



# Spring 2024 EC4 Resilience Update

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Chief Resilience Officer



# Ocean State Climate Adaptation & Resilience (OSCAR) Fund

***Applications due June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024***

- Eligible Projects:
  - Projects that reduce the vulnerability of low-lying infrastructure on public land through measures that include **removal and relocation of infrastructure**
  - **Restoration of river and stream floodplains**, including regrading of banks
  - **Revegetation**
  - **Acquisition** of that area of land necessary to maintain and preserve public access
  - **Redesigning, resizing, and replacing culverts** and bridge spans at existing wetland crossings
  - **Additional adaptation and resilience projects** deemed to be eligible under R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23.3-5
- Project Types: Planning, Design, Construction, among other activity types
- Entities who own or control public land are eligible to apply
- Projects must deliver feasible and technically sound climate adaptation solutions with habitat restoration and public access co-benefits
- Projects with Environmental Justice and Community Engagement benefits prioritized

# Rhode Island Climate Resilience Program

## 1. Planning

- **Resilient Rhody** – Rhode Island Resilience 2024 Report Winter 2024; *Resilient Rhody* 2.0 Strategy to follow
- **Community Resilience Building Workshops 2.0 (MRP + HMP)** – FEMA BRIC application submitted Feb 2024
- **Annual Resilience Updates & Grant Application Assistance Meetings** – Scheduling options will be offered to cities & towns for the weeks of May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>

## 2. Implementation

- **Resilience Design & Engineering Assistance** – Finalizing city & town outreach details + Launching May 2024
- **State + Federal Resilience Grants:** OSCAR RFP active; MRP Action Grant + Climate Resilience Fund RFP Release Late May / Early June 2024; NOAA CRRC application submitted Feb 2024; NFWF NCRF Letter of Intent submitted April 2024

## 3. Capacity Building & Partnerships

- **State Resilience Office (Regional Resilience Coordinators)** – NOAA CRRC application submitted Feb 2024; Anticipated to hear May 2024
- **EC4 Resilience Collaboration** – EC4 Agency interviews conducted with Commerce, OER, DOH, EOHHS, CRMC, DOT, Div. of Statewide Planning; Resilience EC4 Subgroup to meet late May 2024
- **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

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Subgroup



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Municipalities,  
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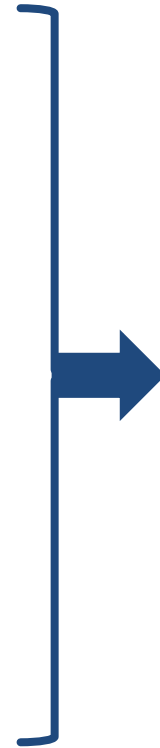
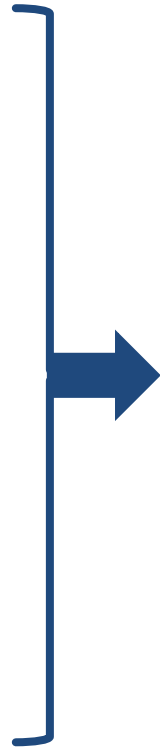
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