

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2012 COMPETITIVE GRANTS

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. PDCs are eligible for formula grants to support technical assistance programs and for competitive grants for projects addressing a high priority issue, as determined by the CZM Program. In July 2011, DEQ announced the availability of additional competitive grants for PDCs under the CZM Program

BACKGROUND:

At the March 2011 Executive Committee, the HRPDC authorized the Executive Director to apply for two grants under the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. The formula grant, which supports the HRPDC Technical Assistance Program, and a competitive grant for a land use and water quality study were submitted. Both grants were approved by the CZM Program and contracts are expected in October.

In July 2011, DEQ announced that additional funds were available for competitive grants for PDCs under this program. To meet the funding deadline, the HRPDC submitted two proposals. These two proposals were:

Water Quality Policy Analyses to Support Attainment of Nutrient Reduction Goals.

This project, which supports the region's efforts to address the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Watershed Implementation Plan, includes the following activities:

- A. Identify areas targeted for redevelopment, quantify the potential for nutrient reductions and estimate the cost-effectiveness of those reductions.
- B. Examine the feasibility of implementing BMPs on private property and estimate the potential nutrient removal of these BMPs.
- C. Coordinate project activities and research with the localities through the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and document project findings.

Requested funding: \$30,000 with \$36,218 in HRPDC match.

Schedule: November 1, 2011 – February 15, 2012

Coastal Resiliency: Adapting to Climate Change in Hampton Roads. This project provides for continuation of HRPDC efforts to address climate change and sea level rise. It includes the following activities:

- A. Climate Change Public Outreach and Education, including production of educational materials; development of an online resource library; and, presentations and related discussions with the public.

- B. Incorporating Climate Change Impacts in Existing and Ongoing Planning Efforts, to include an inventory and assessment of local and regional plans that may be affected by climate change and development of a set of best practices on how to address climate change in those plans.
- C. Hampton Roads Climate Change Adaptive Management Plan, including a set of best practices, policies and recommendations for a process for incorporating adaptive management into the planning and decision-making process.

Requested funding: \$20,000 with \$20,000 in HRPDC match
Schedule: October 2011 – November 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit competitive grant proposals to the DEQ Coastal Zone Management Program to support the ongoing HRPDC nutrient reduction and climate change efforts as well as to accept grant offers when they are made.