



City of Newport News  
**Office of the City Manager**

January 10, 2025

**TO:** Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant Review Committee

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for Resilience Assessment Study - Newport News  
FloodReady Homes - Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund  
Grant Application

As the City Manager of Newport News, I am writing to confirm the City's full support and authorization for the proposed Newport News FloodReady Homes Program, Resilience Assessment Study submitted for funding through the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). This initiative represents a critical step toward enhancing our community's ability to prepare for and respond to climate-related risks.

The proposed study will enable Newport News to assess vulnerabilities in flood-prone areas, particularly in neighborhoods with high social vulnerability. By identifying risks and prioritizing actionable solutions, this effort will strengthen our city's resilience while aligning with state and federal funding criteria. Specifically, the study will provide property-level resilience assessments and retrofitting recommendations, ensuring that our residents have access to practical, cost-effective measures to reduce flood risk and improve safety.

This initiative builds on existing City efforts, such as the Newmarket Watershed Study and Stoney Run Flood Reduction Project, by expanding the focus to individual property resilience. It also aligns with our goals of integrating equity and sustainability into City planning, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive targeted support.

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Furthermore, I certify that the City has dedicated sufficient funding to cover the required matching funds with the understanding that awards granted under the CFPF will be disbursed in accordance with the CFPF Grant Manual by the Virginia Resources Authority. The City will utilize General Funds to fund the project.

As City Manager, I am committed to providing the necessary resources to support this project and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure its success. This study will serve as a foundational tool for advancing community resilience, reducing flood risks, and fostering a safer, more sustainable future for all residents of Newport News.

Thank you for considering this vital initiative. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the project manager, Christopher Williams at (757) 926-8806 or [williamscm1@nnva.gov](mailto:williamscm1@nnva.gov).

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Alan K. Archer

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cc: Ralph L. (Bo) Clayton III, Assistant City Manager