

NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant



Application deadline: 5/12/2025



Available funding for 2025: \$20M
(15% of total funding is set-aside for tribal applicants)

Source: [Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities](#)

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Goals criteria for Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant

The NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant awards \$20 million in funding for projects that will **advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience** priorities of tribes and underserved communities.

Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate their status as, or connection to, a tribe, tribal entity, and/or an underserved community.

Example recipients include

- Tribes, tribal entities, and state, local, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments
- Institutions of higher education, non-profit and commercial/for-profit organizations
- U.S. territories

Funding types

15% of the \$20 million total will be specifically devoted to U.S. federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent tribes through formal legal agreements, through direct awards or subawards:

- **Direct award:** a tribe is the applicant, receives an award from NOAA, and administers the award.
- **Subaward:** a non-tribal applicant receives a direct award from NOAA, but provides a specific amount of funding to a tribe to carry out a portion of the award.

Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant Details

Match funding
requirement: None

Direct Pay
applicability: No

Eligible grant uses (non- exhaustive)

i) **Capacity-building:** hiring project managers, facilitating community participation, designing plans

ii) **Meaningful community engagement:** educational opportunities, programs that support restoration/resilience efforts

iii) **Restoration project activities:** project design, permitting, on-the-ground restoration, implementation monitoring

Award amounts

Minimum award \$75,000

Maximum award \$2 million

Award distribution Up to \$20 million will be available in funds; 15% of funds will be specifically devoted to U.S. federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent tribes

Period of performance Up to 3 years

Previous awards (national)

2024 awards 27 awardees (\$45 million)

Previous awards (MI)

2024 awards 1 awardee (\$2 million)

2023 awards 1 awardee (\$975K)

High level requirements to apply for Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant

NON-EXHAUSTIVE



Eligible Entities

- Native American tribal governments and organizations
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- Governments of special districts, counties, cities, townships, or states
- Institutions of higher education
- For profit organizations other than small businesses



Key Grant Application Components

- An active System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration for the entity that is applying
- Applicant information
- Organization information
- Project description, timeline, and budget
- Community outreach plan

Supplemental documents (optional, but recommended)

- Map or aerial view of target area
- Résumé or descriptions of past project management experience for up to 5 key personnel
- Letters of support from one or more tribes, tribal entities, and/or underserved communities for the specific work proposed, and/or private owners or public land managers of land at proposed site(s).
- Relevant supporting materials, such as federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements (NICRA), documentation of confirmed sources of formal, etc.
- Relevant sections of construction specifications, scopes of work for services, and cost estimates

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Examples of past winners in the Great Lakes region



Hiring a new administrator to support restoration (2023)

Applicant: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Impacted locality: Southwest Michigan

Funding: \$975K

Project description: The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission will coordinate with the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan, to hire an administrator to manage an effort to revitalize the area surrounding Ox Creek. The new project administrator will help build a coalition of residents and local organizations, conduct community outreach and engagement, develop a habitat restoration plan that incorporates public input, and implement two pilot habitat restoration projects.



Assessing climate-related threats to the region (2024)

Applicant: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Impacted locality: Peshawbestown

Funding: \$2M

Project description: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians will work to identify and assess future climate-related threats to tribal properties and develop a tribal strategic plan for climate resilience. They will conduct a greenhouse gas emission study to help measure tribal progress toward carbon neutrality, and create a Tribal Youth Advisory Council to foster intergenerational connectivity and support tribal climate literacy.



Hiring new staff to conduct restoration (2024)

Applicant: Friends of Forest Preserves

Impacted locality: Chicago and Cook County, Illinois

Funding: \$1.8M

Project description: Friends of Forest Preserves will increase capacity for community-led restoration in Chicago and southeastern Cook County, Illinois. They will recruit and train two Conservation Corps cohorts to conduct restoration work in four forest preserves in the Lake Michigan watershed. They will also start a new program to train two Engagement Crew cohorts that will work with community partners, gather local input, and plan locally relevant events.