## Overview

Clemson University is honored to announce a funding opportunity for community organizations to engage with the Nuclear Waste Dialogue (NuWaDi) Consortium. The vision is for the NuWaDi Consortium to serve as an oasis of collaborative learning and community-informed initiatives with a focus on responsible nuclear waste management. With over 50% of the electricity generation in South Carolina hailing from nuclear reactors, the NuWaDi Consortium is intended to empower local communities to engage in dialogue about nuclear waste issues unique to their communities.

Clemson University and South Carolina University Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF) have partnered to offer financial support to expand the membership of the NuWaDi Consortium to community organizations throughout South Carolina and neighboring counties, including the Central Savannah River Area.

The NuWaDi Consortium offers three types of funding opportunities – 1) Community Action and Engagement Awards; 2) Planning Grants; and 3) Implementation Awards. Collectively, these funding opportunities are designed to broaden the voice of the NuWaDi Consortium garnering participation from a broad network of stakeholders.

## Evaluation Criteria

There are four evaluation criteria outside of eligibility requirements used to evaluate proposal submissions. These criteria are:

1. **Relevance.** The proposed actions/activities are highly relevant to consensus decision-making and building community capacity, with particular focus on nuclear waste and consent-based siting.
2. **Clarity.** The proposal includes a well-defined, clear, and comprehensive plan commensurate in scope with the type of funds being requested.
3. **Impact.** The proposal is likely to achieve its stated goals and empower the local community or communities:
    1. The applicant has a clear and meaningful connection to the community defined in the proposal.
    2. The proposal reflects the appropriate level of knowledge, motivation, experience, and expertise to successfully complete the proposed work.
    3. The proposal identifies and addresses relevant social and environmental justice issues as they relate to the proposed project.
4. **Stewardship.** The budget is clearly and appropriately justified with thoughtful and realistic allocation of funds, to include a robust plan for equitable resource accessibility and conflict resolution.

# Eligibility and Requirements

All organizations in the target area are eligible to apply for the NuWaDi awards given requirements have been met as outlined in the details for each type of grant/award. Organizations include non-profit organizations, local government (e.g., city council), faith-based organizations, K-12 educators, youth groups (with adult representation), etc.

Note: Applicants cannot receive funding for ongoing efforts directly supported by federal funds.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Cassandra Hicks-Brown at: hicks-brown@scuref.org

# Award Descriptions

## Community Action and Engagement (CAE) Awards

The Community Action and Engagement (CAE) Awards (up to $10,000) are intended to support a broad range of activities such as lecture series; youth scouting badges; exhibits at local Farmers' Markets; field trips; tapping into existing resources such as SRNL, Westinghouse, Vogtle, and other regional entities; or any other non-traditional activities that engages the community in discussions about related to the transport and storage of nuclear materials.

**Deadline for submission:** CAE Award applications will be reviewed monthly.

## Planning Grants

The Planning Grants (up to $20,000 for 3 months) are designed to enable stakeholders to garner the resources of their particular community to address factors that are critical for constructive and collaborative decision-making on complex or controversial issues, e.g., nuclear waste. Planning Grants are intended to build organizational capacity towards submission of an Implementation Award proposal; thus, the proposal narrative should clearly indicate the capacity building efforts to enable submission of a proposal for an Implementation Award.

**Deadline for submission: Tuesday April 30th by 5:00 pm EST** (Estimated start date: June 1st, 2024)

## Implementation Awards

The Implementation Awards ($100,000 for 12-15 months) represent the larger more comprehensive projects with lasting impact on the engaged communities. Generally, these awards will stem from initial Planning Grants; however, a successful Planning Grant is not required to apply for an Implementation Award. The Implementation Award is expected to demonstrate that the applicant has harnessed the collective resources of its defined community, and it should describe how the various voices of this community are a part of an unrestricted environment that respects the opinions of its residents, as well as its leadership.

**Round 1 - Deadline for submission: Tuesday April 30th by 5:00 pm EST** (Estimated start date: June 1st, 2024)
**Round 2 - Deadline for submission: Friday August 22nd by 5:00 pm EST** (Estimated start date: October 1st, 2024)

## Application Guidelines

Submit your proposal using the online application survey below. Be sure to have all of your documents ready for submission before beginning the online application process.

Your proposal should include the following:

- Cover Sheet (following template)
- Project Summary (100-250 words)
- Project Narrative (Limit: 6 pages, single-spaced, 1" margins, minimum font size = 11 pt)
    - Statement of Purpose
    - Action Plan
    - Key Personnel (including benefit of collaboration and project management plan)
    - Timeline and Deliverable(s)
- Budget with Justification (following template)
- Resume (or CV) for key personnel (Limit: 2 pages per person)
- Conflict of Interest Statement (following template)
- (optional) Letter(s) of Support (from proposed partners)

For additional questions or concerns regarding the application please contact Cassandra Hicks-Brown at: hicks-brown@scuref.org.