



OFF-BASE PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REPI AND OLDCC

ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS THROUGH THE REPI PROGRAM AND OLDCC

The Department of Defense (DOD) prioritizes partnerships with communities outside installations and ranges in order to sustain military readiness and ensure mission compatibility across the country. These neighboring communities, also known as defense communities, play a critical role in supporting installation infrastructure and maintaining the natural lands that enable sustained operations, testing, and training. Working together DOD and communities will be prepared for extreme weather events.

DOD programs, like the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, and DOD offices, like the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), offer several key funding opportunities designed to assist installations and ranges with developing innovative, mutually beneficial projects with defense communities.

The REPI Program works with installations and partners, including counties and states, to develop projects outside the installation that alleviate endangered species restrictions, promote compatible land uses, and enhance military installation resilience to climate change. Before establishing REPI projects, defense communities and installations will often work with OLDCC to create an Installation Resilience project, which outlines plans for how the installation and community can work together as “one community” to respond to climate change or other community hazards.



Marine Corps Base Hawai'i is working in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu to complete an OLDCC Installation Resilience Project focused on addressing multiple installation threats, including flooding, tidal surge, and tropical storms. (Marine Corps Photo by Marine Corps Sgt. Israel Chincio)

CREATING A RESILIENCE PLAN WITH OLDCC'S INSTALLATION RESILIENCE PROGRAM

One of the first places defense communities and installations can turn to for developing partnerships is OLDCC's Installation Resilience Program.

The goals of the OLDCC Installation Resilience Program are to:

- ★ Create a cooperative, community-driven planning effort that leverages the capabilities and strengths of state and local governments to address climate resilience and military encroachment risks;
- ★ Protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of those living and working near an active military installation;
- ★ Enhance military readiness and defense capabilities while supporting continued community economic development; and,
- ★ Promote active civilian and military communication and collaboration in a “one community” approach.

Learn more about OLDCC's Installation Resilience Program's eligibility and the Service or Community Nomination Process at: <https://oldcc.gov/our-programs/installation-resilience>.

To help achieve these goals, OLDCC provides grant funds to eligible state and local governments for Installation Resilience projects that are designed to support defense communities and installations with organizing, planning, and implementing actions necessary to foster, protect, and enhance military installation sustainability. These projects might include conducting a comprehensive review of natural and man-made threats to the installation or completing a targeted study related to a defense community's transportation, utility services, stormwater management, or housing. At the end of an Installation Resilience project, defense communities and installations have a clear understanding of existing and potential climate resilience risks and other impacts that might disrupt critical DOD missions and an action plan to address those issues.



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DEVELOPING AN INSTALLATION RESILIENCE PROJECT WITH THE REPI PROGRAM

After understanding the defense community and installation’s risks from climate change, land use changes, and imperiled species, installations and partners can apply for project funding through the REPI Program. REPI projects must support an installation’s mission by alleviating endangered species restrictions, promoting compatible land uses, or increasing climate change resilience through nature-based solutions.

Once an installation or partner has received REPI funding, there is a unique opportunity under 10 U.S. Code § 2684a(h) to use that REPI funding as a non-federal match for any conservation or resilience program for any federal agency. In other words, if a federal program has a non-federal cost-sharing requirement, a funding recipient can use that REPI funding to satisfy that match and help with acquiring additional federal funding for projects. **Read more on the DOD Funds as Match Authority.**

Installations and partners can receive funding through various opportunities with the REPI Program, including, but not limited to:

- ★ **REPI Proposals:** The Military Services work with conservation partners to submit annual funding requests to the REPI Program for activities that will preserve operations, testing, and training capabilities. **Read more on the REPI Proposals.**
- ★ **REPI Challenge:** The REPI Challenge is an annual competition with dedicated funding for REPI partners (e.g. state/local governments, NGOs, universities) to advance project outcomes through large-scale innovation and conservation. **Read more on the REPI Challenge.**
- ★ **National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF):** The REPI Program dedicates funding to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s (NFWF) NCRF for projects that protect coastal resources and species from climate change hazards. **Read more on the REPI Program’s contributions to the NCRF.**
- ★ **America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC):** The REPI Program allocates funding to NFWF’s ATBC for projects that conserve habitats and enhance installation resilience within sentinel landscapes. **Read more on the ATBC and the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership.**
- ★ **Readiness and Recreation Initiative:** The REPI Program provides funding to the Department of the Interior’s Readiness and Recreation Initiative, which uses unobligated balances from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, for projects that provide public outdoor recreational opportunities without compromising military operations. **Read more on the Readiness and Recreation Initiative.**

COMPETING TO BUILD AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT WITH OLDCC’S DCIP PROGRAM

Finally, results from an OLDCC Installation Resilience project might display vulnerabilities that are not eligible for REPI Program or Installation Resilience funding, such as deficiencies in built infrastructure like utilities. In this case, partners can pursue funding for certain critical infrastructure projects through OLDCC’s competitive Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program. The Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program is designed to support projects that address deficiencies in community infrastructure which support a military installation. These projects must either enhance military value, cadet training at a covered educational institution, installation resilience, or military family quality of life.

Alternatively, interested applicants can seek funding and apply for DCIP grants without the benefit of an Installation Resilience grant.

Learn more about OLDCC’s Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program at: <https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>.

If your installation or community would like to learn more about establishing projects through REPI, contact the REPI Office at: www.repi.mil/Contact-Us/. For any OLDCC related questions, visit the OLDCC website at: <https://oldcc.gov/contact-us>.

States or local governments can apply to DCIP for projects that meet the following criteria:

- ★ Is located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement;
- ★ Will enhance military value, training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution, military installation resilience, or military family quality of life at the supported military installation;
- ★ Is endorsed by the installation commander representing the installation benefiting from the proposed project; and,
- ★ Is construction-ready.