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## NOAA's Climate Ready Workforce Funding Opportunity Now Open!



Today, the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) opened a competitive funding opportunity for the [Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative](#) to connect people across the country to good-paying jobs, such as landscape technicians, heat health outreach specialists and climate equity officers, that tackle the climate crisis and boost local resilience. NOAA will invest \$60 million total from the Inflation Reduction Act for the initiative — a \$50 million competitive funding opportunity and \$10 million for technical assistance to support applicants and grantees.

"A climate-resilient nation requires a climate-ready workforce," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. "Thanks to President Biden's Investing in America agenda, we're launching the Climate-Ready Workforce Initiative to provide major funding and assistance to qualified public, private and other organizations so they can train workers and help them find good paying jobs that will strengthen climate resilience and enhance their local economies."

NOAA aims to grant between 10-20 awards under this competition, at amounts

ranging from \$500,000-\$10 million each. NOAA is seeking qualified state, tribal, territorial and local governments, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations in coastal states or territories to lead partnerships to train and place workers in quality jobs that enhance climate resilience. Letters of intent are required and due by November 30, 2023 with applications due by February 13, 2024.

The [Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative](#) — released under the [Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\)](#) — is jointly run by NOAA's [National Sea Grant College Program](#) and [Climate Program Office](#), and leverages support from NOAA's [Office for Coastal Management](#).

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The complete [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) provides detailed information about the goals of the Climate-Ready Workforce program, application requirements, eligible applicants, and other important information. Access the NOFO and apply at [grants.gov](#).

### **Important Dates:**

- Letters of Intent are due at 11:59 p.m. Eastern on November 30, 2023.
- The deadline for application submission is 11:59 p.m. Eastern on February 13, 2024.

Letters of Intent or applications received after the above deadlines will not be reviewed or considered.

### **Informational Webinars:**

- Informational webinar #1 - July 11 at 3 p.m. Eastern
- Definition of “resilience” webinar - July 12 at 3 p.m. Eastern
- Informational webinar #2 (Q&A focus) - July 20 at 3 p.m. Eastern
- How to leverage partnerships webinar - July 21 at 3 p.m. Eastern
- Tips for first-time applicants webinar - August 2 at 3 p.m. Eastern

## [Visit the Climate Ready Workforce Webpage](#)

This competition is one component of the Climate-Ready Coasts and Communities initiative of NOAA's Inflation Reduction Act funds. The [Inflation Reduction Act](#) is a historic, federal government-wide investment that furthers NOAA's efforts to build a Climate-Ready Nation. It provides \$3.3 billion for NOAA to build on its commitment to help Americans – including tribes and vulnerable populations – prepare, adapt, and build resilience to weather and climate events; improve supercomputing capacity and research on weather, oceans, and climate; strengthen NOAA's hurricane hunter aircraft and fleet; and replace aging NOAA facilities.

### **Additional opportunities through the Inflation Reduction Act's investment in NOAA:**

- [NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge \(Letters of intent due August 21, 2023\)](#)
- [NOAA Climate Resilience Accelerators \(expected to open July 2023\)](#)

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