



**ATNI**  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

March 2025

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**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 were 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.

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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

Join NCAI and 40+ tribal leaders for the third annual [Tribal Leaders Media Training & Communications Fellowship](#) May 28-30 at Arizona State University. This exclusive fellowship is open to elected tribal leaders, communications officers, tribal government staff, and any tribal professional looking to elevate their public speaking confidence while enhancing their understanding of media and communications. The training costs \$1,000 and includes four nights of lodging, daily breakfast, lunch, and snacks (excludes dinner and transportation). **The deadline to apply is March 21.**



The [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals](#) is excited to announce the launch of the Caring for Our Relatives Technical Assistance (TA) Program, designed to support Tribal Nations in moving from climate change adaptation planning to implementing ecological resilience projects. Staff members from all Federally-recognized, Unrecognized, and State-Recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages are eligible to request free TA. Types of projects supported include (*but are not limited to*): engaging Tribal leadership; support in writing or completing portions of Climate Change Adaptation Plans; grant writing & project proposal support; project scoping & risk assessments; support implementing ecological resilience projects; program-specific (air, water, brownfields, etc.) TA; and developing work plans, managing budgets, and more. To request TA, simply complete their [Caring for Our Relatives TA Request Form](#). Questions about the program can be sent to [ashley.gries@nau.edu](mailto:ashley.gries@nau.edu).

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Tribal Community Resilience and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals are seeking participation from federally recognized coastal Tribal members and/or staff in the lower 48 states that are interested in sharing their experiences, challenges, and successes related to relocation and to protection-in-place. These stories will support a

report, *The Estimated Unmet Need of Coastal Tribes in the Lower 48 States Facing Relocation Due to Climate Impacts*. The purpose of these outreach materials is to enhance the awareness and understanding by decision-makers and broader audiences about the challenges faced by coastal Tribes in the lower 48 states as they address climate-related relocation and protection-in-place issues. Learn more about this [Opportunity to Participate in the Multi-media project](#). Contact [unmetneed2023@nau.edu](mailto:unmetneed2023@nau.edu) for any questions.



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[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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[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

[Status of Tribes and Climate Change, Volume 2 Release Webinar](#). Virtual. March 26th, 10:00 - 11:30 am (PDT).



[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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[Fluids in Cascadia Topical Workshop.](#) Portland, OR. April 23-15.



## POLICY HIGHLIGHT

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is excited to share a [new online resource hub](#) created through their coalition with over 20 Tribal organizations. This hub was established to safeguard Indian Country's interests against ongoing executive orders and federal funding cuts, offering a wealth of resources to support Tribal Nations and communities. [The Coalition Group](#) includes administration and congressional letters, surveys, templates to aid advocacy efforts, events, and news.

## EVENTS





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## IN THE NEWS



[Seventh Oregon Climate Assessment](#)

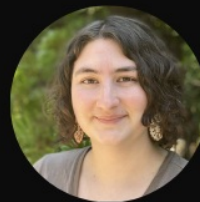
Community Science 

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Education](#)

## MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



**Patrick Freeland**  
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Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma



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

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