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Using the National Coastal Resilience Fund to Meet Your Climate Adaptation Goals

March 1, 2023



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about ASAP's
partnership with
NCRF



National Coastal Resilience Fund Webinar Series

- March 1 | Overview
- March 15 | Technical Assistance
- April 5 | Technical Assistance

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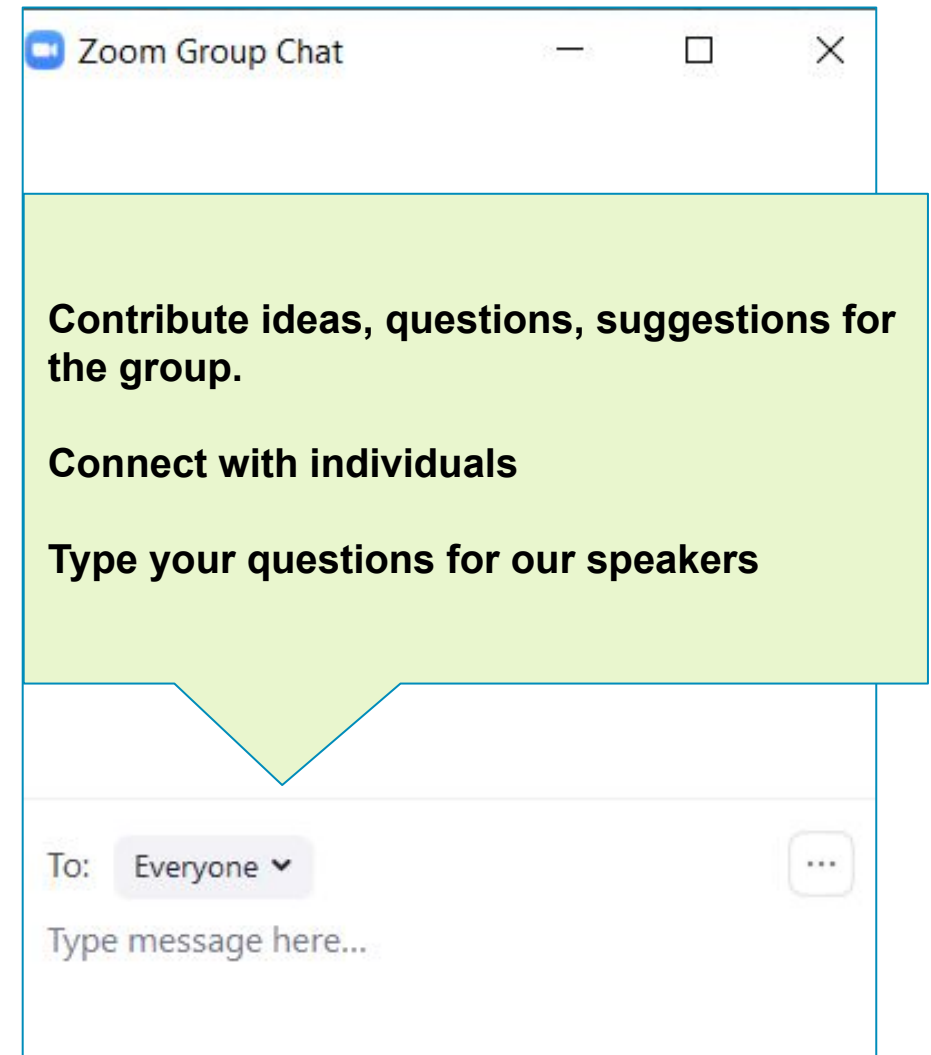
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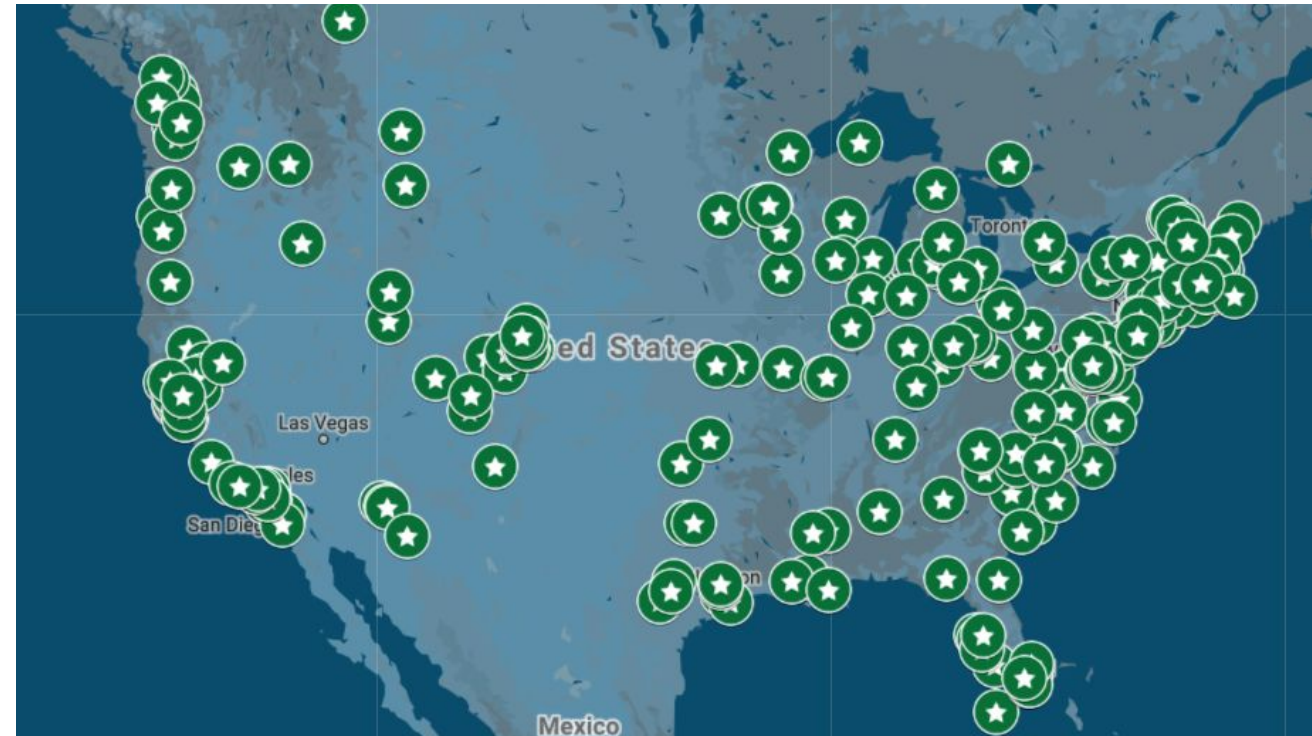
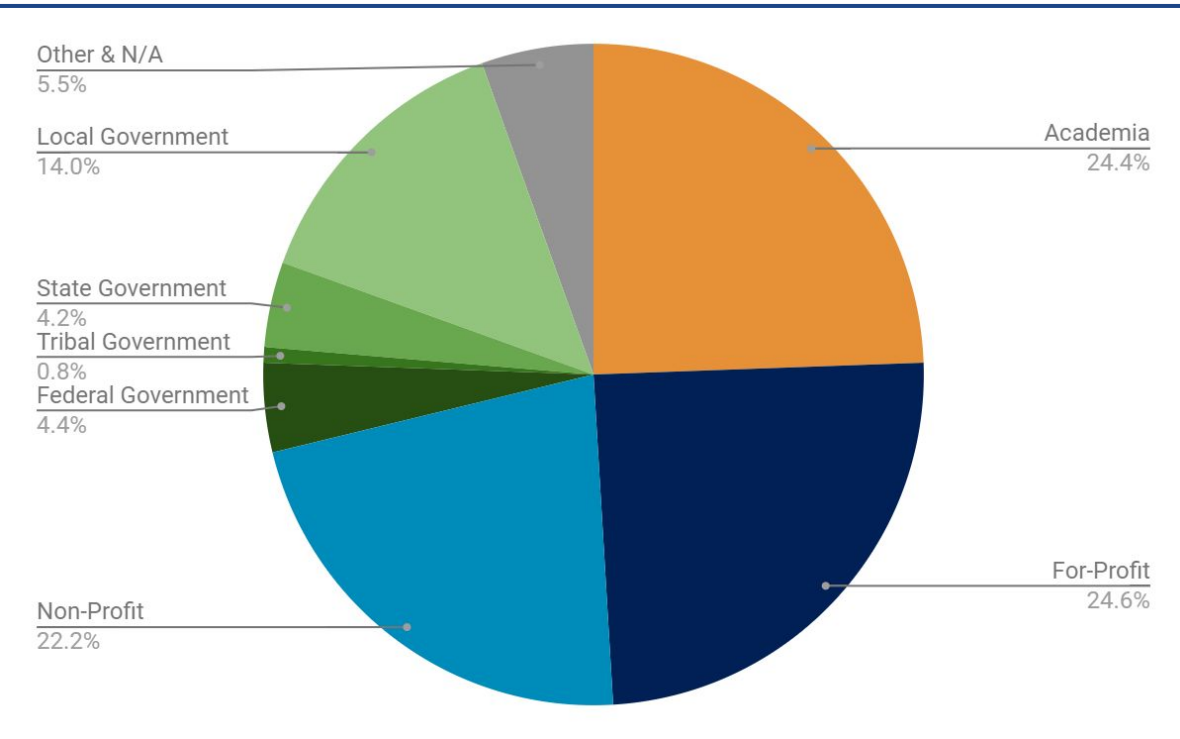
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Tech Help:
Breana Nehls, ASAP Program Manager

Adaptation Professional

Someone who uses future climate information in their day to day work.



ASAP Organizational Members



ASAP Capacity-Building Program Areas

ASAP Connects



Meet new people and explore new ideas

Adaptation Careers



Excel in your job & find new opportunities

Adaptation Voices



Get and give essential stories, news, & resources

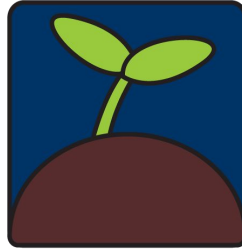
ASAP Serves



Become an adaptation leader & give back to the field

Funding and finance for adaptation projects

Ready-to-Fund Resilience



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- Self-guided Toolkit
- Virtual Training
- Peer Learning Group
- Technical Assistance



Innovations in coastal nature based solutions



Coastal Nature-Based Solutions
Peer Learning Group:
3rd Thursdays at 3PM ET

National Coastal Resilience Fund Field Liaison Team

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Introduction to the National Coastal Resilience Fund and the NCRF Field Liaisons



NFWF



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What is Throwe Environmental?

Throwe Environmental has been contracted by NFWF as the **Field Liaison** for the NCRF. As Field Liaisons, Throwe Environmental supports the NCRF program by:

- *Promoting climate resilience and the NCRF program*
- *Providing follow-up and feedback on proposals that were not selected for funding*
- *Supporting existing grantees through check-ins and troubleshooting*



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Program Overview

- Administered by NFWF, est. 2018
- Leverages public-private partnerships (P3s) for conservation outcomes
- \$140M investment for coastal resilience projects that provide resilience AND fish and wildlife benefits

2023 Partnerships

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- United States Department of Defense (DOD)
- TransRe
- Shell
- Occidental Petroleum

NCRF Priorities

Required

- Nature-based solutions
- Community resilience benefit
- Fish and wildlife benefit

Preferred

- Community impact and engagement
- Innovation
- Transferability
- Sustainability



“NCRF Footprint”

- All U.S. coastal states, including the Great Lakes, and territories.
- Eligible areas:
 - Coastal HUC-8 watersheds that drain to the ocean or Great Lakes
 - Adjacent HUC-8 watersheds that are low-lying or tidally influenced

NCRF Eligibility

Eligible

- State, tribal, territorial govt. agencies
- Municipal government
- Non-profit 501(c) organizations
- Educational institutions
- Commercial organizations
- Semi-federal orgs./federal partnerships*

Ineligible

- Federal agencies or employees of federal agencies
- Foreign organizations
- Foreign public entities
- Unincorporated individuals

NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning (CCBP)

OR

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

OR

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

OR

4. Restoration Implementation (RI)

Planning-Level Grant

Project-Level Grants

Notes:

- Pick **one** priority category based on desired outcome
- Pipeline intended to prepare you for next stage
- All projects advance community resilience **AND** fish and wildlife benefits
- Focus on nature-based solutions

NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning (CCBP) →

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

4. Restoration and Monitoring (R&M)

- **Avg. project length:** 2yrs
- **Outcome:** Comprehensive plan
- **Key components:**
 - Stakeholder engagement, capacity-building
 - Planned resilience projects that include nature-based features

NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning (CCBP)

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

4. Restoration and Monitoring (R&M)



- **Avg. project length:** 1yr
- **Outcome:** Preliminary design (30-60%), “go-no go” decision, determines appropriate site(s)
- **Key components:**
 - Projects prioritized in previous planning activities
 - Focus on specific assessment
 - Preliminary conversations with permitters
 - May include baseline monitoring

NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning (CCBP)

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

4. Restoration and Monitoring (R&M)



- **Avg. project length:** 1.5yrs
- **Outcome:** Final design (90-100%), permitting conversations
- **Key components:**
 - Position projects for restoration-ready implementation
 - Readiness for permitting
 - May include baseline monitoring

NCRF Priority Categories

1. Community Capacity Building & Planning (CCBP)

2. Site Assessment & Preliminary Design (SA/PD)

3. Final Design & Permitting (FD/P)

4. Restoration Implementation (RI)



- **Avg. project length:** ≤ 3 yrs + 1 yr monitoring
- **Outcome:** Implementation and monitoring
- **Key components:**
 - Projects prioritized in previous planning activities
 - Completed assessments & designs
 - Readiness to secure all permits and other necessary approvals

FAQ & Additional Information

- Non-federal match (cash or in-kind) not required, but encouraged to demonstrate broad support for the project
- Compliance with all necessary federal, state, and local permitting
- “Rebuilds,” research projects, and non-natural structures are not priorities, hybrid projects are acceptable
- **MUST** have clear benefits to community resilience (i.e, flooding and erosion) **AND** fish, wildlife, and habitat*
- Invests in nature-based solutions (NBS)
- Priority given to projects that demonstrate transferability, innovation, and sustainability, and projects that are led by or meaningfully engage Tribes and underserved communities
- Two stages: pre- and full proposal

Grant Writing Tips and Tricks



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BEFORE: Picking the Right Project/Program

- Develop your project idea
- Work with your community
- Establish clear plan for success (goals, objectives, timeline, responsibilities)
- **Is this the right program for you?**
 - Confirm eligibility, match requirements, expected number of/amount of awards, project types, alignment with priorities, etc.
- Build relationship with Program Officer



DURING: Communicating your Project

- **Writing sets the tone.** Be effective, organized, and clear
- Demonstrate need and how funding will address need
- Sell your project to the reviewer (make it easy for them)
- Apply to the specific grant
- Pay attention to requirements, priorities, keywords
- Build partnerships to make proposal more compelling



AFTER: So, You Think You're Done...

- Reread, revise, ask for feedback
- Make sure abstract, title reflect project
- Compare back to program priorities, criteria
- **If you don't get funded...**
 - Recycle (and adapt) rejected proposals
 - Solicit feedback, build on weaknesses



Funding vs. Financing

How to make funding *and* financing work for you

- Continue pursuing grants while leveraging financing dollars as match
- Scale the impacts of grants through financing
- Establish sustainable financing systems *before* you need them
- Build a system that reflects your community needs
 - *Start with capacity-building and planning*



Connecting NCRF to Climate Finance

Benefits of approaching funding and financing together

- Grants can pilot approaches that can be scaled through financing
- Using financing to generate matching funds (e.g., enterprise funds)
- Financing signals your commitment to tackling resilience
- Financing is stable, dedicated way to take on climate investments within community priorities



We want to work with you!

Think you might have a project suited for funding? We want to...

- *Give you more information about NCRF and other resilience funding programs*
- *Provide guidance on project ideas, “dos and don’ts”*
- *Give feedback on projects that aren’t funded, help you become more competitive*

Reach out to us at ncrf@throwe-environmental.com



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Note: Guidance and feedback will be given as appropriate/permitted by NFWF guidelines

Next Steps

Get support preparing a National Coastal Resilience Fund



Application

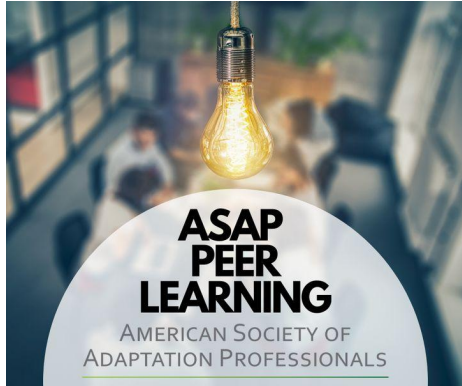
- Technical Assistance Sessions with ASAP and Throwe Environmental
 - March 15th 3-4 ET
 - April 5, 12-1pm ET
- Fill out the [NCRF brainstorming worksheet](#).
- Reach out to Throwe Environmental for 1:1 support.
- ASAP Peer learning group session: 3/16 at 3:00pm ET.

Apply for the National Coastal Resilience Fund



- Pre-Proposal Webinar Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET
- Pre-Proposal Due Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 by 11:59 PM ET
- Full Proposal Invitations: Mid to End of May 2023
- Full Proposal by Invite Only Due Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 by 11:59 PM ET

Upcoming Opportunities to Connect with ASAP



- Adaptation + Vulnerabilities
- Funding and Finance
- Nature Based Solutions
- Policy Practice
- Rural Regional Collaboratives
- Climate Migration & Managed Retreat
- Network of Networks
- Private Sector Adaptation Professionals
- Professional Opportunities in Adaptation
- R*ECO*NNECT: psychosocial resilience
- Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



ASAP: Building a Community of Climate Leaders

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