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NOAA Sea Grant Coastal Storms Program awards \$1 million in coastal community resilience project grants to Pacific Islands region

One million dollars in coastal hazard research and education grant money is being awarded to coastal communities throughout the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands region to help plan for, respond to, and recover from coastal hazards such as storms.

This funding opportunity is made possible through a partnership between the Sea Grant College Program of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, and the Coastal Storms Program of the Coastal Services Center (CSC), a unit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The NOAA Pacific Services Center is the regional office of the CSC and strategic partner of the Coastal Storms Program.

In 2012, the Coastal Storms Program requested community hazard resilience project proposals to distribute federal grant funds for distribution in 2013-2015. A total of seven projects were selected for funding with awards being distributed to projects in Hawai'i, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. The projects range in scope from atmospheric and weather modeling and observation, geospatial data hosting and serving, to community resilience training, disaster recovery planning, and coastal hazard mitigation and education.

Additional information on each awarded project is available online at:

<http://seagrantsoest.hawaii.edu/csp/funding>

The NOAA Pacific Islands Coastal Storms Program partnership with the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program provides resources to the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Island coastal communities that help reduce and mitigate the impacts from coastal storms, and climate-related coastal hazards. The Coastal Storms Program supports community-based projects that support coastal community resilience; it also promotes regional partnerships that integrate socioeconomic information with the natural and social sciences through training, education, and outreach. The funding awarded supports interdisciplinary projects that enhance community resilience to coastal hazards including storms, flooding, sea-level rise, and other climate-associated risks.

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