

2023 Small Grants Competition Webinar

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Webinar Overview

- 1. About GLISA & the Small Grants Program**
- 2. 2023 Program Goals & Funding Categories**
- 3. 2023 Competition Logistics**
- 4. Questions**

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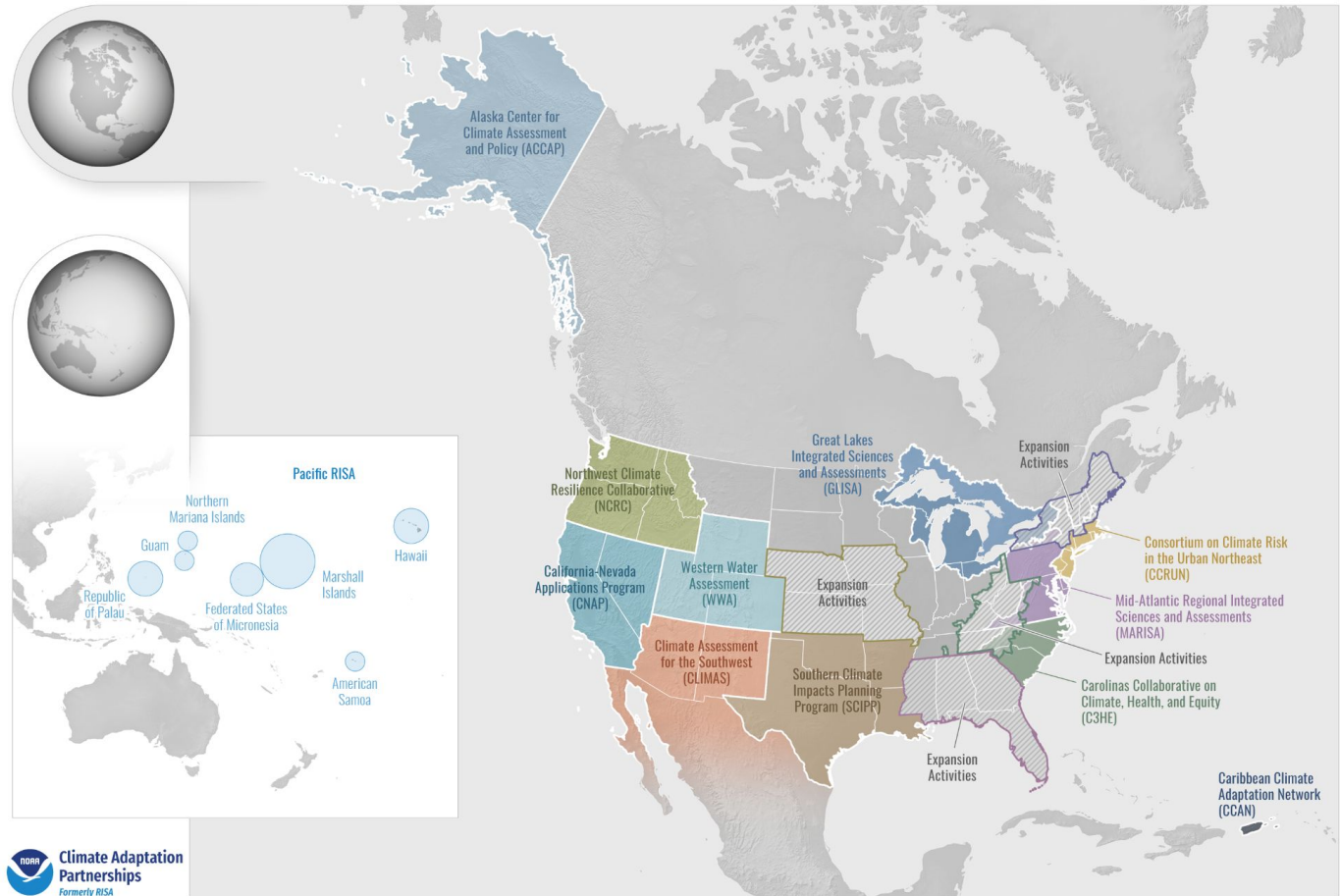
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About GLISA & the Small Grants Program

NOAA's CAP/RISA Network

Currently Funded CAP/RISA Teams and Expansion Activities





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About GLISA

Key Sectors Engaged

| | | | | |
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| Agriculture | Coast | Defense | Economy | Infrastructure |
| Health | Hazards | Tribes | Urban | Water |

Engagement-Driven Research

Assessing Adaptive Capacity
 Extreme Precipitation Events
 Lake-Effect Precipitation
 Sustained Assessment of Lakes
 Climate Model Evaluation
 Boundary Chains
 Drivers of Co-production
 Framing Climate Projections
 Scenario Planning
 Testing Remote Engagement
 Scaling-Up & Sustaining Engagement

Organizations Engaged

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Federal 15 | Cities 27 |
| Tribes 9 | State 9 |
| NOAA 24 | Academic 25 |
| Non-Profits 33 | Private 12 |

Regional Support

156

Total Entities Engaged

94

Total Boundary Organizations Engaged

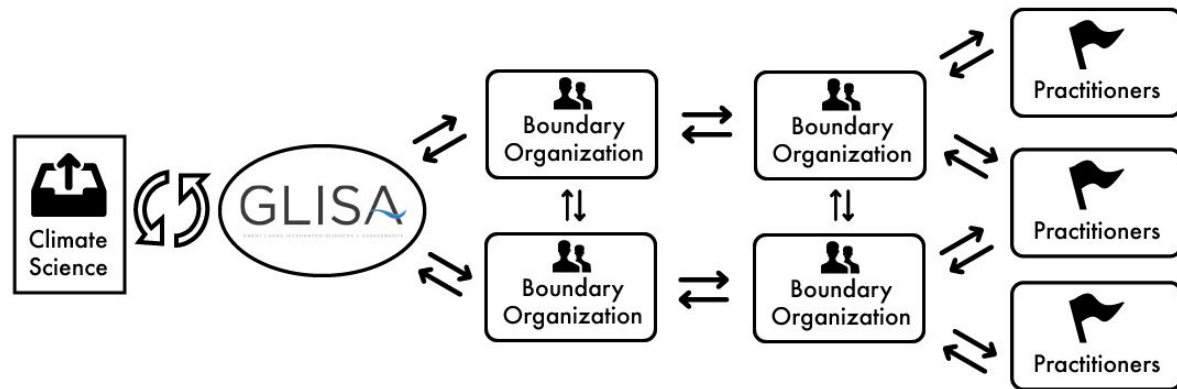
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Networks Supported

4.8M

Additional Funds Leveraged

Boundary Chain Model for Engagement



- The boundary chain model **bridges the gap between information and action** by encouraging back-and-forth collaboration and knowledge exchange across different partners in the “chain.”
- The **small grants program** has been one mechanism for us to fund boundary partners and projects to expand GLISA’s reach and impact.

History of Small Grants Program

**2011-
2015**

- Ran 5 annual competitions
- Focused on technical/research projects
- Funded 23 total projects

2019

- Reframed around engagement and collaboration
- Better aligned with boundary chain model
- Awarded 12 projects, 10 finished

2023

- Leverage program to support Justice40 commitments
- Advance principles of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion
- Prioritize engagement with frontline communities

Updates for 2023 Competition



Revise funding categories to ensure project work will advance adaptation efforts with frontline communities.



Ensure application, award, and review processes **reduce barriers** (e.g., earlier advertising, longer LOI period, webinars/ office hours).



Expand advertisement and engagement to reach new applicants who represent or work closely with frontline communities.

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2023 Goals & Funding Categories

2023 Competition Overview

2023 Competition Goal:

- Foster and sustain collaborative projects that build effective and equitable climate resilience in the Great Lakes region.

Available Funding:

- 6+ projects x \$30,000 each to be completed over 2 years
- Will run a second competition in 2024 (*date tentative*) for 6+ additional projects

Project Requirements:

- Must address an adaptation challenge or topic
- Must center dimensions of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and/or directly engage with frontline communities

Funding Categories:

1. Scale up or improve GLISA's existing suite of tools and engagement approaches.
2. Propose an idea to advance frontline community priorities & increase their capacity to adapt.

Partnership Model and Expectations

Partnership Model:

- Projects are considered a partnership between GLISA and grantee.
- We invest time/resources in-kind and participate on the project team as desired by the project applicant.

GLISA's Support:

- Will depend on the funding category
- Will be described in more detail in full proposal phase
- **GLISA can provide...**
 - Technical assistance - *like customizing climate information (historical observations, future projections)*
 - Engagement support - *like workshop planning, co-facilitation*
- **GLISA cannot...**
 - Provide new modeling
 - Guarantee sector-specific expertise - *like engineering models, ecosystem assessments, health indices, socioeconomic analyses*

1. Scale up or improve GLISA's existing suite of tools and engagement approaches

Goals:

- Expand the reach/application of existing GLISA tools or engagement approaches in their current form.
- Improve the methods/approaches to implementing the resources to address dimensions of JEDI.

Available Tools/Engagement Approaches:

- FloodWise Communities
- Climate Hazard and Mitigation Planning (CHaMP)
- Scenario Planning
- Participatory GIS Urban Development Tool (PIVOT)
- Evaluating Frost Protection as an Adaptation Strategy

1. Scale up or improve GLISA's existing suite of tools and engagement approaches

Examples:

- Expand the number or type of participants engaged
- Gather a cohort of similar participants for collaborative learning
- Convene more than one type of participant simultaneously
- Integrate other types of knowledges not currently represented
- Pursue follow-up that leads to more equitable outcomes
- Provide feedback on existing tools and approaches
- Develop evaluation mechanisms to measure the efficacy of the tools/approach

2. Propose an idea to advance frontline community priorities and increase their capacity to adapt

Goals:

- Expand GLISA partnerships to advance equitable adaptation and support projects that directly benefit frontline communities.
- Better understand and elevate the knowledge, lived experiences, perspectives, and priorities of frontline communities.

Frontline Communities:

- **Identity is best defined by communities in their own terms**
- Experience greater vulnerability to climate change impacts
- Are more likely to be adversely affected by climate change impacts
- Are more susceptible to disparate impacts because of systemic injustices that have marginalized certain communities

**Funding
Category 2
Examples**

2. Propose an idea to advance frontline community priorities and increase their capacity to adapt

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| Assess & Act | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assess climate risks/vulnerabilities● Develop adaptation plans● Brainstorm adaptation solutions |
| Convene & Collaborate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Strengthen or form networks● Form strategic partnerships● Facilitate inclusive conversations |
| Educate & Elevate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Curate educational opportunities● Document climate impacts/experiences● Broaden participation in climate planning |
| Investigate & Inform | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Conduct community-based research● Develop/pilot new approaches● Evaluate existing/proposed actions |

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2023
Competition
Logistics

Eligible Project Locations:

- Projects must take place within Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and/or Ontario

Eligible Applicants:

- Applicants can include, but are not limited to **U.S. or Canadian...**
 - Community groups
 - Non-governmental organizations
 - Academic institutions
 - Local, state, and Tribal governments
 - Trade associations
 - Other not-for-profits or private entities
- Will accept proposals from all sectors
- Interdisciplinary teams and partnerships are encouraged
- Organizations that have received GLISA funding in the past may propose new projects

Funding Details

Qualified Uses:

- Salaries of project team members
- Workshops
- Participant compensation
- Implement adaptation solutions
- Travel

Required Participant Compensation:

- Compensation is required for those not covered by a paying job
- GLISA will offer +\$5,000 on top of the \$30,000 for participation

Administration:

- Funds will be administered as subawards from the University of Michigan using federal funds from GLISA's award from NOAA.
- Budgets are not required with LOIs, but will be for full proposals.

Letter of Intent (LOI) requirements

Submittable Form:

- Complete a series of short introductory questions

LOI Content:

- Project title
- Composition of the project team
- Funding category
- Total requested amount and proposed spending categories
- Identification of the problem/topic
- Summary of proposed work, approach, and anticipated outcomes
- Description of partners to be engaged in/impacted by the project
- Anticipated role for GLISA and preferred extent of involvement

LOI formatting:

- No more than 2-pages
- Uploaded as PDF format
- 1-in margins
- Font size 12pt

Review Process & Criteria

Two Phases:

- 2-page letters of intent due June 23rd
- Select applicants will be invited to submit full proposals

Format:

- Will use Submittable to accept and review applications

LOI Evaluation Criteria:

- Specificity of adaptation problem/topic
- Clarity of the approach, including integration of JEDI principles
- Strength of engagement approach
- Ability to advance climate adaptation/GLISA's impact
- Feasibility to complete within timeline and budget
- Alignment with selected funding category

Tips for Strong LOIs

Engagement Approach:

- Clearly articulate experience engaging the intended partners
- Explain how partners will be identified, participate in, and benefit from the project

Relationship Development:

- Describe existing relationships that can be leveraged
- Justify why and how new relationships would be successful
- *Partner organizations don't need to be committed for LOI, but will need to provide a letter of support for the full proposal

JEDI Integration:

- Clearly articulate how the project will address dimensions of JEDI
- Integrate this information throughout the LOI

Expectations for Funded Partners

Project Period: January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026

Expectations for Grantees:

- Submit short progress reports every 6-12 months
- Participate in quarterly calls with the 2023 awardee cohort
- Share and present results/outcomes with their networks
- Collaborate with GLISA to produce at least one public, final deliverable highlighting project goals, activities and impacts
 - *(e.g., white paper, impact story, podcast, news article)*
- Engage with GLISA team members conducting ongoing evaluation of climate adaptation in the region
 - *(e.g., participate in a follow-up interview, complete a survey, or provide a testimonial after the project period ends)*

Important Dates

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| GLISA virtual office hours | May 17-June 23, 2023 |
| LOI deadline | June 23, 2023 by 5pm ET |
| Invitation to submit full proposals | Week of July 24, 2023 |
| GLISA virtual office hours | August 2023 |
| Full proposal deadline | September 1, 2023 |
| Notification of awardees | October 2, 2023 |
| Projects begin | January 2, 2024 |
| Projects end | January 1, 2026 |

***All dates are subject to change**

<http://glisa.umich.edu/our-work/small-grants-program/>

- **Webinar** - will be recorded and posted on our website
- **FAQ** - will be published on our website and updated regularly
- **Office Hours** - 30-min sessions open through June to discuss projects ideas with GLISA team
- **Accommodations** - Please reach out if there are any specific accommodations we can make to reduce barriers to applying for this opportunity.

Next Steps

Thanks!

For any questions or accommodation requests related to GLISA's Small Grants Competition, please contact:

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