

SPG2025-6 Questions – updated July 17, 2025

If a community approaches our organization to work on a Service Provider Track 2 vulnerability assessment, could we also work with them on a Community Action Grant for this round? Also, could a town we previously attempted to work with in a Service Provider round but did not successfully enroll, work on a vulnerability assessment and grant application?

- Enrolled/enrolling communities are eligible to participate in one Service Provider Track 2 application and one Community Action Grant application. One SP organization could be their project partner for both applications.
- A community that received a Track 1 service provider grant is eligible to apply for a Track 2 service provider grant. If awarded, the community must enroll in the Partnership by the end of the Track 2 service provider grant period and demonstrate commitment to complete that process on its own given that it is not eligible for another Track 1 SP grant.

Are there any stipulations that the Track 2 Service Provider *cannot* perform the work recommended to the community as a result of the vulnerability assessment (using Community Action Grant funds or otherwise)?

- The implementation of the vulnerability assessment recommendations would not be part of the Track 2 SP grant award scope. Once the vulnerability assessment is complete, the town may use its own discretion to determine how to proceed, and who to contract with, to implement project priorities. This grant would not disqualify a SP organization from being eligible to contract with the town on the next phase of the project.

Is there a list of communities that have already received funding to complete a SP Track 2 grant and are *not eligible*, or conversely a list of communities that are still eligible?

- All enrolled or enrolling communities that have not received Track 2 SP grants are eligible for Track 2 grants. This includes the communities [listed here](#) as both enrolled or working with a Service Provider to enroll. A new section has been added to bottom of the [webpage](#) with a list of communities working with service providers

to complete vulnerability assessments, showing which communities have already received Track 2 grants and would not be eligible to apply for another Track 2 grant.

Is there a list of hazards that *must* be assessed in a vulnerability assessment, or is it more whatever is most applicable to that specific community?

- Please work with the community to determine the priority hazards to focus on within the vulnerability assessment. These assessments will look different for each community to prioritize their needs.

Should all (up to 5) communities in a Group be in close proximity to one another, or can they be spread across the state? Is there a preference for this, even if not an official rule?

- Communities can be spread across the state. We encourage a regional approach to vulnerability assessments, but we understand that this is not always achievable.

Does the number of communities in the group affect the likelihood of funding? (Other than Criteria 2: Community Group Composition scoring points.) Is there an advantage or disadvantage to applying for one or two communities, vs five?

- The number of communities that a SP proposes working with does not impact application scoring.

Can a water district partner with a community to complete a community action grant or Track 2 SPG grant? Would the community also be able to submit a separate grant proposal for a community action grant?

- Water districts may partner with a municipality or tribal government to apply for community action grant funds or participate in the Track 2 vulnerability assessment. This partnership would be considered as one community, and the community/water district would not be eligible to apply for a second Track 2 or community action grant.

Can we apply for a Track 1 SP grant to enroll a community and a Track 2 SP grant to complete a vulnerability assessment for that same community?

- Yes, a SP may enroll and complete a vulnerability assessment for the same community simultaneously. One thing to note is that both projects require Community Action Grant, or another funding source, application development and submission. Given that a community may only submit one CAG proposal per round, the SP would need to support application development for two rounds of CAGs or find another funding source to apply for to support their climate action priorities.