

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #8-Q: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2015 GRANTS**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCZMP), part of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, regularly makes available competitive and non-competitive grant opportunities to Planning District Commissions (PDC) in Tidewater Virginia. The VCZMP has announced two grant opportunities, competitive grants and Section 309 grants, for Coastal Zone PDCs for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2.5 million through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

VCZMP has announced the availability of competitive and Section 309 grants for Coastal Zone PDCs for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. Each PDC is allowed to apply for up to two individual projects for each grant type, with the combined requested funding for each pool no greater than \$40,000. Matching funds for competitive grants will be required at a ratio of 3.5:1 (federal to local). No matching funds are required for Section 309 grant. These grants will begin October 1, 2014, and end September 30, 2015.

Applications are due to VCZMP staff by 5:00 pm Friday, July 11, 2014. The Regional Environmental Committee will review proposals at its July 3, 2014, meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Regional Environmental Committee to select grant proposals at its July 3 meeting. Permit the Executive Director to submit grant proposals to DEQ by July 11, 2014, and accept grant offers if and when they are made.