



ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

May 2026

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[WA DOH Environmental Justice and Climate Change Grants for Tribes](#); The Washington Department of Health (DOH) consulted with Tribes to develop two grant programs, the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Tribal Capacity Grant and the Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant. Both grants are noncompetitive. **Application deadline: June 30.**

[Indigenous Tomorrows Fund \(ITF\)](#); The ITF will cultivate grant partnerships with Native-led and Native-serving organizations across the U.S. and its territories, giving away \$1,650,000 total with all award decisions made by Native youth. Grant focus areas include cultural and spiritual infrastructure in community, weaving together Elders and youth, and environmental protection. **Applications due July 14.**

[Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#); FEMA is making \$1 billion in federal funding available to states, local governments, territories and Tribal Nations, empowering them to take decisive, proactive steps to protect their communities from potential disasters like fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. **Applications due by July 23.**

[Click here for additional funding opportunities curated by the Tribal Climate Change Guide.](#)

ATNI CLIMATE WORKING GROUP

[A coalition of industry, utility, and labor groups filed a lawsuit in the Oregon Court of Appeals](#) seeking to halt implementation of the Climate Protection Program (CPP). This action directly challenges the program that the [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians \(ATNI\) formally supported through Resolution #2025-13, which affirms the CPP as a critical tool to protect Tribal sovereignty, public health, and future generations.](#) The lawsuit represents the

latest in a series of legal and political efforts aimed at weakening or dismantling the program. Click here to read the Climate Resilience Committee's [Update on Lawsuit Challenging Oregon's Climate Protection Program \(CPP\)](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATNI Climate, in collaboration with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), prepared drought impacts and available resources for Tribes in the Pacific Northwest. Visit atnitribes.org/climatechange/2026-drought-info-resources to learn more about how your region may be impacted. Additional NOAA NIDIS resources can be found at www.drought.gov.



ATNI has secured EPA funding to partner with up to 8 member Tribes to develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) grounded in Tribal priorities, sovereignty, and community needs. In partnership with Resource Synergy, ATNI will provide technical assistance, facilitation, and planning support. This is a collaborative process where Tribes lead the direction and retain full authority over their plan. ATNI will accept Tribal participation interest until **June 1**. Learn more [here](#) or email cprg@atnitribes.org.



Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is proud to announce the release of the inaugural issue of [From the Field – Elevating Indigenous Voices](#)! This first issue features Tribal research, perspectives, and community-led projects that highlight Indigenous leadership in natural resource management. From the Field is a publication by the NAFWS that provides a platform for Tribes to share their work, perspectives, and values. It fosters community, shares knowledge, and creates networking opportunities among Tribes and partners engaged in natural resource management. **They are currently accepting submissions for Issue Two through June 1.**



TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Maximizing snow storage through fire-resilient forest treatments: An example of climate adaptive management from the Eastern Cascades, WA, USA.](#) June 2 at 12pm Pacific. Virtual.

Tribal Community Resilience Webinar Series

FEBRUARY–SEPTEMBER 2026

- ★ 1 hour virtual meetings
- ★ 1st Thursday of the month*

Register now!

*Some months may be subject to change

- 11 am Alaska Time
- 12 pm Pacific Time
- 2 pm Central Time
- 3 pm Eastern Time

Webinar Series for Tribal Environmental & Natural Resources Professionals

hosted by the regional Tribal Community Resilience Liaisons

Join us for presentations and Q&A focusing on how Tribal Nations, Native Villages, and Pueblos are responding to resilience challenges across regions throughout the U.S.

Click here to register for one or all sessions: <http://bit.ly/4r7HmXR>

Together, we will explore topics like:

- ★ **February** – Data Protection & Security
- ★ **June** – Forestry
- ★ **March** – Fire
- ★ **July** – Fish & Wildlife
- ★ **April** – Resilient Infrastructure
- ★ **August** – Emergency Preparedness
- ★ **May** – Water
- ★ **September** – Food Security



Questions? Email Anissa McKenna – amckenna@aihec.org

Certificate in Climate Action Planning - Gonzaga University Center for Lifelong Learning. September 2026 - February 2027. Enrollment open now.

EVENTS



Save the date! The **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum** (TLEF) is a joint effort between the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), the Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee (TWAR SC), and US EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM). **Submit a proposal** highlighting the work you are doing in your community by **Friday, May 22**.

SAVE THE DATE
October 5-8, 2026

Reno, NV



NTICC



**National Tribal Infrastructure
Coordination Conference**

Formerly National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference



For any questions, contact us
at nticc@nau.edu

This year's conference theme, "Honoring Our Knowledges, Healing Our Mother Earth", underscores the critical need for collective action and transformative change to safeguard Mother Earth for future generations. The [call for proposals](#) is open through **June 1**. Registration deadline **September 7**.

MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



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