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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!



Talofa Fe'a attending a workshop with Wąkan Típi Awanyankapi

**"Elevating the voices, perspectives, and approaches of Indigenous peoples is at the heart of this work, that's how we build resilience, not just for today, but for generations to come."
– Nikki Cooley, ITEP Director**

At ITEP, we're working hard alongside Tribal communities to build the capacity needed to respond to ongoing threats and hazards—training both current professionals and the next generation of Indigenous environmental leaders. We're excited to highlight over the next few months some of the work that our programs are doing and to share more about our team and projects; this month we're excited to highlight ITEP's internship program as featured in a [recent write-up by the NAU Foundation](#).

"Many Native American students are strongly motivated to return to their home communities to assist them but aren't sure how to do that with their passion for the land," says Kim Shaw, ITEP's internship coordinator. "These internships show them what's possible—and how they can give back while building a career."

Through a grant from the Catena Foundation, ITEP's internship program in land and water management is placing Native students in hands-on roles with Tribal agencies, federal partners, and nonprofit organizations. In summer 2025 alone, interns worked across the Southwest and beyond, supporting projects in water resources, forest restoration, environmental monitoring, and policy. By the 2025-2026 academic year, students were

already placed with host sites ranging from Tribal natural resource departments to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The program also builds a network—connecting students with mentors, peers, and professionals who continue to support them long after their internships end. "Our students' success is evidence of the impact of the internship experience," Shaw says.

As ITEP looks ahead, our focus is clear: continue growing programs that elevate Indigenous knowledge, strengthen Tribal capacity, and prepare the next generation of environmental leaders. At the same time, we remain grounded in our core mission: supporting Tribal Nations as they navigate environmental challenges in ways that reflect their priorities, knowledge systems, and relationships to land and water. If there's work you're looking for support with, we encourage you to check out what's new on our [Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations website](#), and don't hesitate to reach out — we're here to help.

With respect and in the spirit of being a good relative,

Sincerely, the Tribal Wellbeing
for Seven Generations team

P.S.: If you're interested in *hosting* an intern, applications are currently open for [2026-2027 Academic Year Water Resources and Land Management Internship Host Sites](#). Please contact Kim Shaw, ITEP's Internship Coordinator, at kim.shaw@nau.edu with any questions.

IN THE NEWS

[The Most Exposed, the Most Equipped: Why Women Are Central to Nature-Based Solutions](#)

When the tide pulls back along stretches of the Indian coast in Odisha, groups of women wade into the grey mud to push mangrove seedlings into the silt. The work is slow and unglamorous, yet one of the most effective forms of environmental action available to a coastal community. © Women4Biodiversity 6/5/2026

[Tribal heritage projects eligible for up to \\$100K in federal funding through NPS program](#)

The National Park Service is providing grants of up to \$100,000 for federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations working on cultural and historic preservation projects. © Tribal Business News 6/6/26

[The Heiltsuk Nation Establishes National Marine Conservation Area Reserve](#)

Recently, the Heiltsuk Nation in collaboration with neighboring tribes established Mia-yaltwa Ha'lidzogm hoon, a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area, demonstrating how Indigenous leadership is shaping the future of ocean protection for communities, cultures, and biodiversity. © Nia Tero 6/9/2026

[All Nine South Dakota Tribes Pass Resolutions Supporting Developing Legislation To Return Federal Lands: Lakota Nation United in Effort for Black Hills Federal Lands Return](#)

All nine South Dakota Tribes have voted to move forward on developing legislation to return federal lands in the Black Hills to the Great Sioux Nation – a historic display of Tribal unity and momentum around efforts to protect the Black Hills. At a recent tribal council meeting, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe passed a resolution to move forward on working together to protect sacred sites, clean drinking water, and ensure better land management through the development of legislation to return federal lands in the Black Hills to the Great Sioux Nation. © NDN Collective, 6/9/26

[Arizona tribal agriculture generates over \\$750 million in total economic output, new analysis finds](#)

Tribal agriculture contributed \$753.3 million in total economic output and directly supported more than 2,300 jobs statewide in 2022, according to a first-of-its-kind analysis examining the economic footprint of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes using data from the most recent agricultural census. The report, "Tribal Agriculture in Arizona: An Economic Contribution Analysis" was conducted by Cooperative Extension economic analysts in the University of Arizona College of Agriculture, Life, and Environmental Sciences and was supported by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and the Native American Agriculture Fund. © The University of Arizona, 5/28/26

[This digital tool helps Indigenous tribes navigate applying for conservation grants](#)

The nation's 575 federally recognized tribes, including eight in Utah, can now participate in a conservation grant program through the National Park Service. A new digital tool is designed to help them navigate the bureaucracy. © UPR, 6/24/26

[These young firefighters are learning ancient Indigenous practices to save Oregon's forests from wildfire](#)

Catalina Solarsano, a Klamath Falls mother of two, has crisscrossed southern Oregon and Northern California working in the heat and rain to lessen the risk of megafires. Last week, she and eight other tribal members graduated as entry-level firefighters and ecological restoration workers. They are joining a workforce that blends ancient and modern approaches to forest health to better withstand wildfires. Removing fire fuels is high-risk, crucial work, especially in a region where a drier, hotter fire season is predicted. © Herald and News, 6/15/26

RESOURCES

[Call for Proposals: Resilient California Summit](#)

The Climate Resolve invites you to join them in shaping a dynamic and inclusive program that reflects the priorities and experiences of California's diverse communities by submitting proposals for dozens of breakout sessions of varying formats scheduled across the Summit's three-day program, visual presentations that highlight research, programs, projects, and partnerships through a printed display at the Summit, visual and interactive art interspersed throughout the Summit. **Deadline: July 17, 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**

[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**

[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. **Next meeting is July 28, 2026.**

Book: [“The Rights of Children and Youth in the Climate Crisis: Action and Litigation”](#)

From the beginning, the Youth Climate Justice project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC), has been committed to open science. This book belongs to the public and that includes the children and young people at the heart of its argument. The book is now available open access: free to read, to share, and to use.

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.

Report: [Arbor Day Foundation’s Tribal Forestry Needs Assessment](#)

Indigenous groups are leading innovative forestry and food sovereignty work central to culture, health, and climate resilience, yet systemic barriers limit long-term sustainability. This report provides a framework for understanding needs based on direct outreach to Tribal networks.

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.

[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.

Article: [Rivers and Data Centers: What’s at Stake for Water Supply, Water Quality, and Energy](#)

Data centers are a new reality of life as technology develops rapidly and society becomes increasingly reliant upon AI. Data centers are big facilities that

house servers, storage, networking equipment, and supporting infrastructure that power websites and other digital services people use every day. They are vital to everyday modern life, economic growth, and national security. However, as data centers are being constructed at unprecedented rates, they have significant impacts on communities, on surrounding landscapes, and on our rivers. While each construction project is unique, when done without rivers in mind, it can inflict harmful impacts on our nation’s water supplies, community health, aquatic habitats, and river-based economies.

[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.

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.

[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.

[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.

[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

Program Officer, Native Self-Determination

The Program Officer plays a central role in implementing the Foundation's Native Self-Determination strategy through grantmaking, relationship-building, learning, and community engagement. Responsibilities include developing and managing a grant portfolio; cultivating trust-based relationships with Indigenous partners; participating in field learning; and advancing grantmaking practices that emphasize accountability, flexibility, and respect. With the Director, the role works collaboratively across the Foundation to align strategy, learning, and operations with Indigenous values and community-defined outcomes. **Deadline: ASAP**

Leadershift-environmental justice and advocacy training program (Grand Canyon Trust)

LeaderShift is an immersive environmental justice and advocacy training program for college-age students. With the land as our classroom, we travel across various corners of the Colorado Plateau; sleep under the stars; and spend our days learning from local changemakers and each other. LeaderShift examines the legacy of energy extraction, its impacts on local communities, and paths toward a just and equitable future. Participants see firsthand how Native communities are transitioning away from fossil fuels toward healthy economies. This program is for young leaders between the ages of 18 and 27 who love the Colorado Plateau and are eager to be part of the environmental justice movement. **Deadline: ASAP**

People Operations Lead

CJA is hiring a People Operations Lead to serve as the operational driver of our People & Culture function. This role manages a broad range of HR responsibilities in a union environment, including benefits administration, HRIS management, compensation processing, and hiring and offboarding coordination, while serving as a trusted first point of contact for supporting staff with routine HR inquiries. The ideal candidate is a super-detail-oriented HR generalist with a strong commitment to CJA's values, excellent independent judgment, and the ability to manage concurrent projects and interpersonal dynamics in a virtual environment. **Deadline: July 6, 2026**

Student Assistant - Tribal Programs and Grant Support

The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) under the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is seeking to hire two (2) student assistants to assist with various tasks, including program evaluation, grant management, capacity building, and the development of program guidelines. The focus of the assistance will be on the California SGC Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative, which aims to enhance housing and infrastructure for Tribal communities across the state.

Deadline: July 7, 2026

Youth Program Coordinator

Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is looking for a Youth Program Coordinator to help grow youth-led programming across landscapes, restoration, climate and sustainability spaces. You'll work with young leaders, partners and

global networks to support the Restoration Stewardship Program, co-create learning opportunities, bring youth voices into GLF events and global policy spaces, and help turn bold ideas into action. **Deadline: July 7, 2026**

Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Faculty Fellowship Program

The Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center is now accepting applications for their 2027 Faculty Fellowship Program. The NW CASC Faculty Fellowship Program supports research related to climate adaptation in Northwest natural and cultural resource management as well as training in the principles and practices of co-producing decision-relevant (i.e., "actionable") science.

Deadline: July 15, 2026

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**

Dakota Grasslands Specialist

The Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance is hiring a Dakotas Grasslands Specialist. The Grasslands Specialist will be responsible for providing technical expertise to Native producers (Tribal farmers and ranchers, Tribal programs, and Native-led organizations operating on Tribal and/or Allotted lands) in accessing the technical and financial resources they need to restore grasslands and implement conservation practices through their farming, ranching, and conservation operations. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in agriculture, biological sciences, or related field and reside in South Dakota or North Dakota and within or near the Northern Great Plains ecoregion. **Deadline: open until filled**

Administrator, Native Self-Determination

The Native Self-Determination portfolio centers the capacities of Native Nations and Indigenous communities to define and pursue their own priorities, elevating Indigenous knowledge, governance, and leadership. The portfolio invests in Native-led organizations, tribal governments, and community-based initiatives that build community and institutional capacity to support sustainable pathways to self-determination. The Administrator is an integral and active part of the Native Self-Determination Team's Core Group, which includes active participation in meetings, seminars, site visits, etc. The Administrator works closely with the Coordinator to ensure smooth operations for the Team and reports to the Director, Native Self-Determination. **Deadline: open until filled**

Native Arts, Language, and Knowledge Senior Program Officer

The position of the Senior Program Officer at First Nations is responsible for the planning, implementation, and management of one or more initiatives and projects under the Native Arts, Language, and Knowledge Program. This

position's priority initiative will be the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice, a multi-year, complex project. The Senior Program Officer will lead this initiative and direct the efforts of program officers and program associates on various aspects of the Native Fundraisers Community of Practice project by providing direction, setting goals, giving feedback, coaching, and ensuring professional development and training. **Deadline: open until filled**

Policy Advisor, Natural Resource Justice

The Policy Advisor supports Oxfam's Natural Resource Justice (NRJ) global program. They will work with the NRJ Associate Directors to provide program implementation, grants management, policy analysis, research and advocacy support, in line with Oxfam's natural resource justice agenda. **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**

Arizona Water Policy Fellow

Audubon Southwest is the regional office of the National Audubon Society in Arizona and New Mexico. They are currently seeking a two-semester (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027) Water Policy Fellow to advance Audubon's policy work on water management within Arizona. The primary focus of the Water Policy Fellow will be on Colorado River, groundwater, and water quality issues and how they impact birds and people in Arizona. **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**

Program Manager

Regeneración is seeking a Program Manager with a high degree of initiative, dedication, and integrity. Ideally, this candidate will have experience leading project planning and research, project implementation and project team management, financing, and compliance. The position will primarily be responsible for managing the Monterey Bay Area Climate Justice Collaborative including managing distinct tasks and deliverables in other projects as well as assisting with general operations of Regeneración when needed. **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**

Cowlitz Indian Tribe Community Preparedness Specialist

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Emergency Management Program prepares for and supports Tribal members and Tribal community programs during emergencies. The member will support community preparedness and disaster readiness initiatives. They will get hands-on experience across emergency management functions while working closely with program staff, Tribal departments, and Tribal members. This position presents a unique opportunity to help develop the Tribal Resilience Hub plan. **Deadline: open until filled**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Rural Business Development Grant Program

The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

Deadline: June 30, 2026

FIMI's Ayni Fund

At FIMI's Ayni Fund, we know that the leadership and wisdom of Indigenous Women have the power to transform realities. That is why we are opening our 2026 Call for Proposals: to walk alongside organizations that, through their projects, promote the full exercise of our individual and collective rights. This invitation is exclusively for groups and organizations of Indigenous Women that have not previously received support from this fund. **Deadline: June 30, 2026**

Community Microgrid Assistance Partnership

The Community Microgrid Assistance Partnership (C-MAP) provides funding and technical assistance to energy providers and partners to build, operate, and enhance microgrid systems that improve the affordability, reliability, and security of electricity in remote areas of the United States.

Deadline: July 2, 2026

WaterSMART Applied Science Grants

Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and local entities as they plan and implement actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability. **Deadline: July 8, 2026**

Wildfire Prevention Grants

As California recognizes Wildfire Preparedness Week, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is advancing the state's ongoing Wildfire and Forest Resilience efforts by announcing the availability of up to \$70 million in funding for community-focused Wildfire Prevention and Resilience projects. These grants support locally led efforts that reduce wildfire risk, strengthen preparedness, and help protect lives, property, and critical infrastructure. **Deadline: July 8, 2026**

National Forest Foundation's Matching Awards Program

The National Forest Foundation's flagship competitive grant program, the Matching Awards Program (MAP), focuses on community engagement and completion of appropriate stewardship activities. The program's goal is to create lasting change that provides all communities with opportunities to benefit from activities on National Forest lands. **Deadline: July 9, 2026**

National Forest Foundation: 2026 Collaborative Capacity Program

Collaborative Capacity Program financial awards invest in collaborative activities that support wildfire resilience, recreation opportunities, land & watershed restoration, and rural economies. This year's program funds projects that prioritize shared decision-making and bring together multiple perspectives to co-create solutions for forest stewardship or increase Tribal co-stewardship of National Forests and grasslands. **Deadline: July 13, 2026**

National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage)

The purpose of the Culvert AOP Competitive Grant Program is to provide funding to eligible entities for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. Anadromous fish are born in freshwater and spend most of their lives in saltwater, returning to freshwater to spawn. Salmon are a well-known example of anadromous fish. **Deadline: July 16, 2026**

Fiscal Years 2024 Through 2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Competitive Grant Program

This NOFO will award up to \$165 million in Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 through 2026 funding. FHWA may also award any remaining funds for this program from previous fiscal years under this opportunity. Per statute, 50 percent of NSFLTP funds per fiscal year must be used for projects on Tribal transportation facilities and 50 percent used for projects on Federal lands transportation facilities and Federal lands access transportation facilities. **Deadline: July 16, 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/>

Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant FY 2026

The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant seeks to build Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Indian land. Grants may fund development of organizational and business structures for energy development, as well as legal and regulatory infrastructure. Certified Local Governments are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday. This may include, but is not limited to, preservation 2 planning, interpretation, public engagement, and rehabilitation projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage. **Deadline: July 16, 2026**

Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program provides federal funding to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribes, and local governments for hazard mitigation projects. The program focuses on strengthening infrastructure to reduce risks from natural hazards and improve community resilience. BRIC prioritizes proactive, infrastructure-based solutions over post-disaster response, emphasizing projects that deliver clear, measurable risk reduction. It also supports modern building code adoption and enforcement when directly tied to infrastructure resilience. **Deadline: July 23, 2026**

Unleashing Tribal Energy Development NOFO

Under this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is soliciting applications to advance affordable, reliable, and secure energy development of Tribal energy resources for the benefit of Tribes and their members. Projects funded under this NOFO are expected to advance Tribal sovereignty through Tribal energy development, efficiency, and use. **Deadline: July 24, 2026**

Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Heritage Grants

The National Historic Preservation Act authorizes grants to federally recognized Tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. These grants assist Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique tribal heritage and traditions. The program focuses on what Tribes are most concerned about protecting including but not limited to: Traditional skills, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, documentation and preservation of sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices. **Deadline: July 27, 2026**

WaterSMART Drought Response Program

WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program NOFO invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for projects designed to improve drought resilience by developing effective water management strategies and drought contingency plans. **Deadline: July 28, 2026**

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 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**

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**

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**

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

Water is Life Fund

Water is Life projects help to expand water, sanitation and hygiene services at the community level in Arizona with a prioritization given to projects focused on the Navajo Nation. Projects that are creative, community-led, and long-lasting are preferred. Each project must measurably improve access to water, sanitation, and/or hygiene for the target recipients. The focus must be on human needs, livestock and agricultural water projects are not eligible. If applying on behalf of an organization, the organization must have an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. **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

JULY

July 6-12: Anchorage, AK **Alaska Summer Youth Practicum**

The Alaska Summer Youth Practicum (AKSYP) is designed to provide Alaska Native students who are 15-17 years of age an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. One of the goals of the NAFWS is to educate Native American youth to understand the importance of professional natural resource management and the interconnectedness to culture, as well encourage them to continue their education and pursue careers in the natural resource fields. Students will learn directly from Tribal Environmental Professionals here in Alaska.

July 28-29: Polson, MT **NFWF Grant Seeker Retreat**

Hosted by NAFWS and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, this 2-day, in-person training is designed for Tribal natural resource staff, grant writers, and program managers.

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 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.

SEPTEMBER

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.

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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.

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IN THE NEWS

Scientists and young people send joint letter to PM about intergenerational failure of the budget on nature

Deep frustration with the budget has led more than 400 scientists, young people, Indigenous leaders, and conservation experts to write collectively to the Prime Minister and Treasurer, pleading for adequate funding to stop rapid nature loss. They argue the budget was a big backward step on the only intergenerational issue actually recognised in Australian laws, the need for the current generation to maintain the health of the environment for the benefit of future generations. It also fails to honour pledges by the Labor government to end neglect of the environment and prevent new extinctions. © Biodiversity Council, 6/2/26

Revamped EU-Mexico trade agreement exposes Indigenous communities to violence and destruction

The EU-Mexico Modernized Global Agreement (MGA), signed by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Mexican President Claudia Shienbaum at a summit in Mexico city on 22nd May, aims to greatly expand trade between the partners by removing barriers remaining in the previous trade framework, in place since 2000. © IC Magazine, 6/4/26

IUCN Launches the Indigenous Peoples Ambassador Programme at the Eighth GEF Assembly

The Eighth Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly marked the launch of the Indigenous Peoples Ambassador Programme, a new award centred around recognizing Indigenous leaders for their unique knowledge, stewardship, and leadership in promoting protecting primary forests. © IUCN, 6/5/26

Indigenous Peoples are a Leading Force in the Global Fight Over Seabed Mining

As governments and corporations race to secure minerals needed for the global energy transition, Indigenous peoples across the Pacific are emerging as some of the most influential voices shaping the future of seabed mining. The debate centers on vast deposits of nickel, cobalt, manganese and other minerals found on the world's seabeds. Mining companies and governments argue these resources are needed to manufacture electric vehicle batteries, renewable energy infrastructure and other technologies intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Opponents, however, warn that deep-sea mining could cause irreversible damage to ecosystems that remain among the least understood on Earth. © IC Magazine, 6/15/26

Australia establishes the first Sea Country Indigenous Protected Area

For the Karajarri people of Kimberley in northwestern Australia, the coastline, reefs, wetlands, beaches and desert-edge country form one estate, held through law, memory, work and obligation. The area is rich in life. Flatback turtles (*Natator depressus*) nest along the shore of Malumpurr. Migratory birds use the wetlands. Sawfish swim through nearby waters. These species are often recorded through science, surveys and management plans. The Karajarri know them through long presence, close observation and responsibility passed across generations. © Mongabay, 6/15/26

In Rio Indio, farmers fight Panama Canal reservoir project — and displacement

In Panama's Rio Indio Basin, a \$1.5 billion reservoir project aims to meet water demand for the next 50 years. But the project would displace dozens of farming communities, sparking widespread opposition to the reservoir's construction. © Mongabay, 6/16/26

Indigenous seeds gain ground as farmers challenge modern dependence

Across Tanzania and beyond, a quiet agricultural revolution is taking shape. At the centre of the movement is a simple but powerful idea: farmers should have the freedom to save, exchange and plant their own seeds. Known variously as indigenous seeds, traditional seeds or farmers' seeds, these varieties are increasingly becoming the focus of discussions among agroecology advocates, policymakers, researchers and farmers. From village meetings to international conferences, supporters argue that these seeds are more than planting materials, they are a foundation for biodiversity, food security, climate resilience and farmer independence. © Daily News, 6/17/26

Indigenous cultural practices are a climate solution, report finds

As the impacts of climate change continue to escalate, a growing number of climate scientists and policymakers cite Indigenous lands as a model for their rich biodiversity and effective carbon storage. But that recognition has not always translated into space for Indigenous leaders in climate negotiations, access to climate resilience funding, or enforcement of human rights standards. © Grist, 6/24/2026

Fire surge in 2025 threatened isolated peoples in Brazil

In 2025, fires were responsible for a significant spike in forest loss in three territories in Brazil that are home to Indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation, according to Global Forest Watch data analyzed by Mongabay. © Mongabay, 6/24/26

Sablayan declared a Unesco Biosphere Reserve

A town in Occidental Mindoro, known for its unique and rich biodiversity, was declared a Unesco Biosphere Reserve during the 38th International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Program of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. The declaration coincided with the global celebration of World Environment Day on June 5. © BusinessMirror 6/28/26

Pacific leaders gather to strengthen Indigenous-led conservation

Traditional leaders, conservation practitioners, youth representatives and Indigenous advocates from around the Pacific are meeting this week for the Pacific Inclusive Conservation Learning Exchange, a regional forum highlighting the role of traditional governance in protecting the environment and strengthening climate resilience. © Cook Islands News, 6/30/26

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CALL FOR INPUT & NOMINATIONS

Registration for EMRIP conference open

The registration for the 19th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is open.

Deadline: July 3, 2026

Call for Abstracts: 12th International Indigenous Research Conference

Abstract submissions are now invited for the 12th International Indigenous Research Conference (IIRC 2026), an Indigenous-led, in-person conference bringing together Indigenous researchers, communities, and allies from around the world. Proposals are invited for Indigenous-led research that moves beyond insight into action, research that supports wellbeing, self-determination, and flourishing Indigenous futures. Submissions must be Indigenous-led and presented, with the lead presenter clearly identifying their Indigenous or traditional affiliations. **Deadline: July 10, 2026**

Call for Submissions: 2026 Annual Summary Report

ACE team wishes to draw your attention to the call for submissions for the 2026 annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme on ACE. Everyone – Parties, UN organizations, NGOs, youth organizations and others – is invited to share information on their ACE implementation (Reporting period: August 2025 to July 2026). To be considered for this year's report, please make your submissions via the submission portal by 31 July 2026.

Deadline: July 31, 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)

Report: 21st session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

The 21st session of the United Nations Forum on Forests occurred between May 11 and May 15, 2026, and reported out the coverage for each day of the forum. Per the event website, "UNFF21 is expected to negotiate an omnibus resolution focused on three of the Global Forest Goals while also discussing the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests and considering appropriate resources for the Forum Secretariat."

Call for Input: Survey on Energy Sovereignty

Recently, multiple levels of government in Canada have increased investment in major fossil-fuel-based energy projects. These efforts aim to position Canada as a "global energy superpower" through conventional, non-renewable energy development, raising concerns among many Indigenous Nations. International Climate Action (ICA) is developing a report that highlights Indigenous-led clean and just energy initiatives across the lands currently known as Canada. They are calling for input from the following Nations/projects: Three Nation Energy (3NE) Solar Farm, Gitchi Animki Hydroelectric Project, Cowwessess FN x SASK Research Council, Piitapan Solar Project, Old Crow Solar Project3, Mesgi'g Ugju's'n Wind Farm, Glooscap Energy Projects, Sukunka Wind Energy Project3, Wocawson Energy Project, Beaubassin Mi'kmaq Wind Management Company, and Tu Deh Kah Geothermal.

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

International Climate Justice Lead

International Climate Justice Lead who will be responsible for leading ICA's international climate justice strategy and delegation to attend the UNFCCC summits and allied events. This includes operationalizing ICA's overall work within the International Climate Justice movement; networking with key leaders and community members in Indigenous-led climate justice initiatives; collaborating on educational materials and strategies for internal and external networks; facilitating training and preparation in collaboration with allied groups for attending UNFCCC summits, working with ICA to review existing international climate policies and materials, attend workshops and coalition meetings, support mapping out ICA's potential international climate justice strategies; providing written updates and other communication content for fundraising need. **Deadline: open**

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

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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.

RESOURCES & FUNDING

[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: 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.

[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.

[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.

[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**

EVENTS

July 13-17: Geneva, Switzerland [UN 19th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

All participants are encouraged to contribute to the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in a spirit of constructive, multi-stakeholder dialogue, keeping a focus on the theme of the discussion; and are strongly encouraged to include concrete recommendations in their statements. EMRIP experts chairing the items will use their discretion in managing interventions from the floor in order to enable different stakeholders to participate in the dialogue and to ensure a balanced debate.

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.

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.