

2024 New Hampshire Coastal Resilience Grants

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CRG website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/coastal-resilience-grants>

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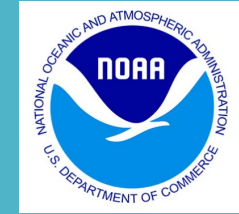
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New Hampshire Coastal Program



Protect clean water, restore coastal habitats, and help make communities more resilient to flooding and other natural hazards through funding and staff assistance to coastal towns and cities, and other local and regional groups.

New Hampshire Coastal Zone



History of NH Coastal Resilience Grants

Since 2014, the New Hampshire Coastal Program has funded 25 Coastal Resilience Grant projects totaling \$1,069,757 in federal grant funding and \$498,730 in non-federal match from grantees.

Project summaries available at CRG website:
<https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/coastal-resilience-grants>

2023

2021

2020

2019



2023 Coastal Resilience Grant Awards

In 2023, the New Hampshire Coastal Program funded three Coastal Resilience Grant projects totaling \$159,430 in federal grant funding and \$38,728 in non-federal match from grantees. Grants were awarded to the Rockingham Planning Commission in partnership with the Town of Seabrook, Rockingham County Conservation District, and Strafford Regional Planning Commission in partnership with the Town of Newmarket.

[VIEW 2023 SUMMARY OF FUNDED PROJECTS](#)  

2018

2014

2016



2018 Coastal Resilience Grant Awards

In 2018, the New Hampshire Coastal Program funded four (4) Coastal Resilience Grant projects totaling \$223,071 in federal grant funding and \$97,701 in non-federal match from grantees. Grants were awarded to the New Hampshire Sea Grant/University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Great Bay Stewards, Inc., the Town of Newmarket.

[VIEW 2018 SUMMARY OF FUNDED PROJECTS](#)  



Sample CRG Projects

2020 Model Restoration Plan for Salt Marsh Resilience at Philbrick Pond in North Hampton

2020 Building Coastal Resilience by Building Equity in Dover

2021 Basement Flooding Investigations at the Black Heritage Trail in Portsmouth

2023 Environmental and Usage Assessment of Seabrook's Dune Walkways

2024 NH Coastal Resilience Grants (CRG)

CRG website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/coastal-resilience-grants>

Coastal Resilience is defined as:

CRG Instructions Section A

The capacity of a coastal community or coastal system to adapt in a changing climate, measured by the capacity to:

“bounce back” quickly from shocks and stresses like storms

AND

“leap forward” by fostering sustained and equitable achievement of community goals and ensuring the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of all peoples and habitats over the long-term.

The CRG Program Purpose is to:

CRG Instructions Section A

Support projects that (i) build capacity, (ii) advance planning, and (iii) develop designs to increase coastal resilience, including community and/or habitat resilience, in one or more of New Hampshire's Coastal Zone communities.

Coastal Zone communities include Dover, Durham, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Madbury, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rollinsford, Rye, Seabrook, and Stratham.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Coastal municipalities
- Quasi-governmental organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Academic institutions
- State agencies

Applicants may submit more than one application.

Applicants and projects based in and composed of communities that have historically received fewer funding opportunities for coastal resilience are strongly encouraged. Preference will be given to lead applicant organizations that have never received a CRG award.

Eligible Projects and Project Categories

CRG Instructions Section B

Must minimize negative impacts to environmental resources and preference for projects that avoid negative impacts to environmental and cultural resources.

Preference for projects that:

- build coalitions, protect and sustain cultural heritage, advance environmental justice, advance inclusive access to the coast, and/or protect and restore natural coastal resources.
- collaboratively-develop products and outcomes, meaning that projects integrate inclusive, ethical, and mutually beneficial engagement and share decision-making power.

Project Categories



BUILDING CAPACITY



PLANNING



DESIGN

CRG Instructions Section B



Building Capacity Projects

CRG Instructions Section B

Seek to increase the neighborhood, grassroots, or community capacity of applicants and their partners to increase resilience by building networks, increasing knowledge, and/or improving access to resources such as funding. At the end of a Building Capacity Project, the project applicant and its partners should be better positioned to engage in sustained work to increase community and/or habitat resilience.



Planning Projects

Seek to develop plans, assessments, regulations, or other strategic information that will guide community and/or habitat resilience. The Planning Project should result in a collaboratively-developed planning product that will be used strategically to advance community and/or habitat resilience.



Design Projects

CRG Instructions Section B

Seek to advance designs for site-specific physical resources or assets that will increase community and/or habitat resilience. A Design Project should result in a collaboratively-developed design product that can be considered for funding opportunities that support final design, permitting, and construction.

Cannot design new hardened shoreline structures (e.g., rip rap, seawalls, revetments), but can design nature-based shoreline stabilization projects (e.g., living shorelines).

Can complete up to 75% engineering designs, but cannot support final engineering designs or permitting costs.

Funding

Total anticipated funding is \$100,000.

Minimum grant amount is \$9,000

Maximum grant amount is \$30,000

All CRG funding is federal funding provided by the NOAA Office for Coastal Management in partnership with NHDES Coastal Program.

Federal grant funds and match may not be used for final engineering designs, permitting, or construction costs. Federal grant funds may not be used for equipment purchases that exceed \$5,000.

Match Commitment

Match consists of the portion of the project costs/value not paid with federal grant funds and can be any combination of cash and/or in-kind goods and services related to the project.

A 4:1 federal grant funds to non-federal match through cash or in-kind services is requested, not required.

In a 4:1 match commitment, a project seeking \$20,000 in federal grant funding would provide \$5,000 in non-federal match commitment for a total project budget of \$25,000.

Applicants may include a justification for reduced or no match commitment, in cases where a reduced match commitment will eliminate any barriers to applying for CRG funding.

Project Timeframe

Project duration: 12 to 18 months

Project start date: between November 2024 and January 2025

Note: In the event that a project is not under contract or in the contracting process by January 2025, NHDES may rescind the Coastal Resilience Grant offer of funding.

Project end date: between December 2025 and June 30, 2026

Important Dates



Wednesday, May 15 & Tuesday, May 28 from 1-3PM: Office hours.
Sign up at link: <https://shorturl.at/gluyK>



Friday, May 24 at 4PM: Questions deadline. Will post questions & answers to the website as they come.



Friday, May 31 at 4PM: Applications due via Application Form



Friday, June 28: Award notifications



Friday, August 30: Project scopes finalized



October '24 - January '25: Projects start, upon NH Governor & Council approval



June 30, 2026: All projects completed

CRG Instructions Section F

How to Apply

[CRG Application Instructions: 2024 Coastal Resilience Grant Application Instructions \(nh.gov\)](#)

Application Form & Instructions

Complete and submit an application using the CRG Application Form by 4:00 PM EDT on Friday, May 31, 2024: [2024 Coastal Resilience Grant Application](#)

Refer to the Application Instructions and Evaluation Criteria document as you fill out the Application Form: [2024 Coastal Resilience Grant Application Instructions \(nh.gov\)](#)



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Coastal Resilience Grants

competitive grant funding for coastal community coastal resilience projects.

To support coastal communities as they adapt to climate change, the New Hampshire Coastal Program administers the Coastal Resilience Grants (CRG) Program, which provides funding for coastal community and habitat resilience projects. The CRG funding opportunity supports projects that build capacity, advance planning and design, and increase coastal resilience in one or more of New Hampshire's Coastal Zone communities. Coastal Zone communities include Dover, Durham, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Melbury New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, and Seabrook Beach.

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Press Releases

04/24/2021

[Coastal Program Reopens 2021](#)

[Request for Proposals for New Hampshire Coastal Resilience Grants](#)

04/20/2020

[Coastal Program Reopens Request for](#)

[Proposals for New Hampshire Coastal Resilience Grants](#)

Coastal Resilience Grant Application Resources

The 2024 application period for the Coastal Resilience Grants (CRG) is now open, and applications are due Friday, May 24, 2024, by 4 pm EST. A window is provided for Monday, April 29, 2024, at 10:30 AM. You can explore the process for the website, return to the 2024 Application Instructions and Evaluation Criteria as you prepare your application.

[LINK TO APPLICATIONS >](#)

Review 2024 CRG Application Instructions

Please review the 2024 CRG application instructions and evaluation criteria before applying for a 2024 CRG.

[APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA >](#)

2024 CRG Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will take place on Monday, April 29, 2024, from 10 AM to 11 AM EST. You can register in advance for the webinar. The webinar recording will be posted to the website's resource page.

[REGISTER IN ADVANCE >](#)

CRG Webpage

Coastal Resilience Grants
| NH Department of
Environmental Services

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First name *

Last name *

Email *

Phone *

Password *

YOUR PASSWORD MUST CONTAIN

- One lower case letter
- One upper case letter
- One number
- One special character
- 8 characters minimum

Register

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Please refer to the 2024 CRG Application Instructions for the application form.


The deadline for CRG applications is Friday, May 10, 2024.

The electronic application form requires users to create a self-registered account. The account will allow you, as a user, to save an incomplete application form and return to edit it later and have continued electronic access to the form after submittal. The account is the only account you should need across the state nForm platform. For more information on how to sign up for an account, see the Frequently Asked Questions in the upper right corner of this page.

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

[2024 CRG Application Instructions and Evaluation Criteria](#)
[Coastal Resilience Grant Program](#)

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2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANTS Application Instructions and Evaluation Criteria

Supporting Capacity-Building, Planning, and Design Projects

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B. Eligible Applicants and Project Categories

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include coastal municipalities, quasi-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and state agencies. Applicants and projects based in and composed of communities that have historically received fewer funding opportunities for coastal resilience are strongly encouraged. Projects must take place within one or more of the 17 New Hampshire Coastal Zone communities (See Section A for list of Coastal Zone communities). Applicants may submit multiple proposals. Preference will be given to lead applicant organizations that have never received a CRG award.

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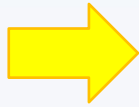


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Review

Signing

1.1 Organization Name:

1.2 Mailing address:

* Address Line 1

Address Line 2

* City

* State/Area

* Postal Code

VALIDATE ADDRESS

1.3 Primary Contact Person:

1.4 Contact Email:

1.5 Contact Phone:

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Certify & Submit

Section 1: Lead Applicant Information

CLEAR SECTION

1.1 Organization Name:

NHDES Coastal Program

Enter the name of the lead applicant organization. (500-character limit, including spaces)

1.2 Mailing address:

Address Line 1

222 International Drive

Address Line 2

Suite 175

City

Portsmouth

State/Area

NH

Postal Code

03801

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1.3 Primary Contact Person:

*

1.4 Contact Email:

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1.5 Contact Phone:

603-559-0020

Application Sections & Evaluation Criteria

CRG Instructions Section E

Application Evaluation Process & Criteria

Eligible applications will be reviewed by a CRG review team, composed of NH Coastal Program staff and additional partner reviewers.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on criteria and associated point values described in the Application Instructions and Evaluation Criteria document that you should reference throughout your application development: [2024 Coastal Resilience Grant Application Instructions \(nh.gov\)](#)

Application Sections & Evaluation Criteria

[2024 Coastal Resilience Grant Application Instructions \(nh.gov\)](#)

Section #	Section topic	Maximum Points
1	Lead Applicant Information	2
2	Project Summary	6
3	Project Purpose & Audience	17
3.1	Project Purpose	3
3.2	Environmental Context	4
3.3	Community Collaboration and Engagement	5
3.4	Advancement of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility	5
4	Project Team, Work Plan, & Budget	22
5	Supporting Documents	3
Total Points:		50

Questions?

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