

Community Resilience Partnership

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*SPG2024-4 Service Provider Grant
Informational Webinar*

Today's Agenda

1. Maine's Climate Goals
2. Community Resilience Partnership overview
3. Service Provider Grant overview
4. Questions



CLIMATE COUNCIL GOALS



12.01.24

Updated Climate Action
Plan Due



Achieve State Carbon
Neutrality by
2045

REDUCE MAINE'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY
TARGETS OUTLINED IN STATE LAW

45%

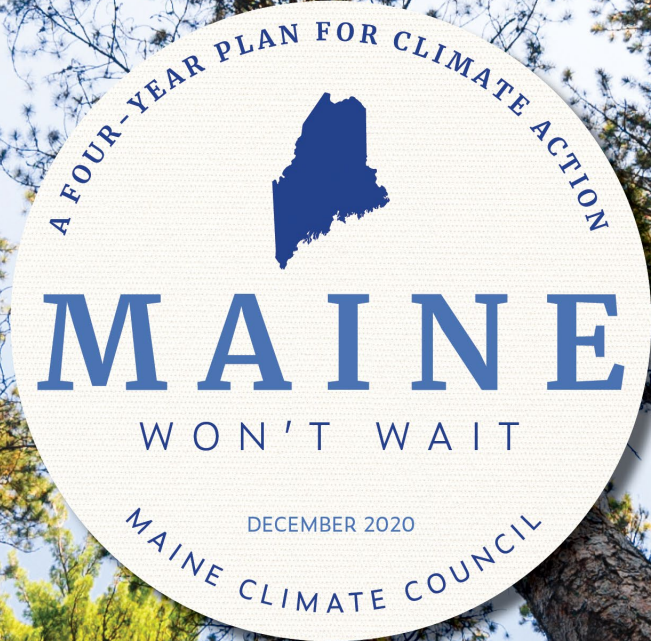
BELOW 1990 LEVELS
BY 2030

80%

BELOW 1990 LEVELS
BY 2050



ENSURE MAINE PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES, AND COMMUNITIES ARE RESILIENT
TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.



A FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION



MAINE

WON'T WAIT

DECEMBER 2020

MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL

Maine's Climate Action Strategies



A. Embrace the Future of Transportation in Maine



D. Grow Maine's Clean Energy Economy and Good Jobs



G. Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure



B. Modernize Maine's Buildings



E. Protect Maine's Environment and Working Lands and Waters, Increase Carbon Sequestration



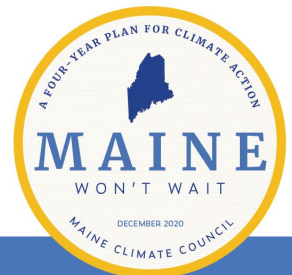
H. Engage People and Communities in Climate Impacts and Program Opportunities



C. Reduce Carbon Emissions the Energy and Industrial Sectors through Clean Energy Innovation



F. Build Healthy and Resilient Communities



Community Resilience Partnership

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Purpose

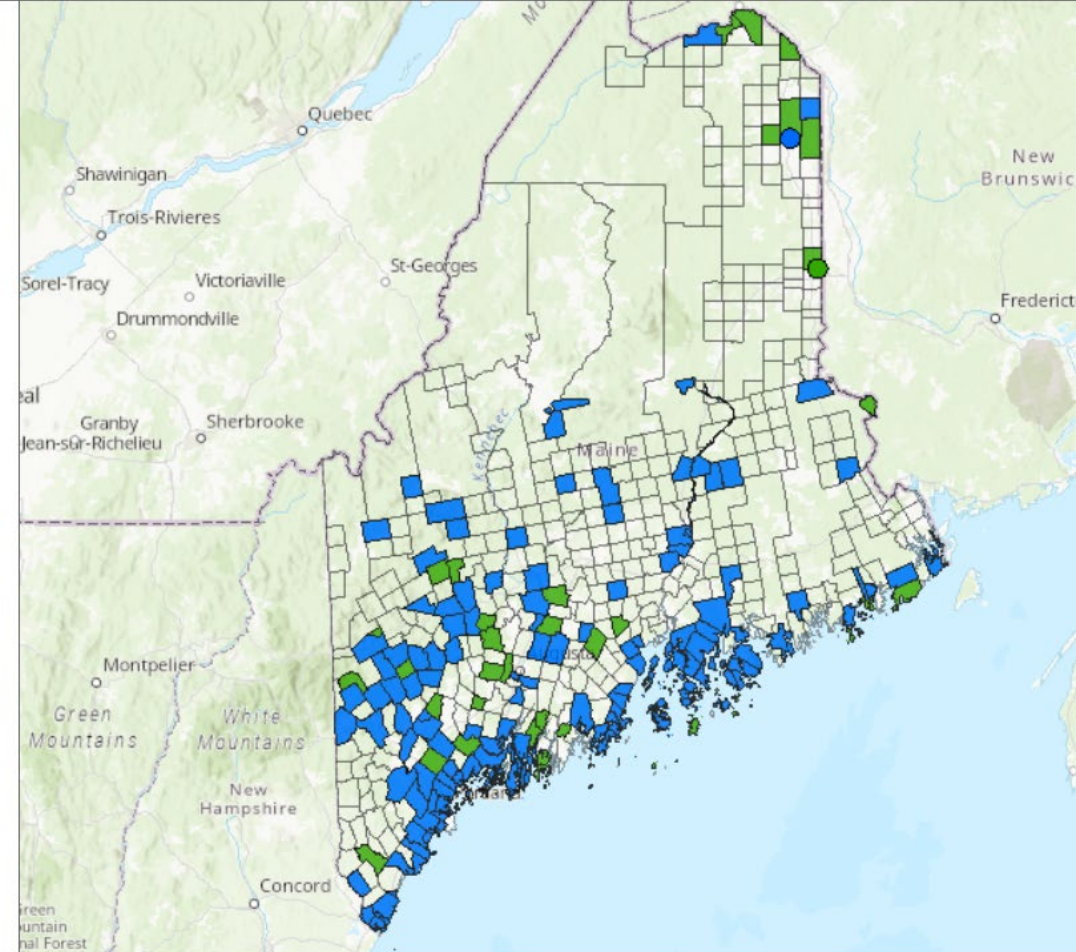
Through **grants and technical assistance**, the Community Resilience Partnership assists communities to:

- **reduce carbon emissions,**
- **transition to clean energy,** and
- **become more resilient** to climate change effects such as to extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more.

Maine Community Resilience Partnership December 2023

Maine Community Resilience Partnership Members (December 2023)

- Direct Partner Community
- Service Provider Partner Community



Community Resilience Partnership

\$3 million per year for local, tribal, and regional grants and assistance to reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy, and prepare for climate change impacts.

- **Grants to communities** for planning and implementation
 - \$1.2 million available for award this round; anticipating 20 to 30 awards
- **Grants to service provider organizations** to help communities get started
 - \$300,000 available for award this round

Informational Webinars

GOPIF is hosting three webinars about the Partnership's current grant opportunities. All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Partnership website for replay.

January 4, 10am - **Service Provider Grant** Informational Webinar

January 4, 11am - **Community Action Grant** Informational Webinar

January 4, 1:30pm – **Energy Efficiency Priorities Grant** Informational Webinar

Recordings accessible at: www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership

Enrolling in the Partnership

1. Pass a municipal resolution or obtain a letter from a tribal chief or UT supervisor committing to participate
 - Model language provided
2. Complete two self-assessments
 - List of Community Actions – completed actions
 - Community Resilience Self-evaluation
3. Hold a community workshop and set priority action items
4. Submit enrollment materials through the online form

Community enrollment is accepted on a rolling basis.

Community Resilience Partnership Program Contact: Brian Ambrette
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[Community Resilience Partnership | Office of Policy Innovation & Future \(maine.gov\)](#)

Community Resilience Self-Evaluation

Instructions: This tool is intended to help organize your community's approach to increasing resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Answer the questions to the best of your knowledge and seek information from your colleagues in municipal and county government and organizations in your community. Provide any relevant information in the explanation field. If it is difficult to give a clear yes or no response to a question, use the explanation field to explain why. **There are no wrong answers and the responses here will not affect your community's eligibility to receive grants.** Where the response to a question is no, that may in

Community Resilience Partnership		
List of Community Actions		
Revised April 2023		
	See Instructions on Introduction tab below.	
	Strategy Areas & Actions (mark Column A as complete, in progress, future priority, etc.)	Additional Resources (\$=funding source)
Community name:		
Self-Evaluation response: Please include contact in		
Date:		
Was this evaluation disc community workshop? of the workshop.		
Strategy Area A: Embrace the Future of Transportation		
Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)		
Once the questions on th steps for your community:	Note: A maximum of \$7,500 of a Community Action Grant may be applied to the purchase of an electric vehicle for municipal or tribal fleets (Action A1). Eligible vehicles for Action A1 include light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty on-road electric vehicles as well as electric riding mowers and electric outboard engines that are part of a municipal fleet, all subject to the maximum award amount. Where applicable, Efficiency Maine's electric vehicle rebate (Action A1) or EV charging rebate (Action A2) must be included in the applicant's project budget.	
What are two things you doing well?		
What are two areas that improved in the short-te		
What is important for yo to address in the long-te		
What specific 3 to 5 acti priorities for your comm		
	A1	Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal or tribal government-owned vehicle fleets. Efficiency Maine: Municipal EV rebates (\$)
	A2	Install EV chargers in public parking areas. Efficiency Maine: EV supply equipment initiative (\$)
	A3	Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure, including at multifamily dwellings, businesses, and public parking areas. Municipal Electric Vehicle Readiness Toolkit (Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission)
	A4	Adopt an anti-idling ordinance. Example: Bar Harbor Municipal Code
	Improve Mobility and Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	
	A5	Implement strategies that increase public transit ridership and alternative transportation modes, including bike and walking infrastructure.
	A6	Implement strategies that encourage municipal/tribal employees to commute via carpools, public transit, bike/walk, or other alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.
	A7	Adopt a telework policy for municipal/tribal government staff positions that can work remotely some days per week.
	A8	Adopt land use and development policies in plans and codes that reduce the need for driving (e.g. locating schools, workplaces, and shopping near where people live; encouraging density of development near housing and transportation).

Revised December 1, 2021



Community Action Grants

Grants to communities for priority projects that reduce energy use and costs and/or make their community more resilient to climate change effects, such as flooding, extreme weather, drought, and public health impacts.

Intended outcomes:

- Emissions reductions and improved community resilience.
- Leveraging federal and other funds for larger projects.

Community Action Grants

Eligibility

- **Municipalities and federally recognized tribes in Maine**
 - Townships, plantations, unorganized territories are eligible
 - Collaborative multi-community applications are encouraged
- **Currently enrolled or submitting an enrollment form with Community Action Grant application**
- **Regional planning organizations (RPOs, COGs, EDOs, and EMAs) may apply on behalf of enrolled communities with letters of commitment**

Service Provider Grants

Grants to regional service providers who recruit groups of two to five communities to join the Partnership, conduct robust community engagement that sets priorities for implementing actions on the List of Community Actions, and apply for Community Action Grants and other funding opportunities to implement community energy and climate priorities.

Intended outcomes:

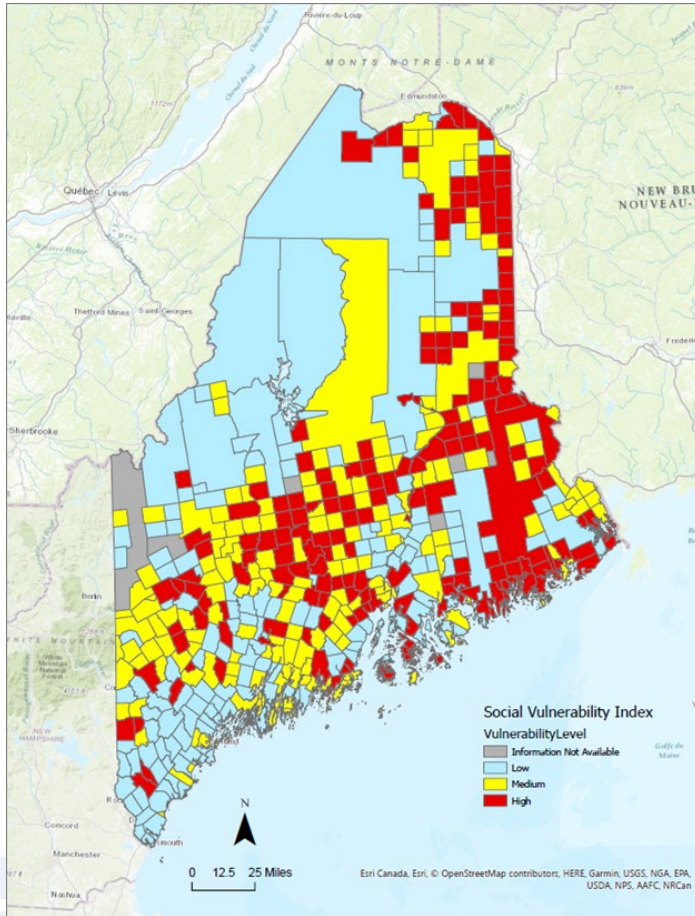
- New enrollments by each of the communities.
- Lists of each community's priority projects and cooperative priorities.
- Assistance to communities in applying for Community Action Grants.

Service Provider Grants

Eligibility

- Regional planning organizations, councils of governments, regional economic development organizations, county governments (including EMAs and soil conservation districts)
- Nonprofits
- Academic institutions and cooperative extension programs
- For-profit enterprises
- In special cases, a municipality that demonstrates robust in-house capacity that will be provided to smaller communities in the region

Service Provider Grants



Awards: Applicants may request up to \$10,000 per community in the group. 15% cost share (in-kind allowed)

- An additional \$2,500 may be requested for each community with population below 4,000 or in the highest social vulnerability category
- Grant period is 12 months. However, service providers are encouraged to prepare communities for the earliest practicable enrollment and the next Community Action Grant deadline (Late Fall 2024)

Service Provider Grants

Tasks

- As part of the grant application, **recruit a group of 2-5 communities** and provide letters of support from each (strongly encouraged to seek letters from municipal officials and town councils or selectboards)
 - **Scoring - additional points available:** Up to 10 points available for recruiting medium/high SVI communities and/or small/medium population communities
- Once grant is awarded, assist the communities in the group with **completing the four enrollment activities** and submitting for enrollment
- Assist communities in the group with **applying for Community Action Grants** or other funding options for priority actions
- Provide to GOPIF **quarterly reports and a final case study** on lessons learned
 - Late or missing reports can disqualify Service Providers from participating in future grant rounds

Information for this grant round

- **\$300,000 available for awards in this round**
- **Considerations for applicants**
 - Strong applications will demonstrate the strength of service provider (and partners, if desired) in both climate resilience and clean energy/emissions reductions
 - Clearly communicate to community leaders and staff about the enrollment requirements and their roles in the enrollment process.
 - Describe actionable steps that will be taken to include a diverse group of community stakeholders in the enrollment process, and how community benefits will be considered when prioritizing community actions

Applying to the Service Provider Grant

- **Application deadline: February 2, 2024**
- Questions can be submitted to Ashley Krulik (ashley.krulik@maine.gov)
 - Responses will be posted to the Partnership website on a rolling basis until January 15, 2024
- Program Statement available at: <https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership>
 - Program Statement contains the required application form.
 - Application form and any letters of support must be submitted as a package via the instructions in the Program Statement.
 - Be sure that letters of support from each community are signed, dated, and on community letterhead.
- Award notifications anticipated approximately late February

Future Community Action Grant Round

The next Community Action Grant round is expected to occur in the **Fall-Winter 2024 (Round 5)**: This round will be open to all enrolled communities.

Regional Coordinator Pilot Project

Region 1 York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and southern Oxford counties

Region 1 Coordination Collaborative (R1CC)
Gabe McPhail - gabe@rcmaine.org

Region 2 Waldo, Hancock, and Washington counties

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Region 3 Androscoggin, Oxford, Kennebec, Franklin, and Somerset counties

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
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Region 4 Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Penobscot counties

Eastern Maine Development Corporation
Laurie Osher - loser@emdc.org



Website and Contact

www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership

- Joining the Partnership
- Links to the grant applications
- Frequently Asked Questions

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SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES

Communities in Maine can join the Partnership individually, or through a regional group, after completing three simple steps.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grants are available for communities to pursue climate action and for regional service providers to assist groups of communities to join the Partnership.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For more about community resilience and details of the Partnership, please visit our FAQs.

Community Resilience Partnership - Summer/Fall applications now open

Questions

Please put questions into the chat

Thank You

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