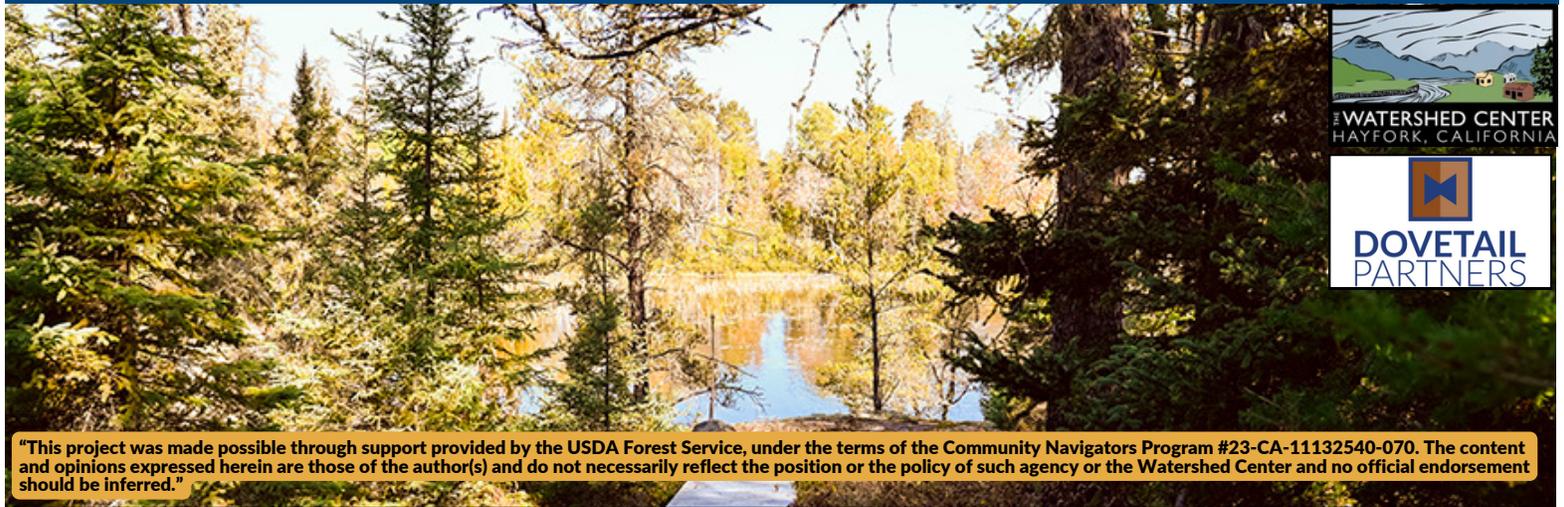


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Exciting News!

Dovetail Partners is excited to announce a new partnership with The Watershed Research and Training Center! Dovetail's Community Partners Initiative (CPI), made possible by our partners, will facilitate increased community wildfire and climate resilience through supporting community partnerships, local leadership, and institutional capacity-building.

Dovetail's CPI will connect with and support local navigators in historically underserved communities to find and access Forest Service funding and partnership opportunities. Dovetail will partner with communities in fire-prone ecosystems across the country and connect them to appropriate resources for building climate resilience when and where they need it most. The main focus areas for the Community Partners Initiative (CPI) will be forest health, wildfire, post-fire recovery, community resilience, climate adaptation, and fire adaptation.



Key aspects of the CPI will include empowering, training, and supporting local navigators. The CPI navigator(s) will identify and evaluate the needs and goals for their community, establish a work plan, and apply existing tools and resources for developing their outreach mechanisms. Navigators will also provide mentoring to communities in the development of landowner/community wildfire resiliency efforts for community(ies) while helping support communities in assessing, applying for, and implementing funding sources for resiliency efforts. The project team anticipates being able to support approximately 5-10 priority communities during the initial program period that ends in May 2025. Technical assistance and support will also be a key part of CPI, as Dovetail works to support navigators and their communities in working through post-award management and reporting.

As a part of this work, Dovetail will capture and elevate feedback about barriers underserved communities face with accessing US Forest Service support and partnership, with the goal of helping the agency identify opportunities for creating more equitable funding systems.



We want to hear from you!

If you would like more information or are interested in applying to be in partnership with Dovetail Partners through the Community Partners Initiative — either as a navigator for your community or to inform us of a community that would be a great fit for the CPI—, please reach out to us through the contact information above or below! Our institution is an equal opportunity employer.

Dovetail's outreach will prioritize developing relationships with communities and organizations who are facing wildfire risk and climate change impacts, and historically underserved, rural, and low-income communities.

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