



Climate Adaptation Leadership Awards

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Both government (federal, state, Tribal, and local) and non-governmental organizations are eligible. Individuals and organizations may submit nominations. Self-nominations and third-party nominations are acceptable. Individuals and organizations should be based in the United States and focus primarily on U.S. resources. Individuals and organizations can represent sectors other than natural resources (air, forests, soils, water, fish, wildlife, and plants), but must demonstrate how their work has tangible impacts on natural resources conservation. Nominations may be for efforts that are ongoing or recently completed. Previous award recipients and honorable mentions may be nominated again if their work is significantly different than the work for which they were originally recognized.

CRITERIA

The Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for Natural Resources is designed to recognize efforts that demonstrate outstanding leadership for advancing the resilience of the nation's living natural resources. Projects must address one or more of the goals identified in the [Strategy](#).

Goal 1: Conserve habitat to support healthy fish, wildlife, and plant populations and ecosystem functions;

Goal 2: Manage species and habitats to protect ecosystem functions and provide sustainable commercial, subsistence, recreational and cultural use;

Goal 3: Enhance capacity for effective management;

Goal 4: Support adaptive management through integrated observation and monitoring and use of decision support tools;

Goal 5: Increase knowledge and information on impacts and responses of fish, wildlife, and plants;

Goal 6: Increase awareness and motivation action to safeguard fish, wildlife, and plants; and

Goal 7: Reduce non-climate stressors to help fish, wildlife, plants, and ecosystems.

Nominations will be reviewed and ranked based on the following criteria:

PROACTIVE: Promotes preparation and response in ways that advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.

INNOVATIVE/TRANSFORMATIVE: Develops and/or applies innovative tools/approaches to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.

RESULTS/EFFECTIVENESS: Employs highly effective proven strategies and/or obtains results in improving resilience of natural resources and/or resource-dependent communities to a changing climate.

INFLUENCE: Demonstrates leadership in sharing their work, lessons learned, and best management practices with partners and stakeholders to encourage others to take action to adapt and promote replication of climate adaptation activities.

COLLABORATIVE: Demonstrates outstanding collaboration to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.



AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations must be submitted in one of the following categories:

Federal Government: Recognizes leadership and contributions of an individual, team, program, project or agency from the federal government.

State or Local Government: Recognizes leadership and contributions of an individual, team, program, project, or agency from state or local governments.

Tribal: Recognizes leadership and contributions of an individual, team, program, project, or agency from a Tribe, Tribal Government, Intertribal Agency, and Tribal NGOs.

Non-governmental: Recognizes leadership and contributions of an individual, team, program, or project from a non-governmental entity such as non-profits, academia, business, or industry, etc.

Broad Partnership: Recognizes the leadership and contributions of co-led projects and programs with collaborations between federal, state, local, Tribal governments, and non-governmental partners.

Distinguished Leaders: Recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions to climate adaptation for natural resources during their career.

Emerging Leaders: Recognizes the next generation of climate adaptation leaders who are early in their career, those pursuing degrees, and youths advancing resilience for natural resources in their communities.