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Update on Office of Habitat Conservation Competitive Funding Opportunities

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act

November 2023

30+ Years of Partnering on Habitat Conservation

- NOAA has a long history supporting our partners' habitat conservation efforts through funding opportunities and expert technical assistance
- Unprecedented opportunities to bring that expertise to transformational projects that make an impact for coastal communities and ecosystems



Additional Resources - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

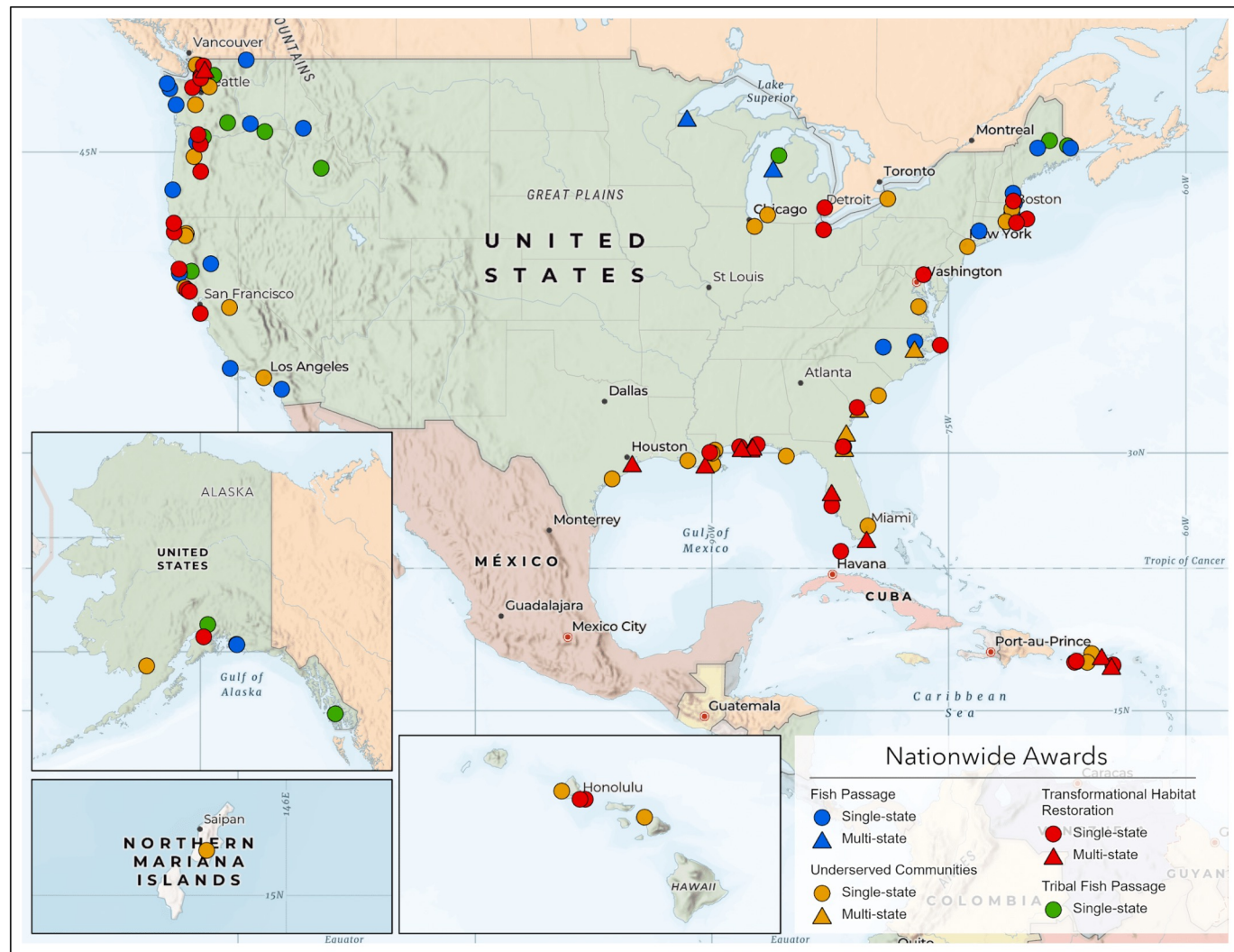
- Approximately **\$891 million** over 5 years of BIL funding:
 - **\$491 million** for habitat restoration
 - **\$400 million** for fish passage, with up to 15 percent reserved for tribes
- Additional **\$484M** of IRA funding
- At least three rounds of funding competitions - Fish Passage; Tribal Fish Passage; Transformational Habitat Restoration; Tribes & Underserved Communities



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Projects in Round 1

- 109 Awards
- \$480M
- See project list on our website: fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA



What's Next? Let's Get Ready for Round 2!

- Four Competitions:
 - National Fish Passage
 - Tribal Fish Passage
 - Transformational Habitat Restoration
 - Habitat Restoration for Tribes and Underserved Communities
- Each incorporates feedback from Round 1 including larger caps on projects and greater tribal emphasis
- Learn more:
fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA



Funding Opportunity: National Fish Passage

- Up to **\$175M** available to support a broad range of fish passage projects in coastal ecosystems, including the Great Lakes
- Award range: \$1M - \$20M
- Application deadline: October 16
- Broad eligibility
- Contact:
Fish.Passage.Grants@noaa.gov



Credit: Chesapeake Bay Program

Funding Opportunity: Tribal Fish Passage

- Up to **\$85M** available to support tribal fish passage work and building tribal organizational capacity
- Award range: \$300K - \$12M
- Application deadline: November 8
- Limited eligibility for federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and Alaska Native Corporations
- Contact:
Infrastructure.Tribal@noaa.gov



Credit: Penobscot River Restoration Trust

Funding Opportunity: Transformational Habitat Restoration

- Up to **\$240M** available for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects across the country that span a **broad range of habitats and restoration techniques**
- Award range: \$1M - \$25M
- Application deadline: November 17
- Broad eligibility
- Contact: Resilience.Grants@noaa.gov



Credit: San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Funding Opportunity: Habitat Restoration for Tribes and Underserved Communities

- Up to **\$45M** available for projects that advance the habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of tribes and underserved communities
 - **\$20M** for federally recognized tribes, through direct awards or subawards
 - **\$25M** broad eligibility; tribes and underserved communities, or entities that partner with tribes or underserved communities
- Award range: **\$75K - \$3M**



Funding Opportunity: Habitat Restoration for Tribes and Underserved Communities, continued

- Projects can include several types of activities:
 - **Capacity building**, such as resilience planning, project planning and feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, or proposal development for future funding.
 - **Actionable science support**, such as the collection or analysis of climate, habitat, or other data that informs planning, decision making, or future restoration.
 - **Restoration**, such as demonstration projects, engineering and design, permitting, or on-the-ground habitat restoration.
- Application deadline: December 19
- Contact: Underserved.Community.Grants@noaa.gov

Meaningful Engagement

- In addition to directly funding tribes and underserved communities, project proposals should include meaningful engagement with these communities
- To provide more information to applicants, we have defined the term and compiled an initial list of the types of activities that applicants could include in their proposal.
 - **Definition:** “Communities having an opportunity to be an integral part of the visioning, decision-making, or leadership for activities that may affect their environment and/or health and wellbeing...”
 - Activities may include things such as community engagement in project vision and decision making; compensating tribal or underserved community members for their role in designing and implementing a project; and many more.
- To learn more, please see our website: fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA

Get in Touch to Learn More

- Visit our website:
fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-BIL-IRA
- Tune into a webinar - details on our website
- Reach out for technical assistance
- Links to NOFO specific web pages for each competition are available from above website:
 - Restoring Fish Passage
 - Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage
 - Transformational Habitat Restoration
 - Tribes and Underserved Communities



Credit: Erika Nortemann