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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 environmental threats.



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Yá'át'ééh! Gumyu! Loloma! Hello!



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Do you ever wonder about your other lives? Or what you'd like to be or do in your next life?

Bear with me. Remember, I have ADHD and often have several channels going at the same time. My longtime colleague and I often talk about my ability to multitask. For example, I can write a short but complete email while holding a discussion with her. Of course, there are times when I have to block out as many distractions as possible (which is very hard to do) and focus on the task at hand. I do need some sort of noise in the background, and it's not always music. If it's music, I want to dance and sing out loud, but I'm often in the office and cannot carry a tune.

My point is that my mind is always going, and my life partner is the one who hears it all out loud. I often talk about the other lives we've lived within this lifetime. Does that make sense? For instance, I have been a sheep herder, a commercial river guide, a cultural educator, a school counselor and advisor to middle and high school students and even worked in a greenhouse nursery documenting the growth of plants. My life partner has been a farmer in Iowa, a commercial river guide, someone who has skied and kayaked all over the West Coast, a truck driver, and so much more.

Now, we have kind of settled—or at least he has—into our professional roles and into our favorite role of all: being parents to our two biological children and a niece and nephew whom we consider our own. I say this because my life partner enjoys what he does for work. It challenges him, and it benefits others in meaningful ways.

On the other hand, I believe I am not quite settled yet. I enjoy my work but I feel an itch. I believe I need to return to my roots as a farmer and sheep herder while continuing to learn about my culture and history. I want to study and spend even more time outdoors than I do now. I would like to simply be with our Mother Earth and our non-human relatives.

In my next life, I would like to do even more. I imagine studying to become a carpenter, a mechanic, or a world-champion frybread maker. I'd like to learn to carry a tune so I can sing Dolly's *Jolene* or perhaps become a reviewer of books. I would spend more time at song and dances, at Lowell Observatory, and basking in the beauty of Bears Ears.

And as my mentor has encouraged me many times to do, I would write my stories. If he were the only one to read it, I would be okay with that because I will have written. Most of all, I would like to not be afraid. It's easier said than done, right? That fear stems from my long history of this and that, and we can discuss what I am—or was—afraid of another time, but let's not dwell on that now. We should always look forward without forgetting our past.

To end this conversation, I hope you are taking the time to care for yourself by doing things and spending time in places that bring joy to your heart and a smile to your face. We must never stop dreaming and imagining what could be—and what will be. As I heard an elder say at the [Meeting of the Sacred Waters](#), ***"We are the ancestors the future generations are waiting for."***

[Pluto is a Planet – Learn more about Lowell Observatory](#)

Shonto has the best views of the [stars and milky way](#)

On behalf of our Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations team, Nikki

IN THE NEWS

[From Energy Use to Air Quality, the Many Ways Data Centers Affect US Communities](#)

Energy prices and water use aren't the only ways data centers affect U.S. communities. We break down the impacts — and how some states are dealing with them. © World Resources Institute, 2/17/26

[Coyote Valley Band turns to solar carports to cut power costs nearly in half](#)

A California tribe expects to cut its electricity costs nearly in half after completing a 2.23-megawatt solar carport project that required no upfront tribal capital. The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians expects to save about \$450,000 a year through the project, financed with a \$3.2 million federal grant and a long-term power purchase agreement. The project includes a 1,411-kilowatt solar canopy across the casino's parking areas and an 817.5-kilowatt system at the Coyote Valley Hotel that supplies power to the adjacent tribal council offices, convenience store and wastewater treatment facility. Together, the systems are expected to generate about 3,472 megawatt-hours of electricity annually — about 90% of the site's energy use. © Tribal Business News, 6/5/26

[The Wall the Tohono O'odham Don't Want](#)

Before Trump won his first election, in 2016, with promises to "build the wall," Arizona's border with Mexico already had the most barriers of any U.S. state. But an unfinished stretch lay along the southern boundary of the Tohono O'odham Nation, a reservation the size of Connecticut. Now Trump is trying to fill that line in, by ordering a wall built across a 62-mile-long stretch of reservation land. This would constitute what the chairman of the nation, Verlon Jose, called "the biggest land grab of the modern era." © The Atlantic, 6/20/26

[Native American Tribes Came Together to Secure Their Rights to Colorado River Water. Four States Are Stalling the Deal.](#)

The deal would have resolved the largest existing claim on the Colorado River, allowing approximately \$5 billion in federal funding to support water infrastructure. It also would have created a reservation for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. As reported in Propublica, Hopi Tribal Council Member Marily Tewa said, "I'm speaking on behalf of my children, my grandchildren and their children that haven't come yet. I hope, in the future, that they will have water." © Propublica, 6/29/26

[Hawaiian Ahupua'a Food System Restoration Revives Ancient Terraces Feeding Communities Through Indigenous Water Management](#)

Native Hawaiians demanding justice in the 1990s drew government attention, eventually negotiating access to land. The state likely hoped sending them to remote mountain valleys would end protests, but the community discovered a gem beneath invasive eucalyptus: the remains of Hawaii's genius traditional food system. © Happy Eco News, 6/29/26

[The Klamath Tribes couldn't get federal dollars for salmon. Then the Yurok stepped in](#)

For more than 100 years, salmon had been absent from the Klamath Tribes' lands — a fact that cut them off from funding sources to fix that. © High Country News, 7/2/26

[DOE's Plans to Complete Cleanup and Transfer of Moab Mill Site](#)

Through the Moab Cleanup Project, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) has removed over 16 million tons of uranium mill tailings and other materials at the Moab Mill Site in Utah, as of 2026. Tailings are leftover waste after uranium has been removed from rock. EM has sent the tailings and contaminated material to a nearby disposal site. EM is also working to remediate contaminated groundwater, which threatens the nearby Colorado River. © GAO, 7/15/26

[Data centers are booming. Indigenous leaders want help protecting their lands.](#)

AI is the transformative technology of our time, with the potential to reshape our world on a global scale. And yet, underpinning its potential is the need for so-called hyperscale data centers that require vast amounts of land, energy, and water. As tech companies and governments continue to develop this infrastructure at a huge scale, Indigenous peoples around the world are responding to this threat in different ways. © Grist, 7/16/26

[New York governor orders first statewide data center moratorium](#)

New York Governor Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, issued an executive order Tuesday that puts a moratorium on the construction of large-scale data centers. The pause, which will last up to a year, is the nation's first statewide ban on data centers, which have drawn increasing concern from lawmakers and citizens based on their impact on electricity prices and the energy grid. © Grist, 7/18/26

[As climate change threatens their lands, Indigenous nations demand more power at the UN](#)

The Arctic is warming four times faster than other regions, a trend that disproportionately harms the Indigenous Sámi people — particularly their access to vital traditional resources like reindeer and salmon, which are used for food, clothing, weapons, and more. © Grist 7/21/26

[Tribes and Environmental Groups Sue to Block Trump's Gutting of the Endangered Species Act](#)

Environmental groups and tribes are suing the Trump administration over a new rule eliminating the majority of habitat protections for imperiled wildlife protected by the Endangered Species Act. Experts say the rule represents the most profound change to the law since it was first enacted in 1973, paving the way for more development and industrial activities that will likely harm vulnerable animals and plants. © Mother Jones, 7/21/26

RESOURCES

Podcast: [Listening to the Ripples](#)

Introducing Listening to the Ripples podcast - a podcast about centering and honoring our relationship with water through the care and leadership of Indigenous matriarchs. Tune into the podcast to learn more about the purpose, vision, and mission of the podcast. The podcast is hosted by tylee nez, a water protector, storyteller, youth leader, and artist from the high deserts of the Navajo and Hopi lands, within Lower Colorado River Basin.

Policy Tools: [Responding to Disasters in Indian Country](#)

This guide is designed to help Tribal leadership and staff decide if and how to seek federal disaster assistance after a disaster. It includes an introduction to the disaster declaration process, the three types of declarations available to Tribal Nations, and the administrative and financial obligations associated with each. This guide was prepared by the Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program (EELP), and incorporates feedback from Tribal leaders and staff who participated in virtual and in-person workshops convened by the Northwest Climate Resilience Collaborative.

Publication: [“Caring for Our Kin: Stories of Indigenous Environmental Stewardship”](#)

The American Indian College Fund has released a new publication, “Caring for Our Kin: Stories of Indigenous Environmental Stewardship,” highlighting the work and perspectives of seven Indigenous environmental leaders. Designed as a guidebook for Native students and community members, the publication offers insight into how Indigenous knowledge systems and community-based approaches can shape the future of environmental stewardship.

Publication: [The Tribal Guide To Implementing FPIC In The Context Of Conservation And Development](#)

This guide seeks to provide educational information to Tribal governments regarding Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), as articulated in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration). It focuses on opportunities to use FPIC as a tool to protect Tribal rights and interests in the context of conservation and development.

Publication: [Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials](#)

The 2026 update to Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials is now available. The guide provides state, local, and Tribal public health officials with information they need to be prepared for smoke events and, when wildfire smoke is present, to communicate health risks and take measures to protect the public. Although developed for public health officials, the information in this document could be useful to many other groups including health professionals, air quality officials, and members of the public.

Report: [Nature-Based Climate Solutions](#)

Indigenous Climate Action has officially released their latest report: Nature-Based Climate Solutions. While NbCS are often positioned as climate solutions, this report

takes a deeper look at what they mean for Indigenous Peoples, lands, and sovereignty. The report features details on a) what NbCS are and how they're being used; b) critical perspectives on settler-led approaches; c) the risks, harms, and barriers impacting our communities; and d) opportunities for Indigenous-led climate solutions rooted in rights, responsibilities, and land-based knowledge.

The Youth Funding Toolkit from The Iris Project

Every year, young leaders do incredible work for nature and climate, but accessing funding can be a real challenge. The Youth Funding Toolkit, from The Iris Project, is a free, open-access resource co-created with project leaders and youth-led organizations, packed with practical tips on telling your story, building budgets, preparing for donors, and finding the right opportunities. If you're supporting youth-led projects, or part of one yourself, check it out.

LWCF Tribal Hub

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has distributed billions in conservation grants since 1965. In that time, Tribal Governments received less than one percent of total awards — a product of structural barriers that have kept one of the federal government's most significant conservation programs largely inaccessible to the governments that steward 2.3% of this country's lands and waters. This Hub is a resource for Tribal Governments and staff navigating those barriers. It's not a federal website — it's a practical, Tribal-centered starting point with plain-language guidance, downloadable tools, recorded trainings, and direct pathways to free technical assistance.

Rooted Futures Platform

Rooted Futures is an online platform designed to guide Indigenous students of the Pacific Northwest toward meaningful careers in environmental conservation. Rooted in the deep cultural significance of natural resource management among Indigenous tribes, this tool helps students explore career paths that align with their interests.

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Indigenous Data Champions Fellowship

The Indigenous Data Champions Fellowship aims to equip a cohort of 20 Indigenous leaders annually with the knowledge, tools, and relationships necessary to enhance Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov) and Governance (IDGov) within their communities. Fellows will participate in monthly cohort calls, engage in specialized training, and attend the U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) 2028 Summit. **Deadline: August 1, 2026**

Extended Term Consultant – Climate Change

The Secretariat is recruiting an Extended Term Consultant (ETC) to support the Programming and Innovation Unit across a broad range of administrative functions in support of Unit's operations, as well as broader Secretariat's. This includes supporting the project and programme review cycle (reply to questions from implementing entities, log

proposal-related information, etc.), preparing materials for PPRC meetings and Board documentation, tracking proposal submissions, and maintaining accurate records on the FIF platform and AF website. **Deadline: August 3, 2026**

Director of Programs

The Director of Programs is a senior leadership position responsible for overseeing and managing the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Resilient Homes and Resilient Adaptation programs within our organization. This role requires a combination of strategic planning, project management, team leadership, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement skills.

Deadline: August 7, 2026

Native Lands Partnerships Conservation Specialist

This position plays a critical role in fostering an organizational culture where people feel respected, included, and accountable to shared goals and outcomes. TWS has made it a priority to ensure that our work reflects fairness, representation, and accessibility. The Conservation Specialist will carry those commitments into our conservation work in Tribal Nations and indigenous communities —expanding partnerships, strengthening community connections, and ensuring our work is responsive to a broad range of perspectives and needs.

Deadline: August 9, 2026

Tribal & Indigenous Engagement Fellow

This Fellow will work closely with the Tribal & Indigenous Engagement team to center Indigenous perspectives and priorities throughout our conservation work in Colorado. There will be a focus on the Zapata Ranch Preserve Vision implementation, which centers on Tribal and Indigenous engagement at TNC's preserve in the San Luis Valley. **Deadline: August 9, 2026**

Call for Papers: Special Issue of Environmental Justice

As we approach the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence and look ahead to the nation's tricentennial in 2076, this special issue invites critical, justice-centered contributions from a wide range of voices - especially grassroots leaders, community advocates, Indigenous scholars, organizers, and practitioners. We are actively seeking submissions in diverse formats: research articles, community voice stories, case studies, policy briefs, commentaries, and practice briefs. **Abstract deadline: October 30, 2026**

2027 NRDC Climate Storytelling Fellowship

Submissions are open for the sixth annual NRDC Climate Storytelling Fellowship, a partnership between The Black List, NRDC's (Natural Resources Defense Council) Rewrite the Future program, The Redford Center, NBCUniversal, and CAA Community + Impact. The Fellowship will grant \$20,000 each to three writers to support revision of a feature screenplay or pilot that engages with climate change in a compelling way through events, actions, character, emotions, plot, and/or setting.

Deadline: December 4, 2026

Climate Catalysts Mentorship Programme 3.0

Ready to turn your climate ideas into global impact? Applications are now open for the Climate Catalysts Mentorship Programme 3.0 - a powerful opportunity for young changemakers committed to climate action.

Selected participants may even present their climate project to an international audience of policymakers, experts, and innovators at COP31. If you're passionate about driving climate solutions and want your voice heard on the global stage, this is your moment. **Deadline: open**

Native Youth Firefighter Training Program

The Native Youth Firefighter Training Program is a partnership between the Bureau of Indian Education and the U.S. Wildland Fire Service that prepares Native students for careers protecting tribal lands and communities from wildland fire. Students gain foundational skills, nationally recognized certifications, and hands-on experience, creating clear school-to-career pathways in public service and land stewardship. **Deadline: open**

California Tribal Fund Program Officer

The Program Officer plays an integral role in assisting and supporting the Vice President of Programs and works collaboratively with other program officers in the administration and implementation of the California Tribal Fund's program initiatives. The California Tribal Fund program supports California Tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, and California tribal controlled nonprofits across four strategic initiatives: Stewardship of Ancestral Lands and Waters, Fire and Drought, Tribal Community Food Sovereignty, and Culture. **Deadline: open**

Associate Director of Institutional Development

The Associate Director of Institutional Development provides strategic oversight and leads the planning, organization, and execution of institutional development initiatives aligned with the organization's values and priorities. This role collaborates with the Vice President of Development to co-develop and implement a comprehensive fundraising strategy with a primary focus on institutional giving. The Associate Director works cross-functionally with Development, Programs, Finance, and Communications teams to advance fundraising efforts and strengthen organizational capacity as part of a growing development department. **Deadline: open**

Grants Development Officer

The Grants Development Officer supports First Nations' development team in identifying and securing opportunities by coordinating grant writing; providing data and reports to support prospect research; managing the grant management process for federal and private grant opportunities; coordinating report writing with Program Officers or grant contractor; monitoring development activities and goal attainment; and identifying potential new funding sources. The Grants Development Officer reports to the Senior Program Officer of Institutional Development and works in close collaboration with First Nations' development, finance, program, and administrative staff. **Deadline: open**

Development Officer

The Development Officer supports the strategic fundraising efforts of First by enlisting support for the organization's key programs and initiatives with an emphasis on individual, planned, and monthly gifts. The Development Officer identifies, cultivates, solicits, and stewards individual donors and prospects in accordance with goals set in First Nations' strategic plan. The Development Officer develops brief proposals and reports

to funders to demonstrate impact of investments and spends the majority of time interacting with supporters through virtual and in-person visits. The Development Officer will work collaboratively with the individual giving team to ensure departmental goals are achieved.

Deadline: open

President of Water Resource Advocates

Water Resource Advocates (WRA) is seeking a dynamic and mission-driven President to lead a highly respected organization into its next chapter of impact. Reporting to the Board of Directors and working alongside an exceptionally knowledgeable staff, the President will be responsible for inspiring, leading, and executing on WRA's 2026-2030 Strategic Plan and aligning the resources, talent, and political will to make the vision a reality.

Deadline: open until filled

Coordinator, Native Self-Determination

The Coordinator will be an integral part of the Native Self-Determination team, working closely with the Administrator and Director, Native Self-Determination. This role is time-limited for an initial period of 5 years with the possibility of extension. **Deadline: open until filled**

Policy Analyst V

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) is seeking a policy analyst to join their team. This position will advocate for established tribal priorities in the triennial review process and build a foundation for engagement in water quality standards implementation with staff from the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, & Michigan. **Deadline: open until filled**

Biocultural Program Manager/Researcher

The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) is seeking a Biocultural Program Manager/Researcher to support CMSF and Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary in implementing and supporting a two year project titled, Indigenous-led Biocultural Indicators: Supporting a Holistic Framework for Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Monitoring in Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. **Deadline: open until filled**

Chief Executive Officer

The CEO of Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance (BNGA) will serve as the Chief Administrator for BNGA under the guidance and direction of the Board of Directors. The CEO will be the public face of BNGA, creating and maintaining strong, collaborative relationships with all BNGA partners, people, and organizations in the U.S. Northern Great Plains ecoregion, including Tribal Councils, Tribal Leaders' Associations, Tribal natural resources departments, Native peoples, Native non-governmental organizations, federal agencies, and other organizations. **Deadline: open until filled**

Professor of Indigenous Conservation

The Rob Walton School of Conservation Futures (SCF) at Arizona State University invites applications for a full-time, academic year (9-month) faculty appointment. This position is part of the new School's commitment to advancing research, teaching, and partnerships that support Indigenous-led conservation, multiple knowledge systems, community land stewardship, and environmental governance. The successful candidate will contribute to transdisciplinary collaborations across

fields such as Ecology, Sustainability, Environmental Science, Anthropology, Geography, Native American and Indigenous Studies, Forestry, or Public Policy. **Deadline: open until filled**

Program Director - Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance

The Program Director is a community-oriented leader who helps build capacity for the Tribal community to steward their ancestral lands. The Director develops and oversees all of TERA's training, outreach, and education programs. The Program Director will oversee the Native Stewards Fellowship, a 140-hour workforce development program that weaves traditional knowledge with wildfire resilience and vocational skills, preparing fellows for meaningful careers stewarding our ancestral lands. **Deadline: open until filled**

Program Coordinator - Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance

The Program Coordinator provides coordination and logistical support for TERA's diverse set of education, outreach, and training programs. The Program Coordinator will provide assistance to the Program Director, including assisting with program planning and development, distribution of promotional materials and program-related communications, and coordinating and participating in outreach activities, among other things. **Deadline: open until filled**

Program & Operations Coordinator

Not Our Native Daughters is a national Indigenous-led nonprofit dedicated to MMIP/MMIWR advocacy, human trafficking prevention, family support, public education, and community healing. Not Our Native Daughters is a national Indigenous-led nonprofit dedicated to MMIP/MMIWR advocacy, human trafficking prevention, family support, public education, and community healing. **Deadline: open until filled**

Climate Project Coordinator

Alaska Venture Fund is seeking a Climate Project Coordinator to assist with the advancement of the Alaska Climate Impact Project and related initiatives. The individual in this role will help advance our work to transform Alaska's vast lands, waters and other assets into climate solutions, driving globally relevant opportunities that benefit Alaska and beyond. The person in this role will provide critical support to our climate and carbon objectives, with a special emphasis on advancing work on stewarding boreal wildfire for climate outcomes.

Deadline: open until filled

Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Project Manager

The Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Project Manager will collaborate with local, state, federal, Tribal, and NGO forest and fire management partners on projects that advance science-based dry forest restoration to benefit both nature and people. The Project Manager will also work closely with and be supported by other Southern Oregon TNC staff consisting of two staff in the Ashland office, three staff based in the Klamath Falls office, and an additional staff member based at TNC's Sycan Marsh Preserve, as well as colleagues across TNC's conservation, stewardship, fire management, science, philanthropy, policy and government relations, and communications teams. **Deadline: open until filled**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Student Travel Award

Field Inclusive is happy to offer ONE Travel Award of \$2,000 to support a student or postdoc attending a scientific conference, training, or workshop in Fall 2026. Recipients must be a current Field Inclusive member and a student attending a U.S. institution. **Deadline: August 1, 2026**

Flood Mitigation Assistance

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in participating communities. FMA funds a variety of flood mitigation activities that are designed to reduce flood risk to policyholders in an effort to reduce the NFIP's financial exposure. **Deadline: August 6, 2026**

Tribal Tourism Grant Program

The Tribal Tourism Grant Program (TTGP) funding strives to achieve substantial community benefits by facilitating and strengthening Tribal tourism activities, enhancing visitor experiences, and increasing visibility and access to Tribal destinations. These efforts support economic development and contribute to improved community well-being. **Deadline: August 7, 2026**

Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund (the Fund) through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The SGC anticipates that approximately \$20 million will be available for competitive grant awards in this funding round. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, until funds are expended. Awarded Tribes may receive funding up to \$3 million for a three-year grant term. **Deadline: August 11, 2026**

Tribal Capacity Building Program

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for Round 2 of the Tribal Capacity Building Program through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The SGC anticipates \$5 million will

be available for competitive grant awards in this funding round. Awarded Tribes may receive funding between \$350,000 and \$420,000 for the three-year grant term. The Tribal Capacity Building Program is part of California Climate Investments and furthers the purpose of several senate bills by investing in Tribal projects related to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **Deadline: August 11, 2026**

2026 NAFWS Scholarship Program

As the new school year approaches, now is the perfect time to apply for the 2026 NAFWS Scholarship Program! The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society is proud to invest in the next generation of Tribal conservation leaders by supporting Native students pursuing degrees in natural resources and related fields. **Deadline: August 14, 2026**

Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grants

Tribal Wildlife Grants provide technical and financial assistance to federally recognized Tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife and their habitats. Funding may be used for conserving any plant or animal species of interest to a Tribe, including those of Native American cultural or traditional importance. The grants are an adaptable resource supporting tribal conservation priorities. **Deadline: August 14, 2026**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Competitive Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$18,954,885 in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Competitive Program under Assistance Listing Number 20.509. **Deadline: August 25, 2026**

2026 Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants

Tribal Wildfire Resilience grants is part of CAL FIRE's Climate and Energy Program and supports California Native American tribes in managing ancestral lands, implementing and promoting Traditional Environmental Knowledges in wildfire resilience, and establishing wildfire safety for tribal communities. **Deadline: September 8, 2026**

Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations website: <https://itep.nau.edu/tw7g/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: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/>

4) Tribal Funding Registry Presented by: The Hozhonigo Institute: <https://www.tribalfunding.org/>

Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Coastal Program provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support projects that protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats on public and private lands in priority coastal ecosystems. This support is provided through cooperative agreements with conservation partners and landowners, including state and Tribal agencies. Coastal Program staff work with partners, stakeholders, and other Service programs in important areas for conservation. **Deadline: September 30, 2026**

Grants for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages

This program helps remote Alaskan villages provide safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses. **Deadline: September 30, 2026**

Bureau of Land Management Youth Conservation Corps

The Headquarters Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices have collaborated with Qualified Youth Corps, as authorized by the Public Lands Corps Act (PLC), to accomplish natural and cultural resource-focused projects for numerous years. This program's projects provide opportunities to gain work experience in public lands and natural resources management. Through their BLM experience, youth gain an appreciation for public lands, learn about natural resource management careers, and become the next generation of public lands stewards. **Deadline: October 16, 2026**

NDN Collective: Community Action Fund

This fund supports Indigenous frontline, grassroots groups and individuals leading “Defend, Develop, and Decolonize” work. It’s specifically designed for rapid-response needs, movement building, and the protection of land, air, and water. The grant allots up to \$15,000 per project with a focus on Indigenous Peoples’ organizations and Tribes within post-colonial borders of the US, Canada, Mexico. **Deadline: accepted on a rolling basis until October 30, 2026.**

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program NOFO

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites applications for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program, administered by the National Park Service (NPS). ORLP provides funding to 1) to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes in qualifying areas, and 2) to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities that provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public in qualifying areas. **Deadline: November 1, 2026**

Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current

FY 2024 FMA Swift Current aims to better align the delivery of FMA flood mitigation funding to the disaster survivor experience. The FMA grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized Indian/Native American Tribal Governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities. FMA funds a variety of flood mitigation activities that are designed to reduce flood risk to NFIP policyholders in an effort to reduce the NFIP’s financial exposure. **Deadline: December 30, 2026**

ROSS Rapid Response Program

The ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP) awards one-time assistance via a cost-reimbursable grant for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing. The RRP utilizes a simplified application process to promote local leadership and flexibility in addressing urgent social needs caused by unanticipated emergencies. Examples of these emergencies can include but are not limited to: Natural disasters (e.g., wildfires or hurricanes); Public health

crises (e.g., gun violence, community-level contamination or environmental hazards); Economic disruptions (e.g., closure of a major employment center that employs residents at the target site). **Deadline: January 25, 2027**

Economic Development Administration FY25 Disaster Supplemental

Through this Disaster NOFO, EDA will award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. EDA’s goal under this NOFO is to assist communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. In other words, EDA funding seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. **Deadline: ongoing**

Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Climate Resilience Program

\$11,100,000 for projects that build community resilience and capacity where resources are most needed. Investments will support multi-benefit and nature-based solutions, which includes funding to support climate change impacts on fish and wildlife, habitat restoration, and activities that accelerate climate smart management of California’s natural and working lands and help meet the State’s 2030 GHG reduction goals. **Deadline: open**

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

USDA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for up to \$1M for projects that help eligible communities (including Federally recognized Tribes) prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Projects may include: Constructing water transmission line or extension; Repairing breaks or leaks in existing water distribution line; Addressing related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply; Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water (water source up to and including the treatment plant). **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis**

Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants

The CY 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program is designed to assist communities by awarding grant funds to qualified entities for expenses related to water infrastructure systems in designated areas that were impacted by events that occurred during CY 2022 and were recognized through Presidentially Declared Disasters. In addition to damage repairs, these grants are also intended to develop system capacity and resiliency in order to reduce or eliminate long-term risks from future events. Water infrastructure systems include drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater projects serving eligible communities. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis**

Readiness and Recreation Initiative NOFO

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites applications for the Readiness and Recreation Initiative (RARI), administered by the National Park Service (NPS). The purpose of the program is to: 1) provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and 2) promote or support compatible land uses and avoid incompatible development in areas in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to, a military installation or military airspace, and/or to maintain or enhance disaster resilience. **Deadline: open**

UNDP GET Small Grants Programme

The programme operates in more than 120 countries globally through UNDP and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). They fund: climate-smart agriculture, waste management and circular economy projects, land restoration and agroforestry, water resilience initiatives, renewable energy and climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, community environmental projects. Opportunities differ from country to country, so take a look at the link to find opportunities and requirements for your country. **Deadline: open**

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

August 10-13: Olympia, WA
[Changing Currents 2026 Tribal Youth Water Summit](#)

The 2026 Changing Currents Tribal Youth Water Summit & Journeys in Creativity Pre-College Residency will take place at The Evergreen State College from August 10-13, 2026. This event will empower Indigenous youth by providing them with leadership development tools and opportunities to amplify their voices on tribal water issues. By fostering creativity and leadership, this youth event will support the next generation of Indigenous leaders in advocating for the health and sustainability of their communities' water resources.

August 16-21: Phoenix, AZ
[National Tribal Health Conference](#)

The NIH National Tribal Health Conference is a week-long event that serves American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in the space of health - behavioral and public health. The conference will showcase the interconnectedness of policy, advocacy, and Indian health best practices. Programming includes tribal listening and consultation sessions, hands-on training opportunities, plenary sessions, and workshops that cover timely topics such as funding for Indian Health, the business of medicine, health equity, Indigenous determinants of health, Tribal public health, behavioral health, culture, environmental health, and climate change. The conference also includes focus areas on Native youth, Tribal veterans, and elders, a fitness event, exhibit hall and marketplace, culture night, poster sessions, and gala celebration.

August 17-20: Oklahoma City, OK
[Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#)

The 2026 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF) is scheduled for August 17-20, 2026. The event features a variety of workshops, training sessions, and plenaries focused on environmental issues, tribal land management, and community resilience. Registration closes Friday, July 31, 2026, so secure your spot now!

August 17-20: Tucson, AZ
[NAFWS 38th Annual Southwest Regional Conference](#)

Annual regional convention of Tribal fish & wildlife professionals, partners, and community members, hosted jointly by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

August 19-20: Anchorage, AK
[Indigenous-Led Evaluation Gathering](#)

This isn't a first-come, first-served event. Our relational selection process is anchored in Indigenous-led evaluation and knowledge practices, guided by principles of Relational Accountability, Respect, Equity & Resurgence, and Learning & Reciprocity. We are committed to fostering a space rooted in these guiding values.

August 25: Online
[Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative eXchange \(TECC-X\) Meeting Series](#)

Leaders and representatives of California Tribes and Tribal-serving organizations are invited to participate in Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative eXchange (TECC-X) meetings to learn, share, and discuss important climate- and energy-related opportunities and issues affecting California Tribes. These monthly, one-hour meetings are co-hosted by the Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative (TECC) and Tribal Climate Health Project (TCHP) with breakout sessions focused on different topics.

August 30 - September 3: Columbus, OH
[156th Annual American Fisheries Society Meeting](#)

In 2026, the American Fisheries Society returns to the city of Columbus, Ohio, for the first time since 1933. President Gary Whelan, the North Central Division, and the Ohio Chapter invite you to join us August 30 - September 3, 2026 on the banks of the Scioto River.

August 31- September 3: Brimley, MI
[NAWFS 38th Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference](#)

Annual regional convention of Tribal fish & wildlife professionals, partners, and community members, hosted jointly by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society and the Bay Mills Indian Community.

SEPTEMBER

September 14-17: Snoqualmie, WA
[Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Annual Convention 2026](#)

ATNI Conventions bring members together to discuss policy, legislation, and the future of Indian Country in the Pacific Northwest. This collective effort is key to driving positive change and empowering our communities. ATNI Conventions play a vital role in bringing members together to engage in impactful discussions, informative presentations, and committee activities focused on policy, legislation, and the future of Indian Country in the Northwest.

September 16-17: Seattle, WA
[Northwest Preparedness and Resilience Conference](#)

The Northwest Preparedness and Resilience Conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of regional practitioners, researchers and other partners working across a range of disaster-related fields. We are looking forward to engaging with our partners across the region and strive towards bridging the gap between practice and research. Registration closes July 31, 2026, so register now for this event!

September 28-29: Foley, AL
[NAFWS Southeast Regional Conference](#)

Annual regional convention of Tribal fish & wildlife professionals, partners, and community members, hosted jointly by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society and the Poarch Creek Indians.

September 30 - October 2: Keshena, WI
[Seven Generations Intertribal Leadership Summit 2026](#)

The Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit, taking place September 30th–October 2nd, 2026, at College of Menominee Nation in Keshena, brings together tribal leadership, educators, students, elders, and community members under this year's theme, "The Land Remembers Us." Hosted in partnership with Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University and the Universities of Wisconsin, the summit offers learning across key areas including education, workforce development, health, and environmental stewardship, while creating space to build connections, share knowledge, and envision a strong future grounded in culture.



The poster for NTICC 2026 features a light blue background with a dark blue banner at the bottom. At the top left, the text 'NTICC 2026' is in large, bold, dark blue letters, with 'National Tribal Infrastructure Coordination Conference' in smaller text below it. To the right are two circular logos: one with the text 'Honoring Our Knowledge' and 'Healing Our Mother Earth' around a central figure, and another with 'INSTITUTE for TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS' around a central emblem. Below the main title, the dates 'October 5-8, 2026' and location 'Reno, Nevada' are listed. The dark blue banner at the bottom contains the text 'Registration is Open!' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the registration fee '\$400' and deadline 'September 3, 2026' are listed. A QR code is on the left, and a photo of a marmot is on the right. A URL 'bit.ly/nticcregistration' and contact information 'Questions? Contact us at NTICC@nau.edu' are at the bottom.

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October 5-8: Reno, NV **National Tribal Infrastructure** **Coordination Conference (NTICC)**

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations (TW7G) Program is pleased to announce the Fourth Biennial NTICC, formerly the National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference, taking place in Reno, Nevada, October 5-8, 2026! This year's event will strengthen the resilience of communities, nature, and built environments to evolving hazards through coordination, collaboration, partnerships and honoring reciprocity with one another and the natural world.

October 20-22: Sacramento, CA **October Resilient California Summit** **Survey**

The Summit will gather California's climate adaptation and resilience practitioners to share best practices and crucial information to inform climate science, policy, and action. We anticipate broad participation from local government, tribal partners, community organizations, state agencies, utilities, private firms, and academia. Presentations will feature new research findings produced through California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment, innovative resilient projects, and discussions about long-range goals.

NOVEMBER

November 1-5: Des Moines, IA **The Wildlife Society's Annual** **Conference**

The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference is one of the largest gatherings of wildlife professionals and supporters in North America. Over the past three decades, TWS has hosted the conference in 27 different cities across 23 states and two provinces. Des Moines, Iowa will mark the 28th city visited by TWS in 33 years. TWS once again prepares for a memorable event filled with engaging speakers, immersive workshops and numerous networking opportunities.

November 4: Pala, CA **Tribal Climate Health Project 2026** **Summit**

The Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Summit will take place November 4th 2026 in Pala, California. Despite a shifting political landscape in which funding and data sources are getting harder to come by, Tribes are continuing to push ahead on their climate change adaptation efforts in creative ways. Early assessments and plans are now being revisited to recognize progress made and update climate resilience strategies as new information becomes available. Fortunately, California continues to be a leader with the release of the latest California Climate Assessment, creating more precise and culturally-informed data that Tribes in California can use to protect their communities' wellbeing.

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IN THE NEWS

[Small Wind Can Bring Big Benefits to Communities in Need](#)

Small wind offers affordable, reliable power to homes, schools, farms and health centers in communities and rural areas that other renewable technologies can't reach.
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[Dayak Bahau Communities Secure Recognition of More Than 108,000 Hectares of Ancestral Territory in East Kalimantan, Indonesia](#)

The Dayak Bahau communities of Long Isun and Long Pahangai I have welcomed their formal recognition as Indigenous Peoples (Masyarakat Hukum Adat, MHA) under Indonesian law, covering 80,429 and 27,835 hectares of ancestral territory respectively in Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan. © Forest Peoples, 6/8/26

[A Just Transition Built on Indigenous Rights Violations Is Neither Green Nor Just, Indigenous Leaders Tell UN Climate Talks in Bonn](#)

Cultural Survival held a press conference at the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies session (SB 64) on June 9, 2026, calling on States to operationalize Paragraph 12(i) of the draft decision of the UAE Just Transition Work Programme. Paragraph 12(i) commits Parties to "ensuring that all Just Transition pathways respect and promote the internationally recognized collective and individual right of Indigenous Peoples, including the rights to self-determination." Speakers warned that without implementation, the commitment risks remaining words on a page while strategic minerals extraction advances on Indigenous territories. © Cultural Survival, 6/9/26

[Transition Minerals & The Just Transition Mechanism: Implementing Indigenous Peoples' Rights Through Its Operationalization](#)

The sixty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have kicked off in Bonn, Germany, marking the beginning of negotiations for operationalizing the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) established last year at the 30th Conference of Parties (COP30). While public attention often focuses on decisions adopted at COPs, much of the substantive work that shapes those outcomes takes place during these intersessional meetings. Bonn is where technical proposals are developed, political positions are known, and the details of future decisions are debated. © Cultural Survival, 6/10/26

[The Jequitinhonha River Through Indigenous Eyes: Rights of Nature and Interspecies Commitments](#)

In the Jequitinhonha Valley, Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola communities, and traditional communities in Brazil are calling for the Jequitinhonha River to be recognized as a living being and a subject of rights. Amid the advance of lithium mining and the contradictions of the so-called green energy transition, the proposal seeks to inscribe into Brazilian law an ancestral conception of justice grounded in the interdependence among waters, territories, human beings, other-than-human, and more-than-human beings. © Cultural Survival, 6/22/26

[Humans' relationship with nature: Interview with ethnobotanist Pavel Partha](#)

Ethnobotanist and activist Pavel Partha says Bangladesh's environmental policies overlook the critical relationship between plants and humans; despite an emphasis on conservation, there is no ecological justice.
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[How a spiritual practice is preserving Benin's mangroves](#)

In the West African nation of Benin, Vodun, an ancient spiritual religion rooted in a deep connection between humans and nature, has become a primary tool for protecting the country's disappearing mangroves.
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[Melanesian nations announce intention to create massive ocean reserve corridor](#)

Solomon Islands is the latest Pacific island nation to sign on to a new network of marine protected areas (MPAs) known as the Melanesian Ocean Corridor of Reserves, or MOCOR, which was announced by Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Fiji at the first Melanesian Ocean Summit in May. © Mongabay, 7/17/26

[Thousands flee as First Nations bear the brunt of Canada's wildfires](#)

Residents of one First Nations community went door-to-door warning neighbors before fleeing by boat. More than 900 fires continue burning across Canada.
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[IITC calls for Recognition of Rights, Knowledge and Formal Participation by Indigenous Peoples in the UN Oceans Treaty](#)

A historic milestone for our Blue Planet was reached on January 17, 2026, as the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), also known as the Oceans Treaty, officially entered into force. The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), representing Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, South America, the Caribbean, Arctic and Pacific, welcomes this new era of international ocean law. © International Indian Treaty Council, 7/22/26

CALL FOR INPUT & NOMINATIONS

[Call for Expression of Interest: Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples](#)

The Board is composed of five persons with relevant experience on indigenous issues, who serve in their personal capacity. The members of the Board are appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year renewable term. At least one member of the Board of Trustees shall be a representative of a widely recognized organization of indigenous people. **Deadline: July 31, 2026**

[Call for Input: Evidence on water and climate change related to Indigenous Peoples and local communities](#)

The call for evidence is organized by authors of Chapter 16 on Water of Working Group II of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report 7. The evidence is needed to ensure robust engagement with the knowledge and expertise of diverse peoples, geographies

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and Waters are included in the chapter. We are seeking sources of evidence, including videos, reports, visual art, websites, book chapters, podcasts, and academic articles. Sources of evidence should be from 2022 and beyond.

Deadline: July 31, 2026

Call for Input: Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights, with a special focus on the mobilization of public resources to finance sustainable development

Human Rights Council resolution 58/9 on the question of the realization of all countries of economic, social and cultural rights requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Human Rights Council, at its sixty-fourth session, a report on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights, with a special focus on the mobilization of public resources to finance sustainable development in a manner consistent with States' human rights obligations. The report should take into consideration the outcomes of the panel discussion on 5 March 2026 on this topic, and be available in formats accessible to persons with disabilities.

Deadline: August 20, 2026

Call for Input: Environmental human rights defenders and the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs) play a critical role in protecting the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and all other human rights. Their work contributes directly to protecting ecosystems and biodiversity, advancing a safe climate, improving air quality, protecting water and watersheds, promoting healthy and sustainable produced food, and achieving non-toxic environments. Environmental human rights defenders' work is fundamental for the advancement of the procedural elements of the right to a healthy environment; access to information, public participation, and access to justice. These are recognised human rights and fundamental pillars of the rule of law, democratic governance and peaceful societies. **Deadline: August 21, 2026**

Call for papers: Special Issue of the Canadian Journal of Indigenous Studies Matrilineal Indigenous Methodologies

This Special Issue centres Indigenous matrilineal methodologies: ways of knowing grounded in kinship, ceremony, language, Country, and the sovereign authority of Indigenous women. Across nations including the Wiradjuri, Haudenosaunee, Tlingit, Hopi, Bribri, Akan, Asante, Khasi, Garo, Minangkabau, Mosuo, and Trobriand Islanders, knowledge is produced through matrilineal structures in which women are custodians, authorities, and producers of knowledge. **Abstract deadline: September 2026**

Call for Input: Impact of work under the LCIPP

The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) is looking for input on the impact of their work and assistance shaping the next workplan. Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to submit their views on the following issues: a) activities and thematic focuses for the workplan of LCIPP for 2028-2031 (deadline: 30 September 2026); and b) impact of work under the LCIPP (deadline: 1 November 2026).

Deadlines: September 30, 2026 & November 1, 2026 (see above)

Call for Input: Technologies related to climate change and their impacts on human rights

This request follows the Special Rapporteur on climate change's decision to postpone the topic 'Technologies related to climate change and their impacts on human rights' to next year, along with the corresponding timeline for inputs. The report would consequently be presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2027. **Deadline: September 30, 2026**

Call for Case Studies: Global Indigenous Peoples' Climate Contributions

ELATIA network and Indigenous Livelihood Enhancement Partners (ILEPA), in partnership with the UN High-level Champion for COP28, Razan Al Mubarak, and with support from the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, are pleased to announce the call for case study submissions for the global data study on Indigenous Peoples and climate change. The Study emphasizes a rights- and responsibilities-based approach, highlighting Indigenous Peoples as agents of change in climate action at local, regional, national, and international levels. It will focus on case studies from the seven socio-cultural regions of Indigenous Peoples: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Arctic, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Russian Federation, illustrating their contributions to climate ambition, mitigation, adaptation, and trends in access to climate finance. **Deadline: open**

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Director

Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) is an Indigenous-led, values-driven organization operating at the intersection of Indigenous sovereignty and climate justice. ICA is seeking a visionary, values-driven, and relationally attuned Executive Director to lead this powerful organization through its next chapter of growth and transformation. This is a rare opportunity to steward one of the most vital Indigenous climate justice organizations on Turtle Island.

Deadline: open

2026 UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum (UNGIYF)

The Call for Applications is now open! Indigenous Youth from the seven socio-cultural regions are invited to apply. We encourage Indigenous Youth who are working for the future of Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and climate change resilience to join us for the III Session of the UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum (UNGIYF). Discover more about the UNGIYF. nCo-hosted by the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus (GIYC) and FAO, the UNGIYF is the only high-level forum in the UN dedicated to Indigenous Youth. It is a biennial forum, taking place every 2 years, and builds on the momentum of the positive changes that Indigenous Youth are advancing globally.

Deadline: open

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RESOURCES & FUNDING

Funding: [Darwin Initiative Round 32 NOFO](#)

The aim of the Darwin Initiative is to support communities to find just, scalable, and sustainable ways to conserve and restore nature while growing their economies and reducing poverty. Darwin Initiative grants enable real impact on the ground. Since 1993, the Darwin Initiative has invested over £289 million in more than 1,370 projects. These grants have empowered communities to more sustainably manage millions of hectares of precious natural habitats. **Deadline: August 31, 2026**

Funding: [Youth Wellness Honorarium \(Indigenous Climate Action\)](#)

Honorariums are intended for Indigenous Youth engaged in frontline activism and/or climate justice organizing. At ICA we know that financial and mental health barriers often impact Indigenous Peoples when engaging in climate justice work. By creating this fund, Indigenous Climate Action hopes to remove some of those barriers that come up when upholding our sacred responsibilities. The fund can be used to pay for counseling sessions, provide an honorarium to an elder for their teachings, pay for an art or yoga class, or for gas to get out on the land if you live elsewhere. **Deadline: ongoing**

[Global Youth Network for Human Rights](#)

The Global Youth Network for Human Rights connects young people worldwide who are committed to advancing human rights. Coordinated by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), through its Child and Youth Rights Unit, the Network provides an inclusive space for youth from all backgrounds—regardless of prior experience or affiliation.

[Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Technical Advisory Note](#)

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) has just released a new Technical Advisory Note on Canada, focusing on proposed amendments to the Indian Act and their alignment with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). An important contribution to ongoing discussions on Indigenous self-determination, participation, and legislative reform.

Brief: [“Role of the arts and culture in addressing the health impacts of climate change”](#)

This new WHO policy brief argues that the climate crisis is not just an environmental issue - it's a public health issue, a mental health issue, and a cultural issue. And importantly, that technical solutions alone are not enough.

Report: [Relational futures: Indigenous sovereignty and the governance of artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#)

Artificial intelligence is increasingly embedded in everyday life in Australia, shaping communication, services, and relationships. This report presents findings from the Relational Futures project, an Indigenous led study examining how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encountering and responding to AI, including generative systems, automated decision-making tools, and AI companions. The research draws on a mixed methods approach combining an online survey with 36

respondents and yarning circles with 22 participants, providing both broad and in-depth insight into Indigenous experiences of AI across community and professional contexts. This report presents the initial findings as the project continues.

Report: [Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Nepal and Bangladesh Insights from Indigenous communities](#)

Indigenous Peoples face the worst impacts of climate change, yet their voices are often left out of national climate plans. This report uses data gathered directly by the Gurung community in Nepal and the Munda community in Bangladesh to show how the climate crisis threatens their lands, livelihoods, and cultural survival. By highlighting critical gaps in current policies, the report shows why Indigenous knowledge and leadership are essential for real climate action.

Report: [Guidance on the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent in the context of business activities](#)

In the present report, the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises examines the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) in the context of business activities. It notes positive normative developments in the protection and respect of FPIC by States and businesses, while acknowledging persistent gaps in its implementation. The report clarifies related State obligations and business responsibilities under the three pillars of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

[Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Indigenous-Led Research](#)

Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA) and Pathways Alliance for Change + Transformation (PACT) hosted the Making Indigenous-Led Research Count conference, in Narok, Kenya. From August 25th to August 28th, 2025, the conference brought together Indigenous Peoples (Youth, Women, Elders), policymakers, government officials, academic researchers (student and early career included) in multiple disciplines, conservationists, donors/funders, rights activists, and journalists from Africa, Asia, and the United States of America.

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EVENTS

August 9: Virtual **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**

In order to raise awareness of the needs of Indigenous Peoples, every 9 August commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982.

August 10-25: Geneva, Switzerland **118th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

- Consideration of State Reports: Finland, Honduras, India, Kuwait
- List of issues prior to reporting: Eritrea
- Follow-up to Concluding Observations: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Kenya, Monaco, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

August 18-21: Nadi, Fiji **LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific**

The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) is planning to convene the LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific in Nadi, Fiji, in August. The gathering will bring together Indigenous Peoples and local communities, Parties, representatives of constituted bodies and workstreams under the UNFCCC, as well as other relevant entities, to exchange experiences and practices from the region and co-create ways to incorporate diverse knowledge systems, values, and practices into regional efforts to scale up climate action.

October 5-8: Hamilton, Ontario **AFN 4th National Climate Gathering**

In less than 10 months, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be hosting our 4th National Climate Gathering, from October 5 - 8, 2026. The event will take place at the Hamilton Convention Centre, a venue that is located on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations, and within the lands protected by the 'Dish with One Spoon' wampum agreement.

October 12-16: Rome, Italy + Virtual **Rome Water Dialogue 2026**

As part of the World Food Forum 2026 under the theme "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow", the Rome Water Dialogue is a global platform dedicated to advancing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) to strengthen food and water security worldwide, promoting an integrated approach that connects water, land and soil management. It brings together a wide range of stakeholders, including policy makers, practitioners, representatives from academia, the private sector and the youth, to showcase and advance innovative solutions for resilient agriculture.

October 20-23: Nairobi, Kenya **5th International Youth and Land Governance Conference in Africa**

The Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA) invites young leaders, experts, organizations, and land governance enthusiasts to join the 5th International Youth and Land Governance Conference in Africa (CIGOFA 5), which will take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 20–23 October 2026.

December 8-10: Abu Dhabi, UAE **2026 United Nations Water Conference**

Achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation is an essential end in itself and is also critical to progress on the 2030 Agenda as a whole. As we enter the final 5 years of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, the world must surge investment, innovation and political will towards the accelerated implementation of SDG 6 in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation. The 2026 United Nations Water Conference, co-hosted by the United Arab Emirates and Senegal, and convened in UAE 8-10 December 2026, will bring this spirit of solidarity to life and help to build a water-secure future for all.

December 9-11: Montego Bay, Jamaica **2nd Islands Water Congress**

The Islands Water Congress is a leading global forum dedicated to freshwater management in island contexts. Under the theme "Resilient Islands: Securing Water for Sustainable Development in a Changing World," the Congress convenes policymakers, scientists, practitioners, researchers, and island leaders from across the globe to confront the urgent and interconnected water challenges facing island communities.