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North Carolina
**RESILIENT
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Open Now: RCCP Phase 3 and Phase 4 Funding Opportunities

The N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) is accepting applications for **Phase 3: Engineering and Design** and **Phase 4: Construction and Implementation**.

A total of \$2.5 million is available across both funding opportunities. Eligible applicants include local governments and federally and state-recognized tribes in [North Carolina's 20 CAMA counties](#). No cash or in-kind match is required.

Funding & Application Materials

Phase 3 (Engineering & Design)

- [Click here to download the Phase 3 RFA Guidance](#)
- [Click here to download the Phase 3 Application Questionnaire](#)

Phase 4 (Construction & Implementation)

- [Click here to download the Phase 4 RFA Guidance](#)
- [Click here to download the Phase 4 Application Questionnaire](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- [Click here to download the Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

Key Dates

RFA Opens: September 1, 2026

Applicant Webinar: October 13, 2026 | 2:00–3:30 p.m. [Click here to view the Applicant Webinar.](#)

Applications Due: November 10, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

Submit applications to rccp@deq.nc.gov by **November 10, 2026**.

Applicants may apply for multiple projects, but must submit a **separate application for each project** and identify their priority funding order.

N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program Overview:

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Communities Engaged

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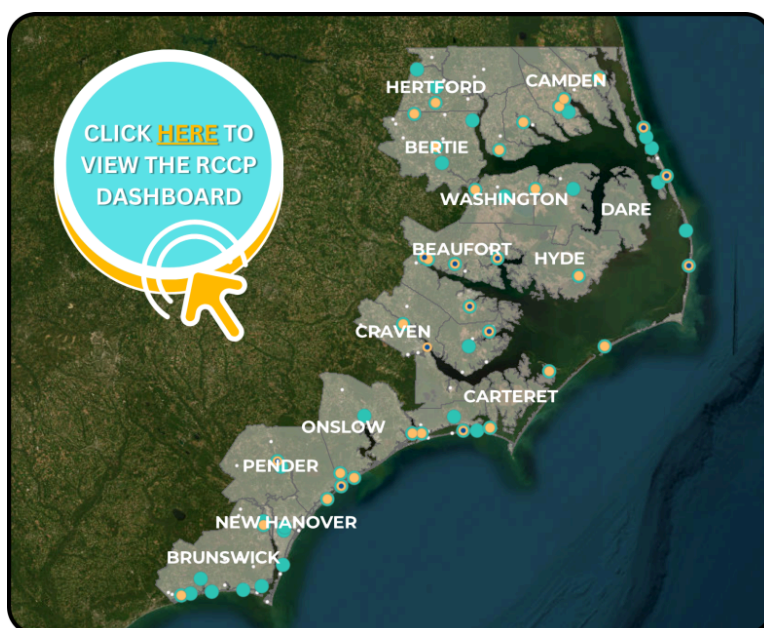
Grants Awarded

\$16,312,730

Funds Distributed

The **N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP)**, administered by the **Division of Coastal Management (DCM)**, helps coastal communities identify risks, set resilience goals, and develop projects that address local hazards. Funded by the [N.C. General Assembly](#) and the [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#), the program provides financial and technical assistance to support local resilience planning and project development. Eligible applicants include municipal and county governments within North Carolina's **20 coastal counties**, as well as federally or state-recognized tribes.

The [RCCP Communities Dashboard](#) is an interactive GIS viewer showing participating communities, RCCP projects, project phases, and the regional distribution of program investments.



Phases 1 and 2 occur concurrently. During these phases, DCM contracts directly with technical assistance providers to help communities assess vulnerabilities, engage stakeholders, develop resilience strategies, and prioritize projects. In Phases 3 and 4, funding is awarded

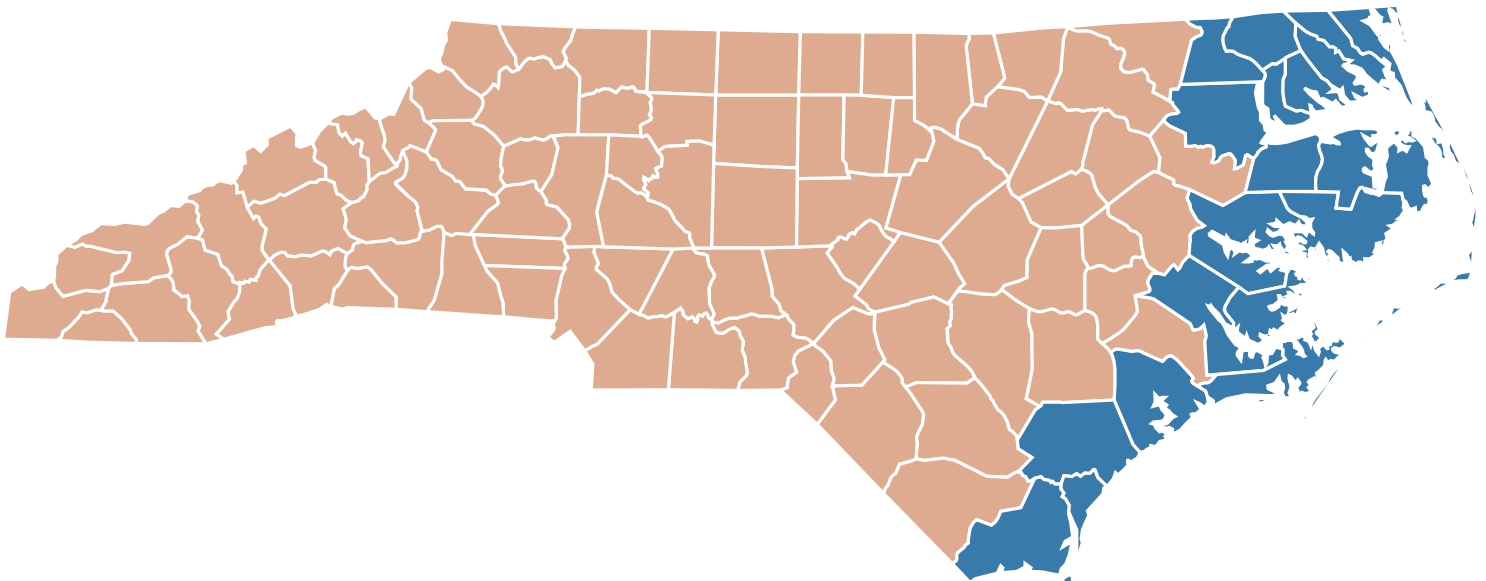
directly to communities to advance selected projects through design, permitting, and implementation.

The four phases of the program include:

- **Phase 1: Community Engagement and Risk & Vulnerability Assessment**
Communities identify coastal hazards, assess vulnerabilities, and engage local stakeholders.
- **Phase 2: Planning, Project Selection, and Prioritization**
Communities develop a resilience strategy and prioritize projects based on local risks and needs.
- **Phase 3: Engineering and Design**
Priority projects advance through feasibility studies, engineering, design, and permitting.
- **Phase 4: Project Implementation**
Communities construct or implement projects that strengthen long-term coastal resilience.

In 2025, DCM launched a **pilot program** allowing participating communities to use RCCP outcomes to update their [CAMA Land Use Plans](#) with a stronger focus on resilience. These locally developed plans guide growth, development, and natural resource management in North Carolina's coastal communities.

To view community eligibility, use the embedded map below. Hover over an eligible county (orange or dark blue) to view which counties are eligible, and explore projects in each. Selecting an ineligible county (light blue) will direct you to the [NC Resilience Exchange](#) for additional resilience resources and funding opportunities.



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Previously Awarded Grants & Deliverables:

RCCP Pilot Program Reports

About the Resilience Evaluation & Needs Assessment (RENA)



RENA Reports



Phases 1 & 2 | Community Resilience Strategies & Project Portfolios

Grant Awards, Community Resilience Strategies, & Project Portfolios



Resilience Updates for CAMA Land Use Plans



Grant Snapshots (P1/P2; 2021-2026)



Phase 3 | Engineering & Design

Grant Awards (P3)



Grant Snapshots (P3; 2022-2026)



Phase 4 | Implementation

Grant Awards (P4)



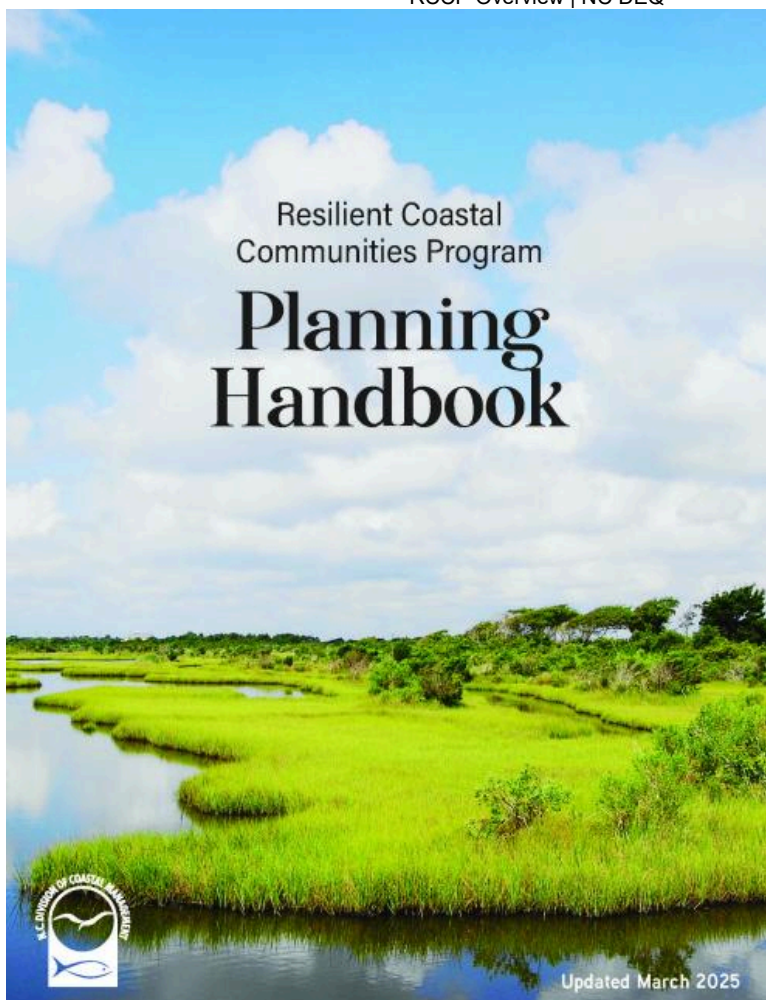
Grant Snapshots (P4; 2023-2026)



Additional Resources & Materials:

The **RCCP Planning Handbook** is the primary resource for understanding the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program. It provides an overview of the program's four-phase framework and serves as the main guide for communities and technical assistance providers completing **Phases 1 and 2** (the planning phases) of the program.

The Handbook outlines required activities, deliverables, and milestones and includes recommended data sources, tools, and methodologies. A Technical Appendix also provides additional resources to support RCCP participation and broader resilience and adaptation planning.



Helpful Documents

RCCP Snapshot (2-Pager)



Resilience 2-Pagers



Templates for Participants



Previous Requests for Applications (RFAs)



Recursos en Español (Spanish Translations)



RCCP External Evaluation

Evaluation Overview & Link



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