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# Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$121 Million to Help Tribes Build Climate Resilience

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*124 awards will support Tribes and Tribal organizations to strengthen preparedness, resilience*

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**WASHINGTON** — The Department of the Interior today announced a \$121 million investment from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to help Tribal communities prepare for the most severe climate-related environmental threats to their homelands. This is the largest amount of annual funding awarded to Tribes and Tribal organizations in the history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Community Resilience Annual Awards Program, with 96 Tribes and 10 Tribal organizations receiving funding for 124 projects.

This investment from the Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and annual appropriations will help Tribes proactively plan for and adapt to climate-related threats and safely relocate critical community infrastructure, where Tribes determine that is necessary.

"Indigenous communities face unique and intensifying climate-related challenges that pose an existential threat to Tribal economies, infrastructure, lives and livelihoods," said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. "Through President Biden's Investing in America agenda, we have made transformational commitments to assist Tribes and Tribal organizations as they plan for and implement climate resilience measures, upholding our trust and treaty responsibilities and safeguarding these places for generations to come."

"Today, we are not just investing in projects; we are investing in the future of our Tribal communities," said **Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland**. "The Biden-Harris administration recognizes the vital role that Indigenous knowledge and leadership play. These awards are a downpayment on a more sustainable and resilient future for Native communities across the country."

Today's announcement includes \$17.1 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$79.8 million from the Inflation Reduction Act, and \$24.2 million from fiscal year 2024 annual appropriations. This historic funding also advances the Biden-Harris administration's Justice40 Initiative, which sets the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are considered disadvantaged communities, whether or not they have land.

The Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program supports both planning and implementation projects, including for climate adaptation planning, community-led relocation, managed and partial relocation, protect-in-place efforts, ocean and coastal management, and habitat restoration and adaptation. A summary of awards can be found on the [Bureau of Indian Affairs website](#).

Today's funding announcement is part of a more than \$560 million investment for Tribal climate resilience programs achieved during the Biden-Harris administration. In addition to significantly boosting the BIA's Tribal Climate Resilience program, the Department launched a first-ever [Voluntary Community-Driven Relocation Program](#) with an initial \$135 million commitment to advance relocation and planning efforts for Tribal communities severely impacted by climate-related environmental threats. This funding is part of more than a collective \$50 billion invested through the President's Investing in America agenda to advance climate adaptation and resilience across the nation, including in communities that are most vulnerable to climate impacts.

For more information about the awarded projects and how to apply for future funding opportunities, please visit <https://www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program> or email [resilience.funding@bia.gov](mailto:resilience.funding@bia.gov).

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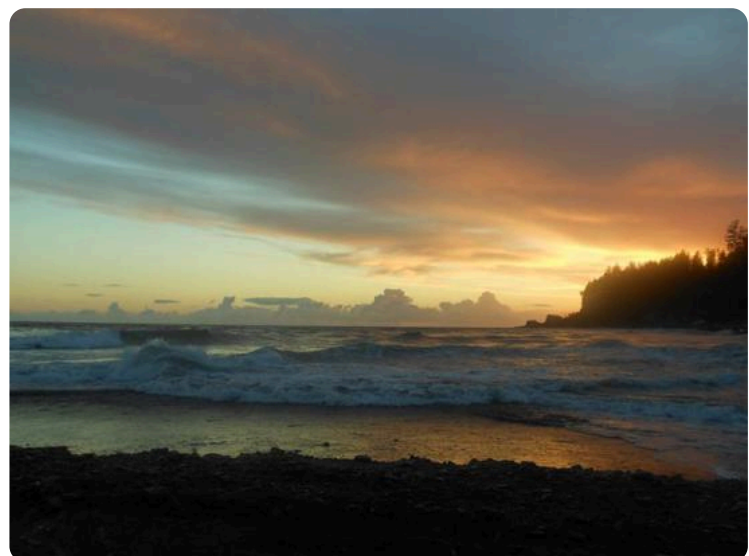
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