

# Info Alert

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### White House Announces Resiliency Funding Plan

On July 16, the Obama Administration [unveiled a series of initiatives](#) aimed at assisting state, local and tribal governments in preparing for the effects of climate change.

The initiatives were developed based on recommendations from the [State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience](#), established by the president in November 2013. The task force and its initiatives are part of the president's broader [Climate Action Plan](#), which was released in June 2013.

The funding plan includes:

- \$236.3 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support improved rural electric infrastructure in eight states.
- \$13.1 million for a program designed to bring federal agencies together with state, local and private stakeholders to develop 3D mapping data of the United States. The data will be used for flood risk management and to identify hazardous locations for landslides.
- A \$10 million program from the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs to help tribes prepare for climate change by developing and delivering adaptation training.

Concurrent with the release of the funding plan, the administration also provided new details on its \$1 billion [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#), which was originally launched in June. The competition will be in two-phases, the first of which will provide funding to communities to assess and plan for risks. Certain projects from Phase 1 will be invited to continue to Phase 2 to design solutions for recovery and future resilience.

Also in the president's announcement is a [new proposal](#) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requiring states to consider the dangers of "climate variability" in their State Hazard Mitigation Plans – plans states submit to the agency in order to be eligible for disaster aid.

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