

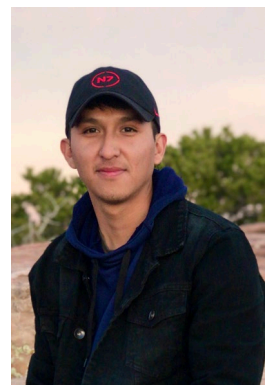
Tribal Climate Resilience Program



• 2021 Awards Program Informational Webinar and FAQ session •

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Tribal Climate Resilience Program (TCRP)

Awards Overview

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TCRP Purpose

Empower Federally-recognized tribes and BIA Trust managers to achieve long-term program goals by **mainstreaming climate change considerations to reduce risk to tribal and Trust resources.**

- Enable identification of climate resilience strategies to improve outcomes for existing program operations
 - Planning and project design can minimize impacts, reduce the scale of emergencies, infrastructure damage, and threats to human health and well-being
 - Leadership engagement, delivery of data and tools, training, tribal capacity-building and federal coordination for improved planning and management
- * Implementation is largely the responsibility of the Tribal Program



TCRP Focus Areas

TCRP supports resilient **adaptation planning** for climate risks

TCRP supports **management, and relocation, managed retreat and protect-in-place planning** in coastal and riverine communities

TCRP also supports **ocean and coastal management and planning**

- Includes Great Lakes tribes



Solicitation on Grants.gov

Open to **Federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations that serve federally recognized tribes** as defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304(l)

- Solicitation Opportunity Number: TEMP-11663
- Posted 02/22/2021, Closes 04/23/2021
- Federal Register list of Federally-recognized tribes (01/29/2021): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/29/2021-01606/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-of>
- Submit proposals **directly on the Grants.gov** this year
- Please limit length to **6 pages** for the proposal, not including supplemental materials
- Other entities may participate as sub-grantees



Where to find more information

Find the solicitation two places:

- Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=331566>
- TCRP site homepage: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program>

2021

Award Summary

The BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program is pleased to announce the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity. Application materials and the official solicitation may be found below. This year, Federally recognized tribes and authorized tribal organizations may apply directly on the Grants.gov **Grant Opportunity**. There are now nine Categories of funding. See below:

[Solicitation](#)

[Proposal Cover Page](#)

[FAQ's](#)

Optional Application Forms (fillable pdf) for:

Category 3

[Adaptation Planning
Travel](#)

Category 5

[Ocean and Coastal
Management Travel](#)

Category 6

[Capacity Building](#)

Category 8-9

[Internships and Youth
Engagement](#)

2021 Categories of Funding

Adaptation Planning (Categories 1-3)

- Cat 1: Trainings and Workshops (\$150,000 max)
- Cat 2: Adaptation Planning (\$150,000 max)
- Cat 3: Travel Support for Adaptation Planning (\$15,000 max)

Ocean & Coastal Management Planning (Categories 4-5)

- Cat 4: Ocean & Coastal Management Planning (max \$150,000)
- Cat 5: Travel Support for Ocean & Coastal (\$15,000)

Capacity Building to develop a Category 2 proposal
(Category 6- \$65,000)

Relocation, Managed Retreat, & Protect-in-Place Planning
(Category 7- \$150,000)

Internships & Youth Engagement (Categories 8-9)

- Cat 8: Internships (\$50,000)
- Cat 9: Youth Engagement (\$50,000)



Application Mandatory Components

A complete application must contain all **six** Mandatory Components and **two** Requirements:

1. MC 1: Cover Page ([optional fillable pdf online](#))
 - *Req 1: Confirm current registration in SAM.gov*
 - *Req 2: Confirm current ASAP enrollment with BIA*
2. MC 2: SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (form found on Grants.gov [SF-424 Family Forms](#) page)
3. MC 3: Cover letter with signature summarizing interest and leadership support or tribal resolution
4. MC 4: A **six page or less** proposal describing the proposed project and associated activities
5. MC 5: [SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Projects](#) and a budget narrative (a narrative field can be found in the [optional cover page](#))
6. MC 6: A copy of the Indirect Cost Rate or other statement



Mandatory Components & Requirements by Category

	Current SAM registration	ASAP Enrollment with BIA Requirement 1:	Requirement 2: Fillable PDF Application Template*	Mandatory Component 1: Fillable Cover Page*	Mandatory Component 2: Cover letter or resolution SF-424	Mandatory Component 3: Project proposal	Mandatory Component 4: Mandatory Component 5: SF-424A	Mandatory Component 6: Indirect Agreement	
Category 1: Trainings and Workshops	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 2: Adaptation Planning	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 3: Travel Support - Adaptation	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Category 4: Ocean & Coastal Management Planning	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 5: Travel Support - Ocean & Coastal	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Category 6: Capacity Building	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Category 7: Relocation, Managed Retreat or Protect-in-Place Planning	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 8: Internships	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Category 9: Youth Engagement	X	X	X		X	X		X	X

Helpful Resources



Helpful Regional Contacts

List of regional points-of-contact:

https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/tcrp/TRP_Contacts.pdf

- BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program POCs
- Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons at DOI Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs)

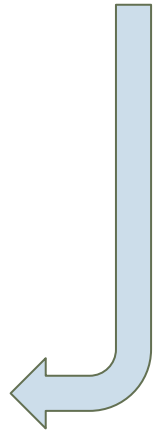
Contact the Tribal Resilience Program staff above for national program questions and federal coordination. Regional support is listed below.

BIA Alaska Region		
POC: Rosalie Debenham	(907)586-7444	Rosalie.Debenham@bia.gov
Alternate: Keith Kahklen		Keith.Kahklen@bia.gov
Alaska CASC Tribal Liaison		
POC: Malinda Chase	O: (907)474-2768 C: (907)460-8438	MalindaC@apiai.org

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BIA Eastern Region		
POC: Harold Peterson	(615)564-6838	Harold.Peterson@bia.gov
Alternate: Chester McGhee		Chester.McGhee@bia.gov
Alternate: Leonard "Lindy" Rawlings		Leonard.Rawlings@bia.gov
Northeast & Southeast CASC Tribal Liaison		
POC: Casey Thornbrugh	(615)589-1629	CThornbrugh@usetinc.org
BIA Eastern Oklahoma Region		



Regional Support– Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons

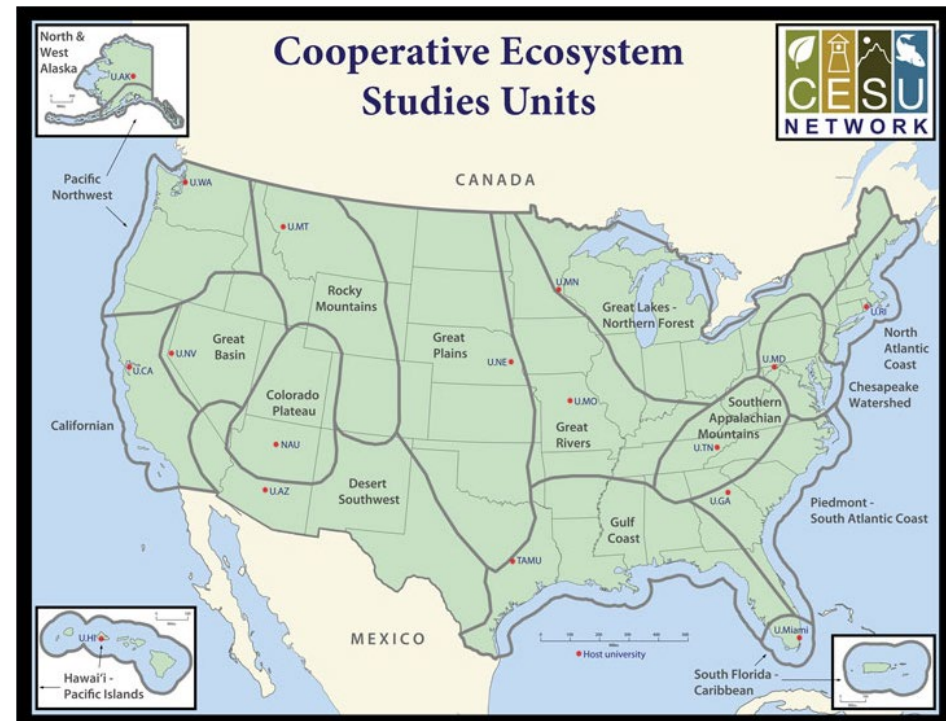
Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons are located at Regional DOI Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs)



Potential Regional Partners- Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units

Want to partner with expertise at a university?

- BIA partnership in the CESU network allows tribes to access expertise at a low 17.5% indirect cost rate = more funds to support project.
- Check if your partner is at a participating institution here:
<http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>
- Write it into your proposal! (Cover Page, Proposal description and budget.)



Financial Assistance vs. Contracts

Financial Assistance (Federal Grants)

- Under Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR) Authority and 2 CFR § 200 Uniform Guidance
- A Tribe's DUNS number must be actively registered in SAM.gov
- All tribes (regardless of Self-Governance or Self-Determination) can both utilize this mechanism
- Work with a Grants Officer to setup the award
- Payments are made through the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)
- Cannot be used as matching funds for other federal grant match requirements



Financial Assistance vs Grants

Financial Assistance (Federal Grants)

Are **not**:

- Self-Determination Contracts (P.L. 638 ISDEAA)
- Self-Governance Compacts

*Awardees must report on funding use throughout the grant period-of-performance, and any unused or misused funds will go back to Treasury if in non-compliance.



What's New

Revived Categories of Funding

- Category 8: Internships (\$50,000 max)
- Category 9: Youth Engagement (\$50,000 max)

New Required Forms

- SF-424 Application for Financial Assistance
- SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Projects

New Platform

- Grant Solutions post-award platform

New Submission Requirement

- Must apply through Grants.gov (not directly to TCRP)

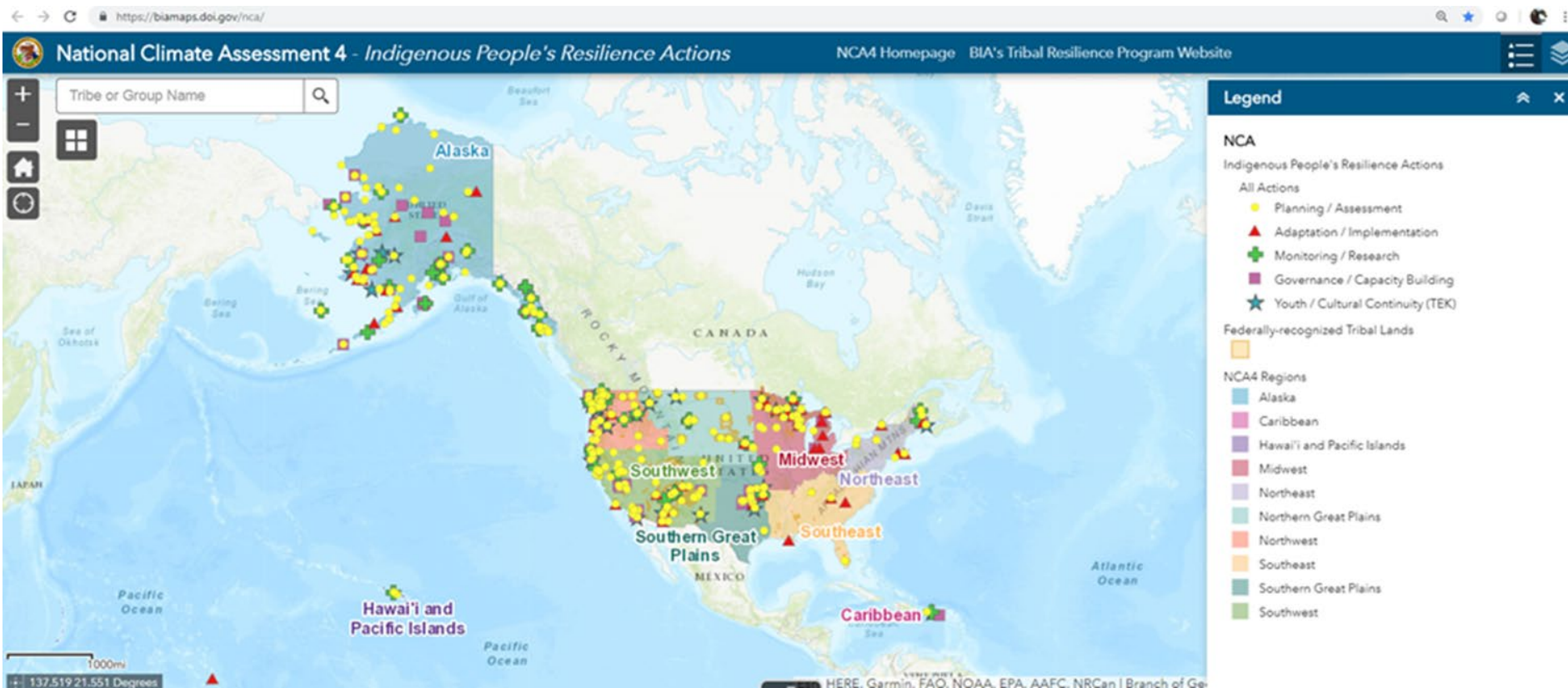
Reporting

- Reporting is annual rather than quarterly for awardees



Don't know where to start? Examples

- *Indigenous Peoples Resilience Actions Map* (>1100 entries!)
- Search the online version of the map by activity type, region, and sector to find more information and links to each project: <https://biamaps.doi.gov/nca/>



Don't know where to start? Examples

FY 2019 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY 2019 Award Summary** - Funding of \$6.7M has been awarded to federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year's 2019
- **FY 2019 Application Kit - Tribes (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **FY 2019 Application Kit - Tribal Organizations and TCU's (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)

FY2017/18 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY 2017/18 Award Summary** - Funding of \$12.7M has been awarded to federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year's 2017 & 2018.
- **FY2017/18 Application Kit - Tribes (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **FY2017/18 Application Kit - Tribal Organizations and TCU's (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **Original FY2017/18 Funding Announcement Letter sent to Tribal Leaders (pdf)** **CORRECTION:** Please note a correction to the deadline date in the Dear Tribal Leader Letter for opportunity BIA-1800-0002 for federally recognized tribes. The correct deadline for this opportunity is July 2, 2018.

FY 2016 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY16 BIA TRP Awards Summary (pdf)**
- Funding of more than \$8.6M has been awarded to federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.
- **Indian Affairs FY16 BIA TRP Awards Press Release (pdf)**
- **Original FY16 Application Kit**
- **FY 16 Overview Webinar with Q&A (YouTube)**



Total Number of Awards: 119 Total Amount Funded: \$8,731,454

Category 1: Trainings and Workshops

To Design and Host Opportunities to Build Skills and Coordinate Adaptation Planning Processes

Number of Awards: 13 Amount Funded: \$1,803,655

Regional Fact Sheet available in Tribal Resilience Resource Guide

SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION (SPL RO) FACT SHEET

Description of Region: The Southern Plains Region includes portions of Western Oklahoma, in addition to TX and KS, so it works closely on climate issues with the Eastern Oklahoma Region. Both BIA Regions also coordinate with the South Central Climate Center, which provides on-site tribal liaisons for Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, and support tribes through the region with training, assessment services, data, and planning support.

Federal Links: Select the Agency Acronym for the full Agency Fact Sheet and the link to its right for a more specific regional contact or homepage. Choose *Affiliated Tribal Fact Sheets* to access a Fact Sheet for each Tribe in this Region.

BIA: [Southern Plains - Affiliated Tribal Fact Sheets](#)

BOEM: [Gulf of Mexico OCS Region](#)

EPA: [R6](#)

USDA CLIMATE HUB: [Southern Plains](#)

CSC: [South Central](#)

DOT/FWHA: [Southern Plains](#)

BLM: [KS OK TX](#)

FEMA: [R6](#)

USDA NRCS: [Locator](#), **USDA USFS:** [Southern](#)

LCC(s): [Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks](#)

DOE: [KS](#) [OK](#) [TX](#)

FWS: [Southwest](#)

HUD: [Southern Plains](#)

NOAA: [Region](#), **RISA:** [SCIPP](#)

Services

- [Tribal Climate Resilience Program \(BIA\)](#)
- [Tribal Programs and Services \(USDA\)](#)
- [Tribal Government Support \(EPA\)](#)
- [NIDIS Tribal Engagement \(Drought Portal\)](#)

Products

- [BIA S. Plains Region Climate Map](#)
- [BIA S. Plains Region Fact Sheet](#)
- [EPA: Climate Impacts in the Great Plains](#)
- [GIS for Tribal Resilience - Southern Plains UC17](#)
- [SPL CC Vulnerability, Adaptation & Mitigation Strategies](#)
- [SPL Regional Assessments](#)
- [Tribal Nations Theme in Climate Data Initiative](#)

Funding

- [Tribal Funding by Strategy](#)
- [Other Funding Opportunities \(TCCG\) - Choose Geography: SE, SW and Any](#)

Tools

- [CRT Tool: Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives](#)
- [CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Guide \(TCCG\)](#)

Training

- [Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning](#)

Examples

- [Nationwide Tribal Climate Case Studies](#)

Regional Groups

- [NNCAP SW Tribal CC Network](#)

Tribal Fact Sheet available in Tribal Resilience Resource Guide

Names (Federal Register): *Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah*

Federal Links: Select the Agency Acronym (blue link) for an Agency Fact Sheet and the orange link to its right for regional contacts or homepage.
For more information, hover over a link for agency or program details before making a selection.

[Tribal: Official Website \(or group site\)](#)

[CSC: Southwest](#)

[USDA CLIMATE HUB: Southwest](#)

[EPA: R9](#) [FEMA: R9](#)

[BIA Region: Navajo Regional Fact Sheet](#)

[Navajo Regional Office](#)

[LCC: Southern Rockies](#)

[USDA NRCS:Locator](#) [USDA USFS: Southwestern](#)

[DOT/FWHA: Mountain West](#)

[DOE: AZ](#)

[FWS: Southwest](#)

[NOAA: Region RISA: CLIMAS](#)

[HUD: Southwest](#)

► Awards

- FY11 Climate Adaptation Planning
- FY15 Management Internships
- FY15 Travel (Climate)
- FY15 Youth Engagement
- [FY16 Climate Adaptation Planning](#)
- FY16 Travel (Climate)
- BIA TCRP FY11-16 Awards Map
- More Climate Funding Options

► Groups

- Dine College
- Native American Fish and Wildlife Association (NAFWS)
- Navajo Technical College

► Documents

- [Connectivity of Habitats on Navajo Nation Lands](#)
- [Considerations for Climate Change and Variability Adaptation on the Navajo Nation](#)
- [NN CC Vulnerability Assessment for Priority Wildlife Species](#)

► Tools

- [Tribal Drought Information for Monitoring, Assessment, and Planning \(DRI MAP\)](#)
- [CRT Tool: Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives](#)
- [CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Guide](#)
- [CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning Toolkit](#)
- [Other Tribal Nations Examples](#)

► Examples

- [CRT Case Study: Navajo Nation: Hotter, Drier Climate Puts Sand Dunes on the Move](#)
- [ITEP TCC Profile: Dune Study Offers Clues to Climate Change](#)
- [Other Tribal Nations Examples](#)

► Data & Maps

- [Conservation Planning Atlas](#)
- [EPA Climate Impacts by State for: AZ](#)
- [HUC8: 15020013 - Polacca Wash Resource Links](#)
- [NN Zoo: Facts on Desert Bighorn Sheep and Other Species](#)
- [NOAA NCEI AZ State Climate Summary](#)
- [Toolkit Climate Explorer 2.0: Projected Temperature & Precip - Apache County](#)
- [Toolkit Climate Explorer 2.0: Projected Temperature & Precip - Coconino County](#)
- [Tribal Nations Geospatial Data](#)
- [Tribal Nations Map Gallery](#)

Other Helpful Resources

- BIA's Tribal Resilience Program Home Page:
<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program>
- Tribal Resilience Resource Guide:
<https://biamaps.doi.gov/tribalresilience/resourceguide/>
- NAU's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's
<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/newsletters>
- UO's Tribal Climate Change Guide:
<http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units:
<http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>

FAQs



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is this announcement open to all Tribes or just ocean and coastal Tribes?

A: This is open to all federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations that serve federally-recognized tribes per 25 U.S.C. section 5304(l). Only two categories are specific to coastal tribes- Categories 4 and 5. Category 7 is for coastal and riverine tribes.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is meant by “tribal organization”?

A: Tribal organizations that serve **federally-recognized tribes** per 25 U.S.C. section 5304(l): “legally established organization of Indians which is **controlled, sanctioned, or chartered** by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities: Provided, That in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian tribe, the approval of each such Indian tribe shall be a prerequisite to the letting or making of such contract or grant;”

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where is the announcement and application kit?

A: See the solicitation announcement on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Find the solicitation and other forms on the BIA Tribal Resilience Programs site under “2021”: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program>

Solicitation

Proposal Cover Page

FAQ's

Optional Application Forms (fillable pdf) for:

Category 3

**Adaptation Planning
Travel**

Category 5

**Ocean and Coastal
Management Travel**

Category 6

Capacity Building

Category 8-9

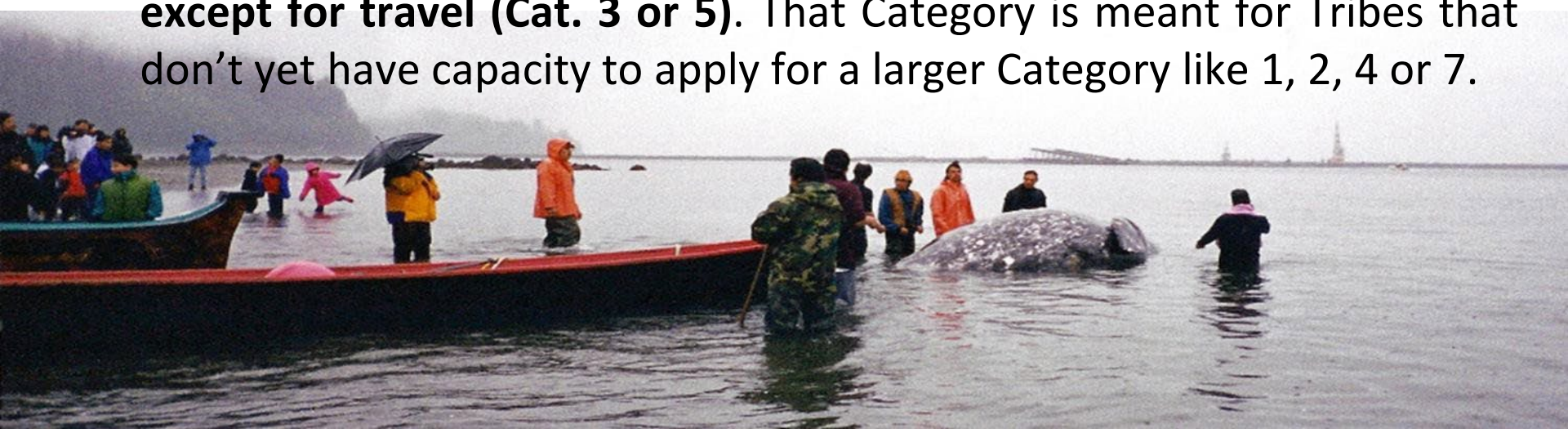
**Internships and Youth
Engagement**

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If a Tribe wants to submit proposals for multiple categories, are separate applications needed for each category?

A: Yes, a tribe can apply for more than one category but each needs to have a separate proposal and cover letter. There is a max of one large award/category/tribe not to exceed two large awards ("large"= \$150,000 max)

Note: If you are applying for a Category 6- specifically for Tribes challenged by capacity- please **do not apply for any other Category except for travel (Cat. 3 or 5)**. That Category is meant for Tribes that don't yet have capacity to apply for a larger Category like 1, 2, 4 or 7.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What about one proposal for two Categories?

A: To avoid confusion and duplication of reviews, please choose one Category per proposal. Separate applications are needed for each Category.

Note: A Tribe can receive up to two larger awards (not including travel awards). This will allow for more awards overall, spreading the benefits more widely across Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I submit multiple proposals for pieces of the same large project ? (For example, Categories 2, 3, 4)?

A: If submitting multiple proposals, provide separate proposals that **aren't dependent** on one another, in case they are not all funded. Do not break up a project by cobbling two proposals together to exceed the \$150k max (for Cat 1,2, 4 and 7).

If the projects are integrated, then you need all the funding for it to work and it is one Category (150k max). If they are related but stand-alone work then separate them as multiple proposals.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can the tribe apply for more money to continue a previously funded project?

A: Yes, as long as the project tasks are **new** (the government can't fund the same work twice) but there is a \$ limit per project. Describe the new work you are doing.

Note: a project can have an overall cost greater than the maximum amount allowed, but the amount beyond the maximum must be covered by other sources (e.g., other agencies, the Tribe, etc.).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: When would the funding get to me? What is the review process?

A: We anticipate awarding July-August 2021 after a rigorous review and ranking process, followed shortly thereafter by mailing of award letters to tribal leaders directly from BIA Central Office.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can a Category 2 proposal have travel or just cat 3 and 5? E.g., “I want to send all the tribal planning team to a workshop.”

A: Yes. The question is, does the staff need that workshop only for the proposed planning activities or do they need it generally for their program too? If they will need the workshop for their program then we suggest a stand alone travel award, so that they aren't depending on the Cat. 2 award for program needs.

Note: small awards for Cat. 3 and 5 are almost always funded (for appropriate climate adaptation or ocean and coastal training and non-international).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can changes be made after awarding a grant- how do I make changes within the scope of work?

A: Things change. Contact the BIA Project Monitor named in the award letter to work out the within scope change and get that into the grant file. Unfortunately, changes cannot be made to the overall scope of work since proposals were reviewed and ranked largely based on their proposed scope.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is indirect allowed?

A: Yes, and an Indirect Cost Agreement is required for each proposal (unless it hasn't been negotiated). Include indirect in the BIA share of the budget request. If the tribe wants to add the cost of staff time or indirect to the cost share/in-kind, that's also allowed. If no negotiated indirect rate exists, the 10% de minimus is allowable.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is there a specific format we have to use for our application?

A: There aren't exhaustive formatting requirements this year, but here are some recommendations:

- 12-pt font, single space with double space between paragraphs
- 1-inch margins all around and number all pages
- One font throughout, recommended: Times New Roman, Arial, Georgia, Helvetic or Palatino Linotype
- Do a final edit including spellcheck and number all pages



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: My proposal is for an implementation or research project. What Category is that?

A: TCRP grants are for planning, data and tools for managers to consider the risk from climate change in their programs. These are non-construction grants. We don't fund research or implementation projects for any Categories except 4 and 7.

- For Categories 4 and 7, implementation is allowed if it is already named in a planning document, as long as the project does not include movement or construction of infrastructure or large equipment (e.g., vehicles). For Category 4, this is only after funding cooperative ocean and coastal planning, vulnerability assessments, inventory and monitoring.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Are fringe benefits and employment costs disallowed?

A: Fringe benefits and employment for those directly involved in the project are allowable. Fringe and salary costs for those not involved directly are not allowable. This is meant to avoid cost-shifting award funds toward base programs and to avoid skimming resources away from the project costs to positions not directly involved.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where are the criteria used to score proposals?

A: See the Solicitation Section F. “Categories of Funding, Review Criteria and Evaluation” for criteria lists and their associated points.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where is there one solicitation instead of one for tribes and one for tribal organizations?

A: Eligibility: federally recognized tribes and entities that serve federally recognized tribes falling under 25 U.S.C. section 5304(1). The definition is listed in the solicitation on the first page. Other entities may participate as sub-grantees. Both tribes and tribal organizations are eligible for funding through this solicitation, but tribal organization proposals will be reviewed and ranked separately from tribal proposals and tribal proposals will be given priority.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What about youth?

A: : This year, there are two renewed categories of funding: Category 8, Youth Internships and Category 9, Youth Engagement (50k max each). See the solicitation for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we are awarded, what happens if we don't finish the project in two years?

A: Things change, this happens. Just submit a no-cost extension letter request 60 days before the end of period of performance for more time.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Could we provide a one-year workplan and period of performance as long as the request is still within the maximum amount?

A: Yes, but all awards will be given a 2-year period of performance (POP) in the final grant agreement. It is ok to finalize work sooner than the two-year POP.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do we know if are considered “ocean and coastal” under Category 4 and 5?

A: The footnote in the solicitations list 16 U.S. Code Section 1453:

“(1)The term “[coastal zone](#)” means the [coastal waters](#) (including the lands therein and thereunder) and the adjacent shorelands (including the waters therein and thereunder), strongly influenced by each other and in proximity to the shorelines of the several coastal states, and includes islands, transitional and intertidal areas, salt marshes, wetlands, and beaches. ... The zone extends inland from the shorelines only to the extent necessary to control shorelands, the uses of which have a direct and significant impact on the coastal waters, and to control those geographical areas which are likely to be affected by or vulnerable to sea level rise. ...

(3)The term “[coastal waters](#)” means (A) in the Great Lakes area, the waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States consisting of the Great Lakes, their connecting waters, harbors, roadsteads, and estuary-type areas such as bays, shallows, and marshes and (B) in other areas, those waters, adjacent to the shorelines, which contain a measurable quantity or percentage of sea water, including, but not limited to, sounds, bays, lagoons, bayous, ponds, and estuaries.”

The language above is sufficient but for the full language: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/16/1453>



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we are going to work with an academic partner in the CESU network or another partner like USGS, how should we include that in the application?

A: Include it in 1) the fillable cover page (as a partner), 2) the proposal, and 3) the budget with the amount going to that partner made very clear (vs. cost-share). The fillable cover page is available online (link is also in the Solicitation and here:

<https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/tcrp/FY21TCRPCoverPage.pdf>). If you have a letter(s) of support, include them in your supplemental materials in an appendix.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is food an allowable expense?

A: See the Solicitation section D. Disallowed Costs. For remote training/conference locations (where eating establishments are not within a reasonable distance), food costs are allowable, but should not exceed \$10,500 or 7% of the total requested amount (whichever is less). Refreshments for non-remote training/conference locations are allowable up to \$1,000. All other food allowances are disallowed.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If I am proposing to work with Tribal partners, do I need a resolution from these partnering Tribes?

A: For Categories 2 or 4, if the proposed work is to develop a framework, plan, assessment or dataset for multiple tribes, and the applicant wants to receive the supplemental points for "broad benefits", a resolution or letter of support from each of the tribes is required. This ensures partnerships are formalized and active and that proposed work will be used by and benefit partner tribes. If existing resolutions indicate this and are still in effect, provide these.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I have to use the available fillable application form for the smaller Travel Categories 3, 5, Capacity Building Category 6, and the Internship or Youth Engagement Categories 8 and 9?

A: The fillable application forms for the smaller award categories are provided on the TRP website <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program> and links are in the Solicitation. These are for the convenience of the Tribal applicant and provide all the necessary information to streamline the process for these smaller award Categories. These are not required, but are strongly **suggested** to simplify both the tribal application process and the TRP review process for these award categories.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I have to enroll in ASAP with BIA before submitting my application?

A: Yes. Please **enroll in ASAP with BIA** (vs. with other federal agencies) before or very soon after submitting your application. This will tremendously speed up the process and avoid any delays in getting awards finalized and to Tribes or Tribal organizations. It is a one-time process, so even if you aren't awarded this year, it will save you time in following years if you are already enrolled. See enrollment info on next slide.



ASAP Enrollment with BIA

To register in ASAP, an enrollment form must be completed. To request an enrollment form, email a request to Jo Ann Metcalfe at jo.metcalfe@bia.gov.

Note: You will need to contact ASAP Helpdesk repeatedly throughout the enrollment process. Please **See the Solicitation Appendix** for instructions on how to complete the process.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can categories 1, 2, 4 and 7 fund salaries?

A: Yes, larger awards can fund salaries and fringe as long as those are directly related to the proposed work. Categories 3 and 5 do not fund salaries. Salaries are for adaptation planning work, not positions already funded.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Does there already need to be a plan in place in order to apply for Categories 1, 2, 4 or 7?

A: No, there does not need to be a plan already in place- unless the funding is going toward implementation actions, then yes.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is there a match requirement for any of the awards?

A: No, there is not a requirement to have a match from the tribe. However, there are supplemental points in the scoring criteria for leveraging from a tribe, as long as it's included in all necessary components of the proposal, budget table, and budget narrative.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we are partnering with another tribe or tribal organization, can we submit multiple proposals to a single category?

A: If one tribe or organization is the lead on both proposals, then no. The limit is one award per Category per tribe/tribal organization up to two large awards total. Each of the applications would need to have a different leading tribe or tribal organization.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we have recently received a no-cost extension on a TCRP grant and are currently working with this funding, does this limit us from applying for 2021 funding?

A: As long as the proposal submitted in 2020 is working on new planning activities, or building off of and expanding previous work, then no. In other words, as long as there are no duplicated efforts. The federal government can't fund the same work twice.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is GHG mitigation planning an eligible project for this funding?

A: GHG mitigation is more so associated with the mission and funds of other agencies and offices (e.g., Dept of Energy's Office of Indian Energy, National Renewable Energy Labs, and BIA's Division of Energy and Mineral Development). TCRP's focus is supporting adaptation planning and preparedness (and ocean and coastal planning). The rationale: if tribes incorporate climate considerations into their current program(s), then they can implement these programs in a more resilient way with existing resources.

Tribes might consider resilience of energy infrastructure in the face of climate change as part of adaptation planning (which might include for example, renewable energy options for community resilience).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What does “riverine” communities refer to in Category 7 (for coastal and riverine communities)?

A: The "riverine communities" component of Category 7 (for coastal and riverine communities), refers to tribes or tribal communities facing threats due to proximity to a river, floodplain or wetland area (including Great Lakes), that are causing the tribal community to face decisions regarding managed retreat, expansion, protect-in-place, and relocation. Applicants need to describe the geographic location (including proximity to coastal or riverine area), and the challenges the tribe is facing from climate change such as intensifying riverine erosion, flooding, and permafrost degradation impacts, sea level rise (coastal riverine) and similar impacts. See scoring criteria under Category 7.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is a tribal department or are multiple tribal departments considered a tribal organization?

A: TCRP considers tribal departments as a “tribe” whether it is a single tribal department or multiple tribal departments **of the same tribe** working together. Refer to 25 U.S.C. 5304(l) for the definition of tribal organization.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Should we submit our proposals in pdf?

A: Yes. Submit proposals to [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov). There are many resources on Grants.gov to guide applicants through the application process. Applicants should break down the application submission into separate files by each Mandatory Component. Appendices of additional information are optional.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is the total amount of funding available for FY 2021?

A: The amount varies from year to year, but in 2021, it is generally around \$13-14 million.



Thank you/Ahe'hee!

For more programmatic questions, please email rachael.novak@bia.gov
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For questions on the application process, please contact jo.metcalf@bia.gov;

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http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars_Schedule.

