



Climate Adaptation Partnerships

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FY24 CAP NOFO Informational Webinar 1

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Outline

1. Introduction to the CAP Program
2. Competition Overview
3. Key Information for Submitting LOIs and Proposals





The CAP Program





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Mission

Advance equitable **adaptation** through sustained regional research and community engagement

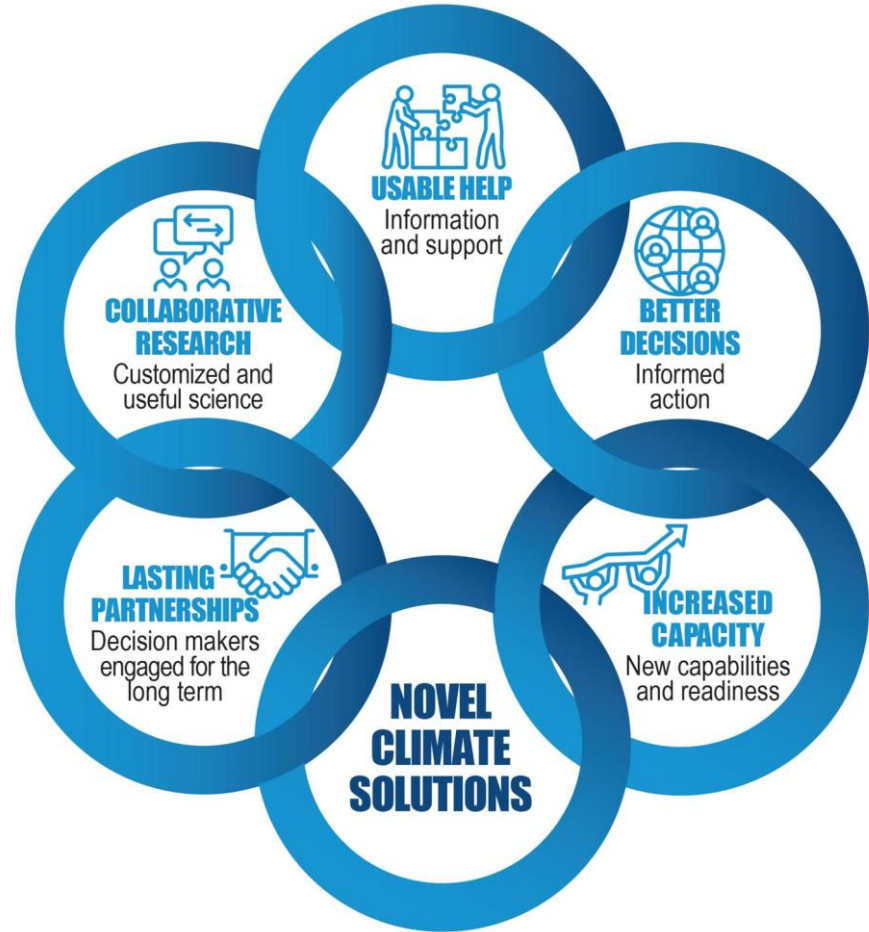
Structure

5-year grants/**cooperative agreements** between NOAA and teams in multi-state regions.

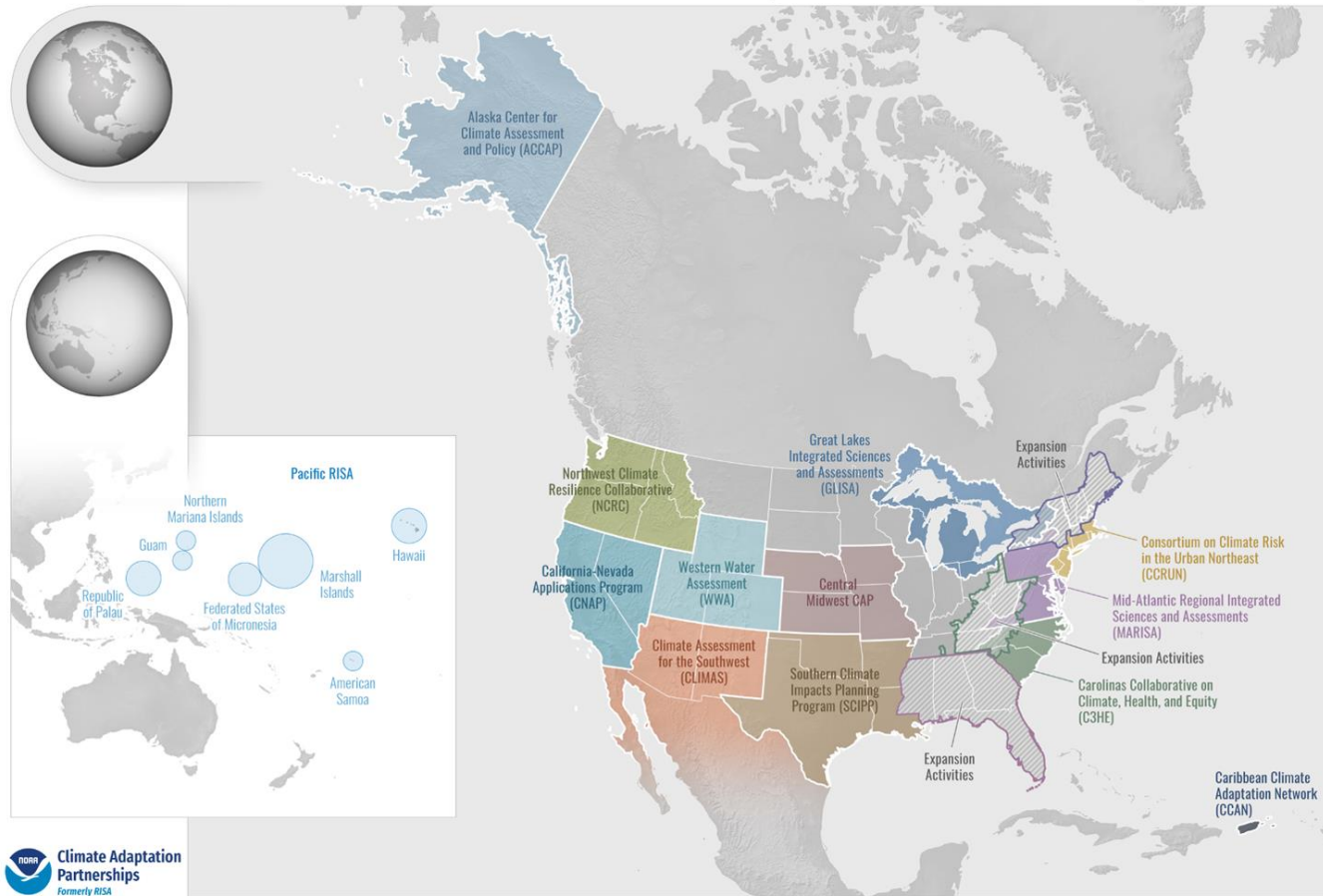
Teams are composed of researchers & specialists covering several orgs in multi-state regions.

Approach

Co-production of actionable knowledge. Relationships are key.



Currently Funded CAP/RISA Teams and Expansion Activities



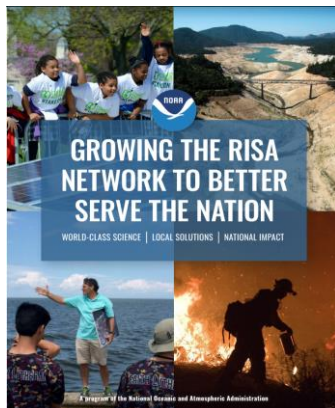
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CAP/RISA Program Evolution: A Collaborative Network of Shared Learning



Established 1995 pilot regional assessment in the Pacific Northwest



Visioning a robust national RISA network

Trusted relationships



Changing the conversation

Credible science



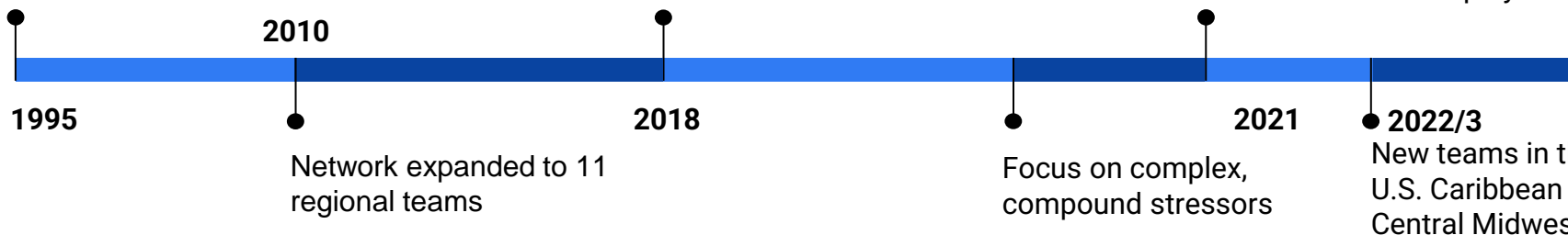
Informing & empowering actors

Sustained partnerships



Collaborating on solutions

Emphasis on frontline communities and equity





Relevant Program Focus Areas




1. Regionally Strategic and Iterative Projects:

- a. Identification of issues and needs of communities that have not had access to CAP work (or other NOAA work in the past)
- b. Flexibility to develop engaged projects and respond to emerging needs




2. Innovations in Equity and Justice

- a. Team science agendas formulated with partners beyond academic institutions and approaches to equitably managed, co-produced projects
- b. Rigorous approaches to identifying vulnerable communities and developing, testing, and learning from these partnerships



3. Ground Breaking Questions of Adaptation and Adaptive Futures: e.g. low carbon adaptation strategies, complex disasters and resilience, fiscal policy and incentives for adaptation



4. Transformational Adaptation: Emphasis on the importance of supporting work that leads to both incremental changes in existing practices, as well as transformational adaptation outcomes that facilitate lasting shifts in systems, values, and practices



Competition Overview










NOFO Overview

- Core of proposal funds an transdisciplinary team with a general blueprint of planned regional research and engagement
- Up to one award per region
- A portion of the proposal should emphasize benefits to frontline communities
- Work should reflect program objectives in Section I.A of NOFO



Available Funding

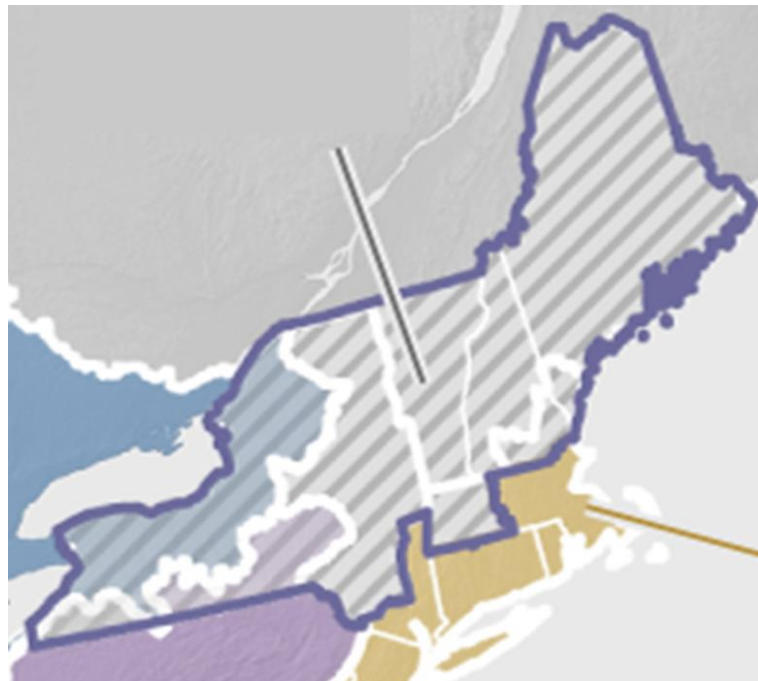
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- Core CAP work: \$1,100,000/year for 5 years
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- A minimum of \$200,000 within the total budget must directly fund community-based organizations or local governments serving under-resourced frontline communities
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- **Total** proposed cost for the five-year proposal should not exceed \$5,500,000
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FY24 NOFO Competition 1: Upper Northeast

Upper Northeast

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- Western Massachusetts
- Upstate New York



FY24 NOFO Competition 2: Southeast

Southeast

- Alabama
- Mississippi
- Georgia
- Florida



A Note About Regions

- The goal is to build on-the-ground adaptation expertise, capacity, and trust-building **within** the specified region.
- Projects should demonstrate balance between local/community scaled projects and regionally scaled projects, and provide representational coverage across all listed states.
- Applicants **must** balance issues for both **inland** and **coastal** areas.
- Please see [information sheet](#) for additional details about geographic coverage.
- **Collaborative planning activities** have been funded in each of these regions. See more details on our website under [expansion activities](#)



Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



Applicants should consider the following when addressing team composition, focus areas, geographies, and approaches employed in the proposed work:



1. The vulnerabilities and disproportionate impacts of climate change on frontline communities including economically disadvantaged communities, historically marginalized communities, indigenous and tribal communities, and rural communities.
2. Communities, towns or neighborhoods under resourced and underserved by technical, financial, and/or human resources to address climate risks and vulnerabilities.
3. The role of researchers and practitioners in carrying out work in ways that acknowledge existing legacies of social and environmental inequities and supporting actions that address them.
4. The representation of regional diversity in team structure, roles and responsibilities, team decision making approaches, advisory boards composition, institutional roles, and broader networks and partnerships.
5. Team contributions to a diverse, next-generation, climate adaptation workforce



Strong CAP Proposals

- Balance scientific inquiry with engagement processes
- Provide actionable scientific information on climate variability and change at the scale decision-makers and communities need for short- and long-term planning
- Apply knowledge to action, providing high priority climate research, services, and practices to serve respective regions and the nation
- Use a transdisciplinary science approach, that includes social sciences, from leadership through project design and implementation
- Prioritize local expertise, institutions and community partnerships across the region
- Address issue of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion throughout proposed work
- Include strong program management and interaction/integration across the team
- Evaluate progress of project outputs and regional adaptation outcomes



Topics Supported by Other Programs within NOAA (thus not CAP)

- Foundational physical climate science (including climate modeling, downscaling, and projections, unless unique regional need can be demonstrated effectively)
- Improvements in forecasting and forecast systems
- Integrated Information Systems, Observation Systems, etc.
- Innovation of commercial technology for adaptation







Key Information for Preparing and Submitting Letters of Intent (LOIs) and Proposals










Submitting an LOI and Proposal

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- LOIs should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on October 30, 2023** to oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov with the competition number included in the email subject.
 - Full proposals are due at **5:00 p.m. ET on February 5, 2024** through grants.gov.
 - Faxed or emailed copies cannot be accepted for full proposals.
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Letters of Intent (LOI)

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- LOIs should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on October 30, 2023**.
 - LOIs are not required but helpful to proposal development.
 - LOIs should be no more than 2 pages and provide a concise summary of the work and its relevance to the competition.
 - Components – see page Section IV.B of the NOFO.
 - [Office Hours](#) will be held throughout the month of October, to help guide this process.
 - Responses will be provided four weeks after the LOI due date.
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Full Proposal

- Grants.gov – make sure all of your accounts (Grants.gov, System for Award Management, [eRA Commons](#)) are up to date well in advance of the submission deadline
- All applicants must have a DUNS number
- Components – start on page 15 (full list on page 16) of the NOFO



Second Webinar (after LOIs are received):

Thursday, November 30, 2023

1:00 PM ET / 10:00 AM PT

[Click here to register](#)



Useful Resources

- [Central Funding Opportunity page](#)
- [Full NOFO](#)
- [Grants.Gov Listing](#)
- [Information sheet](#)
- [FAQ on the CPO website](#)
- [Common Characteristics Of Successful CAP/RISA Teams](#)
- Guide to the Teams

Questions?

Sign up for [office hours](#)

Reach out to the CAP team at
oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov