



# United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) is pleased to announce the 2023 Annual Awards Program request for proposals (RFP) solicitation, open to Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations as defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304(l) (other entities may participate as sub-grantees). The solicitation is available on the TCR website via the Annual Awards Program page at <https://www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program>.

Proposals should be submitted via the website linked on the Annual Awards Program site page, using the same link as above. Near to the time that the application portal opens, TCR will provide instructions on how to apply, which will also be available on the same site page. Awards made in this funding cycle will be awarded as P.L. 93-638 contracts and Office of Self-Governance (OSG) compacts. Because funding is limited, there is a limit of two planning awards and one implementation and/or construction award per funding Category per Tribe – this includes Habitat Restoration and Adaptation set-aside funding. Recipients of the first-time set-aside funding may not receive more than one additional planning award. Recipients of any set-aside are limited to one award in that set-aside to promote equity across all awards and spread the benefits across Tribes. See the solicitation for more information on funding Categories and funding limitations.

## **CATEGORIES OF AVAILABLE FUNDING:**

There are two Categories of available funding, as well as set aside funds, listed below.

**Category 1: Planning** (maximum: \$250,000)

**Category 2: Implementation** (maximum: \$4,000,000)

## **Set Asides:**

- **First Time Applicants** (maximum: \$250,000) *does not include funding for implementation activities*
- **Habitat Restoration and Adaptation** (no maximum) *if there are multiple competitive proposals then individual amounts may be reduced to fund all selected*
- **Relocation, Managed Retreat, or Protect-in-Place Coordinator** (maximum: \$150,000 per year for up to three years)

An informational webinar on the funding opportunity will be announced on the Annual Awards Program site page linked above. The webinar will be hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program. The webinar will be recorded and archived on the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) website here: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars\\_Schedule](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars_Schedule). Following the webinar, TCR will update the slides with new questions asked and made available on the same site page.

The BIA Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinators are a great help for questions about the solicitation and may be able to provide helpful suggestions and feedback early in the application development process. Other regional resources are located at the Department of the Interior's Regional (8 Regions) Climate Adaptation Science Centers: the Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Network (non-federal partner positions). Liaisons exist as a connection between the technical assistance needs of Tribes to the data, science, tools and expertise that is available for use during adaptation planning processes. The contact information for both the BIA Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinators and the Liaisons can be found here: <https://www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Newland".

Bryan Newland  
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