

## Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities

### Summary

The Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities will be distributed by NOAA with the goal of engaging underserved communities in habitat restoration activities that promote resilient ecosystems and communities. This program aims to ensure that communities are integral to the visioning and decision-making for coastal habitat restoration projects that affect them, and that they directly benefit from these projects.

### Grant Funding

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated \$491 million to NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation's Restoration Center to be distributed over 5 years. Additionally, the Inflation Reduction Act provided NOAA with \$3.3 billion to prepare against climate change which will be divided amongst NOAA's Climate Resilience programs. The Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities Program will receive a portion of the annual allotment alongside the other Restoration Center programs. Its budget will be decided annually by Congress and NOAA.

### Application timelines

Notice of Funding Opportunities are generally posted in the summer with submissions due in mid-to late fall with variation year to year.



## Who can apply?

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, or state, local, or tribal governments that can demonstrate status as an underserved community or that partner with underserved communities, tribes, or tribal entities in coastal areas.



## Eligible Projects

For this grant program NOAA is focusing on restoration project activities that have the largest potential to lead to habitat restoration that enhances resilience of underserved communities in marine, estuarine, coastal, and Great Lakes areas. Potential activities this grant can fund include:

1. Capacity building, which may include participation in municipal or regional-scale resilience planning, project planning and feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, proposal development for future funding, and outreach and education
2. Restoration project activities, including for demonstration projects, which may include engineering and design, permitting, on-the-ground restoration, and pre- and post-project implementation monitoring.



## What makes an application competitive?

Projects that are most responsive to the program priorities will be more competitive. For more information on program priorities for NOAA Habitat Restoration grants visit [Program Priorities for Habitat Restoration Grants](#). The strength of the partnership with an underserved community will be a factor in NOAA's considerations.

### Additional Resources

- [Restoration Center Applicant Resources](#) - NOAA's additional Restoration Center resources for applicants
- [Supplemental Guidance](#) - For supplemental guidance on NOAA Restoration Center Applications