



## 2020 NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND RFP NOW OPEN!

In partnership with NOAA, Shell Oil Company, and TransRe, and other partnerships as available, NFWF will invest \$31M in 2020 in the National Coastal Resilience Fund, which increases and strengthens natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities while also enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife. Established in 2018, the National Coastal Resilience Fund supports conservation projects that restore or expand natural features such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, forests, coastal rivers and floodplains, and barrier islands that minimize the impacts of storms and other naturally occurring events on nearby communities.

Awards range from \$125,000 - \$5M. The full RFP and additional program information can be found here: [www.nfwf.org/programs/national-coastal-resilience-fund/national-coastal-resilience-fund-2020-request-proposals](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/national-coastal-resilience-fund/national-coastal-resilience-fund-2020-request-proposals)

**Pre-proposals are due Wednesday, April 8, 2020 by 11:59 PM ET** through [easygrants.nfwf.org](http://easygrants.nfwf.org) and Full Proposal will be by Invite Only. For more information or questions about this RFP, please contact one of the following individuals:

If you have a question about...	Please contact...
A project idea in the Northeast or Mid-Atlantic states (Maine to Virginia)	Claire Flynn – <a href="mailto:Claire.Flynn@nfwf.org">Claire.Flynn@nfwf.org</a>
General questions about this RFP or requirements of the program	Kaity Goldsmith – <a href="mailto:Kaitlin.Goldsmith@nfwf.org">Kaitlin.Goldsmith@nfwf.org</a>

A pre-proposal webinar will be held on March 12th, 3-4PM ET and registration can be accessed through the RFP. This webinar will be recorded and posted to the program website.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.** Community capacity building and planning, site assessment and preliminary design, final design and permitting, and restoration and monitoring projects that:

- benefit coastal communities by reducing the impact of coastal flooding and associated threats to property and key assets, such as hospitals and emergency routes
- benefit coastal communities by improving water quality and recreational opportunities
- benefit fish and wildlife by enhancing the ecological integrity and functionality of coastal and inland ecosystems

**PROJECT LOCATION.** The eligible project area is defined as 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. Visit <https://bit.ly/32RwGSg> to determine if your project is within the eligible geographic footprint.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.** Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state/territorial government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Native American tribal governments, educational institutions, or commercial (for-profit) organizations.

**MATCH REQUIREMENT.** A minimum 1:1 non-federal match, cash or in-kind services, is expected and strongly encouraged.