



Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund

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ABOUT NFWF

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Flooding in New Jersey after Hurricane Ida

BACKGROUND

The Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund (ECRF) is a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with additional support from the Bezos Earth Fund that supports projects that build resilience for coastal communities impacted by natural disasters. The first round of funding was directed toward communities that received a federal disaster declaration in 2018 as a result of the impacts of hurricanes Michael and Florence, Typhoon Yutu, and catastrophic wildfires. The second round of funding was directed toward communities that received a federal Major Disaster Declaration with a Public Assistance designation in 2020 or 2021 as a result of hurricanes or wildfires. As coastal communities work to rebuild following the devastation caused by these disaster events, the fund provides needed funding for projects that protect community assets and restore critical habitats for fish and wildlife.

To date the Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund has awarded over \$73.6 million to 43 coastal resilience projects that will benefit communities impacted by natural disaster events.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ECRF was established to support natural and nature-based projects in impacted areas to provide dual benefits:

- Benefit coastal communities by reducing the impact of future storms and associated natural hazards (e.g. coastal storm surge, sea-level rise, wave velocity, flooding, debris flow, wildfires, stormwater runoff) to properties, community infrastructure such as schools and municipal buildings, assets of economic importance, and health and safety assets such as hospitals, evacuation routes, utilities, and fire and rescue response
- Benefit fish and wildlife by enhancing the ecological integrity and functionality of coastal ecosystems

To address the varying state of readiness of the impacted coastal communities, ECRF solicited two types of projects: 1) restoration and monitoring, and 2) site assessment and design. Example projects include the design and implementation of wetland habitat restoration, living shoreline construction, and wildfire fuels reduction.