



**ATNI**  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

### February 2025

#### 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.**

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**[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.**

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**[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.

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**[FEMA Fiscal Year 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#)**; FEMA has announced the Notices of Funding Opportunity for their Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and will fund hazard mitigation projects and capacity-building activities up to \$150M. FEMA also announced the **[Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#)** programs for this fiscal year that will fund projects to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures

insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities. **Deadline for both: April 18th.**

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### **[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.**

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### **[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.**

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**[NDN Collective 2025 Community Action Fund \(CAF\) Grant Cycle;](#)** NDN Collective announced the CAF grant cycle is open for grants up to \$20K that support direct actions and organizing efforts that are often urgent and time sensitive. CAF prioritizes frontline, grassroots and community-based efforts that defend Indigenous peoples rights, communities and nations, including responses to climate disasters. **Applications accepted on a rolling basis through October 31.**

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

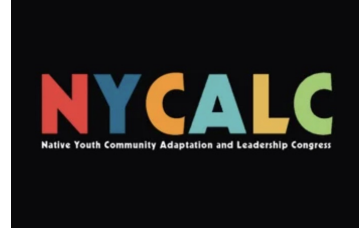
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a **[virtual, public meeting of the Tribal Advisory Committee on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pacific.](#)** The Tribal Advisory Committee is tasked with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture on matters relating to Tribal and Indian affairs. Register to join the meeting either in listening mode or to deliver public comments using the Zoom registration link on the **[USDA Office of Tribal Relations website.](#)**



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](mailto:Jennifer_Hill@fws.gov) or [nycalc@nmwildlife.org](mailto:nycalc@nmwildlife.org) with any questions. **Applications due: February 28, 2025.**



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### WHAT IS NYCALC?

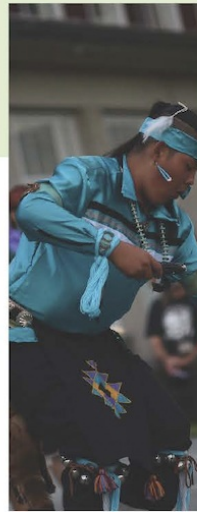
NYCALC works to build student confidence in their cultural identity as they learn about Indigenous traditions and climate concerns across the United States and territories. This week-long Congress engages students as they develop conservation leadership skills and build on their knowledge and abilities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

**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.](#)

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FEMA

[Ecotrust](#) announced the Call for Nominations for the [2025 Indigenous Leadership Award](#). Individuals, families, colleagues, Tribes, First Nations, and Alaska Native villages and corporations are invited to nominate Indigenous leaders making a difference in their community and beyond. Six Indigenous leaders selected by a panel consisting of past ILA recipients will receive a total of \$60,000 in unrestricted cash prizes. Recipients will be announced in spring 2025. The unrestricted nature of the monetary awards offers the awardees flexibility to advance their work. **Nominations due: April 11.**

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Ecotrust

[A new release of NatureServe's widely-used Climate Change Vulnerability Index \(CCVI\) is now available](#), providing natural-resource managers with a rapid and cost-effective way to evaluate species' relative vulnerability to climate change in specific geographies. This update is the result of a collaboration between NatureServe and scientists from the Northwest and Midwest Climate Action Science Centers. Last updated in 2015, the recently launched CCVI 4.0 reflects advances in scientific understanding over the last decade about how climate change affects plants and animals. While CCVI 4.0 retains the fundamental features of the previous version, it includes some key updates that were guided by a technical advisory committee and targeted at state partners to assist with their State Wildlife Action Plans. [Access here.](#)



## TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System February Drought & Climate Outlook Webinar](#). Virtual. February 24, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pacific.

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[Gonzaga Lifelong Learning Webinar Series, Gonzaga University Center for Lifelong Learning](#). This free webinar series offers working professionals the chance to gain valuable insights, tools, and knowledge. Virtual. February through April 2025.

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## EVENTS



The poster features a scenic background of a river flowing through a valley with mountains in the distance. At the top center is the logo of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, which depicts a Native American figure with a bow and arrow. Below the logo, the text reads: "NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY", "PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE", "MARCH 24-26, 2025", "SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO, GRAND RONDE, OR", and "FOR REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://NAFWS.ORG/PRODUCT/2025-PACIFIC-REGIONAL-CONFERENCE/](https://nafws.org/product/2025-pacific-regional-conference/)". A photo credit "Photo credit: Hills Wellford" is located in the bottom right corner.

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



The poster has a green geometric background with a circular inset showing a cityscape and a snow-capped mountain. The text includes: "AISES" with a logo of a stylized flame, "ADVANCING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN STEM", "NORTH REGION CONFERENCE", "APRIL 11-13, 2025", "PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY", and "PORTLAND, OREGON".



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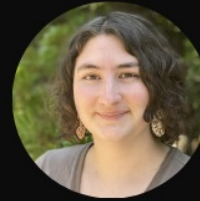
[USGS Releases a Comprehensive Look at Water Resources in the United States](#)

[Where did billions in climate and infrastructure funding go?](#)

## MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



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