



**ATNI**  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

October 2024

### HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

**ATNI**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

# Natural Resources Summit

November 18-20, 2024  
Tulalip Resort & Casino

Tribal Leaders, Natural Resources Staff, Tribal Lobbyists, and all others welcomed!

Registration now open!

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program](#); BIA has announced over \$120M will be made available across three funding categories: Category 1 - Planning (\$250K max, competitive); Category 2 - Implementation (\$4M max, competitive); and Category 3 - Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place (\$150K per year over 3 years, non-competitive) Staff. TCR awards may also be used to meet other Federal and non-Federal cost share/match requirements required by statute. [Access the RFP here](#). Deadline: October 18.

[Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities](#); WA Department of Ecology announced grants of up to \$700,000, paid for by the WA Climate Commitment Act, available per application to support organizations, in partnership with the people in their community, to identify and develop projects that reduce [criteria air pollution](#). **Deadline: October 24.**

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[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\), Tribal Engagement in Regional Ocean Partnership \(ROP\) Priorities](#); NOAA announced a funding opportunity support tribal activities aligned with ROP (i.e. West Coast Ocean Alliance) priorities, including identification of ocean and coastal priorities. Up to \$400K over 2 years is available. **Deadline: October 31.**

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[Forested Community Schoolyards Funding Opportunity](#); Trust for Public Land, a national pass-through partner of the U.S. Forest Service, announced \$500K per project of Inflation Reduction Act funds available through the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program to Tribal and Indigenous communities using trees and nature-based solutions to provide cooling, health, and learning benefits for students and school communities, through the development of forested community schoolyards. **Deadline: November 8.**

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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.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The [Center for Native American Youth](#) announced applications for the [2025 Brave Heart Fellowship](#) are now open! The six-month program will run from December 2024 to May 2025. Native youth ages 18- to 24-years-old who self-identify as Native; live in Alaska, Northern California, Idaho, Oregon, or Washington; and are passionate about promoting equity in the fight for climate justice are encouraged to apply. The selected youth will receive micro-grants and technical assistance to develop and implement environmentally-focused community action projects. Applicants must submit their completed [Brave Heart Fellowship Application](#) no later than **October 21 at 11:59pm ET.**



In coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior, the [U.S. Global Change Research Program \(USGCRP\)](#) seeks [public comment](#) on the proposed themes and topics of the first-ever [National Nature Assessment \(NNA1\)](#) represented in the chapter annotated outlines, i.e., the Zero-Order Draft. The scope of NNA1 is to assess the status, observed trends, and future projections of America's lands, waters, wildlife, biodiversity, and



ecosystems and the benefits they provide, including connections to the economy, public health, equity, climate mitigation and adaptation, and national security. All comments must be submitted via the [USGCRP Review & Comment System](#) by **November 21 at 11:59 pm ET.**

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USDA also announced that applications are now open for the [Summer 2025 Tribal Food and Agriculture Policy Internships](#).

This program welcomes interns to learn about Tribal agriculture and Tribal food sovereignty. Through the Future Leaders in Public Service Internship Program, undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students will work on USDA agriculture, food, and nutrition programs that benefit Indian Country. Sponsored by USDA's Office of Tribal Relations, the program seeks to develop a new generation of agricultural professionals with a better understanding of Tribal food and agriculture issues. [An October 24 information session](#) will precede the application **deadline of November 22.**

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GO GOVERNMENT

PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Office of the Washington State Climatologist, in collaboration with NOAA's National Integrated Drought Information System, are asking for your help to document weather and climate impacts of the 2024 Water Year (October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024) for the Northwest. [This anonymous survey](#) asks about impacts and response actions implemented during the 2024 Water Year by sector due to either abnormally dry or abnormally wet conditions in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The survey should take ~15 minutes and will inform the Pacific Northwest [Water Year Impacts Assessment](#). **Deadline: November 27.**



## TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Climate Adaptation Barriers and Needs Experienced by Northwest Coastal Tribes: Key Findings from Tribal Listening Sessions Webinar](#). Virtual. October 16, 11am - 12pm PT.



CLIMATE ADAPTATION BARRIERS AND NEEDS EXPERIENCED BY NORTHWEST COASTAL TRIBES



[DOI Environmental Justice Technical Assistance Webinar Series: How to Write a Successful Grant Application](#). Virtual. October 16, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm PT.



[Oregon-Washington Water Year 2024 Recap and](#)

[2025 Outlook Meeting](#). Virtual. October 29-30, 9am - 12pm PT both days.



## EVENTS







**Annual Conference  
October 22-24, 2024  
Wenatchee**

**The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Washington communities and Tribes identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve, and maintain infrastructure.**

IACC sponsors an annual conference bringing together state and federal agencies, Tribes, and local communities to support infrastructure needs through technical and financial assistance. The 2024 conference will take place Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Wenatchee Convention Center. In total, nearly 60 sessions will be offered on a variety of topics, including water, wastewater, transportation, and brownfields. Technical assistance meetings between Tribes/communities and agencies are also available.

**Included in this year's offerings are several sessions focused on Tribal-specific needs and perspectives in relation to climate resilience and infrastructure planning, cultural resource management, Tribal/community partnerships, technical assistance, and Tribal funding from a variety of state and federal agencies.**



**Registration is now open!**

The conference brochure, request for Tech Teams, and links to register can all be found at [www.infracfunding.wa.gov/iacc-conference/](http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/iacc-conference/).

For more information about the IACC Conference, please contact Seth Elsen, [sels461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sels461@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-6703

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## TRIBAL CLIMATE AND HEALTH ADAPTATION SUMMIT

Join us November 6-7, 2024 at the  
Pala Casino, Spa & Resort



**TRIBAL CLIMATE  
HEALTH PROJECT**

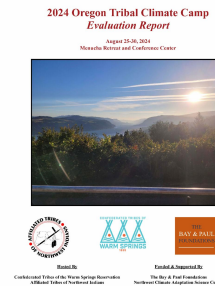


November 19-20. Chandler, AZ. Travel scholarships are available for tribal representatives or employees.

## IN THE NEWS



[Climate Literacy, Essential Principles for Understanding and Addressing Climate Change: A Guide for Educators, Communicators, and Decision-Makers \(Third Edition: September 2024\)](#)



[2024 Oregon Tribal Climate Camp Evaluation Report](#)

## MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



**Patrick Freeland**  
Sr. Tribal Liaison  
Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma



**Kylie Avery**  
Asst. Tribal Liaison  
Shawnee Tribe

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