EDA Stakeholder Webinar
FY2019
Disaster Supplemental NOFO
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NOFO Review
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Questions
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LEARNING GOALS

✓ Become more knowledgeable about the content of the 2019 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
✓ Increase understanding of eligibility and EDA’s application submission and review process
✓ Understand where to go for additional information
✓ Differences in FY2018 and FY2019 Disaster Supplemental NOFOs

You may want to refer to a copy of the NOFO during the webinar www.eda.gov/disaster-recovery/supplemental/
2018 experienced the 4th highest total costs for natural disasters with damages exceeded $91 billion.
2018 was California’s worst year of wildfires

Wildfire season is starting earlier and ending later
By July 2019, there were already several Major Disasters that would meet EDA’s 2019 NOFO eligibility for floods and tornadoes.

- Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, and **Flooding**, March 2019
- Ohio Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, **Tornadoes**, **Flooding**, Landslides, And Mudslide, May 2019
- Alabama Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, And **Tornadoes**, March 2019
- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Severe Storms And **Flooding**, March 2019
WHAT IS EDA’S FOCUS IN DISASTER RECOVERY?

**Economic Recovery** is the ability to return economic and business activities (including agricultural) to a state of health and develop new economic opportunities that result in a sustainable and economically viable community.
Enhancing the community or region’s ability to **anticipate**, **withstand** and **recover** from future disruptions to their economic base.

- Mitigate risk and vulnerabilities
- Develop and adopt new technologies to withstand disruptions
- Diversify the economy
- Resilient infrastructure and safe development practices
- A flexible process that responds to change
EDA CORE FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Technical Support

▪ Stakeholder outreach in disaster areas
▪ Preliminary economic assessment of damage/needs

Core Funding

▪ Planning
  – Resilience Requirement in CEDS
▪ Local Technical Assistance
▪ Economic Adjustment Assistance funding
  – Disaster Recovery Coordinators
  – Market Studies, Supply Chain
  – Implementation projects
EDA leads the Economic Recovery Support Function for the National Disaster Recovery Framework.
In the last two years, EDA received an additional $1.2 billion ($600M in both 2018 and in 2019) in disaster supplemental appropriations from Congress.
Under the *Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019* (Public Law 116-20), Congress provided EDA with $600M in additional Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program funds for disaster relief and recovery. EDA anticipates awarding:

- **$587M** in grants to assist communities experiencing economic distress or economic harm resulting from:
  - Hurricane Florence, Michael, and Lane
  - Typhoon Yutu and Mangkhut
  - Wildfires, volcanic eruptions earthquakes and other **Federally-declared natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018**
  - **Tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019**

  Additionally, Congress provided: ¹
  - $1M for OIG’s audit reports and investigation highlights
  - Up to 2% ($12M) to cover EDA salaries and expenses

¹ Statutorily mandated to ensure the adequate implementation and oversight of these funds.
EDA has allocated $587M in EAA Program Funds to its six Regional Offices based on several factors, including but not limited to:

- **CONGRESSIONAL INTENT** (disasters mentioned by name)
- Level of the disaster’s economic **IMPACT**, and
- Level of economic **DISTRESS** in affected areas.

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*When appropriate, EDA may exercise its discretion to adjust the allocations to the Regional Offices based on its experience in administering disaster supplemental appropriations to ensure funds are used to maximum effect, or to adjust to unforeseen changes in recovery efforts.
Help communities and regions recovering from Federally declared disasters devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, including:

- Development of **disaster recovery strategies/plans** ("strategy grants")
- **Implementation of recovery projects:**
  - Rebuilding damaged infrastructure/construction projects
    - Including design and engineering
  - Capitalizing revolving loan funds to assist companies impacted by disaster
  - Disaster resilience activities
  - Other activities eligible for support under the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program
WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants under this NOFO include all organizations that are eligible for EDA’s Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) investment assistance:

- District Organizations
- Indian Tribes or consortia of Tribes
- State, County, City or other political subdivisions of a state, including special purpose unit of State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or consortia of political subdivisions
- Institutions of Higher Education or consortia of these
- Public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.
• Any current or past recipient of an EDA award is eligible to apply

• Those eligible for EDA’s 2018 Disaster Supplemental **may also** be eligible for 2019 Supplemental providing their project also serves an area experiencing an eligible disaster in 2018/2019, e.g.

  ❖ Buchanan Co., IA – 2017 and 2018 major disasters
  ❖ Butte Co., CA – 2017 and 2018 major disasters
  ❖ Cuming Co., NE – 2017 and 2018 major disasters

• Applicants applying for 2018 Disaster Supplemental funding will need to meet all the 2018 NOFO requirements. Applicants applying for 2019 Disaster Supplemental funding, will need to **meet all of the 2019 NOFO requirements.**
WHERE CAN FUNDS BE USED?

To be eligible for funding under the FY19 Disaster Supplemental NOFO, proposed projects must serve areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Stafford Act.

- For 2018, this includes any Presidentially declared major disaster.
- For 2019, EDA funds are only available for declared floods or tornadoes.

Pls Remember....

Construction projects: (including design and engineering) must be located within eligible counties.

Non-Construction projects: Must have a scope of work that primarily benefits eligible counties, and Stakeholders representing those eligible counties must be directly engaged in the project.
To verify counties in Declared Disaster Areas, consult FEMA website:

Searchable Data Base of Disasters [https://www.fema.gov/disasters](https://www.fema.gov/disasters)

- Specify “Major Disaster” for Declaration Type
- **Specify year as 2018**, “Incident Begin Date”
- Select State
- Select the disaster that impacted the community. The map will show counties that are included in the declaration (any color or pattern is OK)

There is also a table of raw data [/api/open/v1/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries.csv](/api/open/v1/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries.csv)
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- **For 2019 disasters**, specify 2019 and Major Disaster. Look for “Incident Type” that is a **Flood** or **Tornado**. Floods or Tornadoes may be combined with other incident types

**“Declaration Type”: Major Disaster**

- **Illinois Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4461)**
  Incident Period: Feb 24, 2019 – Jul 3, 2019

- **Arkansas Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding (DR-4460)**
  Incident Period: June 23, 2019 - June 24, 2019

- **Oregon Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, And Mudslides (DR-4452)**
  Incident Period: April 06, 2019 - April 21, 2019
May be eligible for Disaster Supplemental grants:

- Supporting the **creation of new businesses** and jobs
- Facilitating **access to private capital investment**
- Implementing **job creation and economic diversification**
- Facilitating and **promoting market access** for goods and services manufactured by businesses in impacted area
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION

Restoration of damaged infrastructure, new infrastructure and buildings, including high performance, flexible, and resilient infrastructure
RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Anticipate, withstand, and bounce back, such as:

- Redundancy in telecommunications and broadband networks
- Business continuity and preparedness
- Industrial diversification
- Employing safe development practices in business districts and surrounding communities
- Building back better for the future

Hoboken, NJ, resiliency park with stormwater storage

Resilient commercial corridor concept
All projects must have a **logical disaster nexus** with:

- **At least one of EDA’s Investment Priorities**
  - [https://www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/](https://www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/)
    - Recovery and Resilience
    - Critical Infrastructure
    - Workforce Development and Manufacturing
    - Exports and Foreign Direct Investments
    - Opportunity Zones

- **Disaster Nexus Narrative**
  - *No more than one page in length*
  - *Describe the connection between the project and disaster recovery and resilience*
In addition to the standard EAA Application requirements, a complete FY18 Disaster Supplemental award proposal package must include a:

**Disaster Nexus Narrative** (item 5 of the requirements for complete application)

- Describes the nexus between the proposed scope of work and the disaster recovery and resilience efforts planned or underway in the affected area(s)
- Demonstrates the connection between the consequences of the disaster (damage/disruptions), and the project’s intended outcomes that fulfill the community’s specific post-disaster needs
- Narrative, not to exceed one page, must be attached to the Form ED-900

*NOFO at Section D.2.a provides a complete list of all required content and forms*
One-page attachment that explains the **consequences of the relevant disaster** and how the intended project outcome fulfills a community’s **post-disaster needs**.
EDA’s share of the investment in post-disaster economic recovery projects under this NOFO will be (cash and/or in-kind):

- Generally **80%** of approved project cost
- Can be increased by EDA up to **100%**
  - Case - by - case basis
  - With documentation and justification of higher levels of economic distress (per capita income, unemployment)
  - Based on whether the applicant has exhausted its effective taxing or borrowing capacity or meets other threshold for elevated need.
- Indian Tribes may receive a maximum investment rate of up to 100% for projects
What is a CEDS Equivalent?

Except for strategy grants, the applicant must demonstrate alignment of its project with the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or CEDS Equivalent.

Documents for consideration as a CEDS equivalent can include:

- Regional economic development plan (or combination of plans)
- Regional comprehensive plan
- Regional resilience, adaptation or hazard mitigation plan
- Long-term Recovery Support Strategy (RSS) prepared in FEMA disaster locations

Applicants should demonstrate how an alternative strategy document meets the CEDS requirement.
To avoid duplication and facilitate leveraging:

1. Applicants should indicate if other federal $ has been secured or requested for any portion of the project for which EDA investment is proposed.

2. Describe how the EDA investment will complement, leverage, or align with other pub/priv funds. Need to provide Federal program name and contact information.

Regional Integrators: [https://www.eda.gov/edi/contact/](https://www.eda.gov/edi/contact/)
To help communities meet future catastrophic challenges and make investments in resilience and mitigation before a disaster strikes, federal agencies are making substantial funding available which may present opportunities for leveraging by EDA stakeholders and grantees:

- **HUD - $16 Billion CDBG-MIT** for mitigation to select locations
  - CA; FL; GA; MO, PR; TX; USVI; LA; NC; WV; SC; Columbia; SC; Richland Co., SC; San Marcos, TX.

- **FEMA - Pre-disaster mitigation funding - 6% set aside** from estimated disaster relief expenditures - *Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)*
EDA INTRA-AGENCY DISASTER PARTNERS

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Bureau of the Census
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
- Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)
NOAA partnership with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

• Created in FY18, aligned with Title IX of National Oceans and Coastal Security Act; Congress provided $30M for a NOAA-NFWF partnership:
  • National Coastal Resilience Fund – competitive grants program focused on restoring and strengthening natural infrastructure to enhance ecosystem and community resilience
    • 35 projects funded in FY18
    • Another $30M for projects in FY19 – proposals currently under review; announcements will be made in Nov. 2019

• FY19 disaster supplemental provided an additional $50M for this partnership, with a focus on areas impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yuta, and California wildfires on the coast
  • Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund – competitive grants program that is currently open – proposals due Nov. 12, 2019.
FY19 DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION REVIEW

- Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis:
  - Accepted and Reviewed on an ongoing basis

- EDA’s Application Review:
  - Complete applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a Regional Investment Review Committee (IRC) in accordance with the merit review criteria
  - Those complete applications recommended for funding by the IRC and fully compliant with applicable rules and regulations will be forwarded to the Grants Officer for a final decision on funding
IRC Evaluation Criteria for FY19 Disaster Supplemental Applications, all having equal weight (NOFO E.2.a):

**Construction and Non-Construction Grants**

1. Strength of the nexus of the project’s scope of work to the major disaster designation
2. Project’s responsiveness to the needs of communities impacted by relevant disasters
3. Project’s feasibility, which may include availability and committed proposed matching funds
4. Project’s sustainability/durability, including support from stakeholders
5. Project’s alignment with the regional CEDS or equivalent EDA accepted economic development strategy, including the extent of project alignment with other public and private investments
6. Alignment with EDA’s current Investment Priorities

[https://www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/disaster-recovery/](https://www.eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/disaster-recovery/)
Construction and Non-Construction Grants (cont.)

7. Significance of the impact on the region from the relevant disaster

8. Demonstrated ability of the project to foster job creation and promote private investment in the regional economy

9. Likelihood of project to start quickly and immediacy of its impacts

10. Applicant’s organizational capacity, including financial and management capacity

11. Extent to which project will enable the community/region to become more economically diversified, prosperous, and resilient

12. Extent to which the project is based on regionally-oriented and collaborative economic development strategies
IRC Evaluation Criteria for FY19 Disaster Supplemental Applications, all having equal weight (NOFO E.2.a):

**Strategy Grants**

1. Nexus of the project’s scope of work to the major disaster
2. Quality of the proposed scope of work for the development, implementation, revision or replacement of a strategic economic development or disaster recovery plan
3. Project’s potential to increase the capacity of the community or region to promote job creation, private investment and disaster resilience
4. Project’s feasibility and likelihood to achieve its projected outcomes
5. Alignment with EDA Investment Priorities
6. Ability of applicant to successfully implement the project
7. Extent to which the project demonstrates support from regional stakeholders (private, public, nonprofit, etc.)
FY19 AND FY18 NOFO REQUIREMENTS: WHAT’S DIFFERENT?

- Many similarities 😊
- A few differences:
  - One review, no proposal stage (2018 two-phased review)
  - Electronic Submission option through Grants.gov (www.grants.gov)
    - Funding Opportunity Number “EDA-2019-DISASTER”
  - More nuanced eligibility:
    - For 2018 disasters – all major disasters eligible
    - For 2019 disasters – only major disasters declared as flood and/or tornado
  - Somewhat more robust expectation for coordination and leveraging
    - Applicants should indicate if other federal funds have been secured or requested for any portion of the project for which EDA investment is proposed (agency contact information). Explain how EDA investment will leverage or align with public or private investments.
FY18 DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARDS
$5 million grant to University of Texas to renovate the Marine Science Institute Campus, which was damaged in Hurricane Harvey, to help establish the Center for Coastal Ocean Science. “Thanks to investments like this one, along with the matched $1.25 million for the local community, Port Aransas can continue its rebuilding efforts and remain a hub of research and innovation for marine sciences,” said Governor Abbott.
$10 million grant to the Panama City Port Authority of Panama City, Florida, to help build a new biomass bulk storage facility at the Port of Panama City. The project, to be matched with $3.2 million in state investment, and will enhance the resiliency of business operations by reducing product damages resulting from natural disasters. This will limit interruption of exports and prevent job loss.
Awarded an $4.1 million grant to Fundación Comunitaria de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, to install a 100% renewable energy system to support businesses in the municipality of Culebra. Will help promote the growth of emerging sustainable energy industries and enhance economic diversification and resilience.
$320,000 to Harris County Flood Control District to evaluate a potential flood protection project that includes deep tunnels to transport storm water around population centers to Houston’s ship channel
LISTING OF EDA GRANT AWARDS

Here is a link to the EDA Funding Page: [www.eda.gov/disaster-recovery/supplemental/](http://www.eda.gov/disaster-recovery/supplemental/)

Click here to view a list of EDA Grants made under the 2018 Disaster Appropriation/2019 to be added

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Valuable Websites

- To verify counties in **Declared Disaster Areas**, consult FEMA website: Searchable database: [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters)


- **FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Webinar Series**


- **NOAA Coastal Management Regional Directors and Leads** (North, Pacific, West Coast, South, Great Lakes, SE/Caribbean, Mid-Atlantic)
  - [https://coast.noaa.gov/about/organization/](https://coast.noaa.gov/about/organization/)
  - [https://coast.noaa.gov/about/staff/](https://coast.noaa.gov/about/staff/)
Information about EDA Regional Disaster Points of Contact is available online: https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/contact/
THANK YOU!

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