

# NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<p><b>Agency:</b> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)</p>	<p><b>Bureau:</b> Office for Coastal Management</p>
<p><b>Application Deadline:</b> Letter of Intent due 08/21/23; Full Application due 02/13/24</p>	<p><b>Max Award:</b> Track 1 (\$2 million); Track 2 (\$50 million)</p>

## Description

Created under the Inflation Reduction Act, the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (Challenge) aims to catalyze equitable adaptation through regional scale collaboration and implementation of adaptation actions that will reduce future damage from weather and climate impacts.

## Eligible Recipients

- Coastal States, territories, or Tribes
- Counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a coastal State or territory
- The District of Columbia
- Institutions of higher education
- Non-profit organizations or associations

Coastal states are defined in the Coastal Zone Management Act as any state of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and former Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands including Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau.

NOAA is providing [technical assistance](#) to help interested parties prepare grant applications.

## Eligible Projects

All proposals should focus on regional efforts that: 1) provide local and regional co-benefits (e.g., reducing risk and improving public health, advancing equitable adaptation actions and increasing access to open space); 2) advance equity through meaningful community involvement in the identification and implementation of holistic resilience and adaptation strategies and actions; and 3) contribute to enduring capacity for adaptation in the region. Applicants may apply to one of the two following application tracks.

### **Track 1: Regional Collaborative Building and Strategy Development**

Track 1 supports building capacity for, development of, and collaboration on transformational resilience and adaptation strategies for coastal communities. Applicants should propose projects that support regional scale coordination, engagement, planning, advancement of equitable outcomes, and capacity building for resilience and adaptation. This funding track will meet communities where they are in the adaptation process, advance equitable resilience, adaptation planning and partnership building, and establish more entities with local capacity for implementing future on-the-ground resilience and adaptation actions.

- Award size: \$500,000 - \$2 million
- Total funding available: \$25 million

### **Track 2: Implementation of Resilience and Adaptation Actions**

Track 2 supports the implementation of transformational resilience and adaptation strategies and associated actions for coastal communities anchored in previous planning efforts. Applicants must propose a suite of complementary adaptation actions that together build the resilience of multiple communities within a coastal region, including those that have been marginalized, underserved, or underrepresented.

- Award size: \$25 million - \$50 million
- Total funding available: \$550 million

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#### **Matching Grant Requirements**

None required

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#### **New or Existing Program**

New program

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#### **Tips for Being Competitive**

NOAA has established the following program priorities that applicants to both tracks should consider:

- Risk Reduction: Building resilience requires implementing adaptation actions that reduce risk to coastal populations, infrastructure, economies, and ecosystems from the impacts of drought, extreme heat, sea level rise, floods, and wildfires, and/or other future weather and climate impacts.
- Regional Coordination and Collaboration: Regional coordination and collaboration, driven by an integrated, achievable, and ambitious vision for how to improve the resilience of the region, is critical to addressing weather and climate impacts.
- Equity and Inclusion: Inclusive and equitable adaptation strategies and actions require co-development with members of marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities to ensure that benefits flow to them.
- Enduring Capacity: Enduring capacity refers to sustaining a level of community readiness that promotes continuous adaptation to the impacts of weather and climate, including developing and maintaining specific workforce capabilities and capacities.

**Labor Requirements** Track 2 applicants are encouraged to consider the workforce requirements for successful implementation of adaptation actions and include development of training programs or other capacity building services that strengthen or build the region’s talent pool, emphasize in-demand skills, connect workers with quality jobs, and develop accessible career pathways for professionals within the region.

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**Partners Required** All proposals should demonstrate collaboration between relevant entities in the specified region. Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with other relevant Federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and municipal and county governments. Federal agencies are not allowed to receive funds under this announcement, but may serve as collaborative project partners.

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**Upcoming Events** Virtual information sessions will be held on:

- [Tuesday, July 11, 3-4 pm ET](#)
- [Wednesday, July 12, 7-8pm ET](#)

A recording of a previous session held on June 27 is also available [here](#).

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**Total Allocation** \$575 million

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**Anticipated Award Date** The anticipated project start date is October 1, 2024.

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**Resources**

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge - NOAA](#)
- [Technical Assistance Opportunities - NOAA](#)