

2025 ICARP Priorities

With guidance from the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council, ICARP staff implement a suite of programmatic priorities for 2025 centered on four themes.

Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities

- A. Deepen partnerships with CA Native American Tribes and Indigenous communities that meaningfully respond to Tribal feedback, include consistent and reliable engagement opportunities, and honor and respect Tribal sovereignty.
- B. Foster meaningful ongoing relationships with grantees, local governments, youth, and vulnerable communities.
- C. Strengthen participatory and equitable grant processes that prioritize community needs and enhance accessibility to State funds.
- D. Evaluate and address shortcomings in community support and engagement to better align State efforts with local priorities.
- E. Align public engagement, technical assistance, policies, investments, and State-funded research to meet the diverse needs and contexts across regions. This includes providing language access for non-English speaking communities.
- F. Build capacity in vulnerable communities through focused technical assistance and training programs.
- G. Guarantee reliable public access to statewide and locally specific information to support informed decision-making.

Showcase Impact Through Storytelling

- A. Develop tailored outreach campaigns, case studies, and storytelling initiatives to demonstrate the tangible outcomes of climate adaptation investments. Ensure outreach and storytelling are conducted in a way to meet the needs of vulnerable communities, including persons with disabilities and the hearing impaired.
- B. Highlight locally led efforts and success stories across California communities to inspire action and enhance public understanding.
- C. Uplift Tribal voices, stories, and perspectives, highlighting the work California Native American Tribes and Indigenous communities have done since time immemorial.
- D. Track, analyze, and celebrate investments, policy adoption, and project implementation with robust data to ensure long-term progress.
- E. Communicate the co-benefits of resilience efforts, such as job creation, improved health, cost savings from disasters, and opportunities for innovative economic models (e.g., worker-owned cooperatives).

Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools

- A. Further develop and leverage informational resources, frameworks, and tools to guide local governments in assessing vulnerabilities and implementing adaptation actions.
- B. Identify shared regional and local priorities to streamline efforts, avoid duplicative processes, and ensure consistent messaging.
- C. Expand decision-support tools and data resources to deliver equity-centered guidance, enhance local planning capacity, and support resilience-oriented recovery from climate impacts.

- D. Support low-capacity users with technical assistance, translating complex data and information into actionable insights for projects and plans.
- E. Fund tribally-led research and knowledge sharing that respects Indigenous data governance and acknowledges the unique relationships and histories of Tribes in California.
- F. Develop regionally-specific action-based research that uplifts local priorities through a community-driven research model.

Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action

- A. Prioritize investments in climate adaptation and resilience efforts in the communities most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
- B. Utilize ICARP's role as an interagency connector to advance a comprehensive and coordinated response across state agencies for equitable climate adaptation and resilience outcomes.
- C. Foster and invest in diverse partnerships among public, private, Tribal, and community-based entities.
- D. Support access to multiple funding mechanisms for local projects.
- E. Provide technical assistance to align plans, accelerating the development and implementation of holistic resilience plans.
- F. Provide technical assistance, evaluation, and case studies for climate adaptation infrastructure and programs.
- G. Identify opportunities to fund regional resilience efforts that help interconnected and diverse communities build resilience across jurisdictional boundaries.