



# Resilient Communities Program

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## ABOUT NFWF

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Students in Minnesota identify macro-invertebrates to gauge water quality through a "Field Learning for Teens" program.

## OVERVIEW

In 2017, Wells Fargo and NFWF launched the Resilient Communities Program. Building on the highly successful Environmental Solutions for Communities, the new program targets natural resource enhancements on coasts, in forests and adjacent to flood and drought prone waterways across the country, while also helping communities adapt to emerging environmental challenges.

The program will improve fish and wildlife habitat and enhance community resilience through water, forest health and coastal projects. Successful projects will also emphasize community inclusion and assistance to traditionally underserved populations in vulnerable areas. Regional awards will provide both natural habitat enhancement and improved protections afforded by natural resources. National projects will invest in scalable models that help communities plan and implement resilience projects.

Specific regional funding priorities for this program include high-impact resilience adaptations to help communities better prepare for wildfire in the west, floods and droughts in the midwest and sea-level rise on the Eastern Seaboard. Capacity-building projects will help prepare for future environmental risks and improve resilience in communities across the nation.

The Wells Fargo Foundation supports this four-year initiative through a \$12.4 million contribution which will leverage other private and public funds with an expected total investment of more than \$25 million.

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Naturebridge middle school students learn about ecology at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in California.

## PROJECT CATEGORIES

### Category 1: Adaptation through Regional Conservation

Grants in this category will range from \$200,000 to \$500,000 in each region to support highly-impactful and visible conservation projects that help prepare for fire in the Western Region, floods and droughts in the Central Region and sea-level rise in the Eastern Region. Special consideration is given to projects that help bridge rural and urban community resilience needs with focus on the interconnectedness of natural systems and community well-being. Proposals must include one or more of the project types specified for the region.

Only proposals fitting regional priorities will be considered for funding. Projects should be implemented at a scale that yields measurable and sustainable benefits for natural habitats while also providing measurable and enhanced community benefits.

### Category 2: Community Capacity Building and Demonstration

Projects can take place anywhere in the United States. Special consideration is given to projects that have measurable benefits low- to-moderate income neighborhoods and advance social cohesion. These projects will range from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and should address multiple cities and communities.

These projects must center on one or both of the following activities:

- Advance innovative and scalable resilience solutions benefiting multi-family affordable housing through green infrastructure.
- Support organizations that build capacity to help cities plan for enhanced resilience through green infrastructure or other improvements.



### Category 3: Affordable housing and small businesses adaptation

Grants in this category will range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 to support highly impactful and visible projects that advance scalable resilience solutions that benefit multi-family affordable housing, encourage small business preparedness in order to maintain or increase jobs and economic activity in communities impacted by the project.

These projects improve community resilience through enhanced natural and nature-based infrastructure. Projects directly engage the local community in outreach and education on the benefits of innovative adaptation and preparedness.