



# Tribal Access to Emerging Private Markets for Climate Mitigation or Forest Resilience

## A Funding Opportunity from USDA Forest Service



*(Forest Service photo by Deborah Lee Soltesz)*

### Purpose

The Forest Service is providing at least \$20 million in competitive funds to federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native corporations and villages to **support tribal participation in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience.**

### Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Federally recognized tribes,
- Alaska Native corporations and villages, and
- Tribal organizations as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S. Code § 5304).

Proposed activities must benefit nonindustrial private forest land, which includes land that is rural, forested or able to grow trees, and owned by a tribe, tribal member(s), or non-Tribal private forest landowner(s). Both trust lands and fee lands are eligible to benefit from funded projects.

### Emerging Markets for Forest Resilience or Climate Mitigation

Examples of emerging markets may include markets for water quality and quantity, carbon, biodiversity, and wetland restoration. Tribes and other underserved landowners often face barriers such as high start-up costs and lack of technical assistance that prevent their participation in these markets. For this opportunity, tribes are invited to propose projects that overcome these barriers and result in emerging market participation.

### Learn More and Apply

Contact [sm.fs.landownerIRA@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.landownerIRA@usda.gov) to request information and technical assistance from a Community Navigator organization. Navigators can help identify funding opportunities, provide guidance to complete grant applications and manage grant compliance, and offer fundraising training and capacity building.

To learn more and apply, visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and search for Opportunity Number [USDA-FS-2024-IRA-FLS-02](#). Applications are due September 30, 2024.