

PROGRAM STATEMENT

FY 2021 Coastal Communities Grant Program

February 12, 2020
Issued by:

Municipal Planning Assistance Program
Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

AND

Maine Coastal Program
Maine Department of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0021

Coastal Communities Grant applications are due
Wednesday, **April 1, 2020 no later than 2 P.M.**

The contact person for the Coastal Communities Grant Program is Ruta Dzenis AICP, Senior Planner
Municipal Planning Assistance Program (MPAP) at 207-287-2851 and ruta.dzenis@maine.gov



Contents

HIGHLIGHTS3

SECTION 1. MAINE COASTAL PROGRAM COASTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS.....4

 1.1 Introduction4

 1.2 Background.....5

 1.3 Eligibility5

 1.4 Grant size and duration.....6

 1.5 Cancellation Notice6

 1.6 Final Action on Grant Awards.....6

SECTION 2. GRANT PROGRAMS DETAILS6

 2.1 Description6

 2.2. Distribution of Funding among Coastal Community Grant Project Categories.....8

 2.3. Match.....8

 2.4. Proposal Guidelines and Required Format8

 2.5. Proposal Review Criteria.....13

 2.6. Evaluation Process and Proposal Selection14

 2.7. Application Deadline and Submission15

 2.8. Submission of Questions regarding the Coastal Community Grant Program15

SECTION 3. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF GRANT AWARDS16

 3.1 Grant Agreement16

 3.2 Pre-Award Costs.....16

 3.3 Reporting Requirements16

 3.4 Non-Federal Matching Funds or Services16

 3.5 Travel/Mileage Rate18

 3.6 Acknowledgement of Funding from the Maine Coastal Program.....18

APPENDIX I PROJECT BUDGET BY TASK AND COST CATEGORY19

APPENDIX II COMMUNITIES IN MAINE’S COASTAL ZONE.....20

APPENDIX III CURRENT COASTAL COMP PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS.....21

APPENDIX IV COASTAL RESILIENCY RESOURCES23

HIGHLIGHTS

- **This statement only covers the Coastal Communities Grant Program.** In prior years, requirements of the Coastal Communities Grant Program (CCG) and the Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Program, both of which are funded by the Maine Coastal Program (MCP), have been detailed in a joint program statement. This year, the program statement of the Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Program will be issued separately by the MCP.
- Coastal Communities Grant applications are due **Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 2 P.M.**
- Grant Program Schedule:
 - 1) Notice of Award - May 18, 2020
 - 2) Grant agreement preparation – June 2020
 - 3) Grant agreements in place – July 13, 2020
 - 4) Project Start Date – August 1, 2020
 - 5) Project Completion Date – December 31, 2021
- The Project Budget by Task and Cost Category spreadsheet utilized in proposal submissions has been updated. (See Appendix I)
- This year’s program provides grant funds for activities which support a broad array of Maine Coastal Program areas. (Refer to Section 1.1)
- The total amount of funds available for the Coastal Communities Grant Program in FY21 is expected to be approximately \$150,000. At least 50% of this total is expected to be allocated to adaptation planning projects which have a primary focus on preparing for coastal storms, erosion and flooding.
- Coastal Resiliency Resources from the DACF Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (BRILUP) have been updated and appear in Appendix IV.
- Case Studies which include ‘Lessons Learned’ of projects funded with CCGs are available on the Municipal Planning Assistance Program’s (MPAP) CCG Case Studies webpage. (See <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/casestudies/ccg-case-studies.shtml>)
- Grant program funds cannot be used for construction, purchase of construction materials, acquisition of land, or permit fees.
- Grant program funds can be used in both organized and unorganized coastal communities.
- Projects reliant on title, right, or interest of a particular location for success, must supply documentation of such. This will not be counted toward the 10-page application limit.

- To receive funds, a community must have a current comprehensive plan finding of consistency (consistency finding) issued by the Department of Agriculture Conservation & Forestry, or the former State Planning Office. In the case of a multi-municipal application, at least one of the participating municipalities must have a current consistency finding. (See Appendix III for list of coastal municipalities with current consistency findings.) Unorganized communities satisfy this requirement through the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

SECTION 1. MAINE COASTAL PROGRAM COASTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

1.1 Introduction

The Municipal Planning Assistance Program at the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Maine Coastal Program at the Maine Department of Marine Resources announce the availability of funds for the following activities in support of our program goals:

Ensuring Sustainable, Vibrant Coastal Communities: To help coastal communities support marine and coast-related economic growth, coastal resource conservation, and maintenance/enhancement of community character.

Improving Coastal Public Access: To create or preserve access to the shore and waterfront for water-dependent traditional commercial and recreational uses.

Preparing for coastal storms, erosion and flooding, coastal hazards: To help coastal communities develop adaptive responses to coastal erosion, coastal storm events, landslides and other coastal hazards.

Addressing the effects of land use activity on water quality: To protect and improve coastal water quality.

Restoring Coastal Habitats: To ensure that Maine's coast provides healthy habitats for the full suite of coastal plants and animals for generations to come.

Funds may be used for planning, development of regulatory and non-regulatory policies and programs, project implementation, outreach and education, feasibility and vulnerability studies, and monitoring. Funds may not be used for land acquisition, purchase of construction materials, permit fees, or construction. Start-up of water quality monitoring programs (volunteer or otherwise) will only be considered for funding, if a long-term self-sustaining funding strategy is outlined in the proposal.

1.2 Background

Created in 1978, the Maine Coastal Program is a federal, state, local partnership under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and one of 34 coastal programs nationwide. Maine's program is a collaborative program that works in partnership with other state agencies, municipalities, regional and other organizations, with the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) serving as the lead agency. The MCP works to sustain coastal resources and enhance the coastal-dependent economy through:

- Coastal community planning
- Effective administration of state environmental laws
- Public access planning
- Habitat restoration
- Reduction of non-point source pollution
- Support of coastal stewardship through education, outreach, and volunteer support
- Innovative initiatives in special coastal places.

More information about the Maine Coastal Program (MCP) can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/about/index.htm>

The Municipal Planning Assistance Program (MPAP) at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) manages the Coastal Community Grant Program on behalf of MCP. Coastal Community Grants are an important element of the MPAP's work to encourage and promote efforts of coastal communities and regional planning organizations pursuant to the goals of the Growth Management Act (*M.R.S.A. 30-A, Chapter 187*) and Coastal Management Policies (*M.R.S.A. 38, Chapter 19*) Coastal Community Grants are awarded and administered by MPAP.

1.3 Eligibility

Those eligible to apply include towns in Maine's coastal zone, groups of towns in Maine's coastal zone; coastal Regional Planning Commissions; and coastal Councils of Government. Partnerships are encouraged and those proposals documenting strong partnerships that further ensure the success of the project are strongly encouraged. Communities in Maine's coastal zone are listed in Appendix II. The list communities located in the coastal zone and coastal zone map can be accessed here:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/about/coastal-zone-map.htm>

Coastal Regional Planning Commissions and coastal Councils of Government are defined as having some or all of their service area within the Maine coastal zone. Note, however, that funds from this grant program can only be used in portions of the coastal zone covered by these organizations.

These funds are for both organized municipalities and unorganized territories. We invite proposals serving coastal communities, regardless of organized/unorganized status. Organized municipalities must have a comprehensive plan with a current consistency finding issued by Department of Agriculture Conservation & Forestry, or the former State Planning Office (See Appendix III for list of coastal municipalities with current findings of consistency), however, in the case of a multi-municipal application, only one of the applicant municipalities must meet this requirement. Unorganized

communities satisfy this requirement through the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) Comprehensive Land Use Plan: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/plans_maps_data/clup/index.html

1.4 Grant size and duration

The Maine Coastal Program plans to allocate approximately \$150,000 for the FY21 Coastal Community Grant Program Statement. The minimum award amount for FY21 will be \$15,000 and the maximum award amount will be \$100,000.

Coastal Communities grant projects should begin by August 1, 2020 and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

1.5 Cancellation Notice

The State reserves the right to cancel this Program Statement at any time.

1.6 Final Action on Grant Awards

Awards made through this program are considered final and are not subject to internal agency appeal. Any person aggrieved by a decision may pursue judicial review according to the provisions of 5 MRSA §§ 11001 – 11008 within 30 days of the agency decision.

SECTION 2. GRANT PROGRAMS DETAILS

2.1 Description

These projects are designed to improve water quality, increase adaptation to erosion and flooding, restore coastal habitat, promote sustainable development, and enhance the coastal-dependent economy while preserving coastal natural resources. This grant program is designed to address the following priority goals of the Maine Coastal Program (shown in *bold italics*).

Ensuring Sustainable, Vibrant Coastal Communities

Examples of projects fitting this goal:

- Preparation or implementation of economic development strategies related to coastal tourism and marine sectors
- Planning for land-side improvements for marine-dependent commerce
- Surveys/documentation of natural and scenic resources within the coastal zone; development of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to effective conservation
- Development and analysis of background information to support improvement of coastal community character such as socio-economic studies; public opinion surveys, scenic resource inventories, etc.

Improving Coastal Public Access

Examples of projects fitting this goal:

- Implementation of municipal or regional coastal access plans
- Analysis of public access needs, property user surveys
- Implementation of waterfront and harbor development plans or strategies
- Development of regulatory and non-regulatory strategies to conserve working waterfronts

Addressing Effects of Land Use Activity on Water Quality

Examples of projects fitting this goal:

- Development or implementation of multi-town estuary or coastal watershed management plans for marine impaired or threatened waters (See below for additional details regarding watershed management plans.)
- Development and implementation of regulatory and non-regulatory measures to reduce or eliminate water pollution in areas adjacent to shellfish growing areas.
- Development of stormwater management plans that use low impact development (LID) and green infrastructure techniques.
- Education and outreach to promote the use of low impact development (LID) stormwater management techniques.
- Development and implementation of regulatory and non-regulatory measures to promote green infrastructure plans and techniques.

Proposal work plans to create strategies to improve coastal water quality, particularly through the development of watershed management plans for shellfish-growing areas are encouraged. A watershed management plan describes water quality conditions, watershed characteristics, establishes water quality goals and objectives, outlines the actions needed to reach them, and provides a schedule for doing so. To be eligible in the future for plan implementation funding using United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA Clean Water Act Section 319 grants from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), plans must incorporate [EPA's nine-elements for watershed-based plans](#).^{*} Project proposals for work on Impaired Streams^{**} are limited to freshwater streams in the coastal zone that have a direct impact on coastal waters.

^{*}See https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/watershed_mgmnt_quick_guide.pdf

^{**} See https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/watershed/nps_priority_list/NPS%20Priority%20List%20-%20Streams.pdf

Applicants formulating proposals under this goal in shellfish growing areas are encouraged to contact DMR's Public Health Division (kohl.kanwit@maine.gov) and/or DEP's Environmental Assessment Division (wendy.garland@maine.gov) before submitting a proposal.

Restoring Coastal Habitats

Examples of projects fitting this goal:

- Preparation of habitat restoration plans, strategies, or needs assessments
- Development of pre-project feasibility studies
- Pre- and post-project monitoring

Preparing for Coastal Storms, Erosion, Flooding and Coastal Hazards

Examples of projects fitting this goal:

- Preparation of vulnerability assessments
- Development or implementation of municipal and regional adaptation strategies
- Landowner outreach and education
- Preliminary and final culvert design for public infrastructure utilizing StreamSmart principles*
- Feasibility and design of non-structural shoreline erosion measures on publicly-owned properties using vegetation and other natural treatments, e.g. Living Shorelines*

*Refer to Coastal Resiliency Resources in Appendix IV of this grant program statement

Examples of projects provided in this section are meant to be illustrative only. Applicants are encouraged to creatively address the objectives of the grant program and develop projects suited to the unique needs of the applicant and activities which address program goals described in Section 1.1.

Applicants are encouraged to review “Lessons Learned” from case studies of previously funded coastal communities grant projects on MPAP’s [CCG Case Studies webpage](#).*

* See <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/casestudies/ccg-case-studies.shtml>

2.2. Distribution of Funding among Coastal Community Grant Project Categories

The total amount of funds available for the Coastal Communities Grant Program in FY21 is expected to be approximately \$150,000. At least 50% of this total is expected to be allocated to adaptation planning projects which have a primary focus on preparing for coastal storms, erosion and flooding.

2.3. Match

Applications must demonstrate at least 25% non-federal match of the total project cost. This match can be either cash or in-kind services. In-kind match cannot include the time of federally-funded employees. Projects without cash match cannot score the full number of points for this scoring criterion. Projects providing substantial cash match and those that leverage other non-federal resources are strongly encouraged. Section 3.4 of this Program Statement provides additional guidance on match requirements.

2.4. Proposal Guidelines and Required Format

Grant applications may not exceed 10 pages in length; the cover letter, cover page, Budget Table 1, letters of support, résumés, and proof of title, right or interest will not be included in the page count. Proposals should be single-spaced with 1” margins on white 8 ½” x 11” paper using a font no smaller than 12-point Times New Roman or similar. All pages should be numbered consecutively beginning with number 1 on the first page of the “Project Proposal and Project Schedule” section through to the end, including all forms and attachments.

The proposal must include all the information necessary for reviewers to score it such that proposal reviewers do not need to do outside research to understand the proposed project. Documentation beyond the 10-page limit will not be considered during the review process except for the cover page, Budget Table 1, letters of support, resumes, and proof of title, right, or interest. The required elements of the grant application are listed below. Applications that do not include all of the elements, or do not follow the format described in this section (“Proposal Guidelines and Required Format”) will not be reviewed.

1) Signed Cover Letter on Applicant’s Letterhead

The application must include a signed cover letter on the applicant’s letterhead.

2) Cover Sheet which includes:

- a) Project Title
- b) Town or region covered
- c) MCP Goal(s) addressed (refer to Section 1.1)
- d) Grant request amount
- e) Match proposed and source of match
- f) Project Manager and contact information
- g) Project partners
- h) Project start and end dates (month and year)
- i) Project summary statement (3-5 sentences)

3) Executive summary

This is a concise summary of the project, methods used to complete the project and deliverables produced. Length should not exceed one or two brief paragraphs.

4) Project Summary

Please include relevant background information, including history, stakeholders, and partners. Concisely describe the problem or opportunity. Is there a demonstrated need for this project? Describe the approach proposed to address the problem or opportunity and proposed use of the grant award. Describe experience with similar work undertaken by the applicant and/or project partners.

5) Project Proposal and Project Schedule

Program Statement: FY2021 MCP Grants

Present a concise explanation of what the project will do, who will do it, and how it will be implemented. If the project is funded, and the grantee intends to hire a consultant to work on the project, the contract between the grantee and the consultant should include the task descriptions, budget, schedule and deliverables contained in the approved project proposal.

This section should describe the composition of the project’s advisory committee and approach to soliciting community participation. This section must include specific project tasks and expected outcomes and work products for each task and identify the responsible party/lead for completing each task. This section may include a task for Project Management. This section must also include a project schedule that shows the sequencing of tasks including sequenced start and end dates for each task.

Sample outline for Task Description:

Task 1: <i>Task Name</i>	
<i>Provide narrative/task description</i>	
Deliverable(s): <i>work products</i>	
Responsible Party:	
Start Date for Task:	End Date for Task:

It is expected that encumbered grant agreements will be in hand such that project work can commence by August 1, 2020. Projects are to commence by September 14, 2020. If you propose to start your project at a later date, explain the delay. Projects are to All project work must be completed by December 31, 2021.

Project narrative must also include, if appropriate, consideration of current flood plain maps and projected sea level rise for project location using information from the [Maine Geological Survey website](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/index.shtml).* See * <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/index.shtml>.

The proposal review team recognizes that a proposal may be part of a larger project, or a phase of a multi-year effort. In such instances, the proposal should provide a description of the expected overall result, as well as what this project specifically will address.

The applicant should make every effort to quantify the expected outcome. For example, stating that the expected outcome is “a greater sense of the benefits of low-impact development in the community” is insufficient. A measurable outcome would be “having the residents approve a development ordinance that incorporates low-impact development requirements” or “residents’ knowledge of low impact development techniques will increase by x%”. In the latter example, part of the project proposal would include measuring the level of awareness at the beginning of the project and then again at the end.

6) *Project Budget*

There are three separate budget tables that must be completed. Proposals missing any one of the three will not be reviewed.

An Excel workbook that includes templates for: Budget Table 1: Project Budget by Task and Cost Category, Budget Table 2: Sources and Status of Match and Budget Table 3: Budget Estimates by Cost Category is available for download at:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/financial_assistance.shtml

Budget Table 1

A detailed budget for expenditure of the funds requested. Applicants are required to submit estimates of project costs by project task and cost category utilizing the format provided at the end of this program statement in Appendix III. The form “Project Budget by Task and Cost Category” is included in the Excel workbook available for download at:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/financial_assistance.shtml

Make sure to include in-kind support in the appropriate column in the Project Budget by Task and Cost Category spreadsheet. Budget Table 1 will not be counted toward the 10-page proposal limit.

Here is an example of a breakdown of project tasks from the *Working Waterfronts Preparing for Climate Change Project in Washington County*:

Task 1 Outreach to participating communities (throughout the project)

Task 2 Gather existing working waterfront and infrastructure data

Task 3 Ground truth data

Task 4 Prepare working waterfront site inventory and infrastructure vulnerability maps

Task 5 Outline adaptation implementation plans with advisory committee and finalize with stakeholders.

Budget Table 2

The form “Sources and Status of Match” is included in the Excel workbook available for download at:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/financial_assistance.shtml

Budget Table 2 must be included in the body of the proposal.

Utilizing the table below, list the source and status of the in-kind and cash match. Please indicate the status of the match as follows:

“in-hand” if you already received the match

“pledged” if the match has been awarded but you do not already possess it

“requested” if the match has been requested, but you have not yet received word on the outcome of the request.

Budget Table 2: Sources and Status of Match				
Source of Cash Match	Status of Cash Match	Source of In-Kind Match	Status of In-Kind Match	Amount of Match

Budget Table 3

The form “Budget Estimates by Cost Category” is included in the Excel workbook available for download at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/financial_assistance.shtml

Budget Table 3 summarizes budget estimates by cost category from information presented in Table 1. Budget Table 3 must also be included in the body of the proposal.

Budget Table 3: Budget Estimates by Cost Category			
Cost Category	MCP Grant	Non-Federal Match	Total Cost
Personnel			
Fringe Benefits (only applicable to Applicants Personnel to be funded by MCP grant)			
Travel			
Equipment			
Supplies			
Contractual (Consultant(s) and/or other contractors)			
Other (specify)			
Indirect (only applicable to Applicants Personnel to be funded by MCP grant)			
Totals			

7) Letters of Support

The application must include brief letters of support from each partner mentioned in the proposal. Each letter of support from a partner must identify the type and amount of support to be provided. Partners are expected to provide match to the project as either in-kind services or cash, as noted in the letters of support, and sources of matching funds are to be identified. In addition to those submitted by project partners, letters of support from other interested parties are encouraged. Letters of support will not be counted toward the 10-page proposal limit.

8) *Résumés of Key Participants*

Include résumés of key participants including the proposed project manager/project administrator. Resumes are not included as part of the 10-page proposal limit.

2.5. Proposal Review Criteria

Projects will be evaluated by the MCP according to the following criteria and point scoring. The MCP/MPAP reserve the right to reject proposals which in the judgment of the review committee fail to meet requirements of the Program Statement.

1) *Quality of the proposal; project feasibility and readiness* 20 points

The proposal is complete and well organized. The project has a clear and achievable goal; the project plan is well-developed, thorough and provides a sufficiently-detailed explanation of how the project will be completed. Likelihood that the potential project will be successfully completed as proposed. The proposal is well sequenced and leveraged with previous or concurrent efforts. Each project task is described, and a start and end date for each task is provided. The proposed project can realistically begin in August 2020. If the project includes the development or implementation of a plan, there is a clear indication of interest in the need for and adoption of the plan by the municipality or region as documented in a letter of support. The proposed project must be completed by December 31, 2021. A request for a six-month extension is a possibility and subject to approval for good cause.

2) *Cost effectiveness* (25 points)

Costs are well-documented, including sources of match. The project budget is broken down by task. Individual task budgets are clearly identified and represent a reasonable estimate for that particular activity. To what degree does the proposed project represent a good return for the investment of time and money? The sources of required non-federal match are confirmed in the letters of support submitted with the grant proposal. Projects without cash match can score a maximum of 20 points.

3) *Applicant qualifications and capacity; past performance* (20 points)

The applicant demonstrates the necessary technical experience, knowledge, project management and administrative capacity (including both financial and personnel) to successfully complete and report on the proposed project. For multi-phase projects, earlier phases have been successfully executed. Any known past performance on relevant projects will be evaluated by the proposal review team.

4) *Linkage to identified state, local and regional priorities* (15 points)

The project addresses the grant priorities contained in this Program Statement (see Section 2.1) and advances the objectives of the Maine Coastal Program (see Section 1.2). The project implements ideas and actions identified in adopted municipal or multi-municipal comprehensive plans determined by the Maine State Planning Office or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to be consistent with the Planning and Land Use Regulation Act, M.R.S.A. 30-A §4347-A (3-A) or other plans produced through a public participatory process and adopted by the municipality.

Applicants are encouraged to address coastal focus areas identified by Maine's Beginning with Habitat Program. See: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/focusarea/index.htm>

5) *Economic impact (10 points)*

Proposal estimates direct or indirect economic impact of project through leveraged funding, private investment, job creation or retention or other economic metrics.

6) *Partnerships (10 points)*

Project proposal shows documentation of support and participation by partners, clearly defines their respective roles and quantifies all in-kind and/or cash match provided. Partnerships documented in the application demonstrate strong level of local support.

2.6. Evaluation Process and Proposal Selection

An evaluation team, comprised of qualified reviewers, will judge the merits of the proposals received in accordance with the criteria defined in this Program Statement.

Officials responsible for making decisions on the selection shall ensure that the selection process affords equal opportunity and appropriate consideration to all who can meet the specifications. The goals of the evaluation process are to ensure fairness and objectivity in review of the proposals and to ensure that the contract is awarded to projects that best satisfy the criteria of the Program Statement at a reasonable/competitive cost.

The evaluation team will use a consensus approach to evaluate the proposals. Members of the evaluation team will not score the proposals individually but instead will arrive at a consensus as to assignment of points on each category of each proposal. The grant award(s) will be made to the applicant(s) receiving the highest number of evaluation points, based upon the proposals' satisfaction of the criteria established in the Program Statement.

The evaluation team ("team") reserves the right to communicate or meet with an applicant in order to obtain clarification of information contained in an application, and the team may revise the scores assigned in the initial evaluation to reflect such clarification. Notwithstanding the MCP/MPAP's right to seek clarification, applicants will not be permitted to modify their submitted applications, so costs and other information contained in the application should be presented as clearly, accurately and completely as possible.

Award notifications can be anticipated the week of May 18th, 2020. For each project selected, the MPAP will ask the applicant to submit a revised work plan that reflects the comments received from the review committee. The final work plan for the successful grantees will be accepted for contract preparation after determination that the applicant has adequately addressed the review comments. It is anticipated encumbered Grant Agreements will be issued by week of July 27th, 2020.

Awards made through this program are considered final and are not subject to internal agency appeal. Any person aggrieved by a decision may pursue judicial review according to the provisions of 5 M.R.S.A. §§ 11001 – 11008 within 30 days of the agency decision.

2.7. Application Deadline and Submission

Applications are due by 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Applications may be submitted in paper or electronic form. Only applications received by the deadline at the Municipal Planning Assistance Program office or the emailed to ruta.dzenis@maine.gov shall be considered. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected without exception. The State assumes no responsibility for delays caused by problems with electronic submission, or for delays caused by any postal, package or delivery service. (A postmark by the due date will not suffice.)

Electronic applications must be emailed to ruta.dzenis@maine.gov with “Application to 2021 Coastal Communities Grant Program” in the subject line. Applications submitted as an Adobe .pdf file should be accompanied by all Word and Excel files associated with the application.

Paper applications must be submitted in an envelope clearly marked with the applicant’s return address and the notation: “Coastal Community Grant Application”. Paper applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Ruta Dzenis AICP, Senior Planner
Municipal Planning Assistance Program
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
18 Elkins Lane - Harlow Building, Room 413 (physical address)
22 State House Station (mailing address)
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Receipt: Written acknowledgement of receipt of proposals will be issued.

2.8. Submission of Questions regarding the Coastal Community Grant Program

The contact person for the Coastal Community Grant Program is Ruta Dzenis, Senior Planner, Municipal Planning Assistance Program at 207-287-2851

For questions and additional clarifications, contact Ruta Dzenis in writing at: ruta.dzenis@maine.gov. Please include in the subject line “FY21 Coastal Communities Grants – Questions”.

Questions will be accepted through Tuesday, March 10. A summary of substantive questions and responses concerning the Coastal Community Grant will be compiled and posted by Tuesday, March 17 to the following web page: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/commissioner/landuse/financial/index.shtml>.

SECTION 3. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF GRANT AWARDS

3.1 Grant Agreement

Grant recipients must enter into a written Grant Agreement with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish mutually agreeable terms for completing the project. The Grant Agreement is in the form of a contract formatted according to standard Maine State government contract procedures (Service Contract form). See Service Contract (SC) under the heading “Contracts” at <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/procurementservices/forms>.

3.2 Pre-Award Costs

The MCP/MPAP is not liable for any cost incurred by the Grantee or any Grantee subcontractor(s) prior to the contract effective date. The MCP/MPAP cannot authorize any payments prior to the effective date of a fully executed grant agreement.

3.3 Reporting Requirements

Semi-annual progress reports and a final report are required for MCP projects. Reports must include a description, by task, of progress made to date, deliverables completed during the reporting period and delays in schedule. The final report must include all remaining deliverables according to the executed grant agreement.

If re-budgeting among tasks is necessary beyond 10% of the total award, the Grantee shall contact the contract administrator for approval.

Grantees will prepare a short case study of their project prior to project completion.

3.4 Non-Federal Matching Funds or Services

Grantees are obliged to document non-federal matching funds or services contributed to the project. Non-federal matching funds are the portion of allowable project costs contributed to a federally funded project. Match includes, but is not limited to, allowable costs borne by the grantee and contributions of cash or services from individuals, organizations, municipalities or non-federal public agencies.

Non-federal match contributions may include:

- Cash contributions, and/or
- In-kind contributions. In-kind contribution is the value of a non-cash contribution to meet a grantee's cost sharing requirements. An in-kind contribution may consist of the value of goods or services, property and equipment or directly benefitting the MCP funded project.

A. Requirements.

Non-federal match contributions must be:

1. related directly to tasks in the project work plan;
2. reasonably valued for the work performed and work products produced;

3. conducted between the effective dates of the contract;
4. supported by appropriate documentation;
5. from non-federal sources. Personnel, projects, or services paid with federal funds do not qualify as non-federal match.

B. Valuation of In-Kind Contributions

1. Personnel Time Paid for by Project Partner Organizations: When an employer other than the grantee furnishes free of charge the services for the professional services for an assignment in the employee's area of specialization, the services will be valued at the employee's regular rate of pay, exclusive of the employee's fringe benefits and overhead costs. For example, an hourly rate would be applied for a municipal employee participating in an official capacity at a meeting or workshop organized by the grantee related to the work performed under the grant.
2. Donated Supplies: The contribution must be valued at the market value of the supplies at the time of donation.
3. Donated Equipment or Space in a Building: The contribution must be valued at the fair market rental rate of the equipment or space
4. Volunteer Work: Work donated to the project by individuals must be valued at rates consistent with those ordinarily paid for similar work in the grantee's organization. For example, when documenting donated professional services as match, use the amount you would pay the person to do the job for which they are volunteering. If the grantee organization does not have employees performing similar work, the value of donated personnel time must be consistent with those ordinarily paid by other employers for similar work in the area. Maine occupational wage estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor are available at:
http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_me.html
5. Community participation: This refers to community members attending meetings, workshops and events organized by the grantee for work performed under this grant. "Community participation" refers to donated volunteer time in activities such as water sampling, stream bank clean-up or attending a meeting organized by the grantee for work performed under the grant.

Based on best practices guidance provided by the Maine Commission for Community Service, the MPAP will accept the most recent volunteer rate applicable to Maine from the website of Independent Sector at: <https://www.independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/>. As of this writing, the latest data (2018) sets the hourly rate at \$25.43.

6. Methods to estimate the value of unpaid volunteer services include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Determine the appropriate occupation and Maine occupational wage estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
See: http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_me.htm
 - b. The organization "Independent Sector" provides average rates for volunteers. The MCP/MPAP

will accept the most recent rate applicable to Maine.

See: http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html

3.5 Travel/Mileage Rate

The vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is the current rate used by the State of Maine. At the time of issuance of this program statement, that rate is \$0.44 per mile.

3.6 Acknowledgement of Funding from the Maine Coastal Program

The title page of all reports, studies, or other documents such as brochures or posters supported in whole or in part by the grant award needs to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by the Maine Coastal Program and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Presentation materials such as Power Point presentations, maps, meeting agendas, event placards, and interpretive signage are to acknowledge funding from the MCP at a minimum by incorporating the program's logo into their design. Detailed requirements of acknowledgement of funding for written reports and studies will be included in the grant agreement.

APPENDIX I PROJECT BUDGET BY TASK AND CATEGORY

An Excel workbook which includes templates for Budget Tables 1, 2 and 3 is available for download at:

FY2021 Coastal Community Grant								
Budget Table 1 : Project Budget by Task and Cost Category								
List name of Applicant and Project name here								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
						Proposed Source of Funding		
Project Task (break down by task)	Personnel	"Column C"	# Project Hours by Task	Hourly compensation rate	Total Cost by Task	MCP Grant	Non-Federal Match	
Project Team Personnel Costs by Task								
(Note Affiliation: Applicant, Partner Organization, Consultant in column C)								
Task 1					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					\$0			
					Total Salaries:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel								
(provide cost assumptions in column C)								
					Total Travel:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies								
(list assumptions in Column C)								
					Total Supplies:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Contractual Services								
(list in Column C)								
Task 1								
					Total Contractual Services:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (Applicable to Applicant's personnel to be funded by MCP grant)								
					Total Indirect Costs:			
Other (list in Column C)								
					Total Other Expenses:	\$0	\$0	\$0
					GRAND TOTAL:	\$0	\$0	\$0

APPENDIX II COMMUNITIES IN MAINE'S COASTAL ZONE

Addison	Damariscotta	Machiasport	South Berwick
Alna	Deer Isle	Marshfield	South Bristol
Arrowsic	Dennysville	Matinicus Isle Pt.	South Portland
Arundel	Dresden	Milbridge	South Thomaston
Augusta	East Machias	Monhegan Is. Pt.	Southport
Bangor	Eastport	Mount Desert	Southwest Harbor
Bar Harbor	Eddington	Muscle Ridge Twp.	Steuben
Bath	Edgecomb	Newcastle	Stockton Springs
Beals	Edmunds Twp.	Nobleboro	Stonington
Belfast	Eliot	North Haven	Sullivan
Biddeford	Ellsworth	Northport	Surry
Blue Hill	Falmouth	Ogunquit	Swans Island
Boothbay	Farmingdale	Old Orchard Beach	T7 SD BPP
Boothbay Harbor	Frankfort	Orland	Thomaston
Bowdoinham	Franklin	Orono	Topsham
Bradley	Freeport	Orrington	Tremont
Bremen	Frenchboro	Owls Head	Trenton
Brewer	Friendship	Pembroke	Trescott Twp.
Bristol	Gardiner	Penobscot	Veazie
Brooklin	Georgetown	Perkins Twp., Swan Island	Verona Island
Brooksville	Gouldsboro	Perry	Vinalhaven
Brunswick	Hallowell	Phippsburg	Waldoboro
Bucksport	Hampden	Pittston	Warren
Bustins Island	Hancock	Portland	Wells
Calais	Harpswell	Prospect	West Bath
Camden	Harrington	Randolph	Westport Island
Cape Elizabeth	Isle au Haut	Richmond	Whiting
Castine	Islesboro	Robbinston	Winter Harbor
Chebeague Island	Jonesboro	Rockland	Winterport
Chelsea	Jonesport	Rockport	Wiscasset
Cherryfield	Kennebunk	Roque Bluffs	Woolwich
Columbia	Kennebunkport	Saco	Yarmouth
Columbia Falls	Kittery	Saint George	York
Cranberry Isles	Lamoine	Scarborough	
Criehaven Twp.	Lincolnville	Searsport	
Cumberland	Long Island	Sedgwick	
Cushing	Lubec	Sorrento	
Cutler	Machias		

APPENDIX III CURRENT COASTAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

Community	Findings Date
Bangor	11/19/2012
Bar Harbor	10/10/2008
Bath	10/6/2009
Boothbay	9/12/2016
Boothbay Harbor	7/27/2015
Bowdoinham	8/13/2014
Brewer	2/18/2015
Brunswick	11/20/2008
Bucksport	3/29/2017
Bustins Island	8/10/2016
Calais	3/19/2010
Camden	5/25/2018
Cape Elizabeth	1/17/2020
Castine	6/21/2010
Chebeague Island	5/17/2011
Cherryfield	6/28/2019
Columbia Falls	6/7/2019
Cranberry Isles	6/24/2010
Criehaven Township	LUPC
Cumberland	2/9/2012
Damariscotta	3/2/2015
Eastport	11/5/2018
Edgecomb	10/20/2010
Edmunds Township	LUPC
Eliot	10/14/2009
Falmouth	2/7/2014
Freeport	10/6/2011
Frenchboro	2/27/2017
Gardiner	1/28/2015
Georgetown	under review
Hallowell	2/3/2011
Hampden	8/27/2010
Harrington	1/16/2009
Isle au Haut	11/18/2011

Program Statement: FY2021 MCP Grants

Community	Findings Date	Community	Findings Date
Islesboro	6/13/2018	Whiting	10/29/2018
Kennebunkport	10/2/2013	Yarmouth	10/18/2011
Kittery	7/20/2017		
Lamoine	10/18/2019		
Long Island	8/21/2008		
Lubec	10/12/2010		
Machiasport	1/7/2010		
Matinicus Isle Plantation	5/18/2007		
Milbridge	6/21/2012		
Monhegan Island Plantation	LUPC		
Mount Desert	8/15/2009		
Muscle Ridge Township	LUPC		
Orono	9/5/2014		
Owls Head	2/4/2014		
Pembroke	5/5/2010		
Perkins Township, Swan Island	LUPC		
Perry	5/5/2010		
Phippsburg	10/6/2009		
Portland	8/8/2017		
Randolph	12/13/2013		
Richmond	4/20/2016		
Rockland	4/30/2012		
Saco	10/20/2011		
Searsport	6/18/2019		
South Bristol	1/11/2011		
South Portland	2/12/2013		
South Thomaston	7/22/2010		
Southport	3/5/2009		
Southwest Harbor	10/7/2010		
St. George	2/7/2019		
Stonington	2/5/2018		
Surry	1/31/2014		
T7 SD BPP	LUPC		
Topsham	under review		
Tremont	1/4/2011		
Trescott Township	LUPC		
Veazie	4/9/2018		
Vinalhaven	11/7/2013		
Waldoboro	5/29/2019		
Wells	9/25/2017		

APPENDIX IV COASTAL RESILIENCY RESOURCES

DACF Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (BRILUP)

Municipal Climate Adaptation Series The **Municipal Planning Assistance Program** (MPAP) and nine of Maine's Regional Planning Organizations collaborated on these documents which explain how to identify threats to community resources, and how to respond to those threats by integrating climate adaptation measures into existing local policies, practices and ordinances. Along with in overview document, the series addresses nine different areas of municipal responsibility: Transportation, Stream Crossings, Wastewater, Drinking Water, Storm Water, Comprehensive Planning, Shoreland Zoning, Site Plan Review and Subdivision Review. The Guidance series and other climate-related planning resources can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/technical/climate.shtml>

Maine Flood Resilience Checklist This is a simple and practical self-assessment tool can help communities evaluate how well-positioned they are to prepare for, respond to, and recover from flooding events and sea level rise. It provides a framework for examining flood risk, assessing vulnerability of the natural, built, and social environments, and identifying ways to enhance resilience. See: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/MaineFloodResilienceChecklistOverview.pdf>

Coastal Hazards Webpage This **Maine Geological Survey** (MGS) webpage provides several different kinds of datasets to support completion of the Flood Resilience Checklist and general coastal resiliency planning, including:

- a. Beach Mapping Shoreline Change – mapping of shoreline changes and beach features along the majority of southern Maine's beaches
- b. Highest Astronomical Tide Line – mapping of the extent and values of the HAT in support of Maine's Shoreland Zoning
- c. Sea Level Rise/Storm Surge – mapping of the potential inundation associated with a variety of future sea level rise or storm surge scenarios
- d. Sea Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes - mapping of the potential inland inundation from landfalling hurricanes

See: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/index.shtml>

Coastal Resiliency Webpage This **Maine Natural Areas Program** (MNAP) webpage provides currently - available data related to tidal marshes, tidal marsh migration, and undeveloped blocks under various sea level rise scenarios. http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/assistance/coastal_resiliency.html

Beginning with Habitat (BwH) **[Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance](#)** are natural areas that contain unusually rich concentrations of at-risk species and habitats. This second MNAP webpage provides descriptions of this important areas. Applicants are encouraged to address these ecologically significant areas.

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/focusarea/factsheets.htm>

[Living Shorelines Webpage](#) A second MGS webpage with resources related to Living Shorelines and Maine's Bluff Coast. See <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/explore/marine/living-shorelines/>

[Floodplain Mapping Resources](#) This **Maine Floodplain Management Program** webpage provides on-line floodplain maps as well as a wealth of supporting information on state and Federal flood mapping programs. See <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/flood/mapping.shtml>

[Inter-Agency Resources](#) In addition to the resources listed above, DACF contributes to interagency web resources hosted by the:

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Climate Webpage:

See <http://www.maine.gov/dep/sustainability/climate/index.html>

Maine Adaptation Toolkit:

See <http://www.maine.gov/dep/sustainability/climate/adaptation-toolkit/index.html>

[Maine Coastal Program](#) at the Department of Marine Resources:

Maine Stream Habitat Viewer and Stream Smart Crossings Webpage:

See <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/environment/streamviewer/>

[The Nature Conservancy](#) web mapping tools were developed in partnership with Maine Geological Survey and the Maine Natural Areas Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The tools help identify conservation opportunities in three areas:

The Future Habitat Explorer predicts tidal marsh expansion with rising seas, informing coastal protection decisions.

The Aquatic Barrier Prioritization tool helps identify fish-passage restoration projects in the Penobscot River basin.

The Coastal Risk Explorer helps communities plan for sea level rise by identifying roads that may be flooded and inaccessible in an emergency.

See: <https://maps.coastalresilience.org/maine/>