

## National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)

### Summary

The National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF), distributed by National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) in partnership with National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other governmental and private sector partners, aims to create and restore natural systems to increase protection for communities from current and future coastal hazards and improve habitats for fish and wildlife species.

### NCRF Funding

NCRF received an allocation of \$492 million over five years from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, with an additional \$46 million in funding leveraged from the Inflation Reduction Act to support additional projects in 2022 and 2023. NCRF also receives an annual appropriation of ~\$30 million from NOAA. NFWF leverages nongovernmental partnerships to increase this amount annually. While NCRF is not a part of the Justice40 Initiative, NFWF works with the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) to ensure NCRF is carrying forward Justice40 values in selecting its applications.

### Application timelines

Requests For Proposals are generally put out at the end of February or beginning of March with some variation year to year. Pre-proposals are usually accepted until mid-April, then the selected pre-applications are invited to submit full applications by May or June.



## Eligible Projects

All proposals must address the **three main priority areas** including

- Nature Based Solutions,
- Community Resilience Benefit, and
- Fish and Wildlife Benefit.

NCFR funds activities that fall into **4 categories**:

1. Community Capacity Building and Planning;
2. Site Assessment and Preliminary Design;
3. Final Design and Permitting; and
4. Restoration Implementation.

In order to be eligible for NCFR a project must be located within the coastal areas of U.S. coastal states, including the Great Lakes states, and U.S. territories and tribal lands. Eligible areas include all coastal Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 8 watersheds that drain to the sea and any adjacent HUC 8 watersheds that are particularly low-lying or tidally influenced (“coastal areas”). [Click here](#) for a map highlighting eligible geographies.



## Who can apply and what makes an application competitive?

Applicants can be non-profit 501(c) organizations, state and territorial government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations, educational institutions, or for-profit organizations. An application will be more competitive if in addition to the three priority areas it also addresses Community Impact and Engagement as well as Innovation, Transferability and Sustainability. Further information including evaluation criteria can be found in the [National Coastal Resilience Fund 2023 Request for Proposals](#).

## Additional Resources

- [2022 Grantees](#) - For helpful examples of previously selected projects check out the 2022 grantees.
- [Application Walkthrough Webinar](#) – This webinar shows a step by step process of applying to NCFR.