



REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
 READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
 PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

2022 REPI AND THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND



OVERVIEW

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program is partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund to accelerate coastal resilience projects near Department of Defense (DoD) installations and ranges. For fiscal year (FY) 2022, the REPI program will provide up to \$15 million in **REPI Challenge** funding to NFWF for this effort and will assist in the National Coastal Resilience Fund proposal review process. NFWF plans to award up to \$140 million in funding this year through the NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund. The following guidance provides helpful information for DoD installations and partners interested in submitting pre-proposals for consideration under the 2022 National Coastal Resilience Fund. In addition to this guidance, please also review the **NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund website** and **2022 Request for Proposals (RFP)**. Updated guidance will be released for future National Coastal Resilience Fund cycles.

THE REPI PROGRAM

The REPI program safeguards military missions by limiting or alleviating encroachment threats that could adversely affect DoD test, training, and operational activities. These threats may include incompatible development, endangered species restrictions, habitat loss, climate change, and extreme weather events. Climate change threats, ranging from severe flooding to catastrophic wildfire, present an increasingly significant impact and threaten DoD training lands, infrastructure, and public safety. To protect installation and range operations from predicted or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions, the REPI program funds off-base natural infrastructure projects designed to enhance military installation resilience.

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THE NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND

NFWF’s National Coastal Resilience Fund restores, increases, and strengthens natural infrastructure. 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 installations and partners need to have an existing REPI project or be a REPI Challenge applicant to apply to the National Coastal Resilience Fund?

No, applicants 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 by April 21, 2022 to apply for the National Coastal Resilience Fund. Applicants may find more information on the application deadlines in the [2022 RFP](#) and by participating in the [NFWF Pre-proposal webinar](#) on March 30, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm ET.

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 and Monitoring.

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

Applicants 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?

Yes, as specified in the National Coastal Resilience Fund [2022 RFP](#), applicants can apply for FY22 REPI funding through NFWF to serve as a non-federal match to other funds requested through the NFWF National Coastal Resilience Funds for a project that enhances military resilience and directly benefits defense mission capabilities in the vicinity of a DoD installation or range. The National Coastal Resilience Fund strongly encourages applicants to demonstrate broad support for the project, but non-federal match is not required. Per statutory authorization, NFWF counts REPI funding as non-federal match for NCRF funding from NOAA. Applicants are also encouraged to seek additional match funding through sources other than REPI and NFWF.

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.

How can applicants learn more about the 2022 National Coastal Resilience Fund?

NFWF is hosting a pre-proposal webinar to review the [2022 RFP](#) on March 30, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET. Join NFWF's pre-proposal webinar.