

# NC Resilient Communities Funding Forum

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Greenville Convention Center  
[303 Greenville Blvd SW, Greenville, NC 27834](#)

## FORUM OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

- Develop new strategies for planning and funding resilience projects.
- Hear from funders about opportunities for financial support.
- Ask funders questions during breakout sessions.
- Learn about grant writing best practices.

*Visit RISE and RCCP partners in the concourse to learn more about programs, services and technical support available to communities with resilience projects.*

## AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m.** Participant Check-in and Visit Partner Tables in Concourse
- 9:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
- Braxton Davis, Director, N.C. Division of Coastal Management
  - Laura Hogshead, Director, N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency
  - RISE/RCCP Overview and Status, Funding Overview – Tancred Miller, Policy and Planning Chief, N.C. Division of Coastal Management
- 10:10 a.m.** **Activity 1: Grant Project Planning Worksheet**
- Continue your pre-Forum homework to begin development of a grant project proposal and share answers with a partner. If you do not currently have a project, a sample project will be available.
- 10:30 a.m.** **Leveraging Multiple Funding Sources**
- Whitney Jenkins, N.C. Division of Coastal Management
- 10:45 a.m.** Networking Break and Visit the Resilient Communities Partners Tables in the Concourse
- 11:00 a.m.** **Funder Presentations**
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs – Kaine Riggan, N.C. Department of Public Safety

- Federal Highway Administration and N.C. Department of Transportation Funding – Nastasha Earle Young and Colin Mellor, N.C. Department of Transportation
- Division of Water Resources Funding Programs – Kevin Hart
- Division of Water Infrastructure – Bob Taylor
- Golden LEAF Foundation Flood Mitigation Grant Program – Kasey Ginsberg, Vice President/Chief of Staff
- Q&A Panel with Speakers

**12:15 a.m.** Lunch (provided)

**1:00 p.m.** **Funder Presentations (continued)**

- Economic Development Administration – Hillary Sherman
- Military Partnership Funding Opportunities – Christopher Baillie, North Carolina Coastal Federation and Eastern N.C. Sentinel Landscape Partnership
- National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Lindy Betzhold
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund – Courtney Green, Throwe Environmental
- N.C. Rural Center – Bronwyn Lucas, N.C. Rural Center Leadership and Engagement and Miles Kirksey, N.C. Rural Center Advocacy and Small Business (RISE partners)
- Conservation Trust for North Carolina and Town of Princeville – Chris Canfield
- Q&A Panel with Speakers

**2:25 p.m.** **Activity 2: Setting the Stage for Funder Office Hours**

- What funding sources may be appropriate for your project?
- Are there opportunities to leverage multiple funding sources?
- Do you have specific questions for the funders?

**2:50 p.m.** Networking Break and Visit the Resilient Communities Partners Tables in the Concourse

**3:15 p.m.** **Concurrent Session A (Choose one)**

- Room 1:
  - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Courtney Green, Throwe Environmental
- Room 2:
  - Division of Water Resources Funding Programs – Kevin Hart
  - Division of Water Infrastructure – Bob Taylor
- Room 3:
  - Economic Development Administration – Hillary Sherman
  - National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration – Lindy Betzhold

- Room 4:
  - Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs – Kaine Riggan, N.C. Department of Public Safety
  - Golden LEAF Foundation Flood Mitigation Grant Program – Kasey Ginsberg, Vice President/Chief of Staff
- Room 5:
  - Military Partnership Funding Opportunities – Christopher Baillie, North Carolina Coastal Federation and Eastern N.C. Sentinel Landscape Partnership
  - Federal Highway Administration and N.C. Department of Transportation Funding – Nastasha Earle Young and Colin Mellor, N.C. Department of Transportation
- Main Meeting Room:
  - Grant Writing Best Practices – Whitney Jenkins, N.C. Division of Coastal Management

**3:45 p.m.** Quick Break and Move to Next Session

**3:55 p.m.** **Concurrent Session B**

- Same room assignments as Concurrent Session A
- Grant Writing Best Practices (*same content as Concurrent Session A*)

**4:25 p.m.** Quick Break and Move to Next Session

**4:35 p.m.** **Concurrent Session C**

- Same room assignments as Concurrent Session B
- No grant writing session

**5:00 p.m.** Adjourn