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Resilient Communities Program

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ABOUT NFWF

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Volunteers record outcomes from beach cleanups in Miami as part of a project supported by the Resilient Communities program.

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Wells Fargo announced a 2020 round of funding for Resilient Communities projects. Eleven new or continuing resilience grants totaling \$3.6 million were awarded. The 11 awards announced generated \$4.5 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of more than \$8.1 million.

Wells Fargo and NFWF have partnered to create the Resilient Communities program. Through improvements to natural features and enhanced community capacity, the program helps communities prepare for future impacts associated with sea-level rise, water quantity and quality and forest conservation. By taking advantage of natural features such as wetlands, resilient shorelines, urban tree canopies, natural forests and healthy upstream watersheds, communities can accrue quality of life benefits today, enhance fish and wildlife resources, and help prepare for foreseeable resilience challenges.

The program places special emphasis on inclusion and helping traditionally underserved or low- and moderate-income communities build capacity for resiliency planning and investments in “greener” infrastructure. Lower income communities are often most vulnerable, communities are stronger and bounce back more quickly after an impact/disaster when people work together and have the skills, knowledge and capacity to rebuild.

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Sonoma Valley Wildlands: Fire Resiliency for Communities and Natural Habitats (CA)

Grantee: Sonoma Land Trust

Grant Amount:\$319,364

Matching Funds:\$820,000

Total:.....\$1,139,364

Perform vegetation management and fuel reduction activities throughout 18,000 acres of protected lands and implement a countywide public education campaign to increase wildfire resilience in Sonoma County, California. Project will treat 720 acres of wildlands to reduce risk to life, land and property and increase health and wildfire resilience of forest habitat.

Addressing Flooding and Stormwater in Burlington County (NJ)

Grantee: Pinelands Preservation Alliance

Grant Amount:\$204,000

Matching Funds:\$302,700

Total:.....\$506,700

Provide homeowners and municipalities with expert advice and financial assistance to create rain gardens and other nature-based infrastructure projects that capture polluted stormwater and prevent it from entering lakes and rivers. Project will reach 1,000 community members and 500 volunteers and offer a technical assistance workshop where Rutgers University engineers will design rain gardens for homeowners and municipalities will get one-on-one assistance and designs for large-scale projects.

Building Resilience with the Aanih and Nakoda Nations (MT)

Grantee:.....Climate Conservation

Grant Amount:\$261,470

Matching Funds:\$273,500

Total:.....\$534,970

Increase ecological resilience in the Little Rockies by applying adaptive management techniques to restore ponderosa pine forests and protect irreplaceable cultural sites. Project will restore 300 acres and engage 450 community members through collaborative learning and outreach to encourage the community and regional leaders to prioritize adaptive management across all programs, with forest restoration serving as a visible example of resilience and opportunity.

Restoration of Sweet Woods in the Forest Preserves of Cook County (IL)

Grantee: Forest Preserve Foundation

Grant Amount:\$324,994

Matching Funds:\$325,000

Total:.....\$649,994

Restore 180 acres of native uplands ecosystem in Sweet Woods Forest Preserve, a high-priority conservation area for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Project will be conducted by professional restoration contractors, as well



Climate Conservation will restore Ponderosa Pine Forest ecosystems in Montana, supporting species including the mountain bluebird.

as a 21 person restoration crew from Greencorps, a program which provides conservation work and training for adults facing barriers to employment.

Pacific Northwest Forest Collaboratives and Indian Tribes Restoration Initiative (OR, WA)

Grantee: Sustainable Northwest

Grant Amount:\$349,470

Matching Funds:\$850,610

Total:.....\$1,200,080

Partner with Indian Tribes and Forest Collaboratives to implement and monitor fuels and wildfire risk reduction projects with forest restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement on three Pacific Northwest landscapes. Project will improve rural and Indigenous community protection against fire and restore forests, resulting in more than 430,000 acres managed for strategic fuel reductions and long-term conservation outcomes in Oregon and Washington.

Green Infrastructure for Resilience (Nationwide)

Grantee: Anthropocene Alliance

Grant Amount:\$494,758

Matching Funds:\$715,020

Total:.....\$1,209,778

Convene six community-based organizations in disaster-prone neighborhoods to engage local partners to train volunteers and teach residents about nature-based practices and install six high visibility projects as a catalyst for broader implementation. Project will reach 600 community members and successes will be shared with peer flood survivors around the country through a network of 48 leaders in 22 states.

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High school students plant native flowers to support pollinators in their nature classroom in Connecticut.

Building Equitable Futures for Our Communities Program (TX)

Grantee: Austin Area Urban League

Grant Amount:\$300,000

Matching Funds:\$300,000

Total:.....\$600,000

Create opportunities for individuals to attain sufficient knowledge, skills, resources, and self-efficacy to enable them to become Resiliency Ambassadors. Project will provide educational programming on preparedness to 196 community members and offer youth Environmentalist Ambassador jobs to 20 collegiate students who will have access to capacity building education before they are eligible to act as Career Services Ambassadors within the local community.

Seeding Resilience Through Restoration and Education in Princeville (NC)

Grantee: Conservation Trust for North Carolina

Grant Amount:\$200,000

Matching Funds:\$203,200

Total:.....\$403,200

Design and implement nature-based stormwater interventions and related educational features to increase flood resilience and awareness along the Tar River in eastern North Carolina. Project will engage the town's 1,000 citizens, implement 16,500 square feet of green stormwater BMPs to treat 75,684 square feet of impervious surfaces, create 3,000 feet of new trails and plant thousands of native plants, while providing a visible educational and recreational resource at the hub of the community.

Urban Prairie Project (TX)

Grantee: City of Houston

Grant Amount:\$400,000

Matching Funds:\$400,575

Total:.....\$800,575

Integrate principles of resilience within an affordable housing

development that consists of two components: restoring a prairie ecosystem and developing a green corridor within existing gas line easement for community growth. Project will reach 200 community members, restore up to 8 acres of land and serve as a demonstration for how best to integrate green stormwater infrastructure and incorporate an urban prairie ecosystem that prepares the community to be more resilient.

Improving the Resiliency of Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Habitat (NJ)

Grantee: American Littoral Society

Grant Amount:\$500,000

Matching Funds:\$522,440

Total:.....\$1,022,440

Improve the resiliency of 0.34 linear miles (5.8 acres) of important horseshoe crab spawning and red knot foraging beach habitat at Fortescue beach located in Downe Township, New Jersey by creating up to 1,200 linear feet of hybrid living reef breakwaters that will minimize sand loss during winter storms. Project will engage eight local partners, 250 volunteers and reach 2,500 people through our existing outreach programs to include horseshoe crab tagging and re-sighting.

Leadership in Community Resilience Program (Nationwide)

Grantee: National League of Cities Institute

Grant Amount:\$498,432

Matching Funds:\$30,000

Total:.....\$638,432

Expand the Leadership in Community Resilience program with a cohort of eight additional cities throughout the United States, for a total of 33 cities nationwide, providing additional technical assistance and peer learning to complete a local resilience project in each city. The project will make 16 staff site visits, complete eight local implementation or demonstration projects, host a national Resilient Cities Summit and deliver new education and leadership training workshops for dozens of additional cities beyond the cohort.