North Carolina Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure Grant

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service

The purpose of this grant program is to assist Hurricane Helene-impacted local governments with the implementation, expansion, recovery, and improvement of waste reduction programs in western North Carolina. The Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) administers the Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure (HRRI) grant program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Grant D1-05D52025, Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support (66.801) through the American Relief Act of 2025. Successful applicants to the Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure grant program will enter into contracts with NCDEQ (the pass-through entity) to become subrecipients of the EPA grant. This Request for Proposal (RFP) and the resultant grant contract include applicable federal requirements that pass down to the grantee as a subrecipient of EPA funding, as outlined at https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-subaward-cross-cutter-requirements.

With the release of this RFP, DEACS is seeking proposals that help western North Carolina communities build lasting capacity to divert materials from the waste stream and improve the resiliency of the region's waste reduction infrastructure. Applicants should carefully read this entire RFP prior to submitting a proposal.

Grant Funding:	Up to $5,000,000
Match:	None required
Phase 1 Application Period:	Open through January 30, 2026
Project Period:	Up to 3 years
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What Types of Projects are Eligible?

DEACS seeks viable, well-planned proposals from North Carolina local governments impacted by Hurricane Helene (eligible counties found on page 3) for projects that will expand, rebuild, or improve waste reduction, composting, and recycling programs. Grant money may be used to build infrastructure and facilities, purchase equipment, and conduct related feasibility studies or engineering designs to divert materials from the waste stream.

Examples of HRRI grant projects include but are not limited to:

- Construct, improve, or repair a transfer station or material recovery facility for the handling, sortation, and marketing of recyclable materials;
- Build a new or enhance an existing hub and spoke model for the collection and aggregation of recyclables in bulk;
- Construct, improve, relocate, or repair convenience center infrastructure to more efficiently collect household recyclables or special recyclables (e.g., electronics, batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, white goods);
- Build a new or enhance an existing household hazardous waste (HHW) program;

- Implement a new or expand an existing composting program for yard waste, food scraps, or biosolids;
- Build an aerated static pile, windrow, or other composting system to enhance food waste diversion efforts; or
- Purchase collection infrastructure such as trucks, containers, and carts to improve residential or commercial recycling programs.

Eligible and Ineligible Expenses

Approved uses of HRRI grant funds include infrastructure improvements, construction of new facilities to handle recyclable materials, reconstruction of recycling facilities damaged by Hurricane Helene, site development costs, related feasibility studies or engineering designs, equipment or vehicle purchases, equipment installation costs, and educational materials such as signs, mailers, handouts, or brochures.

Grant funds *may not be used* for employee salaries, administrative expenses such as overhead, utility costs, contracted collection costs, and / or payment for other contracted recycling services such as payment to a vendor for operating a household hazardous waste collection event.

How Grant Funds Work

All HRRI grant funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis. Purchases must be made during the grant contract period and requests for reimbursement can be made after the grantee has completed and paid for grant purchases. State and local sales taxes are not reimbursable and should be excluded from grant expenditure totals. DEACS will continue to reimburse grantees until 90% of the award amount has been expended, withholding 10% of funds until receipt of an approved final report.

Available Funding

Applicants may request any amount of grant funding up to a maximum of **$5,000,000** per project. The total available funding for the HRRI grant program is $25,000,000, and DEACS will accept proposals in phases until funding is depleted, or until March 1, 2029.

Cash Match

HRRI grants do not require a cash match, but the grantee is responsible for covering any project costs that exceed the awarded grant amount or fall outside the list of eligible expenses.

Contract Period:

Successful grant applicants will be required to enter a grant contract with NCDEQ and will become a subrecipient of the EPA funding. The contract period may be one, two, or three years depending on the scope and timeline of the proposed project. All projects *must be completed no later than June 30, 2030*. Grantees must expend funds within the contract period unless the grant contract end date is extended by written agreement between the applicant and NCDEQ. Extensions are possible but not guaranteed and may not extend beyond June 30, 2030. All purchases must be made within the grant contract period. *Any purchases made prior to the start of the grant contract or after the end date of the grant contract will not be reimbursed.*

Who is Eligible?

Local governments, defined as counties, municipalities, councils of governments and solid waste authorities, with a Tropical Storm Helene FEMA disaster declaration (D-4827) are eligible to apply for funding from the HRRI grant program. These counties include:

Alexander County	Gaston County	Nash County
Alleghany County	Graham County	Polk County

Ashe County	Haywood County	Rowan County
Avery County	Henderson County	Rutherford County
Buncombe County	Iredell County	Stanly County
Burke County	Jackson County	Surry County
Cabarrus County	Lee County	Swain County
Caldwell County	Lincoln County	Transylvania County
Catawba County	Macon County	Union County
Cherokee County	Madison County	Watauga County
Clay County	McDowell County	Wilkes County
Cleveland County	Mecklenburg County	Yadkin County
Forsyth County	Mitchell County	Yancey County

Communities outside the counties listed above *are not eligible for funding* through this grant program. Federal and state agencies, universities and colleges, and non-profit organizations *are not eligible for funding* through this grant program.

Conditions on Submittals

- *At this time, only one proposal per eligible entity will be accepted.* Applicants may combine funding requests for multiple types of projects into one proposal. Available funding limits still apply.
- Joint proposals, in which multiple local governments partner on a project, are encouraged. For instance, two bordering counties may establish a hub and spoke model collection in which drop-off sites supply recyclables to a central transfer station for aggregation. Any local government participating in a joint project may not submit additional proposals at this time.

How to Submit Proposals:

One electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted by email to matt.james@deq.nc.gov. Please submit Microsoft Word (preferred) or Adobe (PDF) files. Receipt of all acceptable proposals will be acknowledged by email. *If you do not receive a confirmation, contact Matt James at 919-707-8142 as soon as possible.* It is the responsibility of anyone submitting a proposal to contact DEACS if they do not receive a confirmation. Please contact Matt James if submittal of an electronic version of a grant proposal presents a hardship.

Proposal Due Date:
DEACS will accept proposals in phases. Proposals may be submitted to DEACS at any time within the first phase of the grant application period ending January 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. DEACS may award grant funding to successful proposals prior to the first phase cutoff date. Subsequent phases will be announced after evaluation of the first phase is complete, depending on funding availability.

Word of Advice for Grant Writing:
Funding is limited, and it is anticipated that the HRRI grant proposals will be highly competitive. For this reason, it is important that projects are well-planned and that applicants provide all information as outlined in the Required Proposal Format section. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Matt James** (matt.james@deq.nc.gov, 919-707-8142) **or Sandy Skolochenko** (sandy.skolochenko@deq.nc.gov, 919-707-8147) **to discuss potential grant projects prior to submitting a proposal.**

Required Proposal Format:

The following outline indicates what applicants ***must*** include in their proposal for it to be considered complete. Proposals that fail to provide all the required information or that fail to follow this format may not compete well and may not be considered for funding.

- Project Title
- Applicant Contact Information to include:
  - ✓ Name and title of main contact
  - ✓ Organization
  - ✓ Address
  - ✓ Phone number
  - ✓ Email address
- Date of Proposal Submittal
- Project Description
  Provide responses to each of the following prompts below. Applicants are encouraged to provide a clear project description and consider the award criteria as they describe the project elements.
  (Relevant award criteria listed below; see page 8 for award criteria description and point values)

  1. Describe the proposed project and identify specifically what items (and how many) you intend to purchase with grant funds. If the project will implement a new recycling/composting program or improve an existing recycling/composting program, provide a list of the materials that will be accepted and indicate where will they be taken for processing or marketing. If the proposed project will replace or repair equipment and/or infrastructure lost or damaged during Hurricane Helene, describe how the new equipment and/or infrastructure will improve the community's waste reduction system.
     (Planning)
  2. Describe how the project will ensure the long-term resiliency of the region's waste diversion system. What is the anticipated service life for the items or materials to be purchased with grant funds? Estimate how long the project will continue to serve the community and how you will financially and operationally sustain the project after the grant ends.
     (Planning; Efficiency/Cost Effectiveness)
  3. How was the community's recycling or compost-related infrastructure impacted by Hurricane Helene? How does the proposed project address a specific recycling or waste reduction need for the community? Will the grant project create a new service or enhance or expand an existing service?
     (Demonstration of Need)
  4. How many households or businesses will be impacted by or have access to the recycling/composting services associated with the proposed project?
     (Demonstration of Need; Efficiency/Cost Effectiveness)
  5. Estimate the number of tons of waste expected to be reduced annually as a result of the proposed project. Explain how you came up with the estimate.
     (Waste Reduction Impact)
  6. Describe any partnerships associated with the proposed project. Please include documentation of support from any partner entities.
     (Joint Effort)

- Special Requirements: Construction projects and electronics recycling projects must include additional information as stipulated in the Special Requirements section below.
- Project Term: Indicate the preferred contract term of the project: one-year, two-year, or three-year.

- Timeline: Provide a simple bulleted list showing approximate dates for major project milestones. The timeline must show milestones over the course of the proposed project term and include quarterly status reports and a comprehensive final report. Please follow the example below:
  - ✓ July 1, 2026: Contract start date.
  - ✓ September 1, 2026: Collection truck and carts ordered.
  - ✓ October 1, 2026: Submit quarterly report to DEACS.
  - ✓ November 1, 2026: Collection truck, carts and educational materials purchased, and recycling program launched.
  - ✓ January 1, 2026: Submit quarterly report to DEACS.
  - ✓ April 1, 2026: Submit quarterly report to DEACS.
  - ✓ May 31, 2026: Submit all invoices and draft Final Report to DEACS.
  - ✓ June 30, 2026: Contract end date. Submit Final Report to DEACS.
- Project Budget: Please submit a table following the example below. The project budget table should include an itemized list of intended expenditures and estimated costs. Total row should reflect the total grant project cost and indicate if additional funds will be provided by the applicant.

Project Elements	**Requested Grant Funds***	**Additional Funds Covered by Grantee**	**Total Grant Project**
Recycling Carts for Residential Recycling Program	$ 600,000		$ 600,000
Labels for Carts and Signs for Recycling Sites	$ 10,000		$ 10,000
Automatic Side Load Truck for Recycling Collection	$ 300,000	$ 35,000	$ 335,000
Program Brochures (Printing)	$ 5,000		$ 5,000
Yearly salary for recycling truck driver**		$ 50,000	$ 50,000
Total Grant Project Budget	**$ 915,000**	**$ 85,000**	**$ 1,000,000**

** State and local sales taxes are not reimbursable expenditures and should not be included as part of proposed grant budgets.*
***Salaries are not eligible grant expenditures and must be covered by the grantee.*

- Certification: Include the following certification in accordance with 2 CFR 200.415(b):
"I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812."

Special Requirements for Electronics Recycling Projects

Any community seeking grant funds to support an electronics recycling program must use an R2 or e-Stewards certified recycler and make themselves eligible to receive funds distributed from the state's Electronics Management Program. More information available at: https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/special-wastes-and-alternative-handling/electronics-management/electronics-information-nc-local-governments.

Applicants should indicate if they are already eligible and have received Electronics Management Fund distributions in the past. If not, explain how the community will make themselves eligible to receive funds in the future.

Note: municipal applicants may decide whether or not to request Electronics Management Funds directly or allow the county to receive funds. If the county will be receiving funds, please explain the electronics recycling partnership with the county government.

Special Requirements for Construction Projects:

The HRRI grant is funded by EPA and all awarded contracts involving construction are subject to applicable federal requirements. Applicants seeking funding for projects involving construction must acknowledge the following:

- Build America, Buy America: All construction work or contracted construction work shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act. Materials including iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials must be produced in the United States, consistent with BABA provisions. Subrecipient will ensure appropriate documentation and certification of compliance is obtained.
- Davis-Bacon Related Acts: By accepting an offered award, subrecipient acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions provided in the Davis-Bacon Related Acts requirements for EPA subrecipients (see additional information below).
- National Environmental Policy Act: The subrecipient will identify and comply with all requirements related to the National Environmental Policy Act (see additional information below).
- Accessibility: All new facilities or altercations to existing facilities must be designed and constructed to be readily accessible and useable by persons with disabilities or will provide documentation for a regulatory exemption per 40 CFR 7.70.
- Public or Media Events: The subrecipient agrees to notify the DEACS Grant Manager, who will notify the EPA Project Officer, of public or media events publicizing the accomplishment of significant events related to construction projects as a result of this agreement and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by federal representatives with at least twenty (20) working days' notice.
- Signage Requirements: The subrecipient agrees to place a sign at construction sites supported under this award displaying the EPA and NCDEQ logos in a manner that informs the public that the project is funded in part or wholly by the EPA and supported by NCDEQ (see additional information below).

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts:

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) is a collection of labor standards provisions administered by the Department of Labor, that are applicable to grants involving construction. These labor standards include the:

- Davis-Bacon Act, which requires payment of prevailing wage rates for laborers and mechanics on construction contracts of $2,000 or more;
- Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, which prohibits a contractor or subcontractor from inducing an employee into giving up any part of the compensation to which he or she is entitled; and
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which requires overtime wages to be paid for over 40 hours of work per week, under contracts in excess of $100,000

When entering into and managing contracts:

- Solicitation and Contract Requirements:
    - Include the Correct Wage Determinations in Bid Solicitations and Contracts: Subrecipients are responsible for complying with the procedures provided in 29 CFR 1.6 when soliciting bids and awarding contracts.
    - Include DBRA Requirements in All Contracts: Include the following text on all contracts under this grant:
      "By accepting this contract, the contractor acknowledges and agrees to the terms provided in the DBRA Requirements for Contractors and Subcontractors Under EPA Grants."
- After Award of Contract:
    - Approve and Submit Requests for Additional Wages Rates: Work with contractors to request additional wage rates if required for contracts under this grant, as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iii).
    - Provide Oversight of Contractors to Ensure Compliance with DBRA Provisions: Ensure contractor compliance with the terms of the contract, as required by 29 CFR 5.6.

National Environmental Policy Act:

- Environmental Standards: The subrecipient agrees to identify all impacts this award may have on the quality of the human environment and provide help to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, at 42 U.S.C. 4321, et. seq.) and to prepare Environmental Impact Statements or other required environmental documentation. In such cases, the subrecipient agrees to take no action that will have an adverse environmental impact (e.g., physical disturbance of a site such as breaking of ground) until receiving written notification of compliance with the environmental impact analysis process.
- Endangered Species Act: The subrecipient agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the following national policies concerning live organisms:
    - Rules of the Departments of Interior (50 CFR Parts 10-24) and Commerce (50 CFR Parts 217-227) implementing laws and conventions on the taking, possession, transport, purchase, sale, export, or import of wildlife and plants, including the: Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543);
    - Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1384); Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); and
    - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
- National Historic Preservation: The subrecipient agrees to identify all property listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this award, and to provide help to comply with the requirements of 16 USC 470f.
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation: The subrecipient agrees that it will comply with the following general national policy requirements: 25 USC 3001-3013.

Signage Requirements

The subrecipient is required to place a sign at construction sites supported under this award displaying the EPA and NCDEQ logo(s) in a manner that informs the public that the project is funded in part or wholly by the EPA and supported by NCDEQ. The sign must be placed in a visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

Subrecipients are required to comply with the sign specifications provided by the EPA Office of Public Affairs (OPA) available at: https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-logo-seal-specifications-signage-produced-epa-assistance-agreement-recipients. If the EPA logo is displayed along with the logos of other participating entities, the EPA logo must not be displayed in a manner that implies that EPA itself is conducting the project. Instead, the EPA logo must be accompanied with a statement indicating that the subrecipient received financial assistance from EPA for the project. As provided in the sign specifications from OPA, the EPA logo is the preferred identifier for assistance agreement projects and use of the EPA seal requires prior approval from the EPA. To obtain the appropriate EPA logo or seal graphic file, the recipient should send a

request directly to OPA and include the EPA Project Officer in the communication. Instructions for contacting OPA are available at: https://www.epa.gov/stylebook/using-epa-seal-and-logo.

State agencies and agencies of political subdivisions of states must comply with 2 CFR 200.323, Procurement of recovered materials when procuring signage for projects funded by EPA assistance agreement.

Signage costs are considered an allowable cost under this assistance agreement provided that the costs associated with signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the EPA and NCDEQ logos) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.

How are Proposals Evaluated?

A selection committee will use the pre-established Award Criteria identified below to rank proposals and make award decisions. DEACS staff will review proposals upon submittal and anticipate notifying the applicant of the award decision within three months.

Award Criteria:

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following Award Criteria as they develop their grant proposals.

1. **Demonstration of Need (0-30 points):** Does the proposed project address a specific equipment or infrastructure need for the community? Will the project result in the long-term resiliency of waste reduction efforts in the region? Does the project replace or improve recycling or composting infrastructure related to the consequences of Hurricane Helene?
2. **Planning (0-25 points):** Did the Project Description include all necessary elements as outlined in the Required Proposal Format? Is the proposal accurately descriptive, well-researched, and backed by valid facts and assumptions? Is the project consistent with recycling or composting industry best management practices?
3. **Waste Reduction Impact (0-25 points):** Will the project contribute substantially toward reduction of the local waste stream, or will it substantially increase tonnage recovered through recycling or composting services? Will the project position the community with resilient waste diversion pathways to handle materials from future storm and weather events?
4. **Efficiency / Cost-effectiveness (0-15 points**): Does the project improve the long-term resiliency of the community's waste reduction program? Will the project improve the efficiency or cost-effectiveness of the local waste reduction, recycling, or composting program? Does the project reduce the operating cost of a current service, or does it adopt practices proven to be cost effective in other communities? Does the project make investments that will continue to serve the community for years to come?
5. **Joint Effort (0 or 5 points):** One-party proposals will receive zero (0) points; multi-party proposals will receive five (5) points.

If a Proposal is Selected for Funding

DEACS anticipates that applicants selected to receive grant funding will be notified within three months of proposal submission. Upon consideration of the proposals received, DEACS reserves the right to award grant amounts that are lower than the amount requested by an applicant.

DEACS will notify the applicant with a formal offer by e-mail. The applicant must accept or decline the offer. The following will occur once the offer of grant funding is accepted:

- DEACS may work with applicants to revise initially submitted proposals before entering into a grant contract. Any changes to initial proposals must be approved by DEACS and the applicant and the resultant final HRRI grant proposal will become an attachment to the grant contract.

- Successful applicants will be required to:
    - Provide their federal tax ID number.
    - Provide the federal Unique Entity Identifier. Applicants can register to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier from the System for Award Management site: https://sam.gov/
    - Register or confirm access to your government or organization's NCID account. For more information, visit: https://it.nc.gov/support/accounts.
    - Submit a Conflict of Interest Policy using the template available at the following link or submitting a copy of your organization's existing policy: https://www.deq.nc.gov/divisions/environmental-assistance-and-customer-service/recycling/programs-offered/grants-local-governments.
    - Submit a No Overdue Taxes Certification with notarized signature using the form available at: https://www.deq.nc.gov/divisions/environmental-assistance-and-customer-service/recycling/programs-offered/grants-local-governments.
    - Submit a Substitute W-9 form, if necessary, as required by the North Carolina Finance System: https://www.ncosc.gov/state-suppliers.
- All applicants selected for funding will undergo a risk assessment which evaluates factors such as prior experience in managing grants, previous audits, personnel, and policies or procedures for execution and oversight. Applicants will be required to complete a Risk Assessment Questionnaire to collect necessary information. The results of the risk assessment, along with the scope and complexity of the approved project, will determine the level of monitoring throughout the course of the project, subject to adjustments at the discretion of the DEACS grant manager.
- All applicants selected for funding will undergo a compliance review to ensure that they do not have an outstanding Notice of Violation (NOV) related to North Carolina solid waste statutes and rules. Any outstanding NOVs must be corrected to the satisfaction of the N.C. Division of Waste Management (DWM) prior to any grant being awarded. Applicants with outstanding NOVs are responsible for providing DEACS with information from DWM indicating that the community is in compliance and that the NOVs have been corrected before a grant contract can be initiated.
- DEACS will submit a request through the NCDEQ contract processing system for a grant contract. Grantees must act to execute the resultant grant contract without excessive delay.

Other General Terms and Conditions:

All grantees are subject to the following terms and conditions. Most of these terms and conditions will be outlined in the grant contract.

- **Project status updates and site visits:** grantees should expect frequent communication with their DEACS grant manager and site visits from DEACS and/or EPA staff. Grantees should be able to provide project status updates upon request.
- **Quarterly reports:** quarterly status reports will be required throughout the duration of the contract period. DEACS grant manager will provide a report template.
- **Final reports:** a comprehensive final report is required at the end of the project. A draft must be submitted to DEACS at least 30 days prior to the contract end date and a final report must be submitted by the contract end date. DEACS grant manager will provide a report template.
- **Certifications:** subrecipients must certify to DEACS whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports: "I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812."
- **Reimbursement:** distribution of grant funds is on a reimbursement basis and instructions will be provided by the DEACS grant manager. Reimbursement requests must include copies of invoices and proof that the grantee has made payment. Proof of payment may include copies of canceled checks or other financial reports showing that funds were spent. State and local sales taxes are not reimbursable, may not be counted towards expenditure requirements, and should be excluded from

reimbursement requests. The amount of actual grant payments may be prorated for projects and / or project elements that come in under budget. *Purchases made before a grant contract is signed by both NCDEQ and the grant recipient will not be reimbursed.*

- **Final 10 Percent of Funds:** DEACS will continue to reimburse grantees until 90 percent of the grant award amount has been expended, withholding 10 percent of grant funds until receipt of an approved final report. The final report must be received and approved prior to the end date of the contract.
- **Publications:** all documents and publications associated with a grant contract should be sent to the DEACS grant manager for review and approval prior to printing or publishing and should be printed on recycled paper containing at least 30 percent post-consumer content.
- **Use of EPA and NCDEQ Logos:** If the EPA and/or NCDEQ logo(s) are appearing along with logos from other participating entities on websites, outreach materials, or reports, it must not be prominently displayed to imply that any of the subrecipient's activities are being conducted by the EPA and/or NCDEQ. Instead, the EPA and/or NCDEQ logo(s) should be accompanied with a statement indicating that the [Subrecipient NAME] received financial support from the EPA under a NCDEQ Assistance Agreement. More information is available at: https://www.epa.gov/stylebook/using-epa-seal-and-logo#policy
- **Extensions / Amendments:** no-cost time extensions are possible but not guaranteed for grant contracts. Grantees seeking no-cost time extensions should submit a request for a time extension at least sixty (60) days prior to the contract end date. *Extensions beyond June 30, 2030 are not possible.*