



Consultant for Resiliency and Long-Term Recovery Training

South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED)

Release Date: June 6, 2025

Proposal Due Date: June 27, 2025

Project Start Date: July 21, 2025

The South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED) seeks a qualified consultant or consulting firm to assist in the delivery of in-person and virtual training designed to lay the foundation of understanding community resilience and assist in project-based long-term recovery after Hurricane Helene and Milton in South Carolina's rural counties. This training is part of SCACED's South Carolina Long Term Recovery & Resiliency Collaborative, which aims to support the establishment of Resiliency/Long Term Recovery Councils in ten rural counties in South Carolina. The councils will have a lead organization in each of the following counties: Abbeville, Fairfield, Richland, Barnwell, Allendale, Bamberg, Orangeburg, York, Spartanburg and Anderson. The lead organizations will form the councils with representation from the community, including key stakeholders such as County EMS, health care providers, K-12 educators, community-based organizations, farmers, church leadership, small business owners, and long term disaster recovery groups (minimum 15 people).

Scope of Work

The selected consultant will assist SCACED and the councils in the following tasks:

Training Module Overview:

- Develop/Use existing introductory training for grassroots leaders, community organizers, and local stakeholders. Cover topics such as:
 - Foundations of Resilient Communities
 - Climate Risk and Disaster Preparedness
 - Asset Mapping
 - Climate Capacity Assessment
 - Examples of a Scope of Work for each council to pursue a project for long-term recovery from Hurricanes Helene and Milton

- Ensure that the training incorporates existing frameworks and guidance, examples are Climate Ready Communities from the Geos Institute, Resilience Communities Planning Guides, FEMA National Disaster Recovery Framework
- Customize content to reflect local needs and challenges specific to rural communities in South Carolina.

Facilitation and Delivery:

- Prepare SCACED Staff and Council host organizations to facilitate larger council meetings. Virtual July & August. This could include training in how do perform community assessments/evaluations in the climate resilience space.
- Provide facilitation services at 3 regional, in-person, 1-day workshops (same event at 3 regional hubs) in September and early December. Virtual Trainings for full councils in October and November,
- Assist SCACED in finding content experts relevant to the projects the councils select.

Evaluation:

- Collaborate with SCACED’s Evaluation Coordinator to develop pre- and post-training assessments.

Timeline

Task	Date
RFP Submission Deadline	June 27, 2025
Consultant Selection	July 11, 2025
Kickoff Meeting with SCACED	
Training Sessions with Council lead organizations	July 18, 2025
	Virtual Session with Council Leads-July 24, 2025
	Virtual Session with Council Leads- August TBD
Training Sessions Delivery with full councils	
	In-person regional Full Day trainings- 3 dates TBD
	September 2025

	Virtual Trainings- October/November dates TBD In-person regional Full Day trainings- 3 dates TBD December 2025
Final Report Submission	December 2025

Qualifications

The consultant should meet the following minimum qualifications:

- **Experience** in designing and delivering training related to **disaster recovery, climate resilience, community leadership**, and **policy advocacy**.
- Demonstrated relevant climate resilience frameworks.
- Proven ability to work with **nonprofit organizations** and **grassroots leaders in rural communities**.
- Strong facilitation and **train-the-trainer** skills, including experience in both **in-person** and **virtual settings**.
- Experience in **evaluation and assessment** of training impact.

SCACED's Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevant experience and expertise in **disaster recovery, climate resilience**, and **community leadership**.
- Quality and feasibility of the proposed **training approach**.
- **Cost-effectiveness** of the proposal.
- **Capacity for meeting deadlines** and delivering results on time.
- Positive feedback from **references**.

Questions and proposal submission:

Please submit your proposal via this [JotForm link](#) no later, June 27, 2025.

Please submit questions about your proposal to Ken Harvin, Rural Program Director at ken@scaced.org

If you have questions specific to filling out the Jotform, please contact Program Coordinator, Courtney Olson at courtney.olson@scaced.org

Disclaimers

SCACED reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals.
- Negotiate the final terms of the contract with the selected consultant.
- Modify the scope of work as necessary to meet the project's goals.