



## Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future's Community Resilience Partnership

### About the Community Resilience Partnership

This program will provide \$4.75 million over the next two years to fund projects that reduce energy use and costs and/or make communities more resilient to severe weather and changing environments.

### Two Grant Opportunities

- 1) **Community action grants** are given directly to communities enrolled in the partnership to implement these [72 resiliency actions](#) with no match required. Grant awards are up to \$50,000 for each municipality or up to \$125,000 when two to five communities' partner on a project. These funds can also be used as a match for other grants that support any of the 72 prescribed actions. Grants applications are due in March and September of 2022 with similar deadlines anticipated in 2023. See reverse a summary of the 72 projects.
- 2) **Service provider grants** are available to county governments to assist between two - five communities, including plantations and townships, enroll in the partnership and apply for their first grant. Grants to assist communities' range between \$10,000 - \$12,500 per community depending on size. Grants applications are due in February and August of 2022 with similar deadlines anticipated in 2023.

### Steps for enrolling in the partnership

- 1) **Adopt a resolution of commitment.** This would be done at an official select board or council meeting. For County Commissioners or Board Assessors, submit a letter of support that includes the required resolution language. In addition, a letter of support from the LUPC for communities under their jurisdiction is also required. Draft resolution language is available [here](#).
- 2) **Complete a pair of self-assessments** of current resilience by completing this [self-assessment](#) and identifying which of these [72 actions](#) have already been taken.
- 3) **Hold a public meeting** to review the self-assessment results and develop a prioritized project list.
- 4) **Complete the Community Resilience Partnership application** [here](#).

You may submit your partnership application either before or while submitting your grant application.

### Additional technical assistance

If you are looking for assistance enrolling in the partnership with a Service Provider, you can find a list of all service providers looking to assist communities in joining the partnership here:

[https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/ListofServiceProviders\\_2022-10-04.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/ListofServiceProviders_2022-10-04.pdf)

For general Community Resilience Partnership inquiries about enrollment, working with a Service Provider, becoming a Service Provider, grants, and for continued support beyond the service provider role contact your Regional Coordinator: <https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/community-resilience-partnership/regional-coordinators>

**FMI on the program visit:** <https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership>

<b>Strategy A – Transportation</b>	
<b>A1</b>	Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal government.
<b>A2</b>	Install public EV chargers.
<b>A3</b>	Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure.
<b>A4</b>	Adopt an anti-idling ordinance.
<b>A5</b>	Implement strategies to increase use of public transit, biking, and walking.
<b>A6</b>	Policies that encourage municipal employees to commute via public transit, carpool, bike/walk.
<b>A7</b>	Adopt a telework policy for municipal government staff.
<b>A8</b>	Adopt land use and development policies/codes to reduce driving.
<b>A9</b>	Adopt a Complete Streets policy.
<b>A10</b>	Adopt a broadband plan to increase access to high-speed internet.
<b>Strategy B – Modernize Maine’s Buildings</b>	
<b>B1</b>	Execute a plan for municipal buildings and schools for energy efficiency and weatherization.
<b>B2</b>	Upgrade to energy-efficient interior lighting in municipal buildings.
<b>B3</b>	Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances in municipal buildings.
<b>B4</b>	Install heat pumps or VRF systems for air and water heating/cooling in municipal buildings.
<b>B5</b>	Upgrade streetlights and other lighting for municipally-owned facilities to LEDs.
<b>B6</b>	Procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine products.
<b>B7</b>	Adopt the energy efficiency stretch building code (currently IECC 2021).
<b>B8</b>	Require EV charging and solar energy readiness for new buildings.
<b>B9</b>	Support professional development for code enforcement officers.
<b>B10</b>	Adopt C-PACE ordinance for commercial property.
<b>Strategy C – Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</b>	
<b>C1</b>	Conduct a baseline for municipal energy use.
<b>C2</b>	Identify and track community emissions indicators.
<b>C3</b>	Adopt a resolution setting targets and a plan for reducing emissions.
<b>C4</b>	Adopt a renewable energy ordinance(s) supporting renewable energy and energy storage.
<b>C5</b>	Adopt streamlined permitting for small solar/wind projects.
<b>C6</b>	Enter into a long-term service contract for renewable energy.
<b>C7</b>	Install a renewable energy project.

<b>Strategy D – Grow Jobs &amp; Protect Natural Resource Industries</b>	
<b>D1</b>	Adopt policies to support local food production and consumption, including community gardens.
<b>D2</b>	Adjust procurement policies to prioritize natural Maine products.
<b>D3</b>	Install clean energy on brownfields.
<b>D4</b>	Incentivize clean energy industry/businesses to locate in the community.
<b>D5</b>	Encourage clean energy industries in economic development plans.
<b>Strategy E – Protect Natural/Working Areas</b>	
<b>E1</b>	Increase green space and tree planting for carbon sequestration.
<b>E2</b>	Plan to conserve 30% of land in the community by 2030.
<b>E3</b>	Create or update a watershed plan.
<b>E4</b>	Develop natural resource/habitat inventory for climate impacts.
<b>E5</b>	Conserve, revegetate, and reconnect riparian areas.
<b>E6</b>	Preserve climate-threatened natural areas via zoning or regs.
<b>E7</b>	Implement a source water protection program.
<b>E8</b>	Adopt policies to prioritize shoreline protection of rivers/lakes.
<b>E9</b>	Identify and protect sites for living shorelines & saltmarsh migration
<b>E10</b>	Identify and protect open space in the floodplain.
<b>Strategy F – Build Healthy &amp; Resilient Communities</b>	
<b>F1</b>	Conduct a community vulnerability assessment and adopt a climate resilience plan to reduce risks.
<b>F2</b>	Update local or county EMA hazard mitigation plan.
<b>F3</b>	Develop or enhance early warning systems and community evac. plans
<b>F4</b>	Develop a storm debris mgt. plan.
<b>F5</b>	Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.
<b>F6 / F7 / F8</b>	Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to reduce flood insurance premiums.
<b>F9</b>	Map and consider sea-level rise projections in plans and permits.
<b>F10</b>	Require consideration of sea level rise projections and impacts in planning and permitting.
<b>F11</b>	Adopt freeboard requirements in flood areas.
<b>F12</b>	Adopt a low-impact design (LID) for stormwater management
<b>F13</b>	Identify and plan to reduce public health threats in the community that are exacerbated by climate change.
<b>F14</b>	Develop and implement an

	extreme temperatures emergency plan.
<b>F15</b>	Establish a peer-to-peer program for checking in on vulnerable community members during extreme heat or cold events.
<b>F16</b>	Increase community-level resilience to mosquito-borne diseases by implementing vector controls to decrease mosquito habitat.
<b>F17</b>	Implement school-based programs to educate students about prevention of mosquito- and tick-borne diseases.
<b>Strategy G – Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure</b>	
<b>G1</b>	Conduct a vulnerability assessment for critical community infrastructure
<b>G2</b>	Develop a Capital Investment Plan.
<b>G3</b>	Improve and protect drinking water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater facilities to reduce physical damage and sustain function during extreme weather events.
<b>G4</b>	Adopt a policy that prioritizes green infrastructure to manage stormwater in developed areas.
<b>G5</b>	Adopt DEP's Stream Smart Crossing Guidelines as standard practice for culvert and bridge improvements.
<b>G6</b>	Assess wastewater treatment facilities for clean energy potential.
<b>Strategy H – Engage Maine People</b>	
<b>H1</b>	Establish or recognize an official committee of community stakeholders.
<b>H2</b>	Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaptation for residents and businesses.
<b>H3</b>	Amplify public health advisories for climate-related health and weather events.
<b>H4</b>	Engage youth in resilience, clean energy, and energy use reduction.
<b>H5</b>	Engage populations that are vulnerable to climate impacts in resilience, clean energy, and GHG emissions reduction.
<b>H6</b>	Create and support an energy reduction campaign or challenge among businesses.
<b>H7</b>	Initiate a community bulk-purchasing program for heat pumps, solar, and weatherization.