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Welcome to our monthly newsletter which provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.



Purple and green aurora / northern Lights over tree line

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Herd of Caribou in the snow

Do you ever feel like you have lived many lives? I guess you could say that is the privilege of growing older or as many refer to it as our past. Here is a reminder of one of my lives. I have told many stories of growing up on the rez. However, I cannot recall whether I wrote about attending a border town high school while staying in a dormitory for rez kids. Students went to one high school that was accessible by foot, and were primarily from the Diné or Hopi lands. There were also students from Havasupai or Hualapai, and some other Tribes. The dorm was a two-story building and there were two students to a room that had large windows, two closets and a wide desk. There was a dorm for females and one for males, and each grade had a dedicated wing. There were dorm aides working different shifts to look after the students, and I remember them fondly. Some of them were super strict, some pretty lax and others were just the right temperature.

Some of my friends and relatives from Shonto Boarding School also went to this border town school and dorm, which helped make the transition bearable. To be honest, by that time, I could keep my emotions in check and I wasn't nervous about going to a school and staying in a dorm that was over 100 miles and almost three hours away. In contrast, now that I am a mother, I can understand the feelings my mother experienced having to send her daughter to a faraway school. On some weekends, she would drive to and from Flagstaff just so I could spend the two nights and days with my family.

Fast forward to college, I moved into a dorm my freshman year and I was surrounded by crying students who had never been far home for that extended amount of time. From my experience staying at the boarding school and border town dormitory, I was once again void of any feelings except excitement and anticipation of

what was to come next. It allowed me to concentrate on my studies but also to experience the independence the early 20s brings you.

One of the fondest memories of high school and college was my time outdoors. As someone who was integrated into outdoors from the time she could walk, I pushed myself to go hiking (I now call this walking), camping and exploring the outdoors. I signed up for a camping and hiking trip into the canyon and visit the Havasupai homelands, and it led me to a short career in commercial river guiding. It also led me to hiking in, out and around the Grand Canyon to attend a wedding of one of the most amazing women that came into my life. I'll tell you this story another time because I still am in awe that I actually got to do that.

It is interesting to hear and learn about people's lives and how they came into who they are now. Some of us are still growing into a person that makes us feel content. I see it as adding pages to our own books. Would you share a page from your personal book?

As always, live in beauty!

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[Condor Visual Media & Tribal Nations News](#)

[Tribal Adaptive](#)

[N. Scott Momaday](#)

[How Worldviews and Climate Justice Can Remake a World in Crisis Webinar](#)

[CSKT Climate Change StoryMap Wins Award for Excellence in Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#)

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# In The News

## Program Spotlight!

### **OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS: TCCP's upcoming International Programming**

In last month's newsletter, I introduced myself as the new Sr. Program Coordinator working on bringing resources and support to our international Indigenous Neighbors. Looking at the year ahead, our international programming will be focused on creating new tools, resources, and spaces for conversation and sharing with our Indigenous neighbors. This will include a new internationally focused section on the Tribes and Climate Change Program website with resources on international Indigenous adaptation planning and mitigation, links to climate change news and events taking place around the world and will feature adaptation plans from our Indigenous relatives abroad. Additionally, we'll be sharing a new International Adaptation Toolkit, similar in focus to [TCCP's current Tribal Climate Adaptation Planning Toolkit](#), but adapted for international relatives and issues. We'll also be pulling together potential new cohorts with internationally relevant themes. We are trying to be inclusive and mindful of our international relatives and their important work on climate resilience and hope to continue to highlight ongoing work and networking opportunities. As we move forward through the year, be sure to watch this space for news, events, and updates on our international Indigenous neighbors, and please reach out if there's something you'd like to know about or share - you can reach me at [ashley.gries@nau.edu](mailto:ashley.gries@nau.edu).

### **Quinault Tribe Builds New Village Site Away From Rising Seas**

With winter storms and high tides approaching, the Quinault Indian Nation continues efforts to relocate its seaside villages. In recent years, the village of Taholah, the largest on the Quinault Indian Reservation on Washington's Olympic coast, has had to evacuate when waves overtopped the seawall separating it from the Pacific Ocean. For about a decade, the tribe has been working to move the village of 660 people out of reach of rising seas and tsunamis. Construction crews installed streets, sidewalks, and underground utilities in the fall of 2023 for a neighborhood of 59 homes about 1 mile inland. © KUOW, 12/2023

### **How 3 Indigenous Women Are Leading The Way On Climate Change**

All over the world, conversations about climate change and solutions to it are happening, at conferences, in documentaries, in offices, even over coffee. Climate scientists, government officials, tech entrepreneurs and others all have opinions about how humans should address the crisis, but many of them are leaving out something important: the experience and knowledge systems of the land's original stewards — Indigenous peoples. High Country News' Indigenous affairs team has compiled three short profiles that center Indigenous people and their knowledge in the climate realm. © High Country News, 12/28/23

### **Nevada Tribe Says Coalitions, Not Lawsuits, Will Protect Sacred Sites As Us Advances Energy Agenda**

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony was unsuccessful in stopping a massive lithium mine at the site where more than two dozen Paiute and Shoshone were massacred in 1865. Now, they will focus on organizing a broad coalition to build public support for sacred places. The room was packed with Native American leaders from across the United States, all invited to Washington to hear from federal officials about President Joe Biden's accomplishments and new policy directives aimed at improving relationships and protecting sacred sites. © ICT, 01/01/2024

### **How Tribes Are Restoring Wildlife and the Land**

The [Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation](#) in Washington state are restoring the lands and

species of their traditional ecological community after decades of settler-colonialism-fueled destruction. Among the native species being successfully reintroduced are bighorn sheep, salmon, and lynx. In a series of stories co-published by YES! and BioGraphic, journalist Rico Moore explains how the Indigenous-led recovery has unfolded. © YES! Magazine, 1/4/2024

### **Uranium Mine Starts up in New Grand Canyon Monument**

Mere months after the long-awaited and widely celebrated designation of [Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument](#), a controversial uranium mine within the monument boundaries is starting operations, according to the mine's owner. Although the monument bans new uranium mines, Canyon Mine (renamed Pinyon Plain Mine) was exempted from this ban after years of attempts by the Havasupai Tribe, the Grand Canyon Trust, and many others to [stop it in the courts](#). The White House [Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument fact sheet](#) mentions two mining operations within the monument that would be able to operate. The second one is likely Arizona One uranium mine, on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, but that mine has been [mined out since 2014](#). © Grand Canyon Trust, 01/09/2024

### **The Northwestern Shoshone are restoring the Bear River Massacre site**

On a crisp and sunny November morning, the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation welcomed nearly 400 people onto their land to plant 8,500 trees and shrubs. Steam rose from the Bear River's hot springs. As volunteers arrived, the tribe's conservation partners unloaded black plastic trays filled with cuttings of willow, cottonwood, chokecherry and more. Brad Parry, the tribe's vice chairman, stood in a pickup truck bed and greeted tribal members, environmental activists, college students and church groups. "This is the Bear River Massacre site," he said, "what we call Wuda Ogwa, or Bear River. © High Country News, 01/29/24

# Resources

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## [Call for Input: United Nations Report on How Climate Change Can Have an Impact on the Realization of the Equal Enjoyment of the Right to Education by Every Girl](#)

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is preparing “a report on how climate change can have an impact on the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl, highlighting how the realization of the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl can contribute to the climate change agenda and making recommendations”. The report will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session.

## [Innovation in Climate Adaptation: Harnessing Innovation for Effective Biodiversity and Ecosystem Adaptation](#)

Innovation in Climate Adaptation is a collaboration among National Wildlife Federation, the US Geological Survey Climate Adaptation Science Center Network, and the IUCN Species Survival Commission Climate Change Specialist Group, and was produced by an international workgroup of adaptation experts. The guide draws on lessons from other sectors—including business and technology—to explore the theory and practice of innovation in the context of climate adaptation and natural resource management.

## [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Training, Tools, and Technical Assistance](#)

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides grants to states, metro areas, tribes, and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. EPA provides tools, technical resources and training to assist planning grant funding recipients in meeting the requirements of the planning grants.

## [Catalyzing Local Clean Energy: A Roadmap for Maximizing Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities and Community Benefits](#)

This resource serves as a guidebook for local governments looking to maximize the clean energy incentives and opportunities provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. The roadmap includes a detailed breakdown of new clean energy tax credits and bonuses available to local governments and other eligible entities. It also includes several sample case studies showing how local governments can use these incentives in their clean energy planning as well as analyzing the savings and community benefits these incentives could provide to local governments of all sizes, types, and geographic locations.

## [Department of Interior Second Annual Report on Tribal Co-Stewardship](#)

In November 2021, President Biden announced the “Tribal Homelands Initiative” (Initiative), a collaborative effort to improve stewardship of public lands, waters, and wildlife by strengthening the role of Tribal communities in Federal land management. From analyses of policies to funding agreements, what follows is a summary of Interior’s actions to advance co-stewardship and uphold the United States’ unique treaty and trust obligations to federally recognized Indian Tribes and their citizens.

## [America Adapts Podcast: Transformational Adaptation with the Climate Science Alliance: The 2023 San Diego Climate Summit](#)

In episode 196 America Adapts, we partnered with the Climate Science Alliance to cover their Climate Summit at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Experts, speakers and participants from the Summit are highlighted in this episode. We kick things off with Dr. Amber Pairis of the Alliance setting the stage for the Alliance’s approach to transformational adaptation, emphasizing community-

centered approaches, resilience, and relationship building. The episode highlights the power of collective action and offers insights for organizations on a similar adaptation journey.

## [New Report on Drought Assessment in a Changing Climate](#)

This report, Drought Assessment in a Changing Climate: Priority Actions and Research Needs, was developed as part of a technical workshop that NIDIS and the USDA Climate Hubs co-hosted on February 28–March 1, 2023. Additional support for the workshop and report was provided by the University of Colorado Boulder’s Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES). The report captures the ideas and feedback of more than 100 subject matter experts from over 44 institutions across the drought research and practitioner communities. It offers a rich collection of ideas for action and further research that federal, tribal, state, local agencies and academic institutions can support.

## [Covenant of The Salmon People- KBTC Documentaries](#)

Covenant of the Salmon People features a portrait of the Nez Perce Tribe as they continue to carry out their ancient promise to protect the Chinook salmon. The film explores the intertwined fate of the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce), salmon, and the landscape from which both evolved. The Nez Perce people are the oldest documented civilization in North America, with archaeological sites along Idaho’s Salmon.

## [Drought Assessment in a Changing Climate: Priority Actions and Research Needs](#)

On November 29, 2023, NIDIS and the USDA Climate Hubs released a NOAA Technical Memorandum, which highlights priority actions and research questions across fifteen research focus areas to advance the knowledge and understanding of drought assessment into the future. This report captures the ideas and feedback of more than 100 subject matter experts from over 44 institutions across the drought research and practitioner communities. It offers a rich collection of ideas for action and further research that federal, tribal, state, and local agencies and academic institutions can support.

## [Being a Good Relative: A Guide for Individuals and Organizations to Support Native-Led and -Controlled Initiatives](#)

These recommendations were initially developed for individual donors who are starting or increasing investments in Native communities through donor advised funds, but led to important conversations about how institutional funders can support the Native nonprofit sector as well. Thus, these recommendations are for various types of funders. The project team included additional resources and actions to take on your journey to being a Good Relative.

## [Climate Innovation Challenge](#)

A free STEAM curriculum for grades 3-12 that guides students through the creation of climate change solutions and develops storytelling and video production skills. At the culmination of the Challenge, CIC showcases outstanding student videos and awards scholarships and cash prizes for top entries. CIC aspires to give students a sense of agency and possibility as they move into their educational and professional futures in a climate-challenged world.

# Job & Internship Opportunities

## [ITEP Tribes and Climate Change Program 2024 Summer Indigenous Climate Change Internships](#)

Apply for a paid 8-week summer internship through the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Indigenous Climate Change Program. Spend your summer working with Tribal organizations to address Indigenous environmental issues. The internships have a research, technical, educational or policy focus. We are offering up to 8 positions focused on climate change. The internship program provides each student intern with a \$6,400 stipend. There are travel and housing stipends for those who relocate for the internship. **Application deadline: February 1, 2024**

## [National Forest Foundation - Conservation Connect Fellowship Program](#)

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) invites graduate students (pursuing a master's or doctoral degree) to apply to the 2024 Conservation Connect Fellowship Program. The fellowship includes a summer 2024 and/or academic year 2024-25 practicum associated with a National Forest Foundation program of work. Location and opportunity to work remotely varies by practicum project. Conservation Connect fellowships aim to build experience, knowledge, and skills within the next generation of collaborative and conservation leaders to support each other and advance the field. **Application deadline: February 4, 2024**

## [2024-25 Global Change Research Fellow Applications](#)

The Global Change Research Fellows program is designed to provide financial, scientific, and professional-development support for graduate students who are incoming or currently enrolled at a Consortium university of SE CASC or a citizen of a USET member Tribal Nation in the Southeast. The mission of the SE CASC is to provide science and tools to help fish, wildlife, water, lands, and people adapt to a changing climate and land use. **Application deadline: February 15, 2024**

## [Rising Voices Changing Coasts Summer Internship](#)

RVCC is recruiting Native students for a 8-week summer internship opportunity in which undergraduates and graduate students participate in understanding and addressing climate impacts in one of RVCC hub sites; Hawaii, Alaska, Louisiana, or Puerto Rico. Interns will receive stipends totaling \$3,840.00 and runs from May 19 - July 2024. It involves four weeks at Haskell Indian Nations University, week and a half on site in ALASKA, and two weeks at home finishing writing projects. For questions contact Paulette Blanchard, PhD at [pblanchard@haskellfoundation.org](mailto:pblanchard@haskellfoundation.org). **Application deadline: February 16, 2024**

## [AIHECTCU Climate Resilience Student Research Program](#)

AIHEC is recruiting students for the TCU Climate Resilience Summer Research Program, a 12-week summer experiential learning opportunity through which undergraduate students participate in identifying and addressing climate change and energy issues in their respective American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The program is designed for TCU Indigenous students who are passionate about taking action to address climate change affecting Tribal lands and supporting Tribal leadership in all areas of Nation-building affected by climate challenges. Students will receive a monthly stipend, for a total of \$6,000. The program dates are May 28 to August 16, 2024. For more information, contact Frank Brannon at [fbrannon@aihec.org](mailto:fbrannon@aihec.org). **Priority Application Deadline: February 23, 2024**

## [Notices of Funding Opportunities for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#)

\$800M is available for the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program and \$1B is available to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program. FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states, local communities, tribes and territories funding to address high-level future risks to natural disasters such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and increased flooding to foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering. **Application deadline: February 29, 2024**

## [Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress \(NYCALC\)](#)

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), through a partnership between the Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),

collaborates with multiple federal, Tribal, and non-governmental organizations to offer an experiential, youth-driven conservation leadership training for Native high school and college-aged youth know as NYCALC. **Application deadline: March 1, 2024**

## [National Indian Health Board Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center Senior Manager](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) seeks an experienced environmental programs professional to focus on environmental technical assistance projects. The position will have a focus on National Indian Health Board's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center, connecting Tribal environmental programs to existing funding opportunities, providing technical assistance to Tribes on federal grant applications related to environmental justice, and elevating issues impacting Tribal environmental health. The position is full-time, salaried, and may include travel up to 20% of the time. Position base in Washington, DC, is preferred but not required. **Application deadline: accepted on a rolling basis**

## [Hydrologist- The Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources](#)

This position is responsible for performing administrative and technical duties in the areas of groundwater and surface water hydrology requiring knowledge in geology, geomorphology, and chemistry in support of the Water Resources Program. The incumbent performs duties of considerable difficulty and complexity, requiring working knowledge of tribal, state, and federal policies, procedures, rules, ordinances, and regulations. This includes writing ordinances, writing grants and proposals, performing community outreach and education, and addressing water related concerns. **Application deadline: open until filled**

## [Pueblo of Santa Ana Sustainability Program Manager](#)

Manages activities and actions related to the promotion of sustainability practices on the Pueblo. Researches grant opportunities, develops proposals, and communicates with granting agencies to obtain funding for sustainability projects. Ensures compliance with all tribal, federal, state, county, or other regulatory agency laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations designed to protect the natural resources of the Pueblo of Santa Ana. **Application deadline: open until filled**

## [Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps Individual Placement Program Manager](#)

The ALCC Individual Placement Program Manager interacts primarily with ALCC Individual Placements (members), ALCC IP Program Coordinators, the ALCC Individual Placement Program Director, other ALCC staff, and partners. The Program Manager works with tribal, federal, state, local, and non-profit partners to develop impactful IP projects, ensures all assigned positions are successfully recruited and onboarded before their term starts, and refines and implements efficient tracking systems. The Program Manager will help design and implement a programmatic recruitment strategy, regularly engaging in recruitment and outreach activities to local communities including Indigenous and other underrepresented groups. **Application deadline: open until filled**

## [EcoCulture Stewardship Manager- Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance](#)

The Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance (TERA) is a cross-cultural, multi-organizational collaborative that works to revitalize ecology, economy, and culture through indigenous-led stewardship. The mission of TERA, founded in 2019, is to cultivate land stewardship, livelihood, and leadership skills that weave collaborative relationships between Tribal members and the community at large for the benefit of all lands and beings. The EcoCultural Stewardship Manager is an organized, detailed-oriented manager who thrives in carrying a project from inception to completion. The ideal candidate has project management experience and knowledge of California coast range ecology and stewardship. The EcoCultural Stewardship Manager will work closely and collaboratively with the Executive Director (ED), Fuels Captain (FC), and partner organizations, to plan, implement, and oversee all aspects of ecocultural stewardship projects from conception to completion. **Application deadline: open until filled**



# Funding Opportunities



## Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

- 1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/funding>
- 2) Tribal Climate Change Guide maintained by the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- 3) Searchable database of all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. [www.grants.gov/applicants/find\\_grant\\_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)
- 4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

### Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program

California Strategic Growth Council has released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application for SGC's newest grant program, the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program. The pilot program provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American tribes to build staff capacity to advance tribes' climate-related work. Eligible applicants include California Native American tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List, including federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes. A non-federally recognized tribe is eligible to apply if they are registered as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company. SGC will award between \$150,000 and \$250,000 to each tribe selected for the pilot two-year grant term. The pilot program will fund staff salaries and activities that advance the tribe's climate-related work. Activities may include planning, securing funding for, and implementing projects related to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. **Application deadline: February 5, 2023**

### 2024 Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice

We are thrilled to be opening the second cohort of the Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice for funders. In 2021, in response to growing interest in a substantive engagement at the intersection of Indigenous food systems and sustainable agriculture and food systems, we convened our first cohort of the Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice. In this second cohort, funders will gather to:

- Interact, learn, and build relationships with Native American practitioners, organizations, and communities offering food systems solutions;
- Share and sharpen their skills and strategies for investing in Indigenous partners who are leading sustainable agriculture and food systems work in Indian Country;
- Build awareness of and respond to the historic, structural, current, and philanthropic barriers that Native communities and Tribal governments face

**Application deadline: February 12, 2024**

### Climate Program Office FY24 NIDIS Tribal Drought Resilience with Inflation Reduction Act Support

This Notice of Funding Opportunity will support the implementation of activities that address current and future drought risk on tribal lands across the West in the context of a changing climate. These activities could include, but are not limited to: conducting drought vulnerability assessments, developing drought plans and communication plans, identifying primary drought impacts, optimal drought indicators and/or triggers and improving drought monitoring; developing drought dashboards with relevant drought tools and information and demonstrating the application of drought data and information to enhance decision-making. **Application deadline: February 15, 2024**

### NOAA - Education Mini-grant Program

The NOAA Ocean Acidification Program (OAP) is pleased to announce the launch of the FY24 Education Mini-grant Program! The principal objective of this grant opportunity is to provide federal financial assistance to develop ocean and coastal acidification education tools and programs in underserved and/or Indigenous communities or Tribes. **Application deadline: February 23, 2024**

### Flood Mitigation Assistance and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grants

For this grant cycle, \$800 million is available for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program and the \$1 billion is available to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The application period is open from Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024. Subapplicants are encouraged to contact the state, territory or tribal applicant as they may have earlier deadlines. FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states, local communities,

tribes and territories funding to address high-level future risks to natural disasters such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and increased flooding to foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering. **Application deadline: February 29, 2024**

### Connecting to Our Homelands

These funds are made possible by the National Park Service and are available for organizations and schools that want to bring youth ages 5 -18 and elders to a National Park to share Indigenous knowledge, cultural heritage, and traditions. A limited number of travel grants of up to \$4,000 are available to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Eligible candidates include tribal programs, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Funds can only be used for direct costs for a trip, such as bus travel, lodging, and meals. Only one travel grant will be awarded per organization or tribe in order to allow as many youth as possible an opportunity to visit a park. **Application deadline: March 15, 2024**

### Sea Grant FY 2024 National Aquaculture Initiative: Enhancing Production of Coastal, Marine, and Great Lakes Aquaculture Species

Sea Grant anticipates \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 will be available for research projects and programs that will develop and refine methods, protocols, techniques, and/or strategies to enhance the production of one or more life stages of aquaculture species (described below) with the overall goal of improving the efficiency, output, and profitability of commercial coastal, marine, or Great Lakes region aquaculture businesses. Proposals are sought that will support broad, non-proprietary research to address issues and/or barriers to aquaculture production; make that information available to aquaculture businesses; and preferably include participation and involvement of Sea Grant extension personnel and industry stakeholders. **Application deadline: April 3, 2024**

### Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants Competition for Tribes & Territories

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) announces the availability of up to \$300 million for competitive grants to eligible applicants to implement GHG reduction programs, policies, projects, and measures identified in a PCAP developed under a CPRG planning grant. This competition is exclusively for tribes and territories. Lead organizations for tribes and territories must submit their PCAPs to EPA by the deadline of April 1, 2024, in order for lead organizations and other eligible applicants under this announcement to submit grant applications to fund measures contained in those plans. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 25 to 100 grants ranging between \$1 million and \$25 million under this tribes and territories competition. **Application deadline: May 1, 2024**

# Upcoming Events

NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/Events>

## February 2024

**Forum: February 27-29, 2024, Tucson, AZ**

### [Southwest Adaptation Forum](#)

The Southwest Adaptation Forum (SWAF) is the biennial gathering of practitioners, professionals, community members, and researchers working in diverse ways to address the effects of climate change. We work collectively to accelerate effective climate adaptation to reduce the impacts of climate change in communities and landscapes across the Southwest.

**Summit: February 27-28, 2024, Temecula, CA**

### [2024 Tribal Clean Energy Summit](#)

Approximately every two years, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy along with other DOE offices convenes tribal leaders and energy stakeholders to exchange ideas promoting energy infrastructure development for tribes and tribal communities. Tribal leaders and their subject matter experts—together with the DOE, the administration, federal agency partners, state governments, private industry, utilities, and academia—attend to build networks, exchange ideas, explore cross-cutting and cost-effective solutions to national energy interests, and support tribal sovereignty.

## March 2024

**Summit: March 6-9, 2024, Worley, Idaho**

### [Northwest Intertribal Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

The first annual Northwest Intertribal Food Sovereignty Summit will bring together Tribal community leaders, youth, elders, Tribal food enterprises, Native food entrepreneurs, Native food producers, traditional food champions, funders, and others to discuss, share and learn about Tribal food economies, small business development, climate resilience, and youth engagement in food systems and tradition. Youth will have a unique opportunity to learn from experts in the field and get hands-on skill-building experiences through workshops and presentations. Join us for sessions focused on topics such as:

- The role of Tribal governments in Food Sovereignty
- Tribal Food Enterprises
- Native Farm Bill
- Small business development
- Climate Resilience

**Symposium: March 10-21, 2024, Keshena, Wisconsin**

### [2024 Native Women in Agriculture & Natural Resources Symposium](#)

The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society & University of Arizona Tribal Extension Program are organizing the Native Women in Agriculture & Natural Resources Symposium on March 19 – 21 at Menominee Ca-

sino & Resort in Keshena, WI. We have our wonderful hosts, the College of Menominee Nation collaborating with us! This three-day symposium will bring in Native women from across Indian country who are doing work in natural resources and agriculture sectors to discuss topics such as workplace wellness, salary negotiation, women empowerment, leadership skills building, healthy relationship building, and safety.

## April 2024

**Conference: April 2-4, Tucson, Arizona**

### [Confluence 2024- Western Collaborative Conservation Network](#)

Confluence 2024 will address the interests and needs of collaborative conservation groups and capitalize on the collective wisdom, creativity, and inspiration that draws all of us to the practice of collaborative conservation. We will focus on several key collaborative conservation topics including climate hope, achieving collaborative conservation success, leveraging funding to secure capacity and sustainability, and bridging divides. Confluence 2024 is perfect for conservation practitioners, academics, students, and volunteers from across the Western US and beyond who are experienced or interested in collaboration as a key element of their work.

**Summit: April 15-17, 2024, Muckleshoot Casino Resort**

### [2024 National Tribal Leaders Climate Summit](#)

The Summit will engage Tribal leaders, citizens, staff, youth and collaborators in conversation about navigating the cultural, economic, and social challenges of climate change. The goal of the summit is to hear from Tribal communities on the front-lines of climate change; explore what a just transition looks like for diverse Tribal Nations; and discuss how Tribal sovereignty and co-management can advance climate action.

## May 2024

**Workshop: May 6-8, 2024, Boulder, Colorado**

### [12th Annual Rising Voices Workshop](#)

Rising Voices is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences Workshop, which will be a hybrid gathering, held both virtually and in-person at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, from Monday, May 6 – Wednesday, May 8, 2023. This workshop will bring participants together to work on proposed pathways and guidelines for intercultural collaborations for co-created, place-based Earth systems science research, policy, practice and action.

**Forum: May 6-9, 2024, Harrah Cherokee Casino & Resort, North Carolina**

### [Nation Tribal Forum of Air Quality](#)

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) aims to support tribal programs by fostering information-sharing and networking opportunities that are focused on building tribal capacity in air quality management. The event's agenda is driven by tribal input and priorities, with a focus on increasing tribal engagement in air quality initiatives that are relevant to tribal communities across the nation. Our attendees seek usable information from real-world examples that discuss practical ideas and solutions, and provide insight into current trends, data, and research impacting tribes working to protect their lands and people.

**SAVE THE DATE! Symposium: May-6, 2024, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**

### [12th Annual "Living Breath of wələbʔaltxw" Indigenous Foods Symposium](#)

This symposium fosters dialogue and builds collaborative networks as we, Native peoples, strive to sustain our cultural food practices and preserve our healthy relationships with the land, water, and all living things. The 2024 theme is "Growing Food Sovereignty and Nourishing Seeds of Hope." Calling for presenters! All presentations, panels, and workshop abstracts that align with our larger themes of Indigenous food sovereignty/ security; traditional/first foods, plants, & medicines; environmental & climate justice as they relate to Indigenous food sovereignty/ security; and health & wellness will be considered.

**Conference: May-13-16, 2024, St. Paul, Minnesota**

### [Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference](#)

Natural resource professionals and college students are invited to submit abstracts focused on research or projects related to: natural resource management, fish/ wildlife biology, forestry, ecology, Indigenous Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Ecological Knowledge, conservation biology, human-dimensions, environmental law, conservation law, watershed science and etc. Abstract submission components: 250 words or less abstract (any word after will not be considered), abstract title, abstract keywords.

**Conference: May-14-16, 2024, St. Paul, Minnesota**

### [National Adaptation Forum](#)

The National Adaptation Forum is a bi-annual convening for adaptation professionals to innovate, network, and focus on established and emerging climate adaptation issues of the day. The Forum provides opportunities for professional development through training sessions, facilitated presentations and panels, and formal and informal networking sessions.