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CLIMATE CHANGE

ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

January 2025

ATNI EVENT



The 2025 ATNI Winter Convention - Climate Committee Meeting will take place Tuesday, January 28 starting at 1:30pm. [View draft event agenda here.](#) [Register for the Convention here.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NOAA Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#); This NOAA opportunity provides \$300K to \$6M with 3 year periods of performance for fish passage that rebuilds productive and sustainable fisheries, contributes to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, enhances watershed health, promotes resilient ecosystems and communities, and increases Tribal capacity to participate in fish passage barrier removal efforts while improving Tribal commercial, recreational, subsistence and cultural practice opportunities. Proposed work may be located on Tribal lands, throughout traditional use areas, or in coastal watersheds that support fish

populations that are or have been integral to the living culture of Tribal Nations. Awards will be funded through cooperative agreements. There is no cost sharing requirement. **Deadline: February 27.**

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.**

Philanthropy Northwest Thriving Communities Grants: Philanthropy Northwest announced \$40M in Thriving Communities grants over three years to support environmental justice initiatives in AK, ID, OR, and WA. The grants will fund various community-led environmental projects, including air and water quality improvement, nutrition access, green job training, youth programming, and healthy housing initiatives, with a focus on communities impacted by environmental changes. The program features three grant types with upcoming deadlines: Development (Type 3) grants up to \$350K for two years **due February 28**, Planning (Type 2) grants up to \$250K for up to two years **due March 31**, and Assessment (Type 1) grants up to \$150K for one year **due March 31**. Limited \$75K grants are available for severely capacity-constrained community organizations.

NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant: NOAA announced \$100M in competitive grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects. Individual awards range from \$750K to \$10M over three years, with typical funding between \$4-6M. A 15% set aside is specifically available to U.S. federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent Tribes. Selected projects will focus on critical environmental initiatives such as river floodplain reconnection, coral reef restoration, and living shoreline development to enhance fisheries sustainability, protect endangered species, and strengthen coastal communities against climate change impacts. There is no cost sharing requirement. **Deadline: April 16.**

NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities: NOAA announced \$20M in funding for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of Tribal Nations and underserved communities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. A 15% set aside is specifically available to Tribal Nations, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent Tribal Nations. Potential activities may include: 1) Capacity Building (project planning, feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, regional resilience planning, staffing, and future proposal development); 2) Meaningful Engagement (community discussions, educational opportunities); and 3) Restoration Project Activities (demonstration projects, engineering and design, permitting, on the ground restoration, and pre-and post-project monitoring). NOAA will accept proposals between \$75K and \$2M for the entire award, with typical funding anticipated to range from \$250K to \$1M over 3 years. There is no cost sharing requirement. **Deadline: May 12.**

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 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**.



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NYCALC

Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

JUNE 21-JUNE 26, 2025

WHAT IS NYCALC?

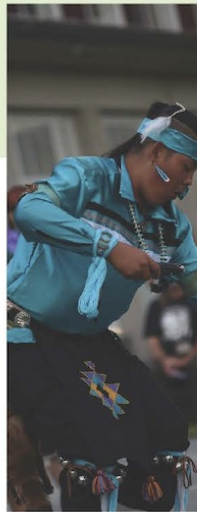
NYCALC works to build student confidence in their cultural identity as they learn about Indigenous traditions and climate concerns across the United States and territories. This week-long Congress engages students as they develop conservation leadership skills and build on their knowledge and abilities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

The University of Washington (UW), in partnership with the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (NW CASC), is searching for a talented scientist with an interest in coastal squeeze — when human and natural barriers challenge the inland range shifts of coastal species and ecosystems in response to sea-level rise. The postdoctoral fellow will join a national cohort as part of the [Climate Adaptation Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#), hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey Climate Adaptation Science Centers. The fellow will conduct research related to coastal squeeze in the Northwest and will also join eight postdocs from around the country to conduct a national synthesis project related to species range shifts. The successful candidate for this position will have strong spatial and quantitative modeling skills and a broad understanding of coastal



ecology and/or coastal geomorphology and climate change. This full-time, two-year position will be based at the UW School of Environmental and Forest Sciences and will work closely with partners at the NW CASC and Oregon State University as well as coastal managers from Washington and Oregon. [Applications received by February 1 will be prioritized.](#)

[FEMA's National Youth Preparedness Council \(YPC\)](#) application is now open! Students in 8th to 11th grade who have a passion for disaster preparedness, helping others, and are involved with their community are encouraged to apply. The YPC offers an opportunity for teens to share their ideas and feedback with FEMA, gain professional skills, and develop preparedness projects. National YPC members also network and learn more about the field of emergency management with professionals in the field. Applicants from FEMA Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, or WA) who are not selected for the National YPC will have their application reviewed for the Regional YPC, which is an opportunity to meet like-minded teens from our area in addition to working on a yearlong community action project. Applicants selected for the Region 10 YPC will be invited to a Summit in Bothell, WA in August 2025. [Applications close on March 3.](#)



FEMA

POLICY HIGHLIGHT

This month, the Department of the Interior released the [301 DM 7 HB - Procedures for the Inclusion and Application of Indigenous Knowledge in the Actions of the Department.](#) This new Departmental Handbook provides guidance to Departmental employees on the implementation of 301 DM 7. It provides guidance, practical tips, and promising practices for engaging with Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities on the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge. In particular, the Handbook clarifies processes for implementing new policy requirements associated with receiving free, prior, and informed consent; compensating knowledge holders for their time and services; and following appropriate approaches and procedures when working with Tribal Nations, Indigenous communities, and Knowledge Holders on the inclusion and application of Indigenous Knowledge to actions of the Department.

Award recipients for the Fiscal Year 2024 Tribal Community Resilience Annual Awards Program [have been announced.](#) Read the [FY2024 award announcement press release](#) to learn more. The Branch of Tribal Community Resilience (TCR) provides financial support for federally recognized Tribal Nations and authorized Tribal organizations through a competitive funding opportunity to address current and future impacts on Tribal Treaty and Trust resources, economies, regenerative agriculture and food sovereignty, conservation practices, infrastructure, and human health and safety. In 2024, over \$121 million was made available across three funding categories: Category 1 - Planning; Category 2 - Implementation; and Category 3 - Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place (RMP) Staff. Access the [2024 Awards Summary](#). Click here to [log in to Application Portal](#).



[The Call for Abstracts is open through February 28, 2025.](#)



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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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