



REPI

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REPI AND THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND



THE REPI PROGRAM AND NFWF PARTNERSHIP

The Department of Defense’s (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program safeguards military missions by promoting compatible land uses around military installations and ranges, conserving endangered species habitats, and enhancing resilience to climate change. Through the REPI Program, the Military Services develop partnerships with local and state governments, environmental organizations, and other federal agencies to address encroachment threats that could adversely affect an installation’s testing, training, and operational activities. Climate change impacts, ranging from severe flooding to catastrophic wildfire, present an increasingly concerning risk to DOD training lands, infrastructure, and public safety. To protect installation and range assets from extreme weather events, the REPI Program funds off-base natural infrastructure projects designed to enhance military installation resilience.

The REPI Program serves as a key partner on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund to accelerate coastal resilience projects near DOD installations and ranges. Since 2020, the REPI Program has contributed funding to National Coastal Resilience Fund projects that enhance resilience to sea-level rise, high-tide flooding, coastal erosion, and storm surge.



Through the 2021 National Coastal Resilience Fund, Tyndall Air Force Base received \$4.8 million to restore coastal habitats near the installations to protect training lands, critical infrastructure, and neighboring communities from climate change impacts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anabel Del Valle)

NFWF’S NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND

NFWF’s National Coastal Resilience Fund restores, increases, and strengthens natural infrastructure across coastal communities. Established in 2018, the National Coastal Resilience Fund invests in coastal resilience projects that restore or expand natural features such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, forests, coastal rivers and floodplains, and barrier islands that minimize impacts to communities from sea-level rise, storms and other coastal hazards while enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife.

To meet the unique coastal resilience needs of communities, NFWF funds activities in four project categories designed to help communities move projects from planning to implementation:

- ★ Community Capacity Building and Planning
- ★ Project Site Assessment and Preliminary Design
- ★ Project Final Design and Permitting
- ★ Project Restoration and Monitoring



Hurricane Florence, a Category 4 Hurricane, damaged over 5,000 linear feet of shoreline along the Neuse River in 2018. Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point received \$1 million through the 2020 National Coastal Resilience Fund to construct a 1,667 linear foot shoreline near the base along the Neuse River to prevent erosion and mitigate flooding that would damage the installation’s critical infrastructure. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Alexandra Amor Santos Arambulo)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do DOD partners need to have an existing REPI project or be a REPI Challenge applicant to apply to the National Coastal Resilience Fund?

No, partners do not need to have an existing REPI project or recent REPI Challenge application to apply. DOD encourages both existing and new coastal resilience projects to explore and apply for NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund consideration.

Do National Coastal Resilience Fund projects that receive REPI funding need to support a military mission?

Yes, NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund projects that receive REPI funding must support the military mission at a local DOD installation or range. To learn more about how existing REPI projects are protecting military missions, visit the [REPI website](#).

Is REPI funding for coastal resilience projects only available through the National Coastal Resilience Fund?

No, DOD installations can work through their Military Service chain of command to request funding through the annual REPI proposal process if the coastal resilience project does not align with the National Coastal Resilience Fund priorities.

What are the National Coastal Resilience Fund application requirements?

Applicants must submit a pre-proposal and full proposal for the National Coastal Resilience Fund. The Request for Proposals is typically released in March, with pre-proposals due in April and full proposals due in May. For updates on the application information, visit [NFWF's website](#).

Which National Coastal Resilience Fund activities are eligible for REPI funding?

REPI funding is available for all four National Coastal Resilience Fund project categories, including Community Capacity Building and Planning, Site Assessment and Preliminary Design, Final Design and Permitting, and Restoration Implementation.

Can partners apply for the National Coastal Resilience Fund if the project addresses multiple encroachment concerns such as coastal flooding and incompatible development?

Partners should request funding from NFWF for all portions of the project that are eligible under the National Coastal Resilience Fund. The other project activities may be eligible for funding through the annual REPI Challenge or REPI proposal process.

Are environmental cleanup activities eligible for NFWF funding?

Environmental remediation activities, such as hazardous waste cleanup, are not eligible under REPI or the National Coastal Resilience Fund.

Can REPI funds serve as a non-federal match for National Coastal Resilience Fund projects?

REPI funds count as non-federal match for purposes of the National Coastal Resilience Fund; however, applicants should not assume in their proposal budget that they will receive REPI funds as part of an award. The National Coastal Resilience Fund strongly encourages applicants to demonstrate broad support for the project, but non-federal match is not required. Applicants are also encouraged to seek additional match funding through sources other than REPI and NFWF to demonstrate that broad support for the project.

Does applying to the National Coastal Resilience Fund guarantee funding from REPI or NFWF?

No, applying to the NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund does not guarantee REPI or NFWF funding. However, it is viewed as an opportunity to attract new sources of funding beyond REPI.

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