

Helping Practitioners move from interest to impact

The Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) helps climate adaptation practitioners **connect with communities, access funding opportunities, and strengthen their impact** through training and peer learning.



CSCI Funding Timeline

Practitioner Registry Applications Accepted

Ongoing



Funding Availability Announcement

Fall



Funding Applications Due

Spring



Funding Awards Announced

Summer



Projects Begin

Late-summer

Finding Communities

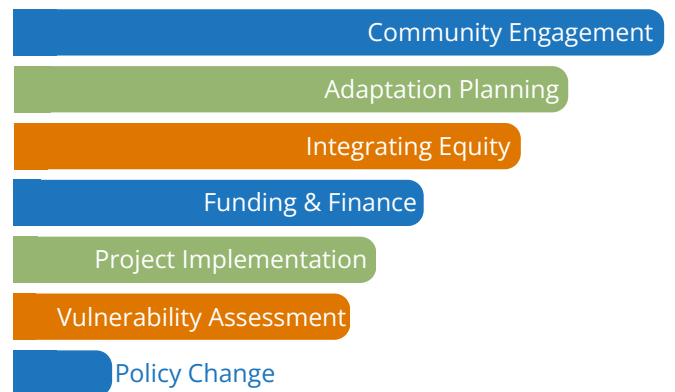
Climate adaptation practitioners want to help but struggle to find communities that are ready and seeking support. At the same time, many communities don't know where to find qualified practitioners. This mismatch slows progress toward building resilience.



Connecting Opportunities

Without an easy way to connect with communities, funding, or peers, practitioners can see their expertise underutilized. Time and capacity constraints make it hard to find partners or projects that fit their expertise and community needs.

Types of Project Activities Supported (2024-2026)



Supporting Adaptation Practitioners

CSCI bridges this gap by providing a national platform that connects practitioners with communities seeking help, pairs projects with potential funding opportunities, and offers training and learning opportunities that support high-quality, community-centered climate resilience work.

Support for Adaptation Practitioners

Turn your expertise into real world impact and bring your expertise to communities ready to act. Together, we can scale equitable, nature-based resilience where it is needed most.



"This project's success could lead to more with huge potential to build momentum. There are adjacent watersheds where this effort could be replicated, setting a template for how we can help build bridges and get work done."



- Adaptation Practitioner,
Watts Branch Watershed,
Maryland



Grants for adaptation projects in communities on the front lines of the climate crisis



Registry of Adaptation Practitioners, a searchable database of organizations able to assist communities



Training in the *Steps to Resilience* and support for workforce development



Help Desk to provide practitioners with expert guidance and advice



Cohort Support, training and peer-to-peer learning opportunities from CSCI's growing network of funded partners



Learning and innovation, including robust monitoring and evaluation to accelerate and improve practice

CSCI is managed by a group of partners, working closely together with the NOAA Climate Program Office and with support from The Coca-Cola Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation



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