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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[CRESCENT Seed Grant Program 2024-2025](#); Funded through the National Science Foundation, selected awardees will receive up to \$30K for proposed activities to advance the identified priorities of CRESCENT's pillars: Science, Geoscience Education and Inclusion, and Partnerships and Applications. Any researchers in the US that are part of an institution or organization that is eligible for regular National Science Foundation funding are invited to apply. **Deadline: January 15, 2025.**

[Community Science Partner with the Center for Collaborative Heat Monitoring \(CCHM\)](#); Funded through the Inflation Reduction Act, selected communities will receive \$10K and technical support to collect heat data in their community through community-led campaigns. The CCHM works directly with communities to co-create a heat monitoring plan tailored to community priorities. CCHM member CAPA Strategies, NOAA, and others have been collaborating for years to [map heat islands in over 80 U.S. and international communities](#). **Deadline: January 17, 2025.**

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant](#); USDA Forest Service announced the Community Wildfire Defense Grant to assist at-risk local communities and Tribal Nations with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. There are two primary project types for which the grant provides funding: 1) The development and revising of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), and 2) The implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old. Example project activities may include developing CWPPs, planning projects, hazardous fuels reduction and restoration projects, and wildfire prevention, education, and outreach. There is a \$250,000 maximum cap for the creation or updating of a CWPP and a \$10 million maximum cap for implementing a project described within a CWPP less than 10 years old. Projects must be completed within 5 years. Communities meeting the definition of underserved, Tribal Nation, ANCs, and Pacific Islands may request a waiver of match. **Deadline: February 28, 2025.**

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\) Program for Tribal Nations](#); The U.S. Department of Energy's EECBG Program provides \$8.8 million of available non-competitive funding to 774 eligible Tribal Nations, including Alaska Native Regional and Village corporations. EECBG Program funding can be used as seed funding that can grow into bigger projects, assisting communities to meet energy efficiency goals. Tribal Nations can use EECBG Program funds to upgrade buildings, install renewable energy equipment, or develop climate and clean energy plans. **Deadline: May 31, 2025.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The [Northwest Forest Partnership Tribal Hub](#) empowers Tribes to engage in the historic Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) amendment process—a critical opportunity to advance co-stewardship, protect Tribal sovereignty, and integrate Indigenous Knowledge into forest management for present and future generations. This website is the product of informal discussions, sharing of information, and engagement with Indigenous content providers to protect the environmental, cultural and economic well-being of Native Nations and do so in ways that respect Tribal treaty-rights, and access to reserved resources.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with coordinating support from the Federal Water Sub Cabinet Tribal Team, recently published a [Tribal Water & Natural Resources Conservation Guide](#) for Tribal environmental program managers and staff. This guide aims to provide resources to Tribal environmental programs about federal assistance opportunities that can support Tribally led efforts to protect and restore waters, protect air quality, protect wildlife and habitat, prepare for climate change and natural hazards, steward lands, and support and engage Tribal communities. The guide also includes a **federal funding program inventory** that contains basic information about 150+ federal funding programs that can support Tribal conservation work.



[Native Climate](#), a project that supports climate adaptation efforts in Native American communities of the Southwest and Northern Plains, compiled [local climate projections](#) for 633 tribally controlled areas in the United States, including Alaska Native Villages and State Designated Tribal Areas, and climate divisions for the State of Hawaii. The data are based on the NASA Earth Exchange (NEX) Global Daily Downscaled Projections (GDDP) dataset (NEX-GDDP-CMIP6). These new projections are an update to the [2022 Native Climate Tribal College and University \(TCU\) projections](#), and use the latest version of the NEX-GDDP-CMIP6 dataset. Download the data or explore the interactive map [here](#).



[NOAA is seeking nominations for its first-ever Climate Services Advisory Committee \(CSAC\)](#). The CSAC will advise NOAA on the accessibility and effectiveness of NOAA's climate services – data, information, science, tools and decision support – in preparing our nation for the impacts of climate change, consistent with our Equitable Climate Services Action Plan. **Nominations are due by December 20, 2024.**



The Department of the Interior issued a new Departmental Manual (DM) chapter entitled, "[Departmental Responsibilities for Consideration and Inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge in Departmental Actions and Scientific Research, 301 DM 7.](#)" This Chapter establishes the Department's policies, responsibilities, and procedures to respect, and equitably promote the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge in the Department's decision making, resource management, program implementation, policy development, scientific research, and other actions. The Department is now developing an implementation Handbook to guide employees as they work with Tribes and Indigenous communities to implement the policies of 301 DM 7. [The Department is seeking written comments on the Handbook through January 8, 2025.](#)



The Washington Department of Ecology invites Tribal leaders and staff to a Tribal forum focused on [Cap-and-Invest linkage](#). Ecology is interested in receiving feedback on issues to consider for linkage agreement negotiations. They will also share updates about our work to implement the Climate Commitment Act, including the initiative to work with Tribes and communities most highly impacted by criteria air pollutants. A [comment period](#) for the linkage agreement will open from **November 21, 2024 to January 31, 2025.**



The [Native Youth Community Adaptation Leadership Congress \(NYCALC\)](#) is accepting applications for groups of three to five rising high school seniors that are part of a federally recognized Native American Tribe or Native American based Indigenous group to join students from across the country to discuss community adaptation and related environmental issues impacting Native peoples. The mission of NYCALC is to develop future conservation leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools to address environmental change and conservation challenges to better serve their schools and home communities. Contact Jennifer_Hill@fws.gov or nycalc@nmwildlife.org with any questions. [Applications due: February 28, 2025.](#)



SERVE THE EARTH AND YOUR COMMUNITY.
BECOME A CONSERVATION LEADER.

NYCALC

Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

JUNE 21-JUNE 26, 2025

WHAT IS NYCALC?

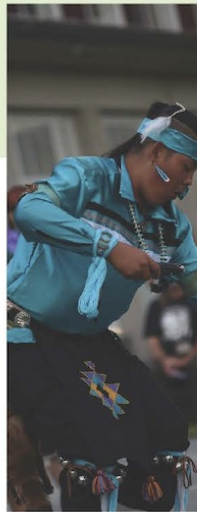
NYCALC works to build student confidence in their cultural identity as they learn about Indigenous traditions and climate concerns across the United States and territories. This week-long Congress engages students as they develop conservation leadership skills and build on their knowledge and abilities to build climate resiliency in their communities.



WHO CAN APPLY?

Groups of 3 to 5 Indigenous rising high-school seniors*, accompanied by one mentor, from federally recognized tribes in the United States and territories.

**Sophomores and Juniors will be considered on a case-by-case basis*



APPLICATIONS OPEN

DECEMBER 1, 2024-
FEBRUARY 28, 2025

WHERE IS NYCALC?

National
Conservation
Training Center,
Shepherdstown,
West Virginia

Travel, lodging, and
meals provided.



Visit us at <http://nycalc.org/> for more information and to apply!

TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's Certified Tribal Technician Program](#). 18 month cohort training for tribal staff. Application due by December 31, 2024.



EVENTS

NAVIGATING COASTAL HAZARDS 2

What are your community's values, needs, and visions of coastal resilience?

Join Pacific Northwest coastal leaders, Tribal partners, planners, emergency managers, consultants and researchers in our second Navigating Coastal Hazards workshop in Astoria, Oregon.

Hosted by the Cascadia CoPes Hub and partners, participants from Washington, Oregon, California, and British Columbia will continue to build on connecting the dots between current coastal needs and new research activities through roundtable discussions, posters, and panels.

**February
10-11, 2025**

**The Loft at the Red Building
20 Basin St. Astoria, OR**

Logistics: The workshop will start at 9:00am on Monday, concluding at 1:00pm on Tuesday with an optional field trip post-workshop. Rooms will be held at a the Holiday Inn and Best Western.

The Cascadia CoPes Hub is a team of researchers funded by the National Science Foundation to advance knowledge about natural hazards and climate change risks coastal communities face and ways to increase their resilience.

Registration now Open

cascadiacopeshub.org/workshop-navigating-coastal-hazards/



Cascadia CoPes Hub
THE CASCADIA COASTLINES AND PEOPLES
HAZARDS RESEARCH HUB



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[Registration is due on Friday, December 27, 2024.](#)



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NAFWS Annual Conference. [The call for abstracts and award nominations is open through March 7, 2025.](#)

MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



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