



**ATNI**  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter December 2023

### HIGHLIGHTED EVENT

**2024 National Tribal Leaders  
Climate Summit**  
*Convening Indigenous leadership to advance climate action*  
**April 15-17, 2024**  
Muckleshoot Casino Resort  
[www.atnitribes.org/climatechange/ts](http://www.atnitribes.org/climatechange/ts)  
**Register Today!**

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Community Water Justice Awards**; Up to \$50K awards are available through the University of Oregon Just Futures Institute. Projects that address water justice policy framework areas will be prioritized. Examples of eligible projects include funding water positions, investing in water stewardship and policy education, and developing equitable emergency response systems. **Deadline: February 1, 2024.**

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**Notices of Funding Opportunities for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants**; \$800M is available for the **Flood Mitigation Assistance** grant program and \$1B is available to the **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities** grant program. FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states, local communities, tribes and territories funding to address high-level future risks to natural disasters such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and increased flooding to foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering. **Deadline: February 29, 2024.**

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**Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program**; EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. Awards vary depending on application track. Technical assistance available. **Deadline: November 21, 2024.**

[Click here for additional funding opportunities.](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[The USDA, Forest Service is accepting comment](#) on their proposal to amend its special use regulations, which prohibit authorizing exclusive and perpetual use and occupancy of National Forest System lands, to provide an exemption for carbon capture and storage. **Deadline: January 2, 2024.**



[The Washington State Department of Ecology is requesting information via a survey](#) that aims to provide opportunities for Ecology staff to listen and learn from individuals and communities about the most pressing climate risks they face, challenges and opportunities in responding to and preparing for these risks, and their vision for a more climate-resilient Washington. **Deadline: January 12, 2024.**



[The Native Youth Climate Adaptation and Leadership Congress \(NYCALC\) is accepting applications](#) for their week-long training program. Join students from across the country to discuss climate adaptation and related environmental issues impacting Native peoples. NYCALC will be held from June 23-28 and is open to groups of 3-5 high school students from any federally recognized Tribe. **Deadline: February 29, 2024.**



## POLICY HIGHLIGHT

[Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced](#) that the White House Council on Native American Affairs is taking critical steps to improve access to capital across Indian Country, including through the launch of an [online clearinghouse](#) that will serve as a searchable repository for an up-to-date list of all federal funding opportunities, including grants and loans, available to Tribal Nations and Native businesses.

The [Biden-Harris Administration announced](#) a historic agreement to work in partnership with Pacific Northwest Tribes and States to restore wild salmon populations, expand Tribally sponsored clean energy production, and provide stability for communities that depend on the Columbia River System. As part of the agreement, the Biden-Harris Administration will invest \$300 million over 10 years to restore native fish and their habitats throughout the Columbia River Basin, with added measures to increase the autonomy of States and Tribes to use these funds.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

HAZARD MITIGATION PARTNERS  
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

## 2024 HM PARTNERS WORKSHOP

*"All Together for Climate Resilient Communities"*

**FEBRUARY 5-8, 2024**

### EVENTS

## 2024 FOOD SUMMIT

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: THE CORE OF OUR RESILIENCE

MARCH 6TH-9TH, 2024 - COEUR D'ALENE CASINO AND RESORT - WORLEY, IDAHO

Register!

[Northwest Intertribal Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

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**NATIONAL  
TRIBAL &  
INDIGENOUS  
CLIMATE  
CONFERENCE  
2024**

**Anchorage, Alaska  
September 9-12, 2024**

**STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



**IN THE NEWS**



[Climate Leadership  
Across Indian Country: A  
Summary of Regional  
Climate Change  
Dialogues](#)



[Young Native Leaders on  
Climate Change -  
Hoporenkv Native  
American Podcast](#)



[U.S. Department of Energy  
Announces \\$3 Million to  
Transition Tribal Colleges  
and Universities to Clean  
Energy](#)

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