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BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience FY 2023 Awards Overview

Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) Awards Overview

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Program Purpose



TCR Purpose




To support climate preparedness and resilience in for all Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Alaska Native villages:

Technical assistance

- Access to appropriate science
- Educational and training opportunities
- Regional network of liaisons
- Regional Tribal Climate Resilience Coordinators

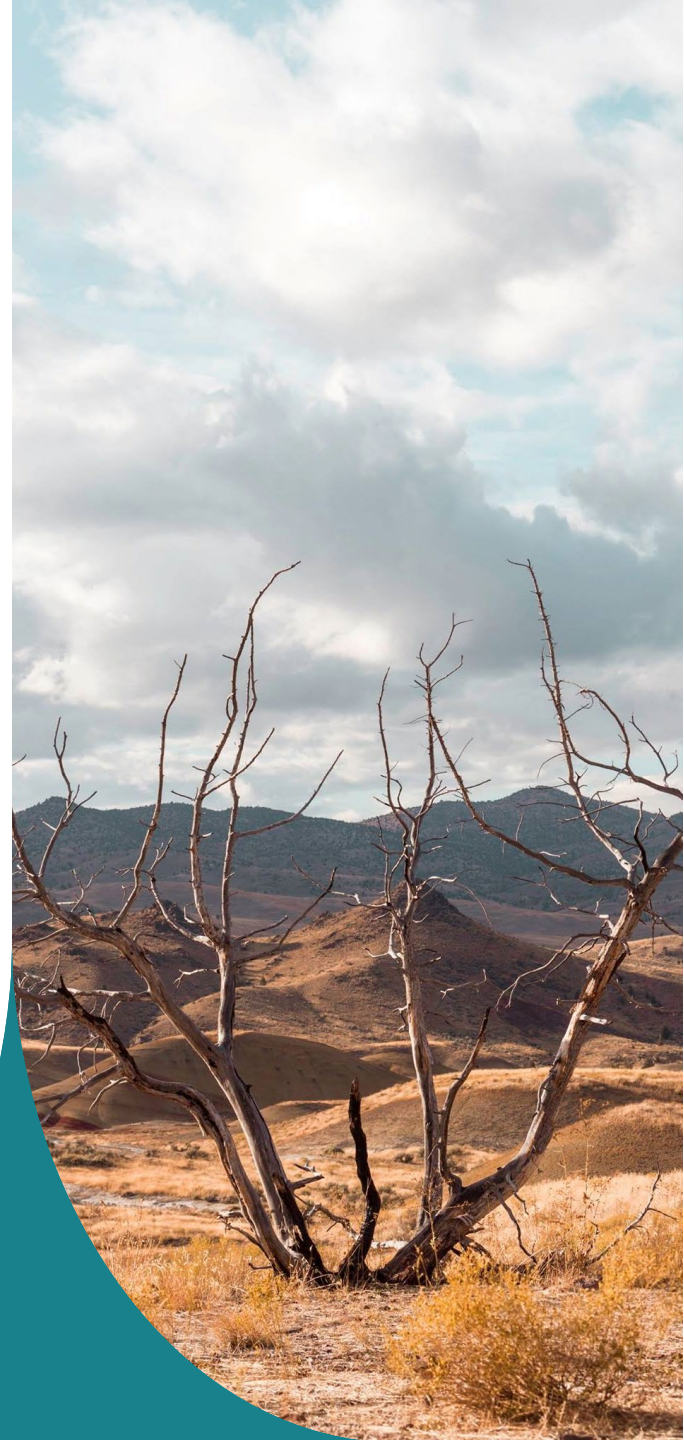
Financial assistance

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- Annual Awards Program
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding for community-driven relocation and habitat restoration work

TCR Focus Area

Prioritization of issues such as:

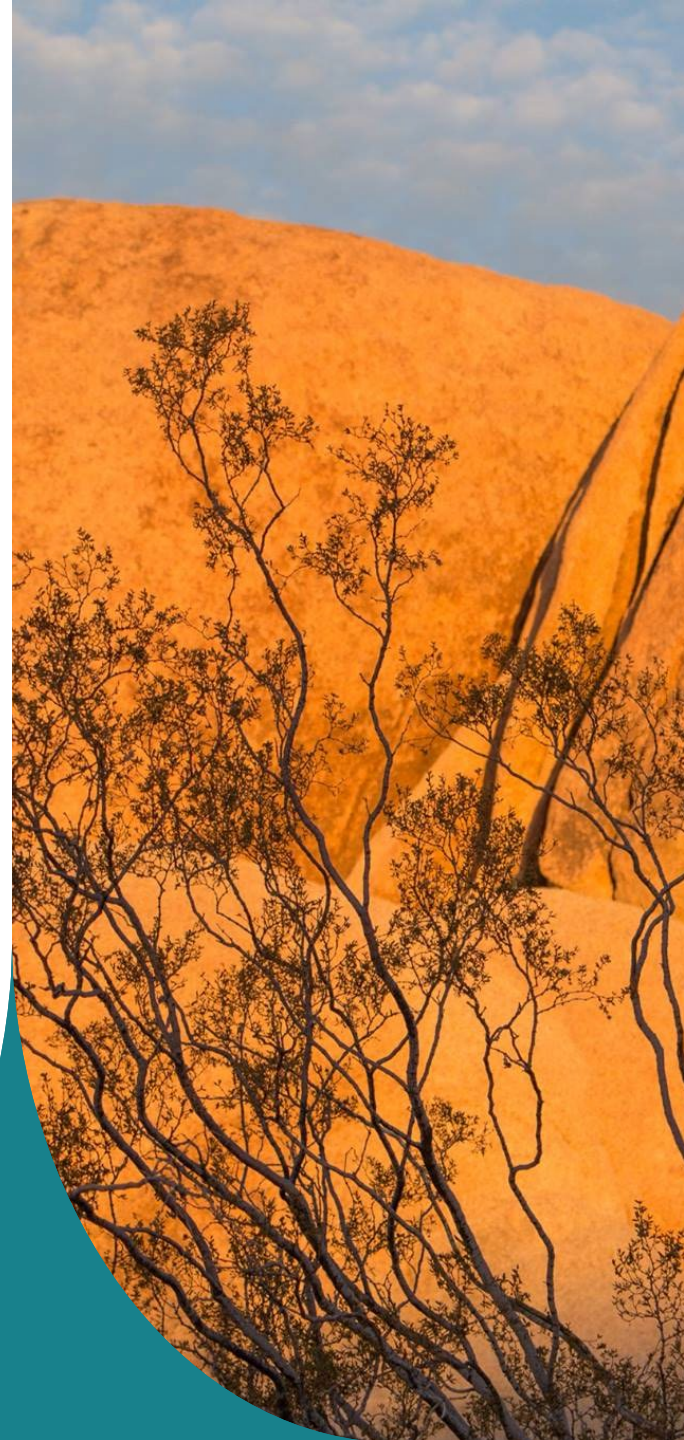
- Extreme events (e.g., flooding and erosion, extended drought, desertification, increased frequency and intensity of wildfire)
- Toxic harmful algal blooms
- **Permafrost degradation**
- Ocean acidification
- Storm surge
- Sea level rise
- And more...



Annual Awards Program Purpose

To provide funding for Federally-recognized Tribal Nations to achieve their climate adaptation, planning and implementation goals.

- Planning and project design can minimize impacts, reducing the scale of emergencies, infrastructure damage, and threats to human health and well-being
- Supports self-determination and sovereignty
- Furthers inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge





FY 2023 Solicitation

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Open to **Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations that serve federally recognized Tribes** as defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304(I)

- Request for proposals open: July 19th – October 13th, 2023
- Expected date of award announcements: ~January 2024
- Federal Register list of Federally-recognized tribes (2023): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/12/2023-00504/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-of>
- Total Amount Available: ~\$120 million
- Other entities may participate as sub-awardees (the Tribe or Tribal organization must be the applicant and awardee)
- Project timelines should be no more than two years



Where to Find More Information

TCR ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM SITE PAGE: WWW.BIA.GOV/SERVICE/TCR-ANNUAL-AWARDS-PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Awards Program

On July 19, 2023, the Department of the Interior announced the Fiscal Year 2023 BIA TCR Annual Awards Program investment in Tribal communities ([press release](#)). TCR will make available approximately \$120 million in funding for Tribes and tribal organizations to address the unique impacts of climate change affecting vulnerable tribal communities. This is by far the largest amount of annual funding made available in the history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program.

Award categories and requirements have changed. Please review the [2023 TCR Annual Awards solicitation](#).

For the FY 2023 Tribal Climate Annual Awards Program, applications can be submitted online via the [TCR Annual Awards Program Application Portal](#). Learn how from our [How to Apply](#) guide.

For help submitting your annual award application, a [Grant Writing Workshop](#) covering the fundamentals of writing a competitive funding proposal is available on July 26, 2023.

An [Informational Webinar](#) will be hosted on August 2, 2023 by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program. The webinar will be recorded and archived on the [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals \(ITEP\) website](#). Following the webinar, TCR will update the slides with new questions asked during the webinar.

For questions regarding the TCR Annual Awards Program, see our [Contact Guide](#) for who to contact in your region.

What Would You Like to Do?

Top Tasks

[Read the FY 2023 Annual Awards Solicitation](#)

[Apply Online with the TCR Annual Awards Application Portal](#)

[Read FY 2023 TCR Annual Awards Program FAQs](#)

All Other Tasks

[How to Apply for Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards](#)

[Read the FY 2023 Press Release](#)

[Guidance on Who to Contact](#)

[View Previous Award Summaries and Solicitations](#)

[View the TCR Annual Awards Dashboard](#)

[Watch Informational Webinars](#)

2023 Categories of Funding

CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING (\$250,000 MAX PER AWARD)

Designed to support climate change considerations into:

- Planning documents
- Vulnerability assessments
- Development of data analysis
- Supplemental monitoring
- Hosting of training and/or workshops focused on Tribal climate adaptation and resilience*
- Internships and/or youth engagement
- Travel to attend climate change-related training and/or events

CLIMATE ADAPTATION IMPLEMENTATION (\$4,000,000 MAX PER AWARD)

May be considered either construction or non-construction activities and supports actions that are pre-identified in an existing Tribal plan such as:

- Integrated resources management plans
- Climate adaptation plans
- Ecosystem restoration plans
- Community-driven relocation, managed retreat, and/or protect-in-place plans

Example projects can be found at:
www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/dup/inline-files/award_summary_0.pdf

2023 Set-Asides

FIRST TIME AWARDEES

To perform a scoping needs assessment and develop a planning proposal in future funding cycles.

- Designed to assure equity for Tribes at different places in their climate resilience and adaptation planning efforts
- Tribes without dedicated staffing or climate programs at the beginning stages of program development are encouraged to apply.
- *Note: only Tribes who have **not** received a planning or implementation award in previous years are eligible for this set-aside.*


HABITAT RESTORATION AND ADAPTATION

- Habitat Restoration of coastal ecosystems, including wetlands, marine systems, fire prone arid ecosystems, forest, any other critical ecosystems.
- Emergency Restoration - Habitat and/or adaptation projects due to natural disaster.
- Equity in Restoration Projects - May be used as cost share for Tribes to leverage other Federal agency-awarded habitat restoration and/or adaptation projects.

RELOCATION, MANAGED RETREAT, AND PROTECT-IN-PLACE (RMP) COORDINATOR

Designed to support Tribes that have limited technical staffing capacity to hire a full time RMP Coordinator.

- Support and organize community involvement, coordinate with federal and non-federal partners, and develop community RMP plans and/or implementation actions.
- Communities at the highest risk tiers will be considered.



Application Content Requirements

A complete application must contain all four content requirements:

Cover Page Info

- The cover page information can simply be entered into the e-form on the application portal.

Tribal Resolution or Cover Letter

- When applying, either a signed cover letter or a Tribal resolution is required to summarize leadership support. If selected for funding, a Tribal resolution will ultimately be required.

Proposal

- Describes the proposed project and associated activities. Six-page limit.

Budget Table and Narrative

- Budget table and narrative must align and break down all costs associated with the project.



What's New?

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Changes from 2022 to 2023

- In 2022, we had 13 funding categories. This year, we have two.
- The number of categories were reduced to simplify the solicitation.
- Within these two categories, there are no exclusions to use project types that TCR has funded in the past.
- Categories of funding are SEPARATE from the set asides. The set asides are not nested within the two categories.
- Each category and set aside have their own unique criteria/activity standards.

Category 1: Trainings and Workshops

Category 2: Adaptation Planning

Category 3: Travel Support for Adaptation Planning

Category 4: Ocean and Coastal Management Planning

Category 5: Travel Support for Ocean and Coastal Management

Category 6: Capacity Building

Category 7: Relocation, Managed Retreat or Protect-in-Place Planning

Category 8: Internships

Category 9: Youth Engagement

Category 10: Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategies

Category 11: Implementation for Relocation, Managed Retreat, or Protect-in-Place

Category 12: Relocation, Managed Retreat, or Protect-in-Place Coordinator

Category 13: International Indigenous

What's New? (cont.)

Increases to Categories of Funding

- Category 2, Implementation amount increased to \$4,000,000 maximum per award to support large-scale projects.
- Three set asides

New Platform for Applying

- Applicants must create an account in order to apply, **at least 24 hours prior to applying**



2020-2022 Awards Funding Categories

2020

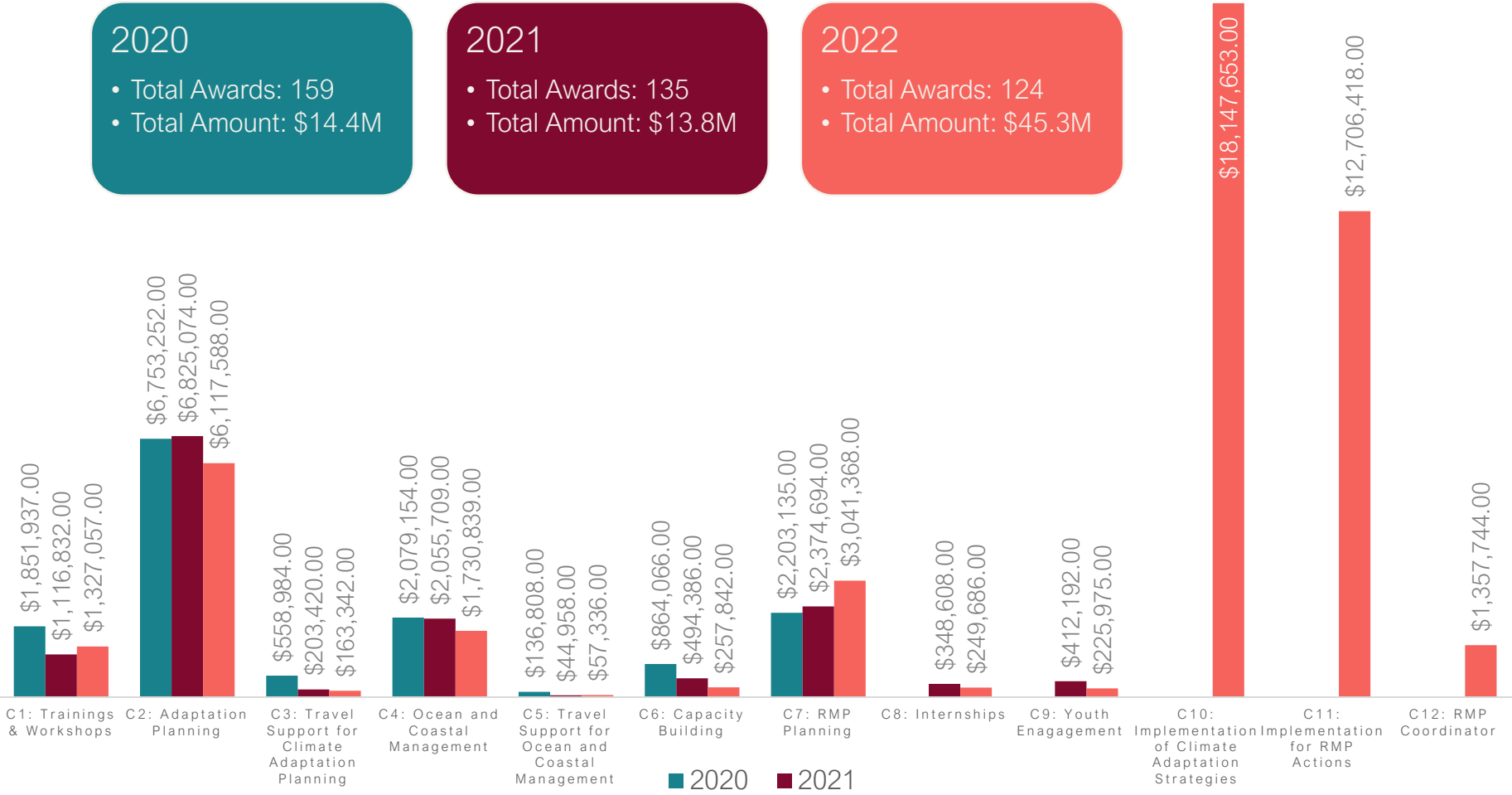
- Total Awards: 159
- Total Amount: \$14.4M

2021

- Total Awards: 135
- Total Amount: \$13.8M

2022

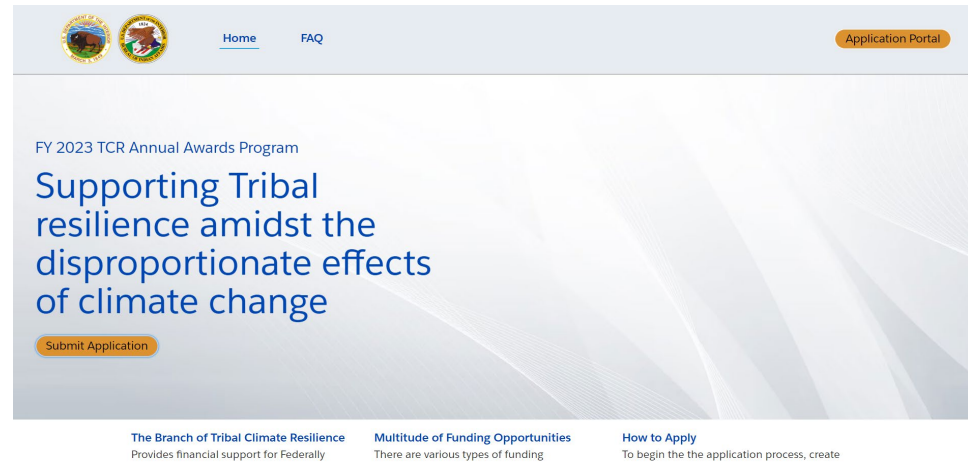
- Total Awards: 124
- Total Amount: \$45.3M



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How To Apply

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Please provide the necessary information to request a user account for access to the FY 2023 TCR Annual Awards Program application portal.

Request User Account

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email

* Role / Title

Tribal Program

* Applicant Type ⓘ

Submit

Create an account on the application portal

Login and go to "Submit an Application"

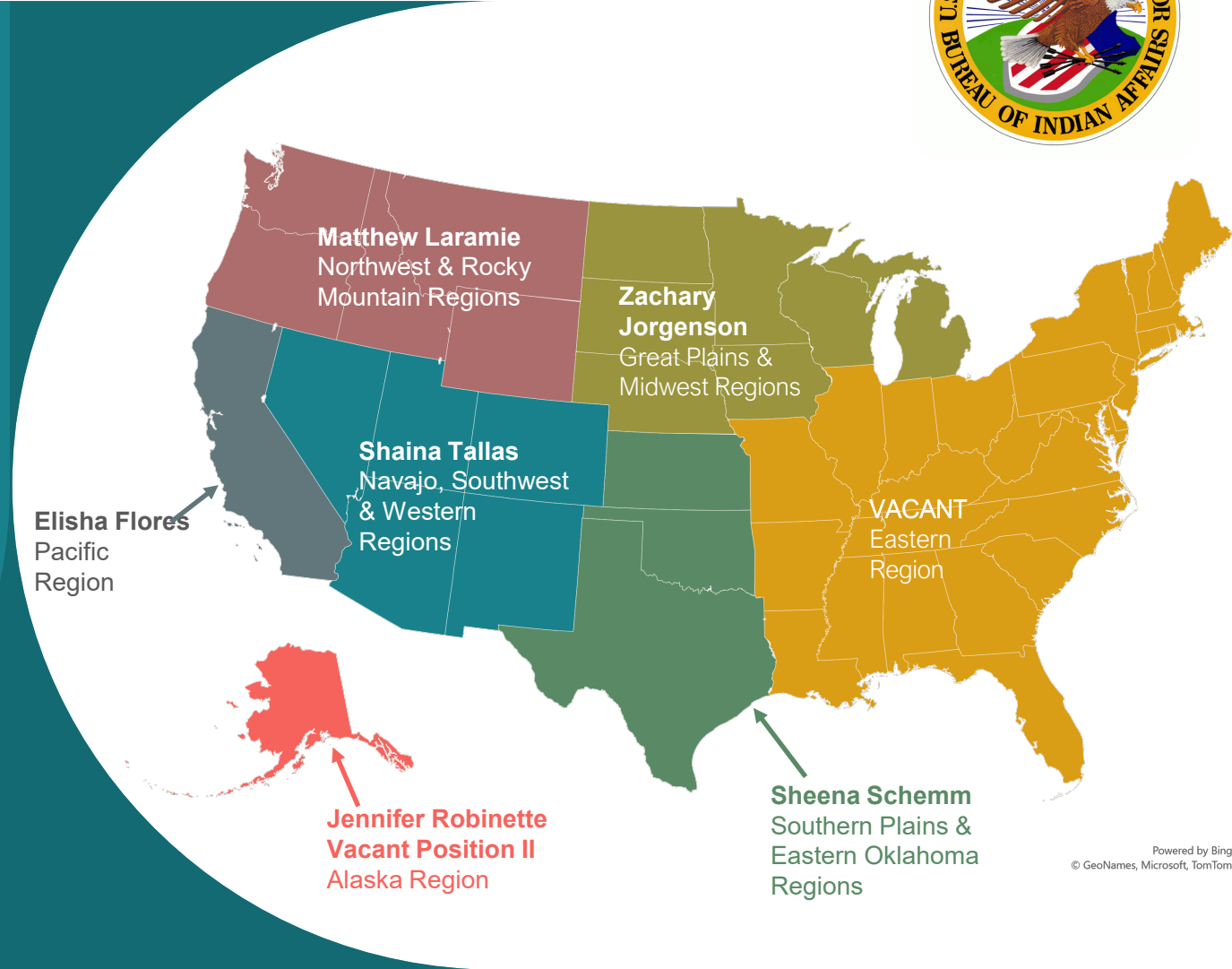
More Information on how to apply: www.bia.gov/service/tcr-annual-awards-program/how-to-apply

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Helpful Resources



BIA TCR Regional Coordinators



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List of regional contacts: <https://www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory#regional>

Regional Partners - Liaisons

How does the Liaison Network work?

Liaisons are generally employed by Tribal organizations, funded by TCR, and work with CASCs to support all federally-recognized Tribes. The Liaison Network will increase the resources available to:

- Help Tribes access information, data, and expertise with the CASCs and elsewhere;
- Facilitate research integrating Indigenous Knowledges (IK); and
- Support Tribal forums and information exchange. These efforts are designed to better understand, communicate, and meet the needs of Tribes through partnerships to promote more resilient Tribal communities.



Partnering Tribal Organizations, & Climate Adaptation Science Centers



Learn more at www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-partnerships#tribal-climate-resilience-liaisons

Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Network

Tribal Liaisons



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An updated version will be available soon to include Jake Palazzi (New Mexico) and Cynthia Naha (Senior Liaison, SW). Additional staffing changes may occur, please visit the directory at www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-partnerships#tribal-climate-resilience-liaisons.

Who to Contact

BIA REGIONAL COORDINATORS (FEDERAL)

Reach out for questions about:

- Whether a project would be appropriate for TCR funding
- What Category of funding to apply for
- Whether your Tribe or organization is eligible for a set-aside
- How to apply & UEI/Sam.gov registration
- Post award project changes
- BIA-specific technical assistance, eligibility, and FAQs

Find your Regional Coordinator contacts: www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory

TRIBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE LIAISONS (NON-FEDERAL)

Reach out for questions about:

- Regional writing retreats, workshop events, or other gatherings
- Grant writing tools, trainings, resources, consultants/organizations
- Proposal review and tips

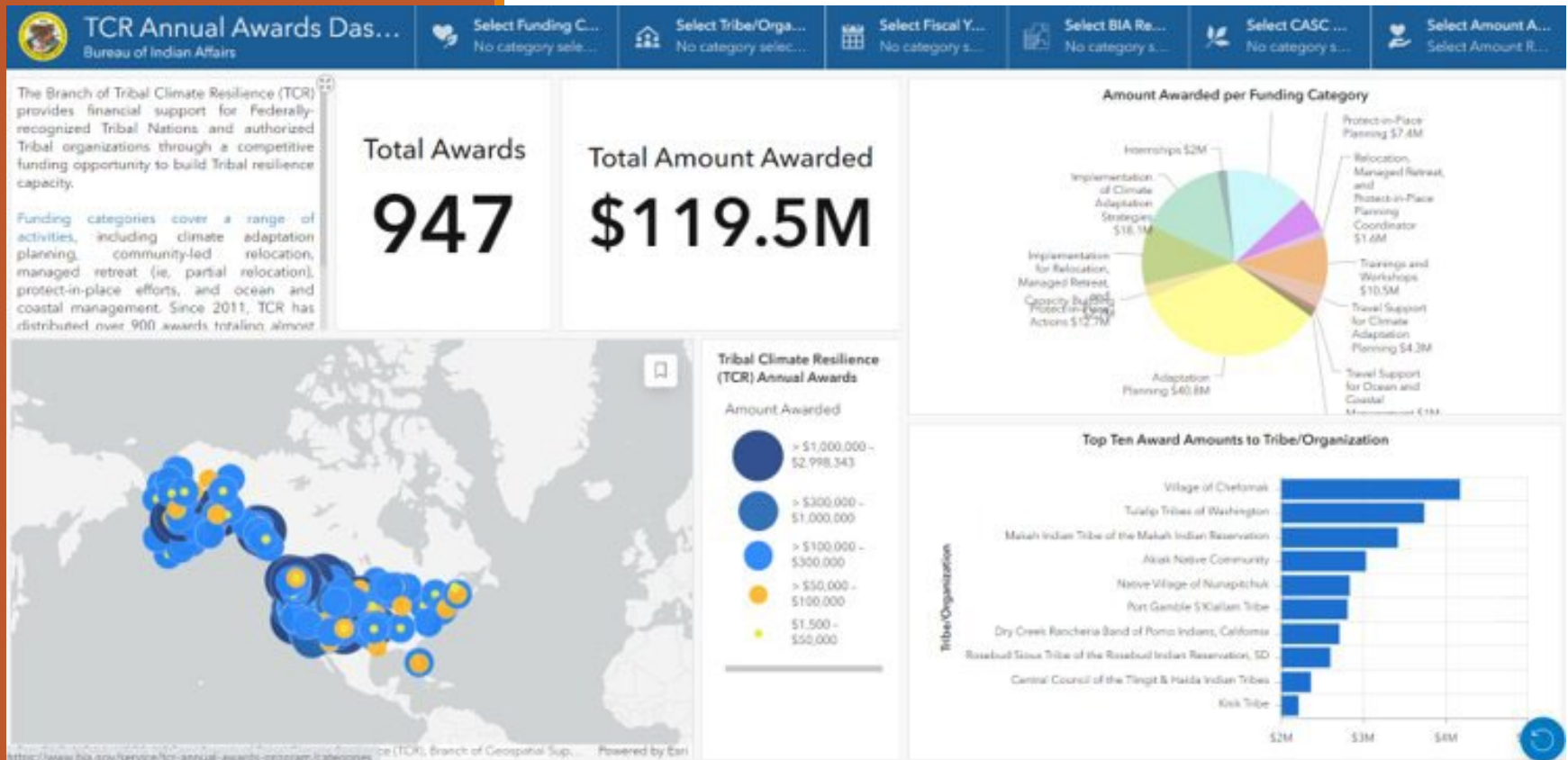
Find your Regional Liaison contacts: www.bia.gov/service/climate-resource-directory#regional-resilience-resources-andcontacts

Don't know where to start?

Annual Awards Program Dashboard

Search the online version of the map by activity type, region, and sector to find more information and links to each project:

experience.arcgis.com/experience/49f7458ad70c4bac949f421ddf5081c3/



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Award Summaries

Each year the Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) publishes a summary of the year's annual awards. Award summaries from previous years are available below:

2022 Award Summary	2021 Award Summary	2020 Award Summary
2020 Regions Breakdown	2019 Award Summary	2017 / 2018 Award Summary
2016 Award Summary	2015 Award Summary	2015 Youth Award Summary
2014 Award Summary	2013 Press Release	



Total Number of Awards: 119 Total Amount Funded: \$8,731,454

Category 1: Trainings and Workshops

To Design and Host Opportunities to Build Skills and Coordinate Adaptation Planning Processes

Number of Awards: 13

Amount Funded: \$1,803,655



Additional Resources

- BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience Home Page: www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program
- Tribal Resilience Resource Guide: <https://biamaps.doi.gov/tribalresilience/resourceguide>
- NAU's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/newsletters
- UO's Tribal Climate Change Guide: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu>

Thank you!

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