Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience

Informational Webinar

FY24 Annual Awards Program Solicitation for Proposals

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Our Mission

The mission of the Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) is to support climate preparedness and resilience for all Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Alaska Native Villages through technical and financial assistance, access to scientific resources and educational opportunities.

Links

TCR Annual Awards Program Website: https://www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program

FY24 Solicitation for funding proposals:
https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media_document/bia_tcr_2024_annual_awards_program_rfp.pdf

TCR Online Application Portal: https://portal.bia.gov/tcr/s/

FY24 RFP Quick Guide:
https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media_document/fy24_tcr_annual_award_program_quick_guide.pdf

FY24 Budget Template (optional):
https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media_document/fy24_tcr_budget_template_optional.xlsx

FY 2024 Annual Awards Program ($120M)

- The Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience is soliciting proposals through its Annual Awards Program to support federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations

- $120M available for FY24 to support Tribal climate resilience

- Final year of increased funding made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

FY 2024 Annual Awards Program ($120M)

- Projects may address current and future climate change impacts on Tribal Treaty and Trust resources, economies, agriculture, food sovereignty, conservation practices, infrastructure, and human health and safety

- TCR and this funding opportunity support Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and inclusion of Indigenous Knowledges

The TCR is committed to equity and environmental and social justice in its program delivery and seeks to ensure that all projects provide direct, meaningful benefits consistent with Executive Order 14112 – *Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*, the Justice40 Initiative, DOI's policy on the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge (301 DM 7), DOI's Equity Action Plan, and other related policies and initiatives.

Overview

- Key Dates

- Eligibility

- Funding Categories

- Required Application Elements

- How will my proposal be evaluated?

- Funding mechanism (ISDEAA) and Reporting/Compliance Expectations

- Technical Assistance & Additional Resources

- Online Application Portal Demonstration

- Q & A

Key Dates

- **July 17 – October 18, 2024 -** OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD

- **Friday, October 18, 2024 -** DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS Applications must be submitted no later than 7:59 pm Alaska time/11:59 pm Eastern time. Proposals received after this deadline cannot be considered.

- **January 2025 -** FUNDING SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Eligibility

1) Federally recognized Tribes are defined as those listed in the current Federal Register (*Notice of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, 89 Fed. Reg. 944* (Jan. 8, 2024).

   https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-01-08/pdf/2024-00109.pdf

2) Authorized Tribal organizations and Tribal consortia as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 U.S.C. § 5304(*l*).

   https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:25%20section:5304%20edition:prelim)

Note that these do not include Alaska Native Corporations or State recognized Tribes.

Applicants must be eligible to receive funding via Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) contracts and compacts.

Other entities may be eligible to receive funding as sub awardees or contractors.

FY24 Categories of Funding

Category 1 – Planning ($250,000 maximum)

Category 2 – Implementation ($4,000,000 maximum)

Category 3 – Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place (RMP) Staff

($150,000/year for 3 years; $450k total)

Applicants may only receive one award per category. If multiple proposals are submitted, only the highest-ranking proposal would be considered for funding.

Eligibility

Category Eligibility

	Category 1: Planning	Category 2: Implementation	Category 2: RMP Staff
Tribes eligible	X	X	X
Tribal Orgs eligible	X	X	

IMPORTANT: Tribes previously awarded RMP Coordinator Category funds from TCR are ineligible for Category 3.

Category: 1 (Planning)
Funding: $250,000 maximum (competitive)
Eligibility: All Federally recognized Tribes, authorized Tribal organizations (including Tribal consortia)

Examples:

- Risk Assessments
- Climate adaptation plans
- RMP plans
- Natural or cultural resource management plans
- Forest, fire, rangeland, or wetland management plans
- Hazard/emergency response or mitigation plans

- Ecological restoration
- Greenhouse gas mitigation plans
- Construction or engineering plans/designs
- Training and workshops
- Internships/climate staffing or program development (i.e., capacity building)
- Youth & community engagement

Category: 2 (Implementation)
Funding: $4,000,000 maximum (competitive)
Eligibility: All Federally recognized Tribes, authorized Tribal organizations (including Tribal consortia)

- Category 2 awards support the execution of climate resilience projects previously identified and supported by official planning documents

- Examples of supporting planning documents include (but not limited to): Tribal climate adaptation plans, relocation master plans, natural resources plans, drought plans, hazard mitigation plans, ecological restoration plans, greenhouse gas mitigation plans, and construction or engineering plans/designs.

- Construction activities may require compliance with Subpart J (for Self Determination Contracts) or Subpart K (for Self Governance compacts)

Category: 3 (Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place Staff)
Funding: $150,000 max per year for 3 years ($450k total)
Eligibility: Federally recognized Tribes[1,2]

[1]*Tribal organizations/consortia are* <u>*ineligible*</u> *as primary awardees.* [2]*Tribes previously awarded RMP Coordinator position funds from TCR are* <u>*ineligible*</u>.

- Category 3 awards are non-competitive funding intended to support Tribes with limited staff or technical or project management capacity and who have imminent relocation, managed retreat, or protect-in-place needs due to climate impacts.

- RMP staff positions may focus on development of community planning documents, climate adaptation strategies, implementation actions, community engagement, coordination with federal and other partners, emergency response plans or mitigation, and implementation of RMP actions.

Category: 3 (Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place Staff)
Funding: $150,000 max per year for 3 years ($450k total)
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- Includes access to a climate resiliency cohort training module for the staff position.

- Training module is ten-month long series (in Year 1) and consists of peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange regarding climate resiliency and RMP decision-making facilitated by BIA and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP).

- Participation in the training module is required for all Category 3 awardees.

- *Please note, while this is a non-competitive category, funding requests may exceed available funding. Communities which are at highest risk, as supported by published documentation will be prioritized for funding from this Category*

Required Content for All Funding Categories

Apply online at the TCR Online Application Portal (https://portal.bia.gov/tcr/s)

1. Application Form (see page 5 of Solicitation for example)
2. Cover Letter (indicating leadership acknowledgement/support for the application)
3. Project Proposal[1] (6-page limit, scored 0-100 points)
4. Budget (template available on TCR Website; NO IDC)
5. Budget Narrative
6. Optional: Supporting Documents (does not count towards 6-page limit)

[1]*Category 3 (RMP Staff) requires a completed questionnaire in lieu of a project proposal.*

Required Content for All Funding Categories

Application Form (see page 5 of solicitation for example)

- General information about the applicant and proposed project

- 15 questions total

- Actual form is completed on the TCR Online Application Portal (but example is provided in the solicitation)

APPLICATION FORM
- REQUIRED FOR EACH PROPOSAL AND ALL CATEGORIES OF FUNDING -

APPLICATION FORM *(Example only - actual form is online at the TCR Online Application Portal)*

The following information is required for all TCR funding Categories. This example Application Form is provided here for reference only. Responses must be entered directly into the TCR Online Application Portal along with your application.

CATEGORY OF FUNDING: (CHECK ONLY ONE)
- ☐ Category 1 – Planning
- ☐ Category 2 – Implementation
- ☐ Category 3 – Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place (RMP) Staff

TRIBE/TRIBAL ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

SAM.GOV ISSUED UNIQUE ENTITY ID (UEI) NUMBER: _____

PROJECT TITLE: (A succinct but descriptive project title that will distinguish it from other proposals and indicate project purpose and goals (300 character limit, including spaces). Please do not call your project "TCR funding opportunity" or include category information.)

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REQUESTED FUNDING AMOUNT: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY: (A brief summary to be made public, if awarded. The summary should focus on what the project will accomplish including the benefits and impacts and should be two sentences long in most cases. The first sentence should clearly state the main activity being used to address the specific need. The second sentence should state the expected outcome from the investment and relevance to climate resiliency. The summary should be concise and use clear, straightforward language that can be easily understood by a diverse audience. Please refrain from using pronouns such as I, we, our, etc.)

Budgets

1. Costs disallowed under ISDEAA cannot be funded, see *2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E – Cost Principals* for standard disallowed costs.

2. <u>Do not</u> include indirect costs in budgets. All indirect or administrative support will be paid separately, in the form of Contract Support Costs or CSC, which comes from separate funding and is paid in addition to any funds received from TCR.

3. Clearly identify any pass-thru/contractor/sub awardee costs

4. FY24 Budget Template (optional): https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media_document/fy24_tcr_budget_template_optional.xlsx

How Will My Proposal Be Evaluated?

Scoring Criteria

Scored Proposal Elements	Category 1: Planning	Category 2: Implementation	Category 3: RMP Staff
Geographic Location	5 points	5 points	NA
Project Purpose	40 points	40 points	NA
Objective	5 points	10 points	NA
Methods	10 points	10 points	NA
Timeline	5 points	5 points	NA
Deliverables	10 points	5 points	NA
Expected Results	10 points	10 points	NA
Tribal Capacity Building	15 points	NA	NA
Project Management Plan	NA	5 points	NA
Permitting	NA	5 points	NA
Project Readiness	NA	5 points	NA

Note: NA = Not applicable. Category 3 requires a questionnaire *in lieu* of a project proposal. See solicitation for additional information.

Funding Mechanism (ISDEAA) and Reporting/Compliance Expectations

- All funds will be awarded via ISDEAA Public Law 93-638 Self Determination contracts of Self Governance compacts

- See 'Reporting & Compliance' document on page 23 of solicitation for list of expectations for all awards.

- TCR awards may be used to meet Federal and non-Federal cost share/match requirements required by statute.

Technical Assistance

Weekly Virtual Office Hours (1 hour)

When: Every Tuesday at 3pm Eastern/11am Alaska during the 90-day application period (July 17 - October 18, 2024)

How: MS Teams Meeting

(See TCR Website for link and phone dial-in information (https://www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program)

Description: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) staff are available virtually each Tuesday at 3pm Eastern time (11am Alaska time) to provide technical assistance for the BIA-TCR FY24 Annual Awards Program. Please join us if you have questions regarding the BIA-TCR climate resilience funding opportunity or application process.

Grant Writing Workshop (90 min)

Led by Dr. Meade Krosby (Senior Scientist with the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and University Director of the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center) and Dr. Chas Jones (CEO and Director for PICEA Consulting Group)

When: Wednesday Sep 4, 2024 2pm Eastern/10am Alaska

How: Zoom Meeting

(See TCR Website for link and phone dial-in information (https://www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program)

Description: Learn project proposal development and grant application writing strategies to improve your chances of securing needing funding for climate resilience projects. A recording of the event will be posted to the TCR Website.

Additional Resources

FY24 RFP Quick Guide:
https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media_document/fy24_tcr_annual_award_program_quick_guide.pdf

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Technical Assistance

Visit the TCR website for meeting links and call-in numbers
- Virtual Office Hours - Every Tuesday at 3pm Eastern/11am Alaska during the application period (July 17 - October 18, 2024)
- Informational Webinar (60 min) - July 30 at 3pm Eastern/11am Alaska
- Grant Writing Workshop (90 min) - Sept 4 at 2pm Eastern/10am Alaska

Note: Recordings will be available on the TCR website

LEARN MORE
www.bia.gov/service/tcr_annual_awards_program

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APPLY BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024
11:59pm Eastern Daylight Time (EST)
www.bia.gov/service/tcr_annual_awards_program

Technical Assistance

- TCR Regional Coordinators (see last page of RFP for contact information)

- Tribal Liaison Network www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/liaisons

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/liasons

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