



BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience

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TCR Purpose

To enable climate preparedness and resilience in all Indian Affairs programs and for all Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Alaska Native villages:

Technical assistance

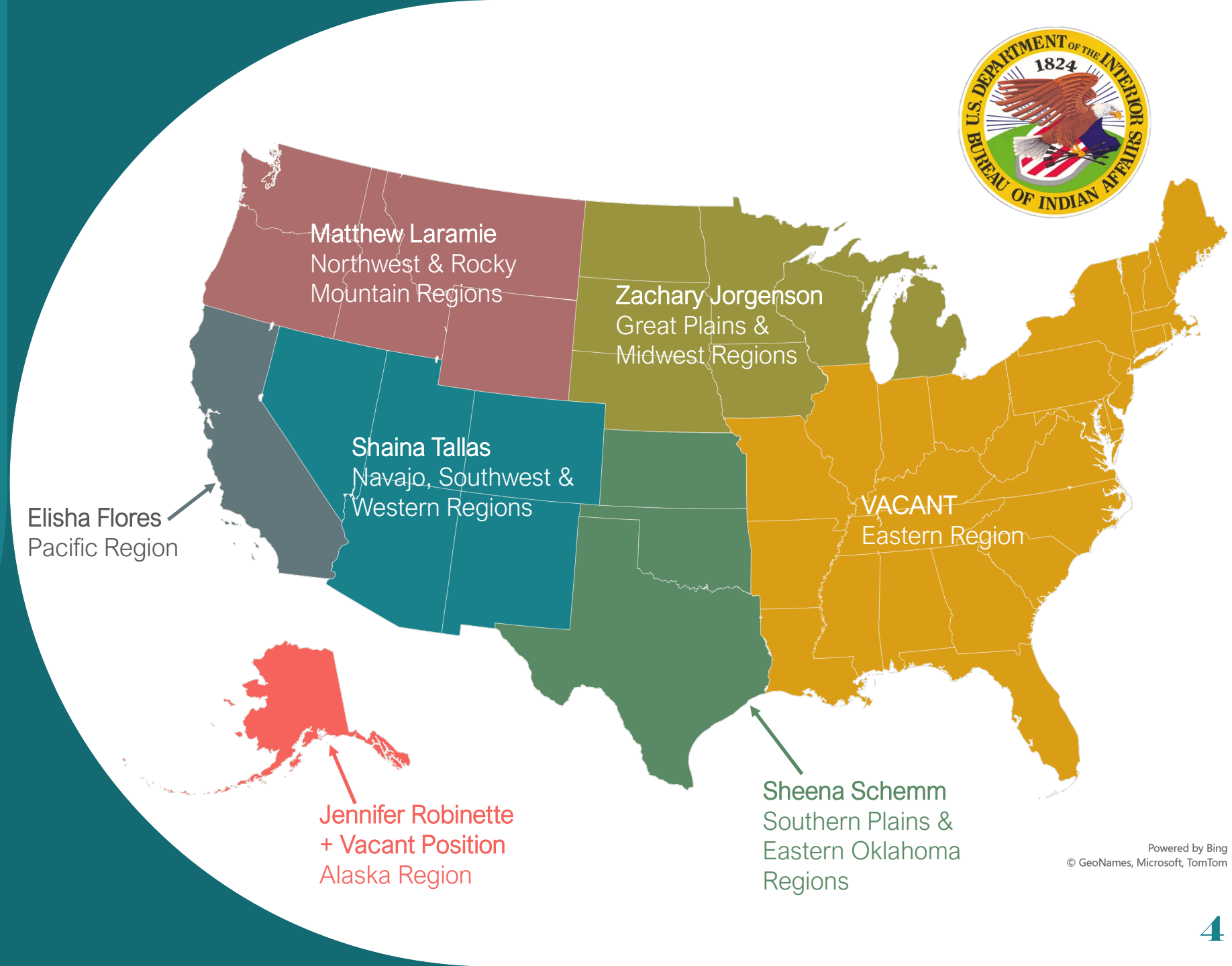
- Access to appropriate science
- Educational and training opportunities
- Regional network of liaisons
- Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinators

Financial assistance

- Annual Awards Program
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding for relocation-related support

Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinators

Directory of regional contacts: <https://www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory#regional>



Regional Partners – Tribal Liaisons

How does the Liaison Network work?

Liaisons are generally employed by Tribal organizations, funded by TCR, and work with CASCs to support all federally-recognized Tribes. The Liaison Network will increase the resources available to:

- Help Tribes access information, data, and expertise with the CASCs and elsewhere;
- Facilitate research integrating Indigenous Knowledges (IK); and
- Support Tribal forums and information exchange. These efforts are designed to better understand, communicate, and meet the needs of Tribes through partnerships to promote more resilient Tribal communities.

Partnering Tribes, Tribal Organizations, & Climate Adaptation Science Centers



Learn more at www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-partnerships#tribal-climate-resilience-liaisons

Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Network

Tribal Liaisons

Jake Palazzi (New Mexico) and Cynthia Naha (Southwest) not pictured. Additional staffing changes may occur, please visit the regional directory at www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-partnerships#tribal-climate-resilience-liaisons.



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Who to Contact

BIA REGIONAL COORDINATORS (FEDERAL)

Reach out for questions about:

- Whether a project would be appropriate for TCR funding
- What Category of funding to apply for
- Whether your Tribe or organization is eligible for a set-aside
- How to apply & UEI/Sam.gov registration
- Post award project changes
- BIA-specific technical assistance, eligibility, and FAQs

Find your Regional Coordinator contacts: www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory

TRIBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE LIAISONS (NON-FEDERAL)

Reach out for questions about:

- Regional writing retreats, workshop events, or other gatherings
- Grant writing tools, trainings, resources, consultants/organizations
- Proposal review and tips

Find your Regional Liaison contacts: www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory#regional-resilience-resources-andcontacts

Annual Awards Program

To provide funding for Federally-recognized tribes to achieve their climate adaptation, planning and implementation goals.

- Planning and project design can minimize impacts, reducing the scale of emergencies, infrastructure damage, and threats to human health and well-being.
- Supports self-determination and sovereignty.
- Furthers inclusion of indigenous knowledge.

2020-2022 Awards Funding Categories

2020

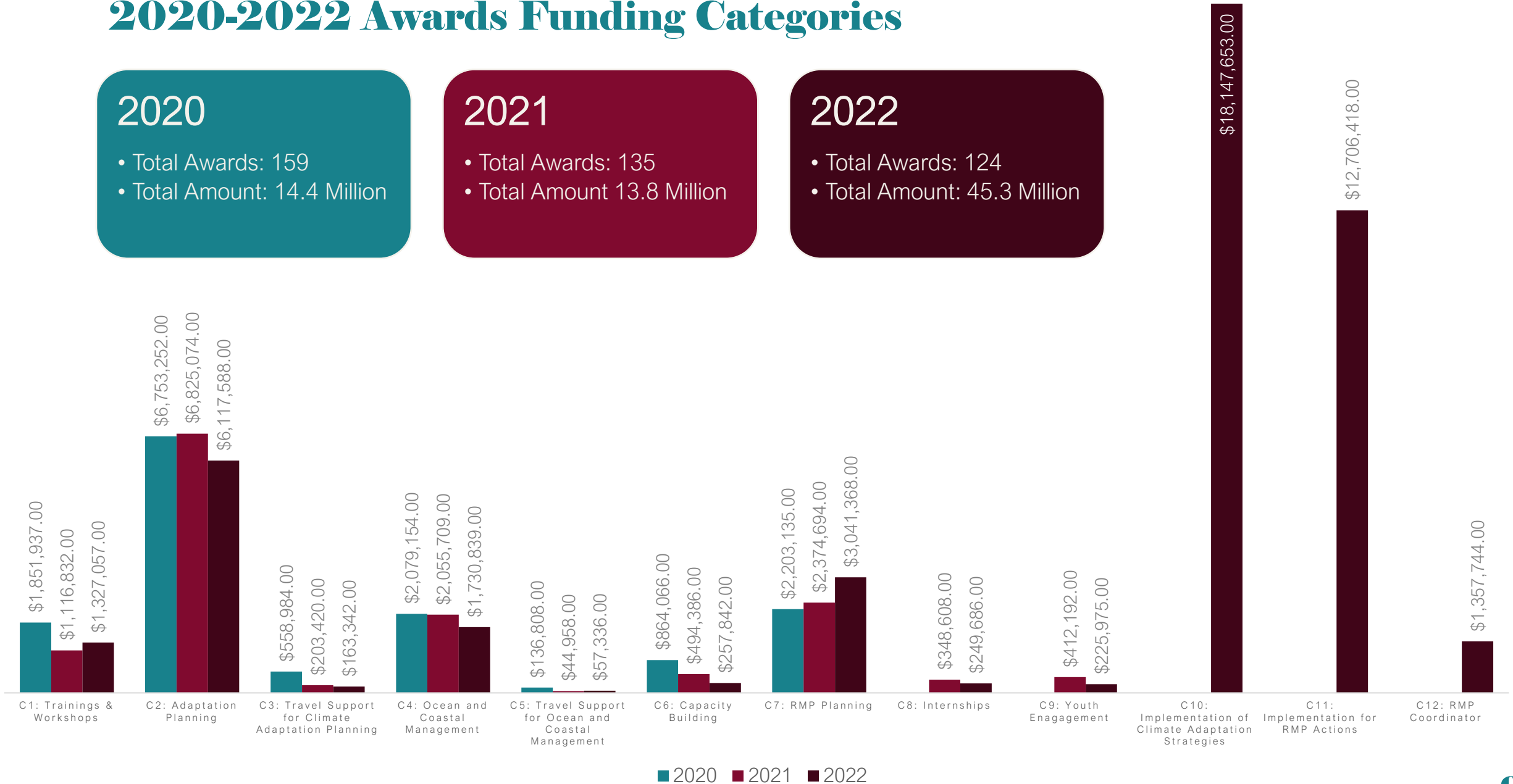
- Total Awards: 159
- Total Amount: 14.4 Million

2021

- Total Awards: 135
- Total Amount 13.8 Million

2022

- Total Awards: 124
- Total Amount: 45.3 Million



2023 Categories of Funding

CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING (\$250,000 MAX PER AWARD)

Supports capacity building efforts such as:

- Planning activities
- Travel to trainings and conferences,
- Hiring of interns and youth engagement activities
- Hosting of training and/or workshops focused on Tribal climate adaptation and resilience.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION IMPLEMENTATION (\$4,000,000 MAX PER AWARD)

May be considered either construction or non-construction activities and supports actions that are pre-identified in an existing Tribal plan such as:

- Integrated resources management plans,
- climate adaptation plans
- ecosystem restoration plans
- community-driven relocation, managed retreat, and/or protect-in-place plans

2023 Categories of Funding Set-Asides

CAPACITY BUILDING

To perform a scoping needs assessment and develop a planning proposal in future funding cycles.

- *Note: only Tribes who have not received a planning or implementation award in previous years are eligible for this set-aside.*

HABITAT RESTORATION AND ADAPTATION

- Habitat Restoration of coastal ecosystems, including wetlands, marine systems, fire prone arid ecosystems, forest, any other critical ecosystems.
- Emergency Restoration - Habitat and/or adaptation projects due to natural disaster.
- Equity in Restoration Projects - May be used as cost share for Tribes to leverage other Federal agency-awarded habitat restoration and/or adaptation projects.

RELOCATION, MANAGED RETREAT, OR PROTECT-IN-PLACE (RMP) COORDINATOR

- RMP Coordinator awards are designed to support Tribes that have limited technical staffing capacity to hire a full time Coordinator for this purpose.



Youth Programs

TCR's youth initiatives provide opportunities for the next generation of Native leaders to pursue higher education, engage in workforce training, and create community in climate action. Featured programs include:

- Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Council
- BIA Pathways Program
- Indian Youth Service Corps
- Additional opportunities shared on TCR Youth webpage

Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress (NYCALC)



NYCALC is a week-long summer experience for high-school aged students, and college-aged Jr. Faculty, who work together to develop skills in conservation leadership.

The event is hosted at the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia in partnership with BIA's Tribal Resilience Program.

<https://www.bia.gov/service/tribal-climate-youth-programs>





BIA Pathways Internship Program

The BIA Pathways Internship Program connects Native American and Alaska Native students to paid internships across the United States. With meaningful projects, rotational assignments, and multi-semester opportunities, Pathways prepares students for an impactful career in public service and offers a direct pipeline to full-time employment with the BIA or Tribal Nations upon graduation.

<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/pathways>

Indian Youth Service Corps (IYSC)

The intent of the IYSC Program is to expand opportunities for Tribes to participate in Public Land Corps activities and to provide a direct benefit to members of federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native corporations. The IYSC Program will provide meaningful educational, non-Federal employment, and training opportunities to youth and young adults aged 16-30, inclusive of veterans aged 35 or younger in a natural or cultural resource setting, through conservation projects on eligible service land - public lands and Indian lands.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-launches-new-indian-youth-service-corps-program>



Voluntary Community- Driven Relocation (CDR) Demonstration Program

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Biden-Harris Administration Makes \$135 Million Commitment to Support Relocation of Tribal Communities Affected by Climate Change

Funding from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act Supports Community-Driven Relocation for Threatened Communities

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WASHINGTON — The Biden-Harris administration today announced the launch of a new Voluntary Community-Driven Relocation program, led by the Department of the Interior, to assist Tribal communities severely impacted by climate-related environmental threats. Through investments from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, the Department is committing \$115 million for 11 severely impacted Tribes to advance relocation efforts and adaptation planning. Additional support for relocation will be provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Denali Commission.

Recognizing the real and immediate threat of climate change, this program is one of the first designed to coordinate closely with community leaders to help begin the process of relocating crucial community infrastructure away from imminent threats and build long-term resilience to climate impacts. These projects will yield critical information to inform replication in other communities and initiate a long-term strategy for future relocation and climate resilience efforts.

“As part of the federal government’s treaty and trust responsibility to protect Tribal sovereignty and revitalize tribal communities, we must safeguard Indian Country from the intensifying and unique impacts of climate change,” said **Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland**. “Helping these communities move to safety on their homelands is one of the most important climate related investments we could make in Indian Country.”

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-makes-135-million-commitment-support-relocation-tribal>

CDR Purpose & Goals

PURPOSE

- To assist Native communities affected by Climate Change looking to conduct relocation, managed retreat, and Protect in Place (RMP) activities to increase their climate resilience
- To partner with Tribal Nations and Native Villages so we can learn from the experiences and efforts undertaken to increase climate resilience

GOALS

- Demonstrate how a consolidated all-of-government approach can increase effectiveness at meeting community needs for RMP activities
- Increase the body of knowledge, preparation, and tools available to communities facing Climate Change impacts and those looking to do planning to increase their resilience

CDR Selected Tribes

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Alaska

- Newtok Village
- Native Village of Napakiak

Contiguous U.S./Lower 48

- Quinault Indian Nation, Washington

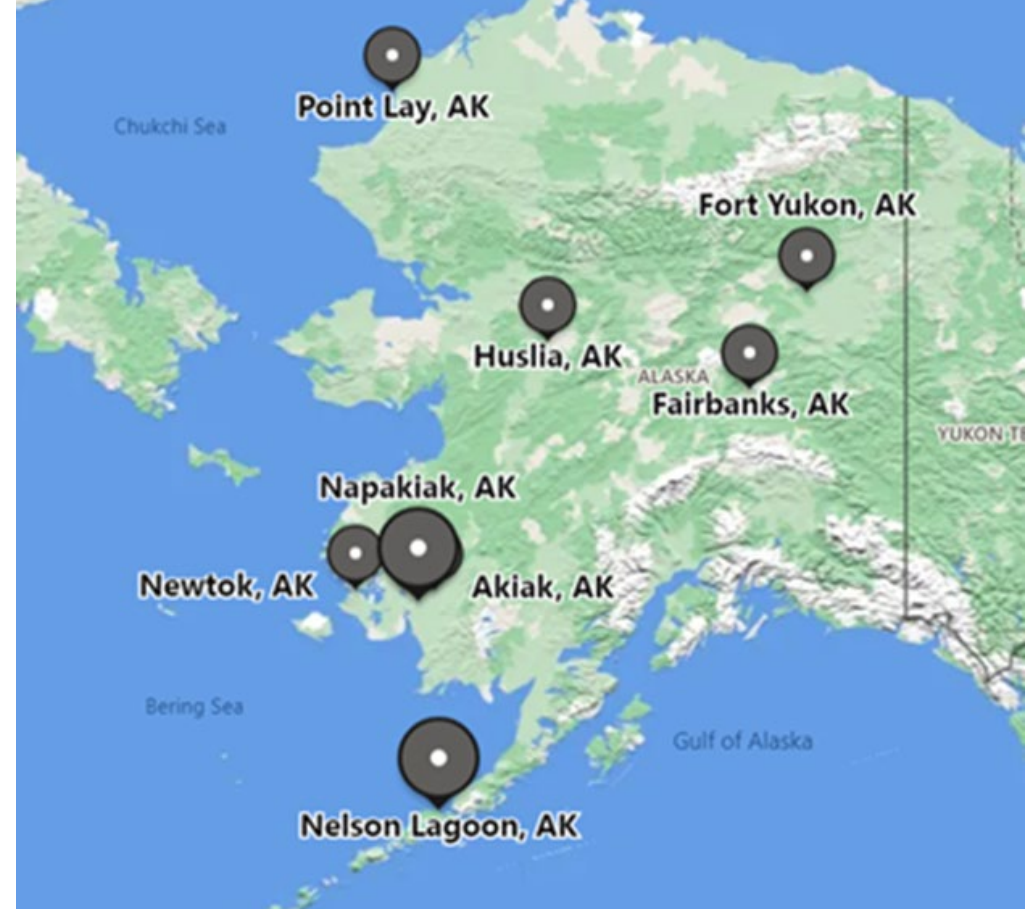
PLANNING PROJECTS

Alaska

- Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government (Native Village of Fort Yukon)
- Huslia Village
- Native Village of Nelson Lagoon
- Native Village of Point Lay

Contiguous U.S./Lower 48

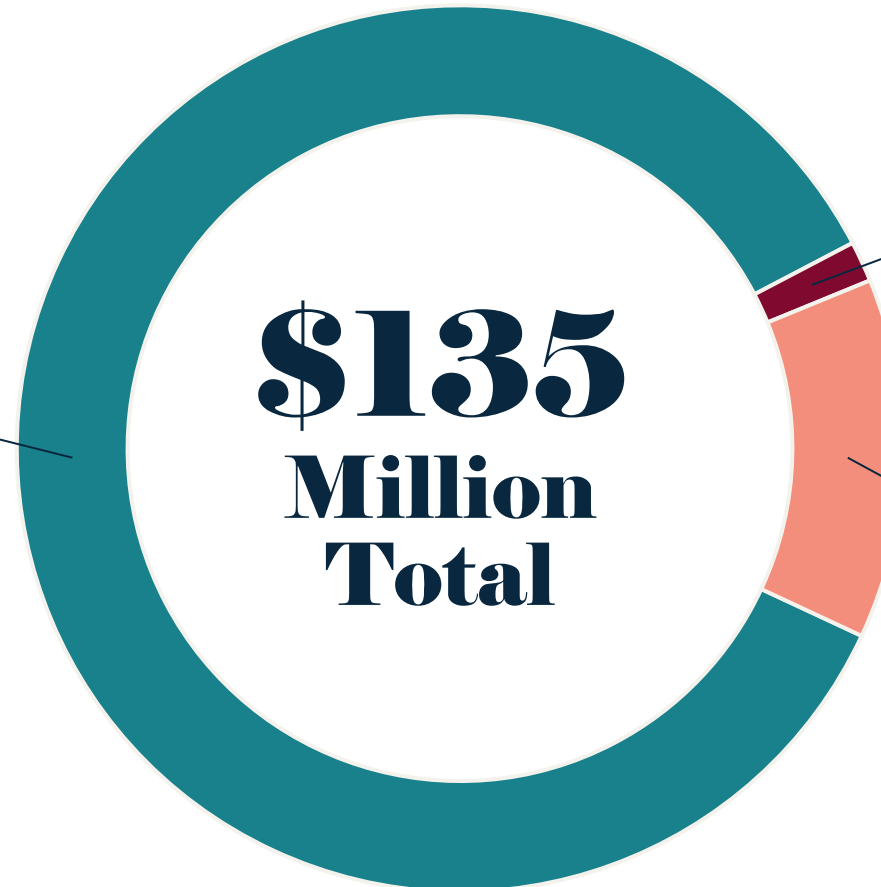
- Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- Havasupai Tribe, Arizona
- Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe, Maine
- Yurok Tribe, California



CDR Federal Partners & Funding Sources

Demonstration Projects funded through investments from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience
\$115 Million



Denali Commission
\$2 Million

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
\$17.7 Million



Thank You!

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