



ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter

June 2026

FEATURED EVENT



CHANGING CURRENTS TRIBAL YOUTH WATER SUMMIT

for ages 15-19, in partnership
with The Evergreen State
College. Art & Water education,
pre-college program

August 10 - 13
virtual & in-person
REGISTER NOW!



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant; SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters, including the hiring of firefighters, and the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. **Deadline to apply is June 22.**

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.**

National Park Tribal Heritage Grants; Awards up to \$100K are available focused on what Tribes are most concerned about protecting including, but not limited to: Traditional skills, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, documentation and preservation of sacred and historic places, and the establishment of Tribal historic preservation offices. There is no match requirement. **Applications due by July 27.**

USFWS Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Wildlife Grants; Tribal Wildlife Grant awards up to \$200K will provide technical and financial assistance to federally recognized Tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife and their habitats. Funding may be used for conserving any plant or animal species of interest to a Tribe, including those of Native American cultural or traditional importance. **Applications due by August 14.**

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

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 atntribes.org/climatechange/2026-drought-info-resources to





The [Native Youth Firefighter Training Program](#) is a partnership between the **Bureau of Indian Education** and the **U.S. Wildland Fire Service** that prepares Native students for careers protecting tribal lands and communities from wildland fire. Students gain foundational skills, nationally recognized certifications, and hands-on experience, creating clear school-to-career pathways in public service and land stewardship. The program currently serves **high school seniors** and **college students** through dual-enrollment opportunities with partner institutions. Instruction blends virtual coursework led by Wildland Fire Service fire professionals with on-site facilitation by school instructors and culminates in a required field training day.



The Tribal Climate Health Project has announced the release of the [Exposures, Impacts, and Strategies Inventory \(EISI\) for Extreme Heat Online Tool](#). This tool is designed to guide California Tribes through an extreme heat vulnerability assessment, provide easy access to available projected extreme heat and related vulnerability data, and allow Tribes to assess, rank, and identify strategies to address extreme heat in their communities. At the end of the process, the tool generates a community profile summarizing the extreme heat and vulnerability data, risk determinations, and suggested adaptation strategies. In addition, Tribes will be able to export a customizable extreme heat vulnerability assessment report designed to be integrated into climate change vulnerability assessments or adaptation plans.



The [EISI Core Tool](#), another EISI tool, is Microsoft Excel-based and includes all exposures (drought, temperature extremes, wildfire, melting ice and sea-level rise, storms, and flooding) and contains the most useful indicators and data sources to help your community prepare, make decisions, and take effective action. The latest version was updated in February 2024 and includes data that is more national in scope.

TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System June Drought & Climate Outlook Webinar](#). Virtual. June 22, 11:00am - 12:00 pm Pacific.

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



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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).

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. Travel scholarships are currently available. The [call for proposals](#) deadline was extended. Registration deadline **September 7**.

ATNI CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM

Farewell Kylie!

Kylie Avery announced this month that she will be leaving her position at ATNI and transitioning to a new opportunity. Kylie started her journey with ATNI in the summer of 2022 as a Climate Fellow and was hired on as a Tribal Climate Liaison in January 2023. Since then, she also gained the title of ATNI Special Project Manager. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in her new role!



"It has been an honor to work in service of the ATNI Member Tribes alongside such an incredible team and to become part of such an amazing network. I will continue to work in service of Tribes and at the intersection of climate change in my new position with the Washington State Department of Commerce."

To reach ATNI's Climate Program, please email climate@atnitribes.org or visit [ATNI's Climate Contact Page](#).

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