About the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Approximately $575 million is being made available through the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge for projects that build the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather and other impacts of climate change. This new grant program is administered by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, with funding made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act, a historic, federal government-wide investment that is advancing NOAA's efforts to build Climate-Ready Coasts.

The focus of this program is on collaborative approaches to achieving resilience in coastal regions. Selected grants will address risk reduction, regional collaboration, equity, and building enduring capacity for adaptation. There are two separate but simultaneous funding tracks. Funding for both tracks will be spent over the next five years.

• Track One: Regional Collaborative Building and Strategy Development

• Track Two: Implementation of Resilience and Adaptation Actions

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For efforts funded through this program, a partnership-focused, regional approach to building climate resilience is desired. Track One funding can be used to initiate new, regional-scale collaborative efforts or to advance existing partnerships. The goal is to collectively move more coastal communities closer to taking action, especially those that have been marginalized, underserved, or underrepresented. NOAA anticipates selecting 20 to 25 proposals ranging from $500,000 to $2 million each. Total funding for all Track One awards may be up to $25 million.

Track Two: Implementation of Resilience and Adaptation Actions
Reducing risk and vulnerability requires action. This track provides funding for applicants to implement coordinated adaptation efforts that support a holistic vision for resilience and build the capacity of the communities in a region to sustain efforts into the future, especially those communities that have been marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented. NOAA anticipates awarding up to 15 proposals ranging from $15 million to $75 million each. Total funding available for all Track Two awards is up to $550 million.

Additional Information and Resources
Upon release, the Notice of Funding Opportunity will be available on the Office for Coastal Management's website, along with frequently asked questions and other helpful information. NOAA technical assistance, including data, tools, and training, will be available throughout the application and implementation processes for organizations applying for and receiving a grant.

For more information, contact resiliencechallenge@noaa.gov.