

**NYS Department of State  
Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure  
Smart Growth Countywide Resiliency Program (CWR)  
2023 – 2024 Request for Applications  
RFA #23-OPDSG-13**

*The responses to questions included herein are official responses by the Department of State (DOS) to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into the Request for Applications RFA #23-OPDSG-13 issued on May 15, 2023. In the event of any conflict between the Request for Applications and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.*

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**Questions & Answers**

**Q1. This question is referencing Sections I and III of the RFA. As a regional planning board, can we apply for multiple counties within one application? If not, can we submit multiple applications – one for each county in our region?**

A1. As stated in Section I of the RFA, applications to prepare a countywide resiliency plan may only include one county plan per application. A regional planning board or eligible not-for-profit may however, submit more than one application – one for each individual county.

**Q2. When submitting an application on behalf of a municipality, is a public benefit corporation considered a not-for-profit?**

A2. A public benefit corporation can be considered a not-for-profit for this grant solicitation if the corporations is:

- Incorporated pursuant to New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and
- Approved for tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Service code on or before December 31, 2022.

**Q3. Is in-kind match allowed to be used towards the 10% local match?**

A3. Yes. In-kind match from the applicant may be used toward the 10% match.

**Q4. For the Countywide Resiliency Grant Program and BOA Countywide pre-planning, can in-kind hours from county staff working on projects be used towards the 10% match requirement?**

A4. Yes. In-kind match from the applicant may be used toward the 10% match, provided that the hours worked are for activities in direct relation to or in support of project work including project management and grant administration.

**Q5. Specific to the Countywide Resilience Planning Grant program. I see the elements a plan should have, listed in the RFP. However, I am wondering if there is a framework DOS would like to see these plans modeled after and if so, can you please share that?**

A5. The DOS does not have specific framework, however, we included the major components of the plan in Section IV. Eligible Activities of the RFA. You may also reference the Genesee County Resiliency Plan which was recently completed under a previous round of Smart Growth Countywide Resiliency funding: <https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/GreenGeneseeIndex/index.php>

**Q6. Is there any opportunity for feedback on a draft application?**

A6. No, we cannot comment on a draft application.