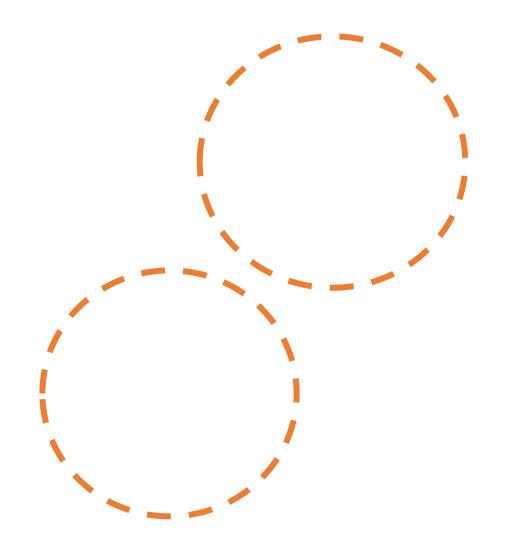


The Climate Resilience and Adaptation Funding Toolbox Helping communities make inclusive and resilient investment decisions.

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EPA's Commitment to Encouraging Climate-Resilient Investments



EPA's 2021 <u>Climate Adaptation Action Plan and</u> <u>Policy Statement on Climate Adaptation</u> directed all National Program and Regional Offices to:

- Modernize their financial assistance programs to encourage climate-resilient investments.
- Consult and partner with states, tribes, territories, local governments, community groups, businesses, and other federal agencies to increase the adaptive capacity and resilience of the nation, with a focus on environmental justice.

Climate Resilience and Adaptation Toolbox

What is it?

• A website containing simple, easy-to-understand resources that can help funding applicants and recipients consider adaptation and resilience as part of their project before, during, and after applying for EPA funding opportunities.

Why was it created?

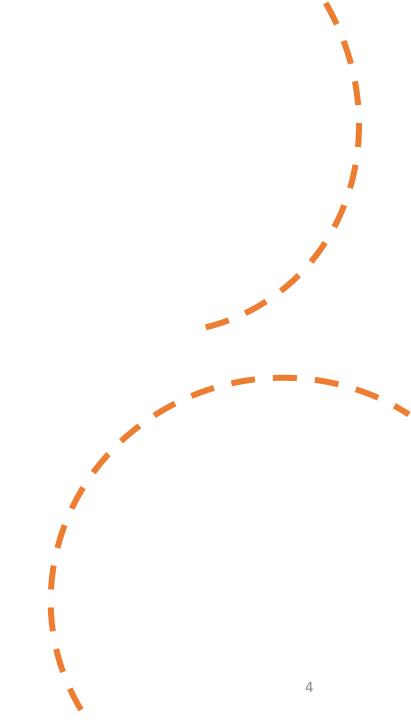
• To help funding applicants and recipients (and others) learn about and secure financial support for climate-smart investments, particularly communities that are just getting started or historically unable to access federal dollars.

Who is it for?

 Technical assistance providers working with states, Tribes, communities, nongovernmental organizations, and others looking to make sure their investments are resilient to climate-related impacts.

CRAFT Resources

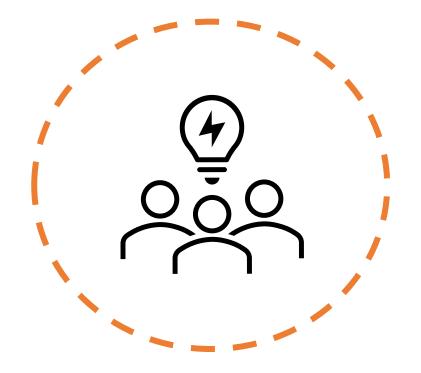
- **<u>Program overviews</u>** of EPA's financial assistance programs where climate-safe investment opportunities are available.
- <u>Climate risk tools</u> and decision support resources that can inform project development, design, and implementation.
- **Communications materials** to facilitate discussions about adaptation, resilience, and environmental justice.
- <u>Meaningful engagement resources</u> on how to perform targeted engagement efforts effectively and intentionally when implementing climate-smart projects.
- <u>Definitions</u> of common terms to use during technical assistance consultations, engagement efforts, and the development of project proposals.



CRAFT Use Cases

CRAFT includes program overviews, climate risk tools, communications materials, and more to help applicants and recipients navigate federal funding, assess climate risks to projects, and meaningfully engage others in their work.





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