

Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Program
(ICARP)



Regional Resilience Grant Program

Round 1 Draft Guidelines

Tribal Governments & Communities Workshop
February 22, 2023



Workshop Goals & Overview

- Program Background
- Timeline
- Engagement Summary
- Draft Guideline Review
- Q & A

Guideline Workshops & Public Comment Period

- 1/24 - General (Workshop Series Start)
- 1/27 - Technical Advisory Council Meeting
- 1/30 - Bay Area & Central Coast
- 2/7 - Los Angeles, San Diego, Inland Desert
- 2/16 - Inland North, North Coast & Sierra Regions
- 2/22 - Sacramento & San Joaquin Valley
- 2/22 - Tribal Governments and Communities
- 3/3 - End of Public Comment Period

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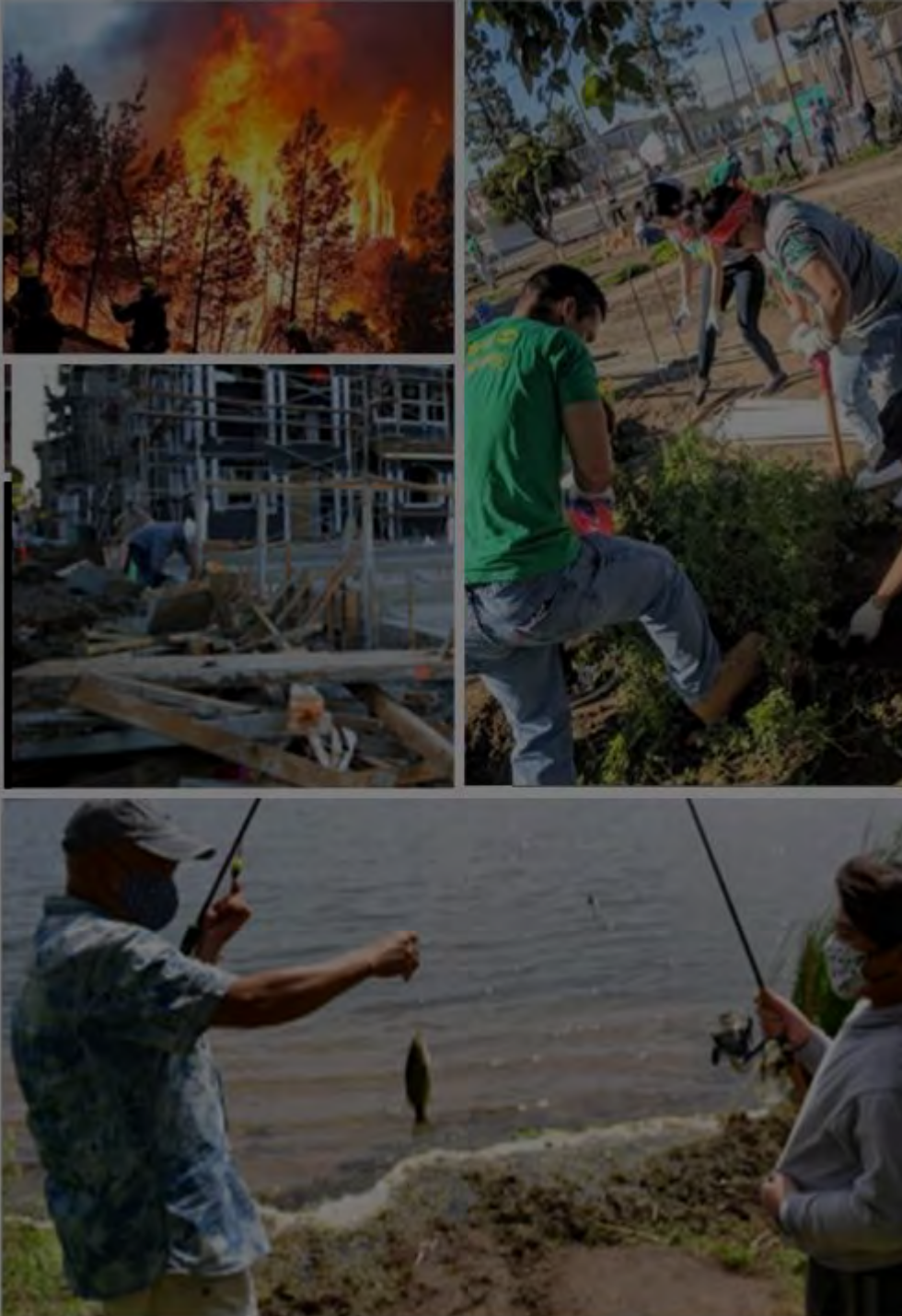
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○ To Be Completed

How to Submit Public Comment

Public comment period ends **March 3rd at 5 pm, PST**

- Attend a public workshop
- Email icarp.grants@opr.ca.gov



Background & Goals

- ✓ Support **local, regional, and tribal** entities' regional-scale climate resilience solutions.
- ✓ Invest in three major activities: **capacity-building, planning, and project implementation.**
- ✓ **Round 1:** \$21.3 M total, at least \$12.5M for planning activities



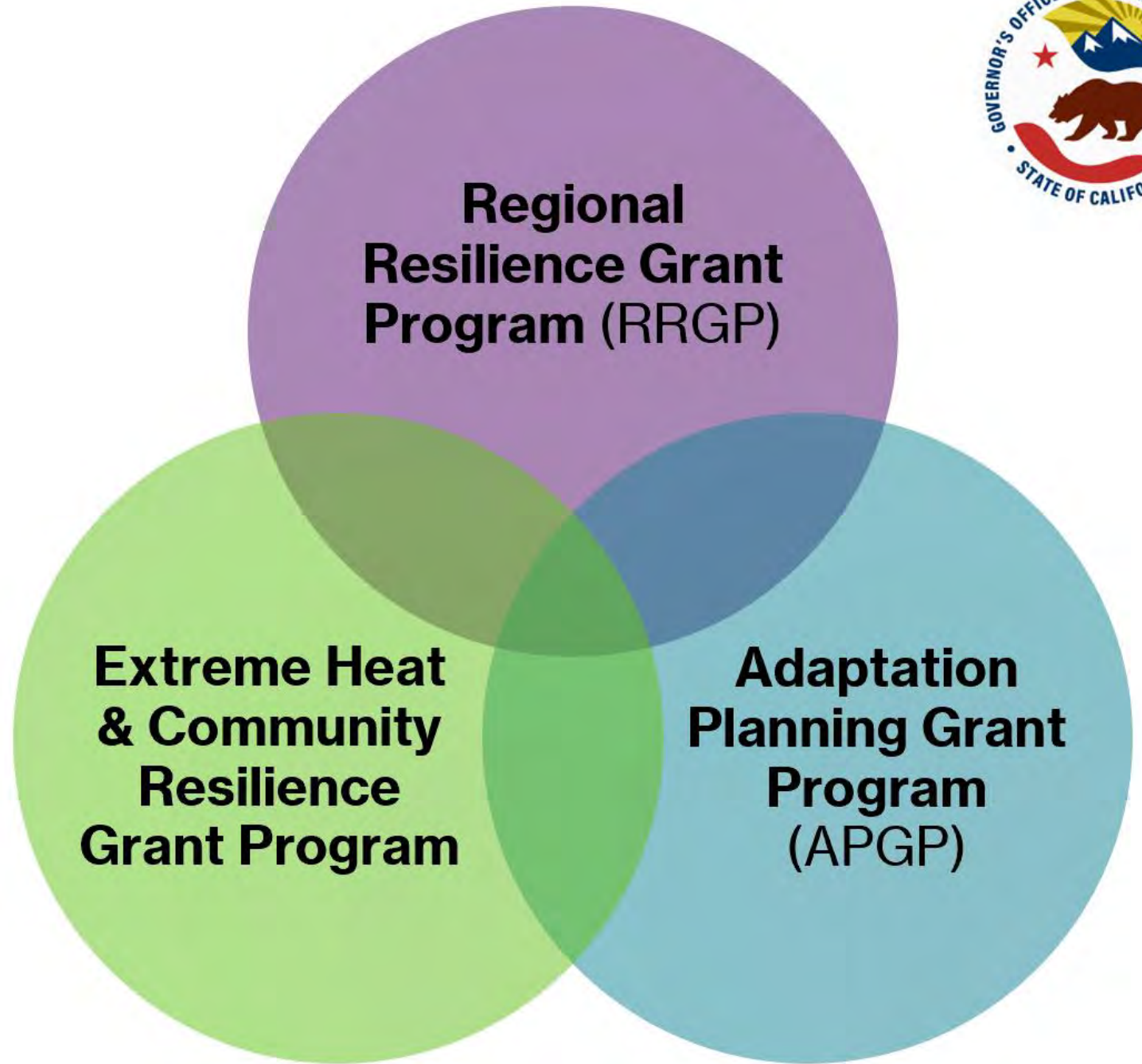
Resilience vs. Adaptation

Climate Resilience: the capacity of any entity to prepare for disruptions, recover from shocks and stresses, and adapt and grow from a disruption.

Climate Adaptation: when natural or human systems adjust to a new or changing environment

Context:

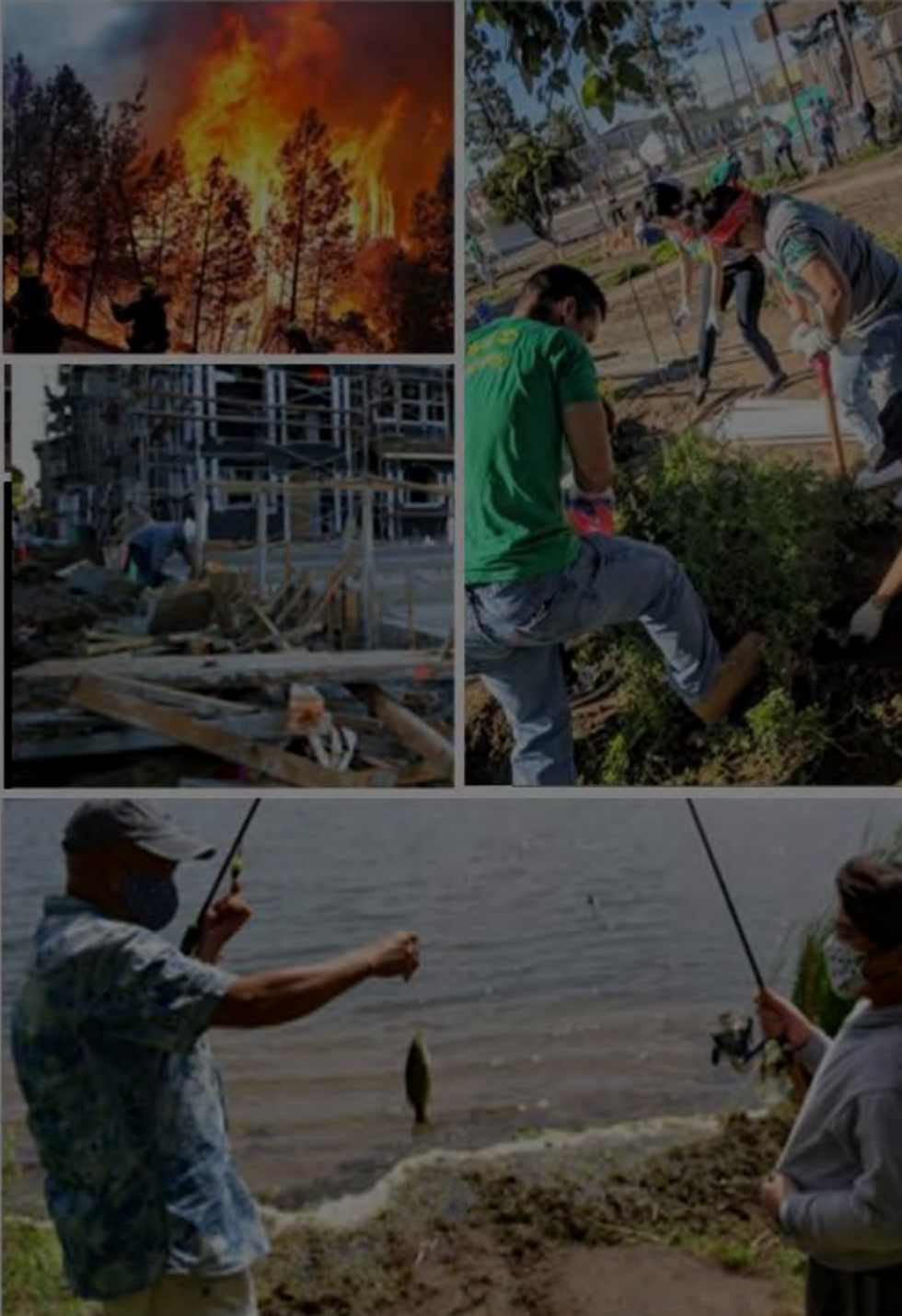
New ICARP Grant Programs





Key Program Priorities

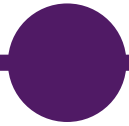
- Fund **regional projects**
- Align projects with **ICARP priorities** to reduce climate risks
- Address the **greatest climate risks** in each region
- Support **vulnerable communities**



Anticipated Impacts of the RRGP

- + Achieve a vision of collaborative resilience projects that reduce climate impacts in the near and long term
 - + New and existing collaboration
 - + Integrating local and traditional or tribal ecological knowledge
- + Support the full life cycle of regional resilience projects through planning and implementation phases
 - + Projects build capacity, focus on vulnerable communities, and support equitable outcomes

Tentative Timeline



**Listening
Sessions**

Summer 2022



**Draft Guidelines
Public Comment
& Guidelines
Workshops**

January – March
2023



**Solicitation
Release & TA
Workshops**

May – July 2023



Awards
Fall 2023

 Completed  In Progress  To Be Completed



Feedback to Date

140 Organizations Engaged

Summer 2022 Engagement Included:

- ✓ Public listening sessions
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ Online survey



RRGP Feedback from Tribal Governments & Communities

- Capacity for tribal governments and communities is extremely strained
 - Tribes do not have the time, resources, or support to build the inter-jurisdictional buy-in required for climate resilience work
- Grant programs typically do not consider the diverse needs of tribal communities

RRGP Feedback Summary

1. Provide flexibility in defining regions.

Allow self-identified regions.

2. Fund sustainable staffing and strategic partnerships to build capacity.

Support staffing capacity to ensure multi-scale collaboration and prioritize vulnerable communities.

3. Streamline and simplify the grant application and reporting processes.

Provide technical assistance and align with existing grant programs.

Regional Focus

1. Regional Definition

- Regions may be self-defined.
- Regions should share natural and built environment systems and climate risks.

2. Regional Partnership

- Regional partnerships required
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships with two or more parties involved.

3. Regional Diversity

- Fund at least one project from each of the California Climate Adaptation Strategy geographic regions.

Applicants

Eligible Applicants

- Public Entities
- California Native American Tribes
 - Including tribes on the list that the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) maintains per Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004 (Pub. Resources Code, § 21073).
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

Co-Applicants and Partnership

- At least one lead applicant with at least one co-applicant
- At least one applicant should be a California Native American Tribe or public entity
- Public entities with projects targeting vulnerable communities should partner with at least one CBO.

Priority Communities & Set Asides



- At least **25%** to projects that serve disadvantaged communities
- At least **10%** to projects that serve California Native American Tribes
- At least **one project** from each of the **nine geographic regions** defined by the California Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Fund at least **2 projects** to establish **tribal** and **rural** regional partnerships

Application Technical Assistance

RRGP Staff will provide technical assistance through:

- Online **application workshops**
- Online **office hours**
- **Information sharing** to foster potential collaboration
- Posting **frequently asked questions**

Online Application Workshops:

- **2** general workshops
- **3** targeted workshops:
 1. Tribal Governments
 2. Inland Desert & San Joaquin Valley
 3. North Coast, Inland North & The Sierra

Activities

Eligible

- Activities should have a regional focus and align with one of the RRGPs Goals
- Stronger projects will also be consistent with at least one climate-related state plan

Ineligible

- Legislative lobbying and lawsuits
- Environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Examples of Eligible Activities

Planning

- Regional-scale vulnerability assessment
- Collaborate with a CBO to form a regional climate collaborative
- Align plans within a region for one or more hazards
- Collaborate with a CBO on a regional community education initiative

Implementation

- Implement planning documents in partnership with a CBO or California Native American Tribe
- Implement hazard-specific projects
- Implement a multi-hazard project with a CBO or California Native American Tribe



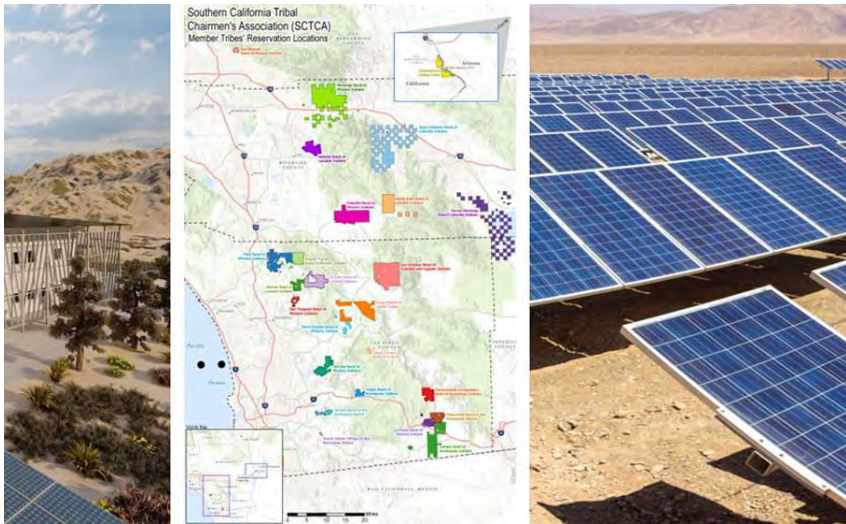
Funding Tribal Governments and Communities

1. Tribal Marine Stewards Network

- Environmental stewardship & capacity building

2. Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative

- Development of actional Tribal climate plans and meaningful climate projects
- Capacity building



Application Process

1. Intent to Apply Survey

- **Purpose:**
 - Evaluate applicant eligibility and potential for regional collaboration
 - Direct resources for technical support or other funding opportunities
- Will be available **online** before we release the application and solicitation
- Prospective applicants should fill out, to the best of their ability, details about the project and applicants

Application Process

2. Application Submission

- **Competitive** process
- **Virtual** application submission through SharePoint Grants Portal
- **Application questions** align with topical areas in the Scoring Criteria
- **Additional documentation:**
 - Budget
 - Work Plan
 - Community Engagement Plan
 - Letters of support from vulnerable communities the project supports

Scoring Criteria (100 points possible)

- 1. Program Goals & Description** 10 points
- 2. Consistency with the RRGP, State Priorities, & Local Plans** 15 points
- 3. Community Need & Priorities** 20 points
- 4. Climate Risks & Co-Benefits** 15 points
- 5. Regional Partnership** 15 points
- 6. Organizational Capacity** 10 points
- 7. Budget** 15 points

Program Expectations

Projects can be 12-30 months long.

Action Plan

- Developed at the beginning of the grant term
- Identifies key activities, member roles and responsibilities, and timelines
- Builds on Work Plan and community partnership plan
- Guides implementation and holds partners accountable

Evaluation

- Progress reports
- Regular check-ins

Eligible Costs

Ensure that costs proposed in the project budget are eligible for funding (vary for planning and implementation projects).

Examples Include:

- Staff Costs
- Program Meetings/Workshop Attendance
- Travel Costs
- Language Access
- Evaluation Activities
- Administrative Costs
- Engagement, Outreach, Education and Training

Next Steps

- Review the [Draft Guidelines](#)
- Attend a regional session or email icarp.grants@opr.ca.gov to submit public comments before **March 3rd at 5:00 pm**

Final Guidelines and Application/Solicitation Release	April 26, 2023
Application Help/Technical Assistance (TA) Webinars	April 26, 2023 – July 19, 2023
Deadline to Submit Applications	July 19, 2023, 5pm

Other Relevant Grant Opportunities

OPR & SGC Programs:

- Adaptation Planning Grant Program (OPR)
- Tribal Research Grant Program (OPR/CEC)
- Community Resilience Centers Grant Program (SGC)
- Regional Climate Collaboratives (SGC)
- Transforming Climate Communities (SGC)

Other State Programs:

- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (DOC)
- Forest Health Grants (CALFIRE)
- Local Coastal Program Grants (CCC)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (DWR)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Programs (CDFW)

Related ICARP Initiatives

Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

- March TAC Meeting: Extreme Heat topics

Programs:

- ICARP [Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#)
- [Climate Research Topics](#)
- [Tribal Research Grant Program](#)

Resources

- [Adaptation Clearinghouse](#)
- [CalAdapt](#)
- [Vulnerable Communities Platform](#)

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Regional Resilience Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This webpage answers the questions most frequently asked about the ICARP Regional Resilience Grant Program.

📄 ON THIS PAGE: [FAQs](#)

The following FAQs provide a broad overview of the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP). The RRGF Draft Guidelines are currently the most detailed source of information on the RRGF. OPR staff will update the following FAQs as the RRGF receives feedback on the Draft Guidelines and releases the Final Guidelines.

What is the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP)? [▾](#)

Who is eligible to apply to the RRGF? [▾](#)

RRGP FAQs

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on our [website](#).

Thank You!

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