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# Resilient Communities 2018 Grant Slate

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A volunteer builds an elevated sidewalk in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge of Alaska (left); Volunteers remove invasive plants in Portland, Oregon (top, right); Students plant native species in Philadelphia (bottom, right).

## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Wells Fargo announced the 2018 round of funding for Resilient Communities projects. Eight new or continuing resilience grants totaling \$2 million were awarded. The eight awards announced generated \$7.6 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$9.6 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 like 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, 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.

## Integrating Watershed and Urban Tree Canopy Restoration Practices with Workforce Development (NM)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy of New Mexico

Grant Award: ..... \$200,008

Matching Funds: ..... \$245,480

**Total Amount:** ..... **\$445,488**

Perform in-stream restoration activities along two acres of Tijeras Arroyo River

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## ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores our nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds. Learn more at [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)

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tributaries to enhance watershed health, plant native trees in neighborhoods in Albuquerque's South Valley to alleviate heat vulnerability and drought while partnering with a local tree nursery and greenhouse to benefit the local workforce. Project will train and employ approximately 33 local youth to plant over 200 trees in two neighborhoods.

## Scaling Green Infrastructure Investments in Cities

Grantee: CDP North America

Grant Award:..... \$200,000

Matching Funds: ..... \$642,500

**Total Amount:..... \$842,500**

Build capacity of communities in 18 cities across the United States to help them implement sustainable infrastructure for storm water management, urban wildlife habitats and tree canopy improvement. Project will perform targeted outreach to cities to increase knowledge of sustainable infrastructure financing as well as develop cities' use of online tools to document green infrastructure and habitat benefits.

## Enterprise Resilience Learning Collaborative

Grantee: Enterprise Community Partners

Grant Award:..... \$250,000

Matching Funds: ..... \$450,000

**Total Amount:..... \$700,000**

Create and lead the CARES Learning Collaborative of Community Development Corporations from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Project will deepen up to eight local organizations' understanding of resilience through developing business continuity, engage 5,000 residents in readiness planning for local communities and rebuild with resilience in mind to reduce the impact of future disasters and events.

## Leadership in Community Resilience Program

Grantee: National League of Cities Institute

Grant Award:..... \$249,638

Matching Funds: ..... \$110,000

**Total Amount:..... \$359,638**

Expand the Leadership in Community Resilience program with a cohort of seven additional cities throughout the United States, providing additional technical assistance and peer learning to complete a local resilience project in each city. Project will make 14 staff site visits, complete seven 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.

## Building Fire Resistance and Healthy Wildlife Habitat (WA)

Grantee: Spokane Tribe

Grant Award:..... \$225,000

Matching Funds: ..... \$275,000

**Total Amount:..... \$500,000**

Improve fire resilience by thinning overstocked trees on the Spokane Reservation for a healthier, fire resistant habitat, and create and promote growth of fire resistant aspen stands and other native vegetation while creating browse and essential cover for deer, elk, moose and numerous bird species. Project will reduce fuel loads and enhance wildlife habitat on approximately 550 acres of land.

## Native American Youth Restoring Ecological Balance in Colorado River Watershed (AZ, UT)

Grantee: Grand Canyon Youth

Grant Award:..... \$202,845

Matching Funds: ..... \$203,020

**Total Amount:..... \$405,865**

Perform invasive species management and stream buffer enhancements along the Colorado, Escalante, San Juan and Dirty Devil Rivers. Project will engage Native American youth from the Southwest Conservation Corps Ancestral Lands Program to restore 15 acres of stream buffer zones, develop conservation and employment skills, and cultivate an understanding of Leave-No-Trace principles.

## Building Adaptive Shorelines in Tidewater, Virginia

Grantee: James River Association

Grant Award:..... \$400,113

Matching Funds: ..... \$745,400

**Total Amount:..... \$1,145,513**

Develop a pilot living shoreline program in the Tidewater region of Virginia's James River watershed resulting in visible demonstration projects and readily available training and technical resources. Project will hold three workshops, perform targeted outreach and engage 100 volunteers while implementing shoreline stabilization techniques such as installing sills and oyster shell bags and planting marsh grasses.

## Brushy Mountain Conservation Easement (CA)

Grantee: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Grant Award:..... \$275,000

Matching Funds: ..... \$5,000,000

**Total Amount:..... \$5,275,000**

Permanently protect 26,144 acres of private forestland and rangeland within California's wildland-urban interface through the acquisition of a conservation easement. Project will assist Mendocino County in wildfire preparedness by limiting residential housing and viticulture development between U.S. Route 101 and the Mendocino National Forest.