

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Title of Rule: MUNICIPAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Rule Identifier: 830-RICR-10-40-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: February 2, 2023

Hearing Date: February 16, 2023

End of Public Comment: March 4, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-12.2-4

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These rules govern the Municipal Resilience Program ("MRP"). The MRP provides direct support to Rhode Island cities and towns to complete a municipal-driven process that brings together climate change information and local knowledge to identify top hazards, current challenges, and community strengths.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until March 4, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: February 16, 2023

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: 235 Promenade Street
Suite 119
Providence, RI, 02908

The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and, therefore, the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-453-4430 X-200 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The MRP is a continuing program at Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank. MRP grants and loans for the construction of resilience capital projects are awarded annually, and agreements with awardees last for a two-year period. Programmatic costs to awardees primarily occur over the two years of their MRP agreement period. The benefits of the resulting resilience capital projects are inherently designed to be long-lasting to indefinite, as more sustainable projects are selected for in the proposal review process.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.