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# Update on Office of Habitat Competitive Funding Opportunities

*Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act*

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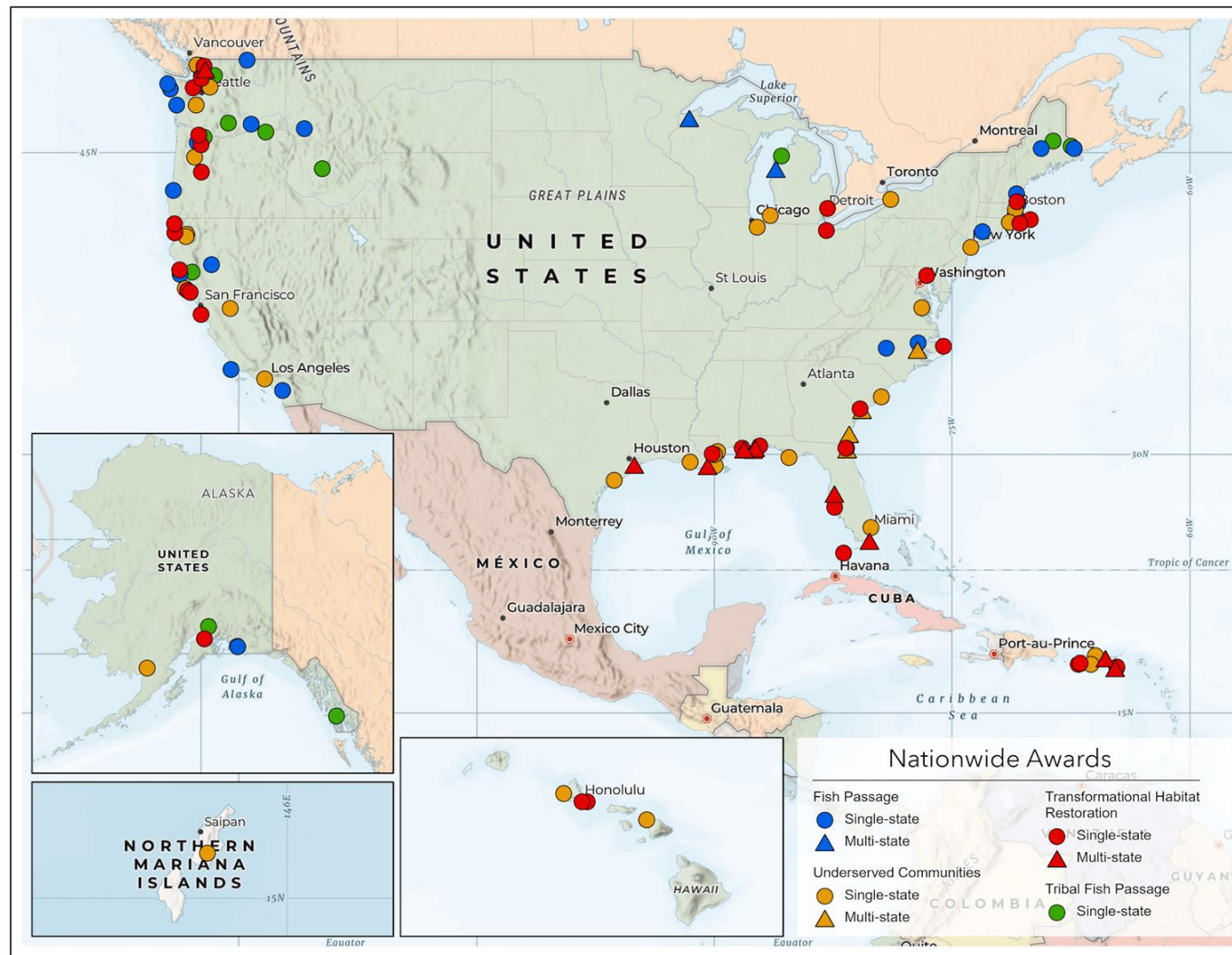
# Additional Resources - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

- Approximately **\$891 million** over 5 years of BIL funding:
  - **\$491 million** for habitat restoration
  - **\$400 million** for fish passage, with up to 15 percent reserved for tribes
- Additional **\$484M** of IRA funding
- At least three rounds of funding competitions - Fish Passage; Tribal Fish Passage; Transformational Habitat Restoration; Tribes & Underserved Communities



# Projects in Round 1

- 109 Awards
- \$480M
- See project list on our website: [fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA](https://fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA)



# Fish passage / Tribal fish passage

- [Copper River Watershed Project](#) will remove two culverts and design seven additional culvert removals in Copper River delta. This flood-prone area has seen multiple 100-year flood events in recent years. Removing the culverts will reduce the risk of structural failure and maintain community access to emergency services and resources. (\$1,410,000)
- [Chickaloon Native Village](#) will remove fish passage barriers within traditional ancestral lands and develop a Fish Passage Working Group for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. They will also increase the knowledge and capacity of tribal staff members to oversee fish passage restoration planning, design, and implementation. (\$1,558,006)
- [Sealaska Corporation](#) will assess and prioritize stream-crossing barriers on Prince of Wales Island and will create designs for 10 individual barrier projects. The island is one of the most productive areas for salmon in Southeast Alaska, supporting coho, chum, pink, and sockeye, which have been important to inhabitants for millennia. (\$425,920)
- [The Eyak Corporation](#) will build capacity for planning and implementing fish passage and connection restoration projects in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Copper River Watershed Project. The work will support salmon species of profound importance to native and rural subsistence users, recreational anglers, and commercial fishermen. (\$309,088 in first year; up to \$2,872,614 total over 3 years)
- Total Funding \$6,266,540.



# Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Projects/Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

- **The Resurrection: Restoration of a Watershed and Salmon:** The [National Forest Foundation](#) will restore salmon habitat in Resurrection Creek, an area historically altered by gold mining. This effort will benefit numerous salmon species, and will support prey for Cook Inlet beluga whale, a [NOAA Species in the Spotlight](#). It will also provide benefits such as flood reduction and job creation to nearby communities like the Town of Hope. (\$3.8 million)
- **Developing a Climate Impact Statement for Coastal Erosion and Shoreline Stability in Levelock, Alaska:** The [Levelock Village Council](#) will conduct a Climate Impact Statement for the Native Village of Levelock, Alaska. The Climate Impact Statement will assess how future climate scenarios could affect Levelock and provide strategies to improve their resilience to hazards like sea level rise and flooding. In particular, it will focus on how climate change could impact erosion of the Kvichak River, which the community relies on for supply services and sockeye salmon fishing. (\$380,000)
- Total funding \$4,180,000



# Funding Opportunity: National Fish Passage

- Up to **\$175M** available to support a broad range of fish passage projects in coastal ecosystems, including the Great Lakes
- Award range: \$1M - \$20M
- Application deadline: October 16
- Broad eligibility
- Contact:  
[Fish.Passage.Grants@noaa.gov](mailto:Fish.Passage.Grants@noaa.gov)
- Currently in review



*Credit: Chesapeake Bay Program*

# Funding Opportunity: Tribal Fish Passage

- Up to **\$85M** available to support to tribal fish passage work and building tribal organizational capacity
- Award range: \$300K - \$12M
- Application deadline: November 8
- Limited eligibility for federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and Alaska Native Corporations
- Contact:  
[Infrastructure.Tribal@noaa.gov](mailto:Infrastructure.Tribal@noaa.gov)
- **Currently in review**



*Credit: Penobscot River Restoration Trust*

# Funding Opportunity: Transformational Habitat Restoration

- Up to **\$240M** available for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects across the country that span a **broad range of habitats and restoration techniques**
- Award range: \$1M - \$25M
- Application deadline: November 17
- Broad eligibility
- Contact: [Resilience.Grants@noaa.gov](mailto:Resilience.Grants@noaa.gov)

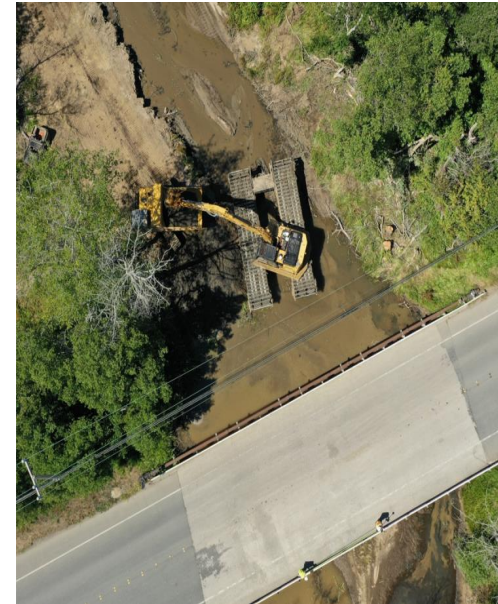


*Credit: San Mateo Resource Conservation District*



# Funding Opportunity: Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities

- Up to **\$45M** available for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of tribes and underserved :Of the \$45 million in funding available, \$20 million is specifically available to U.S. federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent tribes through formal legal agreements, through direct awards or subawards
- Application deadline: December 19, 2023
- Contact: [Underserved.Community.Grants@noaa.gov](mailto:Underserved.Community.Grants@noaa.gov)



*Credit: San Mateo Resource Conservation District*

# Webinars

## For Applicants

- [View the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [Resources for NOAA Restoration Center Applicants](#)
- [Program Priorities for Habitat Restoration Grants](#)
- [How to Build Your Proposals](#)
- [Download Applicant Webinar Materials: Slides, Transcript, and Audio \(.zip\)](#)

## For Grants Recipients

- [Information for NOAA Restoration Center Award Recipients](#)
- [Monitoring and Evaluation for Restoration Projects](#)
- [Progress Reporting Guidance](#)
- [Environmental Compliance Resources](#)
- [How to Manage Your Grant](#)

Coastal:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/transformational-habitat-restoration-and-coastal-resilience-grants>

Fish Passage:  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/restoring-fish-passage-through-barrier-removal-grants>

