



CLIMATE RESILIENCE FUND

2017 Capacity Building Grants RFP

November 2017

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA



Flooding after Hurricane Irene, Philadelphia 2011

Overview

This document lists and explains the six criteria that are to be used for proposal reviews. The focus of this grants round was on building the capacity of “boundary” organizations, those entities that are working to support climate resilience activities and outcomes in communities and regions within the mid-Atlantic coastal region.

Finalists were screened on aspects of these criteria in the LOI round and rated among the highest scores from that pool.

List of Evaluation Criteria

1. **Sustained Capacity**
2. **Application of Climate Science**
3. **Partnerships and Community Engagement**
4. **Scalability or Transferability**
5. **Focus on Nature-based Adaptation Solutions**
6. **Social Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity**

Definition of review criteria

Criteria 1

❖ Sustained Capacity

The applicant demonstrates climate adaptation expertise and capacity to deliver services to target region and, potentially, beyond. The application and support materials suggest or indicate directly that the applicant is likely to sustain added capacity beyond the grant period and attract other resources.

Criteria 2

❖ Application of Climate Science

The applicant demonstrates understanding of climate science, specifically with regards to the impacts forecast for the region of concern. Applicant is committed to the utilization user-driven methods and facilitating participatory processes to help translate climate data and information effectively into decision-making processes at local or regional levels.

Criteria 3

❖ **Partnerships and Community Engagement**

The applicant is directly engaged in or leads collaborations or partnerships that support local and regional climate resilience planning and implementation. Ideally, the applicant engages local community members, leaders, community-based organizations, and other relevant partners to ensure integration of climate adaptation and resilience considerations into programs and policies. Special consideration is given to applicants that engage non-traditional partners, allies, or communities, such as tribes, chambers of commerce, church leaders, local businesses, environmental justice advocates, and community groups.

Criteria 4

❖ **Scalability or Transferability**

The applicant details plans for communications and outreach that has potential to scale and/or transfer engagement models, strategies, tools and resources developed within and potentially beyond the target geography.

Criteria 5

❖ **Focus on Nature-based Adaptation Solutions**

Applicant has a history or mission focus that includes conservation or nature-based approaches to environmental or climate issues. Applicant makes direct reference to connections between climate resilience goals and the role of nature-based solutions and natural systems in plans to advance climate adaptation in target geography.

Criteria 6

❖ **Social Equity, Inclusion and Diversity**

Applicant outlines a strategy that prioritizes vulnerable communities and emphasizes social equity, inclusion, and diversity.