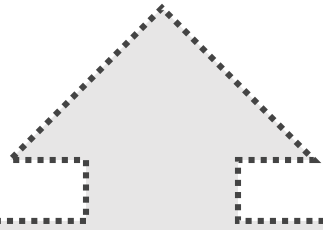
- Homeowner flood risk counseling
- Operate LWI region info office
- Assist with grant applications
- Conduct community risk education



Program Design Option C

MULTI-AGENCY MANAGEMENT

WATERSHED COORDINATION

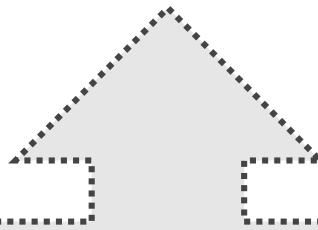


\$44,000/year for steering committee/coalition facilitator

- Coordinate and facilitate meetings
- Conduct training for members

AGENCY A

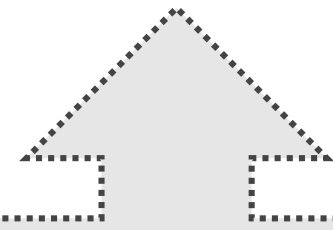
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT



\$44,000/year for watershed planner

- Produce draft project list
- Secure long-term revenue streams

AGENCY B



\$44,000/year for regional floodplain manager

- Coordinate CRS participation
- Educate homeowners on risk

AGENCY C



Phase III Process: Evaluation, Approval, Award

PHASE II APPLICATION REVIEW:

- OCD will review submittal
- May request clarification, amendments or adjustments

UPON PHASE II APPROVAL:

- OCD will notify fiscal agents of award approval
- Fiscal agents will enter into agreement with OCD for award receipt



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CHOOSING YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE



Regional Steering Committee


Roles and Responsibilities



- Guides the formation of watershed coalitions
- Will exist for one year
- Will help compile a project list
- Opportunity to participate in project selection
- Composed of local stakeholders
- Must have first meeting by March 31, 2020



Regional Steering Committee Guidance

 LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE	REGION 4 - REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION WORKSHEET													
		Floodplain Manager	Local Drainage or Levee District	Local Engineer	Natural Resources Professional	Community Representative (e.g., teacher, faith-based leader, social worker, other)	Academic in a Related Field (e.g., ecosystem function, landscape conservation, ecology, other)	Soil/Water Conservation or Agricultural Community	Regional Planning & Development District or MPO	Builder, Developer or Local HBA	Environmental Nonprofit	Chamber of Commerce	Real Estate, Insurance or Banking Industry	Maximum Total
	# of RSC Members	1	1	1	1	2	5							11
PARISH														
Allen	1													
Beauregard	1													
Calcasieu	1													
Cameron	1													
De Soto	1													
Jefferson Davis	1													
Rapides	1													
Sabine	1													
Vernon	1													
Total Parishes	9													

FOR YOUR REFERENCE: WATERSHED DEMOGRAPHICS**											
	Race/Ethnicity		Gender		Age				Home Location		
Region 4	White Alone (Not Hispanic) Percent	Hispanic or Not White	Percent Male	Percent Female	Persons Age 19 and Under (Percent)	Persons Age 20- 34 (Percent)	Persons Age 35- 54 (Percent)	Persons Age 55 and Over (Percent)	Urban	Rural	**English as a Second Language
# of RSC Members	7	4	5	6	3	2	3	3	8	4	0
Percent	60.5%	39.5%	48.9%	51.1%	27.1%	21.0%	24.4%	27.5%	65.9%	34.1%	1.7%



Regional Steering Committee Guidance

EXPERTISE:

- Floodplain Manager
- Drainage or Levee District
- Engineer
- Natural Resources Professional
- Academic
- Soil/Water Conservation or Agriculture
- Regional Planning
- Environmental Nonprofit
- Real Estate, Insurance or Banking Industry

COMMUNITIES:

- Community Representative
- Chamber of Commerce
- Builder, Developer or Local HBA

DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Race
- Gender
- Age
- Urban/Rural
- English as Second Language
- Tribes



Round 1 Overview

- Program Purpose

- To construct “low-risk/high-impact” shovel-ready projects

- Eligible Applicants

- Any public entity



- Award Distribution

- \$100 million award

- Key Dates

- 11/15 NOFA



	RCBG Program	Round 1 Projects
Nov. 2019	Phase II applications underway	NOFA issued (Nov. 15)
	Steering committee members selected	Applicant briefings and technical assistance
Dec. 2019	Phase II applications due (Dec. 13)	Pre-applications due (Late December)
Jan. 2020	Phase III awards	Technical assistance to applicants
Feb. 2020	Steering committees meeting	
Mar. 2020		
Spring 2020	Steering committees select Round 1 projects (5 million per region)	State selects Round 1 projects (60 million total)



Questions and Answers

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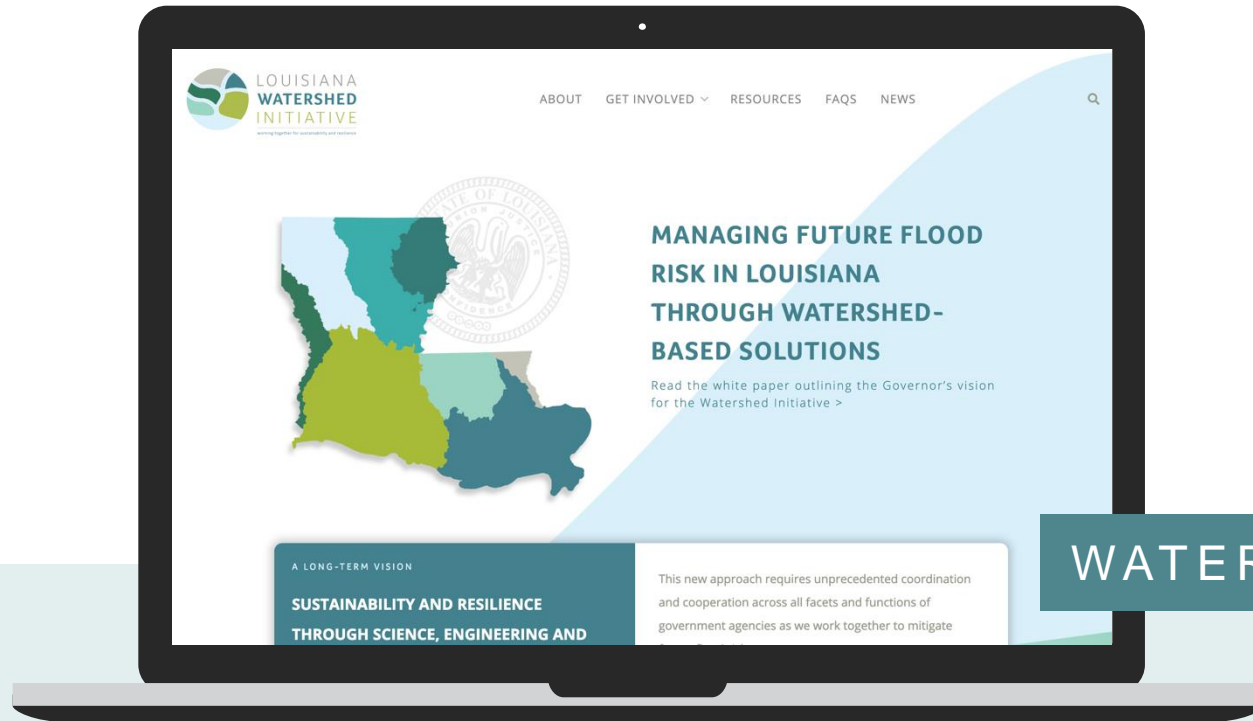


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