

Office of Habitat Conservation Projects Selected for Funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

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The Office of Habitat Conservation has run four funding opportunities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act:

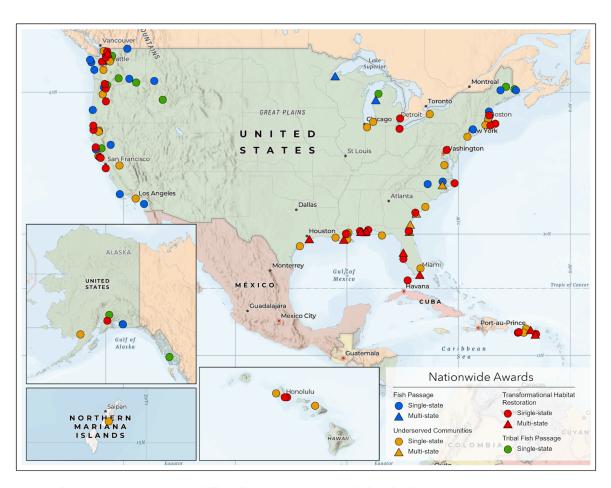
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Northeast and Great Lakes

State	Applicant	Project Description	Amount	Funding Opportunity
СТ	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments	This project will remove the Kinneytown Dam Facility on the Naugatuck River. It will open 29 miles for blueback herring, American shad, and alewife on the mainstem river, and an additional 28 miles of tributaries for American eel. It also includes developing public access points to improve opportunities for using the river.	\$2 million in first year; up to \$15 million total over three years	Fish Passage
IN	National Audubon Society	This project will conduct a community-driven planning effort and begin work to restore degraded wetland habitat along the West Branch of the Little Calumet River in Gary, Indiana. They will gather community members' current perspectives and future visions to inform a plan for restoration at Marshalltown Marsh and Hatcher Park. They will also begin initial on-the-ground restoration at Hatcher Park.	\$307,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
MA	City of Chelsea	This project will gather community input and remove Slade Mill Dam on Mill Creek. They will work to actively engage the local community throughout all phases of planning and construction, including through community meetings, site walks, and educational signage. This project will work in tandem with an ongoing effort to create a park and riverwalk that will increase public access to Mill Creek.	\$423,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
MA	lpswich River Watershed Association	This project will restore access to 238 miles of habitat in the Ipswich and Parker River watersheds, tributaries to the Great Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern. They will address five dams: Ipswich Mills, Larkin Mill, Willowdale, Howlett Brook, and South Middleton Dams. The effort will benefit river herring, American shad, and American eel.	\$2.4 million	Fish Passage
MA	Ipswich River Watershed Association	This project will support habitat restoration in the Great Marsh, the largest remaining salt marsh in New England. Across this region, physical barriers prevent the flow of tidal waters and limit natural marsh functions. IRWA will plan for and begin construction on several efforts to address all remaining high-priority barriers that have been identified in the area.	\$1.4 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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MA	Massachusetts Audubon Society	This project will support coastal marsh restoration in southeastern Massachusetts by prioritizing restoration sites and restoring wetlands degraded through historic cranberry farming. Coastal marshes are at severe risk due to climate change and sea level rise. Retired, low-lying cranberry farmlands provide a potential space for coastal wetlands to migrate inland to avoid disappearing. This effort will implement two pilot restoration projects to inform similar, future projects across the region and support sustained cultural land uses for tribal communities.	\$4.5 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
MA	Town of Braintree	The project will remove two dams in the Monatiquot River watershed. The dam removals will create immediate access to habitat for alewives and other migratory species. They will also increase community resilience by reducing the flood elevation by up to 9 feet and eliminating the threat that dam failure poses to a commuter railroad and highway.	\$2 million	Fish Passage
MA	Town of Wellfleet	This project will implement the first phase of the Herring River Restoration Project, the largest salt marsh restoration effort in the northeast United States. Once all phases are complete, the overall effort will restore 890 acres of tidal wetlands and reconnect a functioning estuary to Cape Cod Bay and the Gulf of Maine. The project will significantly improve water quality and habitat for fish and shellfish, help restore the flood and storm protection that healthy salt marshes provide, and rebuild and improve the resilience of local bridges and roads.	\$14.7 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
MD	South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management	This project will restore marsh habitat in an urban ecosystem in Baltimore City. The project is part of a larger initiative called Reimagine Middle Branch—a community-led initiative to reconnect South Baltimore residents to the nearby river. The project will increase public access to the river and will help reduce erosion and flooding.	\$1.4 million in first year; up to \$5.6 million total over three years	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
ME	Atlantic Salmon Federation	The project will address fish passage barriers in the Penobscot River watershed to support the largest run of Atlantic salmon (a NOAA Species in the Spotlight) in the United States. They will completely remove two dams and install fish ladders at two other sites to open sites that are currently complete barriers to fish passage.	\$7.6 million	Fish Passage

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ME	Maine Department of Marine Resources	The project will design and implement a fish lift at Woodland Dam on the St. Croix River, providing access to 600 miles for all migratory fish and 60,000 acres of habitat for alewife. By benefitting species like alewife, American shad, and American eel, the project is expected to result in increased prey for whales, dolphins, groundfish, and saltwater sportfish.	\$600,000 in first year; up to \$14.8 million total over three years	Fish Passage
ME	Passamaquoddy Tribe (Pleasant Point)	The project will identify preferred approaches to enhance fish passage across the Grand Falls and Woodland Dams. The project will strengthen tribal engagement in restoration decision-making alongside state and federal agencies at the site of an active paper mill that is economically important to the community.	\$997,000 in first year; up to \$2 million total over three years	Tribal Fish Passage
ME	Penobscot Indian Nation	The project will eliminate five culvert and dam barriers within the East Branch of the Penobscot River. This work will benefit Endangered Species Act-listed Atlantic salmon and other migratory fish species. The project will also build tribal capacity to manage and steward migratory fish resources by funding fishery biologist positions.	\$3 million	Tribal Fish Passage
MI	The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House	The project will develop design plans to restore habitat along Lake St. Clair, in an area where nearly all of the lake's shoreline has been hardened. Restoration will benefit several native Great Lakes species. It will also reduce impacts from waves and flooding, reduce polluted runoff, increase recreational fishing opportunities, and increase public access to the water.	\$490,000 in first year; up to \$7 million total over three years	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
MI	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	The project will replace 12 road stream crossings with fish passage infrastructure. They will also investigate fish passage alternatives for two hydropower dams: Tower Dam and Kleber Dam. Funding will support hiring of an additional position to help with conservation planning, implementation, and partner engagement.	\$3.6 million	Tribal Fish Passage
MI	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission	This project will coordinate with the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan, to hire an administrator to manage an effort to revitalize the area surrounding Ox Creek. The new project administrator will help build a coalition of residents and local organizations, conduct community outreach and engagement, develop a habitat restoration plan that incorporates public input, and implement two pilot habitat restoration projects.	\$1 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

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MI, WI	Trout Unlimited	The project will remove or replace eight fish passage barriers to open 55 miles of spawning, rearing, and refuge habitat on high-quality cold water streams in the Great Lakes region. The projects are expected to benefit native Great Lakes species like brook trout and sturgeon. They are also expected to improve climate resilience by reducing flooding and improving threatened infrastructure.	\$4.8 million	Fish Passage
NH	Town of Durham	The project will design and implement removal of the Mill Pond Dam and install a fish ladder on the Oyster Reservoir Dam to improve fish passage on the Oyster River. In addition to reopening access to habitat, removal of the Mill Pond Dam will increase community resilience, as the dam does not currently meet regulations to safely withstand a 50-year storm event.	\$290,000 in first year; up to total \$3.5 million over three years	Fish Passage
NY	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	This project will work toward restoring habitat in the highly-impaired Scajaquada Creek watershed in New York, collaborating closely with community members in the Black Rock, Riverside, East Side of Buffalo, and western Cheektowaga neighborhoods. They will build a coalition to engage community members, conduct stakeholder outreach to inform the creation of a restoration and resilience plan, and advance efforts to restore habitat along the creek.	\$901,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
NY	New York City Department of Parks and Recreation	This project will establish a paid internship and training program for economically disadvantaged and minority high school and college students. The program will implement habitat restoration projects on parklands in southeastern Queens near Jamaica Bay, which contains the largest remaining extent of marshes in New York City. It will also provide free and accessible programming to the local community, such as volunteer opportunities and environmental education events.	\$650,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
ОН	The Nature Conservancy	The project will restore shoreline and marsh habitat in Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area along Lake Erie's Sandusky Bay. The project is part of the broader Sandusky Bay Initiative, a landscape-scale effort to provide cleaner water and healthier habitat for the bay's fisheries, wildlife, and communities. When fully implemented, an offshore berm will reduce the energy of waves, helping to rebuild a historic shoreline that has been	\$1.5 million in first year; up to \$5.5 million total over three years	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		severely eroded. This work will help address significant water quality issues by filtering nutrients and trapping sediment.		
RI	City of Providence	This project will conduct an analysis of the Port of Providence's coastline, which borders the South Providence and Washington Park neighborhoods. The assessment will identify current shoreline conditions and potential opportunities for future habitat restoration. The city will also partner with Groundwork Rhode Island and Save the Bay to conduct outreach and provide educational opportunities for local community members.	\$527,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
VA	Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation	This project will work to restore shorelines on tribal reservation lands along the Mattaponi River. They will also increase their capacity to lead and participate in habitat restoration activities by hiring additional staff and providing training and opportunities for tribal members. This project is located within the area of Virginia known as the Middle Peninsula, which has been recognized as a NOAA Habitat Focus Area.	\$235,000 in first year; up to \$999,000 total over three years	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico

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AL	The Nature Conservancy	The project will construct 5,000 feet of living shoreline breakwaters to protect Coffee Island in Mississippi Sound. Coffee Island is a front-line barrier to the northern Mississippi Sound coast, but it has been subject to high erosion rates. Multiple fish species will benefit from the protection of marsh and seagrass habitats around the island and along coastlines to the north. The protection of Coffee Island will also protect shorelines located near coastal communities in south Mobile County and aquaculture installations in Portersville Bay.	\$14.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
AL, FL	The Nature Conservancy	This project will enhance climate resilience in Alabama and Florida as part of the Perdido Watershed Habitat and Community Resilience Initiative. Living shorelines and habitat restoration will be implemented at multiple locations across the coastlines of both states to protect communities from flooding and storms. This will be coupled with a large-scale planning effort to help communities prioritize, plan, and implement additional nature-based solutions to climate impacts.	\$12.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
AL, FL, LA, TX	Restore America's Estuaries	This project will restore oyster reef habitat at multiple sites across the Gulf of Mexico, focusing on the resilience priorities of tribal and underserved communities. They will also develop the Gulf Regional Oyster Network, which will expand and enhance oyster shell recovery programs across the region. The GRO Network will collect oysters from restaurants, recycle them, and put them back in the environment at the oyster reef restoration sites.	\$5 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
FL	City of Port St. Joe	This project will gather critical data needed to finalize the design for nature-based solutions to address frequent flooding impacting homes and infrastructure in the North Port St. Joe neighborhood. They will engage community members and partners in understanding the study's findings and their implications for designing future restoration projects.	\$280,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
FL	Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program	This project will launch the Oyster Restoration Initiative, an estuary-scale oyster restoration project in the Pensacola Bay watershed. The project also includes the early stages of restoration planning for the Sandy Hollow Gully	\$11 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		Restoration Project, which will address upstream sediment impacting downstream oyster habitat quality. A new program will provide cost assistance to encourage the use of living shorelines and other nature-based solutions by local property owners.		
FL	Groundwork Jacksonville	This project will restore habitat on the Branches reach of McCoys Creek. The project will support the creek's overall food web, and will improve habitat for forage fish relied on by species like red drum. The project is a top flood reduction priority for the City of Jacksonville, and will eliminate or reduce flooding for homes and other structures. It will also provide enhanced green space and improve water quality in the stream.	\$2.8 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
FL	Groundwork Jacksonville	This project will undertake early planning stages for restoring wetland and upland habitat along Hogans Creek. Once implemented, this work will create habitat for species such as sturgeon and shrimp. It will also significantly reduce flooding in nearby communities, improve water quality in the creek, and provide community access to green space and recreation along the river as part of a 30-mile trail system.	\$2.9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
FL	Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium	This project will restore coral reefs at multiple sites in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, focusing on reefs associated with the <i>Mission: Iconic Reefs</i> effort—an unprecedented, decades-long approach to restore iconic coral reef sites in the sanctuary. They will outplant multiple species of coral, including threatened staghorn and elkhorn coral, as well as massive reef-building species such as brain, boulder, and star corals. They will also significantly increase the production and release of Caribbean king crabs to help combat algae.	\$7 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
FL	Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science	This project will restore coastal habitat in northern Miami-Dade County while providing high school students with paid, immersive opportunities in the restoration field. Students will receive training and hands-on experience in restoring coral reefs, mangroves, and beach dunes in Haulover Park, one of the longest remaining stretches of undeveloped beachfront in the county.	\$606,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

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FL	Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners	This project will restore stream and floodplain habitat in Alligator Creek. Removal of stream barriers will increase access to low-salinity habitats, which are important as fish nurseries and as safe harbor during toxic red tide algal blooms. Habitat restoration will benefit endangered smalltooth sawfish and important recreational species such as red drum. Local communities will benefit from increased protection from flooding, reduced park maintenance costs, and enhanced recreational opportunities.	\$14.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
FL, GA, NC, SC	Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor	This project will create new staff positions to expand their work creating a plan for restoration and resilience across the Corridor, which stretches from North Carolina through Florida. The new positions will help build relationships between restoration organizations and Gullah Geechee communities, identify the resilience priorities of community members, and form local advisory committees to support future restoration efforts.	\$536,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
FL, PR, USVI	Coral Restoration Foundation	This project will help rebuild populations of five Endangered Species Act-listed corals across Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The project will span multiple sites associated with ongoing NOAA efforts in these areas. It will also use technologies and best practices from the Florida Keys—where practitioners are at the forefront of coral restoration—to help increase the capacity for coral restoration in Puerto Rico and USVI, developing and scaling up coral nursery infrastructure.	\$6.9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
LA	Chitimacha Tribe (Wayti Services, LLC)	This project, through the tribally owned business Wayti Services, LLC, will design a living shoreline to restore and protect areas of Caad Kuujaamnix (Bayou Sale) that are home to tribal cultural sites. Funding will support staff and technical experts in their work to conduct a study and plan a construction method for creating marsh habitat, protecting the shoreline, and supporting traditional fisheries.	\$737,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
LA	City of New Orleans	This project will work toward restoring the Bayou Bienvenue Wetland Triangle, a large and complex wetland next to the Lower Ninth Ward neighborhood. They will work closely with partners to collaborate with the local community in creating a restoration prioritization plan. Based on the	\$490,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

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		results of that plan, they will develop designs to restore a portion of the wetlands.		
LA	Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana	This project will restore habitat in the Central Wetlands Unit, a nearly 30,000-acre marsh bordering communities in the Ninth Ward of Orleans Parish and St. Bernard Parish. They will engage local community members in hands-on project work to provide a new generation of coastal stewards with the skills and experience needed to build capacity for coastal restoration.	\$715,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
LA	Jefferson Parish	This project will construct a living shoreline and restore shoreline habitats along the southern edge of Lake Pontchartrain. This work will rebuild the previously existing natural first-line of defense against storm surge, waves, erosion, and rising sea levels. It will support habitats like marshes and seagrasses, which provide important nurseries and refuge for fish, shrimp, crabs, and more. Protecting the existing levee system from damage will in turn increase the resilience of homes and infrastructure in the local community.	\$4.5 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
LA	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	This project will restore coastal wetlands in areas near to where the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw Tribe, the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe, and the Jean Charles Choctaw Nation are located or have sacred and culturally significant sites. Using local and indigenous knowledge, they will work to refill canals that were previously dug for oil and gas exploration to help reestablish the wetlands.	\$1 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
LA	The Water Institute of the Gulf	This project will partner with community liaisons to directly engage southeast Louisiana's Asian American shrimpers and processors and co-develop a climate change adaptation plan to protect their communities and fishing infrastructure. Through interviews, workshops, and interactive modeling activities, they will work to develop a comprehensive plan that takes into account the specific needs and experiences of Asian American fishing communities.	\$822,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
NC	American Rivers	This project will restore priority habitat in the Cape Fear watershed for several migratory fish species, including American shad, river herring, striped bass, Atlantic sturgeon, and American eel. Three dams upstream of a	\$4.5 million in first year; up to total \$7.4	Fish Passage

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		series of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Locks and Dams will be removed, and pre-removal activities will be initiated for two additional dams.	million over three years	
NC	North Carolina Coastal Federation	This project will restore nearly 120 acres of oyster habitat in Pamlico Sound, leading to the completion of the 500-acre goal of the Jean Preston Memorial Oyster Sanctuary. Restoration will benefit key recreational and commercial species such as striped bass. NCCF will also join with North Carolina State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology and North Carolina Central University to provide hands-on opportunities for underrepresented graduate and undergraduate students studying marine sciences.	\$14.9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
NC	The Nature Conservancy	This project will replace six undersized culverts with bridges and remove two earthen barriers within the floodplain of the lower Roanoke River. Removal of these eight barriers will benefit migratory species such as blueback herring. It will also provide community benefits by reducing flooding and improving water quality in the watershed.	\$3.3 million	Fish Passage
NC, SC	National Audubon Society	This project will work with coastal communities to identify and propose nature-based solutions that increase resilience to extreme weather and climate change. They will collaboratively create a suite of proposed projects that address the goals and challenges of Awendan and McClellanville, South Carolina, and Columbia and Tyrrell County, North Carolina. They will also hire community planners to support the process and help coordinate future restoration.	\$499,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
PR	Franklin's Promise Coalition	This project will expand BoriCorps, an environmental restoration and workforce training program that engages local young adults in coastal restoration and resilience. BoriCorps participants will use a ridge-to-reef approach to restore habitat—from upland forests to coral reefs—across the Guanica, Cabo Rojo, and Jobos Bay watersheds in southern Puerto Rico. They will receive on-the-job training, industry certifications, and leadership skills to become environmental stewards.	\$1.3 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
PR	Institute for Socio-Ecological Research	The project will construct five acres of coral reef at three locations in Puerto Rico: Fajardo, Mayaguez, and La Parguera. This work will strengthen ecosystem resilience by addressing the impacts of new coral reef diseases	\$10.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		and by reintroducing slow-growing, massive reef-building coral species, including threatened <i>Orbicella</i> coral species and pillar coral.		
PR	Protectores de Cuencas	This project will improve water quality and reduce land-based sources of pollution in the Guánica Bay watershed by working to restore the Guánica Lagoon. Historically, the lagoon spanned approximately 1,200 acres and provided important benefits for fish, wildlife, and local communities. Draining of the lagoon in 1955 significantly affected the ability of the watershed to prevent sediment and nutrients from reaching Guánica Bay and adjacent coastal habitats, including seagrass and coral reefs.	\$960,000 in first year; up to \$7.4 million total over three years	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
PR	The Ocean Foundation	This project will contribute to the largest mangrove habitat restoration project ever undertaken in Puerto Rico. Members from the local communities of Salinas, Aguirre, and Guayama will work alongside technical experts to gain experience in restoration and monitoring in the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The loss of healthy mangroves in this area has exposed important infrastructure—such as a power plant, solar farm, and evacuation route—to damage from hurricane-related winds and flooding.	\$450,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
PR	University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla	This project will restore mangroves and dunes in Loiza, Puerto Rico. These habitats have been significantly damaged by past hurricanes and winter storms, which has made local communities more vulnerable to flooding from storm surge and sea level rise. They will build their capacity to lead restoration, community outreach, and environmental education activities.	\$1 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
SC	The Nature Conservancy	This project will expand and significantly scale up the use of nature-based solutions along the entire coastline of South Carolina. The project will accelerate existing efforts to implement living shoreline projects in underserved communities and develop a plan to address statewide coastal risks in using large-scale nature-based solutions. It will also construct a living shoreline demonstration project at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. The project will collaborate with the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Commission to support a community ambassador program for living shorelines.	\$6.8 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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ТХ	The Matagorda Bay Foundation	This project will conduct restoration and resilience planning for Matagorda Bay, one of the largest estuaries on the Texas coast, with the support of new and current staff. The staff members will help connect with and empower local communities in Calhoun and Matagorda Counties, collect information for use in strategic conservation planning, and identify priorities for future restoration projects.	\$606,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
USVI	The Nature Conservancy	This project will restore coral reefs within St. Croix East End Marine Park. This large-scale effort will benefit five species of corals, including threatened elkhorn and staghorn corals. Coral outplants will be sourced from donor corals that have survived bleaching events and disease in order to increase genetic diversity and support the reef's ability to withstand climate change. The work will contribute to a healthy reef ecosystem that supports tourism and fisheries, benefiting the community of St. Croix.	\$6.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
USVI	U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources	This project will help residents of the territory address stormwater runoff and soil erosion issues on their property. Through the Virgin Islands Clean Coasts Program, the department previously conducted property evaluations and proposed recommendations for managing runoff and erosion. Through this project, they will work to implement these recommendations and fix issues that were identified.	\$878,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

California

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CA	California State Coastal Conservancy	The project will restore high-priority salmon habitat in northern Humboldt County by reconnecting floodplains, adding channel complexity, and restoring vegetation in Prairie Creek. The work will support recovery of key salmon species and will provide an opportunity for the Yurok Tribe to implement restoration efforts on their ancestral lands. It will also strengthen the climate resilience of both salmon and local communities by helping maintain cool stream temperatures and reducing flooding.	\$7 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
CA	<u>California Trout</u>	This project will remove and replace a bridge on the Santa Margarita River. The new, 575-foot bridge will be sized to accommodate a 500-year flood event, increasing community climate resilience. The new bridge will also provide access to 12 miles of upstream habitat for endangered Southern California steelhead.	\$3.3 million	Fish Passage
CA	<u>California Trout</u>	This project will plan and design the removal of a rockfall barrier and obsolete fishway in Big Chico Creek. The project will reconnect access to more than 8 miles of high-quality habitat for Central Valley Spring Run Chinook and Central Valley steelhead, including cold water habitat that is critical for climate resilience.	\$1.4 million in first year; up to \$9.9 million total over three years	Fish Passage
CA	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District	This project will lead wetland and floodplain habitat restoration at seven sites in two high-priority tributaries in the lower Russian River watershed. These efforts will significantly improve connectivity between streams and their floodplains, restore and reconnect wetlands, and remove barriers to fish migration. This work will support the recovery of endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (a NOAA Species in the Spotlight) and other salmon and steelhead species. The work will also help reduce flooding in surrounding communities, which have become more frequently inundated as the region's precipitation comes in larger, less predictable storm events.	\$8.4 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
CA	Greater Farallones Association	This project will restore bull kelp at four locations along the Sonoma County coastline in Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. They will restore nearly 47 acres of kelp forest by planting bull kelp and	\$4.9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		removing purple sea urchins to protect new kelp growth and restore balance to the ecosystem. Bull kelp is a foundational species, but has been in serious decline over the past decade. Restoring this habitat will help build ecological and community resilience within the sanctuary and along the northern California coast.		
CA	Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria	This project will build capacity for the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria to participate in and lead abalone restoration on their ancestral lands. They will take steps toward establishing a tribal breeding program for red abalone and will train and employ tribal divers to conduct ecological monitoring. They will also pilot experimental removals of purple sea urchins to help reduce pressure on bull kelp, which provides important habitat for red abalone.	\$1.6 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
CA	Mid Klamath Watershed Council	This project will partner with the Karuk Tribe to restore habitat in Red Cap Creek, a tributary of the Klamath River located on Karuk Tribal ancestral lands. They will implement high-priority restoration needed for the recovery of coho salmon, a species central to the diet and culture of local indigenous communities. Hands-on opportunities for young people, such as internships, will help engage the next generation in environmental stewardship.	\$519,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
CA	The Nature Conservancy	This project will address two barriers on Jalama Creek that are high priority for Southern California steelhead. They will completely remove a weir at one site. At a second site, they will build a roughened channel to address passage at Jalama Road bridge. The effort will open access to more than 12 miles of habitat.	\$2.1 million	Fish Passage
CA	The Nature Conservancy	This project will restore high-priority floodplain and stream habitat on three rivers in coastal Mendocino County. This work will significantly benefit endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (a NOAA Species in the Spotlight) and other threatened species, building on more than 10 years of previous efforts. It will also benefit downstream communities through reduced flooding.	\$8.3 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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CA	Nature Nexus Institute	This project will engage community members in South Los Angeles in habitat restoration through nature hikes, field trips, workshops, and hands-on restoration activities. They will restore habitat at two parks in the Baldwin Hills—Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area—that are the closest no-cost, open space recreational areas available to local residents.	\$928,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
CA	Pinoleville Pomo Nation	This project will develop a plan for reconnecting Ackerman Creek, a tributary of California's Russian River, to its floodplain. Funding will support tribal staff positions to collaborate with partners and lead the planning effort. A series of collaborative workshops will provide opportunities for tribal members and other community members to provide feedback and share cultural and traditional ecological knowledge throughout the process.	\$804,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
CA	Round Valley Indian Tribes	This project will support building tribal capacity to engage in the decommissioning process and dam removal at the Potter Valley Project on the Eel River. The river is a historic tribal source of livelihood, sustenance, and connection to the landscape. The effort will improve tribal participation in the decommissioning process and ensure outcomes are aligned with tribal objectives.	\$1.3 million	Tribal Fish Passage
CA	Salmon River Restoration Council	This project will advance habitat restoration planning efforts in three tributaries of the South Fork and Mainstem Salmon River in the Klamath Basin, near to the remote rural communities of Sawyers Bar, Forks of Salmon, Cecilville, and Somes Bar, California. The restoration sites are located in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe, who will provide direct input throughout all levels of the project.	\$457,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
CA	San Mateo County Resource Conservation District	This project will advance 18 projects to restore estuary, stream, and floodplain habitat in two high-priority watersheds in San Mateo County. This work on Pescadero and San Gregorio Creeks will benefit endangered Central California Coast coho salmon, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight. The work will also reduce flooding in a rural community and improve community access to a clean, reliable water supply.	\$5.2 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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CA	Smith River Alliance	This project will restore habitat in the Smith River watershed to support one of the largest runs of salmon and steelhead in California. This work will also help improve the climate resilience of local communities. For example, an existing bridge will be relocated and replaced with a new structure that will withstand stronger storms and maintain access for emergency services, helping protect Del Norte County communities against future flood and wildfire risk.	\$5.4 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
CA	Trout Unlimited	This project will support the removal of nine barriers on the Eel, Noyo, Navarro, and Big Rivers by constructing seven projects and designing two additional projects. The work will benefit endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (a NOAA Species in the Spotlight) as well as threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho, California Coastal Chinook, and Northern California steelhead.	\$6.2 million	Fish Passage

Northwest

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ID	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	The project will restore fish passage and habitat connectivity in the Yankee Fork watershed, supporting three Endangered Species Act-listed species: Snake River spring/summer-run Chinook salmon, Snake River steelhead, and bull trout. The project will help increase capacity to effectively manage tribal trust resources for cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes.	\$1.1 million	Tribal Fish Passage
ID	Idaho Office of Species Conservation	The project will improve fish passage in the Upper Snake River by addressing four culverts at Poison Creek, Kinnikinic Creek, George Creek, and Big Cedar Creek. Improving access to these tributaries will provide important cold water habitat for species like Chinook salmon and steelhead.	\$4.2 million	Fish Passage
OR	American Rivers	This project will design, permit, and begin construction activities for the removal of Kellogg Creek Dam. The dam currently blocks access to 15 miles of high quality habitat in Kellogg Creek, a tributary of the Willamette River. Removing the dam will provide habitat for threatened Lower Columbia River coho, Chinook, and steelhead.	\$7.5 million in first year; up to \$15 million total over three years	Fish Passage
OR	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	This project will restore habitat for salmon, steelhead, and other species on the tribally owned Chankawan Wildlife Area property near Stayton, Oregon. They will remove culverts and other barriers to improve fish passage, reconnect the North Santiam River to its floodplain, and increase the amount of large wood to provide more habitat complexity.	\$710,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
OR	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	The project will remove or remediate barriers to fish migration in three watersheds: Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Grande Ronde. Projects within the Walla Walla and Umatilla watersheds are classified as imminent threat or priority passage barriers. Projects within the Grande Ronde watershed will remove barriers in critical spawning and rearing habitats.	\$680,000 in first year; up to \$3.3 million total over three years	Tribal Fish Passage

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OR	Johnson Creek Watershed Council	The project, in close collaboration with the Clackamas Partnership, will conduct 10 restoration projects near Portland in the Clackamas and Lower Willamette Rivers. The work will benefit several threatened salmon species. It will also help reduce community flooding in downstream areas and address safety concerns by improving infrastructure needed for emergency access for local communities.	\$3.8 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
OR	McKenzie Watershed Alliance	The project will improve access to habitat in Quartz Creek by replacing an aging, undersized bridge and implementing floodplain restoration. The project area is considered to be the most important remaining area for natural production of Upper Willamette River spring Chinook in the Willamette Basin. A fire in 2020 significantly impacted the project area. This work is expected to help prevent further impacts from fire and climate change by creating landscape scale fire breaks, preventing flooding and erosion, and creating cold water refuge habitat.	\$7.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
OR	Wild Salmon Center	This project will implement nine fish passage projects in four Oregon coastal watersheds. The effort will remove and replace aging culverts, dams, tide gates, and other infrastructure to reopen and reconnect habitat for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho and Oregon Coast coho.	\$3.6 million	Fish Passage
WA	City of Hoquiam	The project will assess the feasibility of removing the West Fork of the Hoquiam River Dam. The project will also involve installing and testing groundwater wells as an alternative water source for the city. If found feasible, the effort would open 13 miles of habitat for salmon and provide a more reliable water supply for city residents.	\$1.2 million	Fish Passage
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	The project will remove Kwoneesum Dam on Wildboy Creek, a tributary to the West Fork Washougal River in the Columbia River watershed. Removal of the 55-foot tall, 425-foot long rock fill embankment dam will restore access to 6.5 miles of highly productive habitat, benefitting native fish and other aquatic species.	\$2.6 million	Tribal Fish Passage
WA	Edmonds College	This project, in partnership with the Latino Educational Training Institute and Snohomish Conservation District, will create a bilingual workforce	\$827,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants

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		development program to educate and train members of the Latino community in the restoration field. The program will include paid internship opportunities, providing participants with hands-on experience restoring salmon habitat in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish watersheds.		for Underserved Communities
WA	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	This project will restore habitat in the Big Quilcene River and estuary. Past channelization, dredging, and bank armoring disconnected the river from its floodplains and confined it to a channel that frequently floods. This project will reconnect the river to its entire 140-acre floodplain, eliminating flood hazards in the community of Quilcene. It will also create habitat for threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon and other key salmon species.	\$9.7 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
WA	Long Live the Kings	This project will build capacity for the Nisqually Indian Tribe to incorporate their vision and voice into restoration in the Nisqually River Delta. They will integrate the tribe's priorities for habitat restoration and nature-based solutions to reduce flooding, increase climate resilience, and support salmon. The increased capacity will help ensure the tribe's Traditional Ecological Knowledge and vision for habitat restoration is reflected in the replacement of an Interstate 5 bridge.	\$502,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
WA	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	This project will restore habitat along the lower East Fork Lewis River that has been severely impacted by legacy gravel mining and residential development. This river is a critical watershed for the recovery of Lower Columbia River Chinook salmon, which is a significant portion of the diet for endangered Southern Resident killer whales, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight.	\$7.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
WA	<u>Lummi Nation</u>	This project will advance three high-priority salmon restoration projects along the South Fork Nooksack River. Salmon in the Nooksack River watershed are critically important to the livelihood, culture, and well-being of the Lummi Nation, but their abundance has declined substantially from historical levels. This work will support two threatened species: Puget Sound Chinook and Puget Sound steelhead. It will also	\$4.3 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		benefit Southern Resident killer whales, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight, by supporting their prey.		
WA	<u>Lummi Nation</u>	This project will conduct an assessment to help determine the potential risk that invasive European green crabs pose to eelgrass beds on Lummi Reservation tidelands. They will build staff capacity, acquire the necessary equipment and training, and engage indigenous high school and college students to conduct an inventory and establish baselines of the current status of eelgrass habitat and European green crabs.	\$868,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
WA	Nooksack Indian Tribe	This project will restore habitat to support salmon and steelhead in the South Fork Nooksack River. Declining populations of Chinook salmon and other species have had significant impacts on the tribe's cultural, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. By increasing habitat complexity and increasing the number of pools in the region to address summer flows, this work will support multiple life stages of salmon, enhance their resilience to climate change, and increase opportunities for tribal uses.	\$5.2 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
WA	Nooksack Indian Tribe	This project will work collaboratively with the Lummi Tribe, the City of Bellingham, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a plan for city-owned passage barriers that both addresses infrastructure needs and meets fisheries goals. The tribe will also develop a communications plan to ensure local and tribal communities are informed and provide input.	\$456,000	Tribal Fish Passage
WA	Skagit River System Cooperative	This project will reopen access to habitat that has been blocked by undersized or improperly installed culverts. Work will focus on three sites of interest to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Sauk-Suiattle Tribes: Martin Slough, Hatchery Creek, and Everett Creek. The project will also expand a collaborative process aimed at identifying and repairing barriers in the Skagit River watershed.	\$320,000 in first year; up to \$1.2 million total over three years	Tribal Fish Passage
WA	Skagit River System Cooperative	This project will restore estuary habitat to support the recovery of tribal fisheries in the Skagit River. Skagit River System Cooperative provides fisheries and environmental services for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. Tribal members will engage	\$649,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

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		in the development of several projects in the Skagit River watershed, in areas that are a priority for Chinook salmon recovery.		
WA	Trout Unlimited	This project will conduct a planning and feasibility assessment for the removal of Enloe Dam on Similkameen River, a tributary of the Columbia River. The dam has blocked fish passage for 100 years. Its removal would open access to cold water habitat, improve tribal fishing opportunities, and reduce the risk of flooding.	\$2.3 million	Fish Passage
WA	Trout Unlimited	This project will replace eight fish passage barriers as part of the Coldwater Connection Campaign, a partnership to reconnect 125 miles of high quality salmon and steelhead streams in Washington's coastal areas. The project will open more than 7 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and will increase Hoh tribal community capacity focused on salmon restoration.	\$7.1 million	Fish Passage
WA	Tulalip Tribes	The project will plan and construct 16 barrier removal projects in the Snohomish River watershed. These projects will remove or replace culverts with structures designed to withstand climate change, restoring connectivity to more than 32 miles of habitat in priority streams for the recovery of salmon.	\$9.7 million	Fish Passage
WA	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	This project will conduct large-scale marsh restoration in the Skagit River estuary of the North Whidbey basin in Puget Sound, building on more than two decades of NOAA-supported restoration work in the watershed. The effort is expected to significantly contribute to recovery of threatened Puget Sound Chinook and steelhead, and endangered Southern Resident killer whales, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight.	\$11.6 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
WA	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	This project will restore habitat on a landscape scale within the South Whidbey Basin of Puget Sound. The Whidbey Basin contains Puget Sound's three biggest salmon producing rivers and nearly 70 percent of its remaining tidal wetlands, which salmon and steelhead rely on for spawning and rearing habitat. This work will significantly contribute to eliminating estuary habitat as a limiting factor in the recovery of threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon and steelhead. The work will	\$12.1 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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		also benefit endangered Southern Resident killer whales, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight.		
WA	Wild Salmon Center	This project will design, permit, and remove nine culverts as part of the Coldwater Connection Campaign. The culvert removals will improve access for migratory salmon and improve the durability of public infrastructure. The project was developed with the Quileute and Quinault Tribes and will increase tribal capacity for fish passage restoration.	\$11.9 million	Fish Passage
WA	Yakama Nation	This project will remove the Bateman Island Causeway, located at the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers, and complete hydraulic modeling at the Prosser Dam on the Yakima River. These efforts will improve spawning and rearing habitat for Chinook, coho, and steelhead in the river and its tributaries.	\$235,000 in first year; up to \$3.6 million total over three years	Fish Passage
WA	Yakama Nation	This project will remove barriers on the Snake Creek to address a 'mortality hotspot' for Endangered Species Act-listed Middle Columbia River steelhead in the Yakima River watershed. Two dams will be removed, opening six miles of habitat. They will also develop an interactive tool and database for fish passage management on Yakama Nation territory.	\$251,000 in first year; up to \$1.2 million over three years	Tribal Fish Passage

Alaska

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AK	Chickaloon Native Village	This project will remove fish passage barriers within traditional ancestral lands and develop a Fish Passage Working Group for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. They will also increase the knowledge and capacity of tribal staff members to oversee fish passage restoration planning, design, and implementation.	\$1.9 million	Tribal Fish Passage
AK	Copper River Watershed Project	This project will remove two culverts and design seven additional culvert removals in Copper River delta. This flood-prone area has seen multiple 100-year flood events in recent years. Removing the culverts will reduce the risk of structural failure and maintain community access to emergency services and resources.	\$1.4 million	Fish Passage
AK	The Eyak Corporation	This project will build capacity for planning and implementing fish passage and connection restoration projects in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Copper River Watershed Project. The work will support salmon species of profound importance to native and rural subsistence users, recreational anglers, and commercial fishermen.	\$321,000 in first year; up to \$2.9 million total over three years	Tribal Fish Passage
AK	Levelock Village Council	This project will conduct a Climate Impact Statement for the Native Village of Levelock, Alaska. The Climate Impact Statement will assess how future climate scenarios could affect Levelock and provide strategies to improve their resilience to hazards like sea level rise and flooding. In particular, it will focus on how climate change could impact erosion of the Kvichak River, which the community relies on for supply services and sockeye salmon fishing.	\$380,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
AK	National Forest Foundation	This project will restore salmon habitat in Resurrection Creek, in an area historically altered by gold mining. Resurrection Creek is located on Kenai Peninsula, which supports one of the largest sport fisheries in North America. This effort will benefit numerous salmon species, and will support prey for Cook Inlet beluga whale, a NOAA Species in the Spotlight. It will also provide benefits such as flood reduction and job creation to nearby communities like the Town of Hope.	\$3.9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience

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AK	Sealaska Corporation	This project will assess and prioritize stream-crossing barriers on Prince of Wales Island and will create designs for 10 individual barrier projects. The island is one of the most productive areas for salmon in Southeast Alaska, supporting coho, chum, pink, and sockeye, which have been important to inhabitants for millennia.	\$426,000	Tribal Fish Passage

Hawaii and Western Pacific

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CNMI	Pacific Coastal Research & Planning	This project will collaborate with partners and communities to restore habitat in the Achugao and Laolao Bay watersheds on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project will serve as a demonstration of how habitat restoration and nature-based solutions can address community resilience. Local resource managers and stakeholders will play a key role, so they can apply these practices to projects in other CNMI communities.	\$1 million	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
НІ	Conservation International Foundation	This project, in close collaboration with the University of Hawaii at Mānoa and other partners, will construct permanent, concrete reef framework structures off of Waikiki Beach on the Island of Oahu. These reef frameworks will serve as coral nurseries, eventually becoming natural coral reefs. This work will benefit the coral reef ecosystem and the many species these habitats support. By enhancing the ecological resilience of Waikiki coral reefs, the project will also increase the socioeconomic resilience of the local communities that depend on them.	\$9 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience
НІ	Hawaiian Islands Land Trust	This project will work together with Native Hawaiians from the Waihee and Waiehu communities to restore the flow of water to the taro fields and fish pond at the Waihee Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge on Maui. They plan to build a ridge-to-reef model for collaborative land and ocean stewardship by engaging the community through outreach meetings, workshops, volunteer workdays, and educational activities.	\$804,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
НІ	Kuleana Coral Reefs	This project will launch a program to engage community members on West O'ahu in coral reef conservation and reduce barriers to environmental work for Native Hawaiians. The Community Dive Program will provide professional certifications and training in coral restoration to local residents, and conduct on-the-ground coral restoration at community-selected sites to help build coastal resilience.	\$460,000	Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

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н	Mālama Maunalua	This project will use a traditional Native Hawaiian-based ridge-to-reef (ahupua'a) strategy to restore habitat in the Niu, Kuli'ou'ou, and Wailupe watersheds in southeast Oahu. Restoration across the mountains, flatlands, and coral reefs of the bay itself will holistically build resilience across the ecosystem, supporting the many species and communities that rely on these habitats.	\$8 million	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Resilience