

Flood Risk Outreach Campaign  
RFA 2018-1906-NRA-01

**Questions and Answers**

- Q1. Are elevation certificates available to make purchasing insurance in the floodplain available or will property owners have to get one from a surveyor if they live in the SFHA?
- A1. Some elevation certificates are available from previous DOEE work, but not all properties in SFHA. Property owners will have to obtain one from a surveyor.
- Q2. With regard to the text on page 21 of the RFA - Project Outputs: “the grantee and community partners propose at least two community-level projects” - will Silver Jackets and/or DC agencies provide scientific and engineering expertise to the committee in their deliberation of project options?
- A2. Yes, DC Silver Jackets is finalizing the Watts Branch Flood Risk Management Study that will provide potential flood mitigation solutions/projects for the committee to consider.
- Q3. Would Silver Jackets and/or DC agencies be willing to participate in a Design Charrette with the community to come up with project options?
- A3. Yes.
- Q4. Will Silver Jackets and/or DC agencies work with the grantee to provide technical information for the Town Hall meeting?
- A4. Yes.
- Q5. Will Silver Jackets and/or DC agencies be present at these meetings to present to answer questions?
- A5. Yes.
- Q6. Can DOEE describe or send links to example projects that have been recommended in other jurisdictions that would be acceptable for Watts Branch?
- A6. The awarded grantee will work closely with the DC Silver Jackets to present its study and potential projects to the communities.
- Q7. How should cost be considered when deliberating on project options?
- A7. As part of the DC Silver Jackets study, which will be finalized by July 2019, there will be a list of federal and local funding opportunities that DC can apply for in order to implement the projects.
- Q8. Please describe any additional follow-on grant opportunities or other mechanisms that could help fund future projects
- A8. As part of the DC Silver Jackets study, which will be finalized by July 2019, there will be a list of federal and local funding opportunities that DC can apply for in order to implement the projects.
- Q9. Please confirm that the “Outreach Working Group” is the same as the “permanent flood-related organization” – if it is different, please explain.

A9. Outreach working group is the grantee and members of DC Silver Jackets team. Permanent flood-related organization mainly consists of members of the communities. These two groups can be combined if the applicant would like to propose an approach.

Q10. Other than being a local citizen, what are the desired skill sets or expertise needed to be on this committee?

A10. The applicant should propose in the work plan.

Q11. What is the target membership number?

A11. The applicant should propose in their work plan.

Q12. Please clarify and describe how this group will work with DC agencies and the Silver Jackets after this contract ends? E.g., frequency of meetings and time commitments

A12. Ideally, the group should be able to continue.

Q13. Will DC or Silver Jackets provide a list of all resident in the 500-year floodplain that should receive the questionnaire including name, address, email and phone?

A13. DOEE will provide a list to the selected grantee after the award is made.

Q14. How will the 50% response rate be measured? Should purchasing a list be included in the proposal? Is there an example questionnaire or will one be created under this grant.

A14. DOEE will provide an example questionnaire to the grantee after the award. However, the applicant can propose a questionnaire.

Q15. Please clarify why “in person” is specified and whether responses to an online or postal survey is also acceptable.

A15. DOEE prefers in person questionnaire based on our previous experience.

Q16. Approximately how many properties (homes and businesses) are in the floodplain of Watts Branch?

A16. Approximately 500 properties are in 100-yr and 500-yr floodplains of Watts Branch. DOEE has a list of properties and will share with the selected grantee after DOEE awards the grant.

Q17. Would it be possible to get data on which households/properties have flood insurance and which ones do not so that our outreach and messaging can be very targeted?

A17. DOEE cannot share individual NFIP flood insurance information with applicants. After DOEE awards the grant, DOEE will share limited NFIP flood insurance policies data with the selected grantee.

Q18. We are hoping to make an appointment for an in person meeting regarding the subject project. Can you advise on what dates and times are available?

A18. DOEE has not scheduled pre-selection conferences/meetings for this RFA. Applicants are encouraged to submit their questions at the provided email address. See section 2.5 of the RFA

Q19. Is it acceptable to submit our financial statements in a separate, sealed envelope?

A19. Financial Statements may be submitted in a separate sealed envelope in accordance with Section 2.3 and 3.1 of the RFA.

Q20. On page 21 of the RFA project outcome, “No less than 50% of properties within the 500-year floodplain complete a questionnaire.” Is this desirable percentage applicable to SFHA (100-year) properties or only those in the 500-year?

A20. This is the desirable percentage applicable to both 100-year and 500-year. When we said 500-year floodplain, we meant it includes Zone A and AE (SHFA) and shaded X.

Q21. On page 21 of the RFA project outcome 3 notes the following desired result #2. The community creates a permanent flood-related organization. Is the flood-related organization referenced here the same as the “flood-related Watts Branch community outreach working group” noted in the Deliverables section? Please clarify if they are the same or how one relates to the other.

A21. Outreach working group is the grantee and members of DC Silver Jackets team. Permanent flood-related organization mainly consists of members of the communities. These two groups can be combined if the applicant would like to propose an approach.