

**State of Maine**  
**Master Score Sheet**

RFP# 202111181								
Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants								
Bidder Name:		AVCOG	BACTS	CEBE	GPCOG	Island Institute	KVCOG	Resilience Works LLC
Proposed Cost:		\$47,500	\$32,500	\$52,810	\$50,000	\$37,458	\$62,500	\$62,475
Scoring Sections	Points Available							
Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	Pass / Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	40	40	25	32	40	40	32	32
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	40	40	20	34	37	37	33	40
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>65</u></b>	<b><u>86</u></b>	<b><u>97</u></b>	<b><u>97</u></b>	<b><u>85</u></b>	<b><u>92</u></b>

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<b>Bidder Name:</b>		<b>Sierra Club Maine Chapter</b>	<b>SMPDC</b>	<b>SCEC</b>	<b>USM</b>	<b>Resilient Communities L3C</b>	<b>Window Dressers</b>	
<b>Proposed Cost:</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$17,850</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	
<b>Scoring Sections</b>	<b>Points Available</b>							
Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	Pass / Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	
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Criteria 3: Scope of Work	40		40	33	36	38	40	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>		<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>83</u></b>	<b><u>88</u></b>	<b><u>92</u></b>	<b><u>92</u></b>	

**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Yvette Meunier](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ANL\\_AVCOG.pdf](#)

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Hello Yvette,

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Sincerely,  
Brian

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March 15, 2022

Yvette Meunier  
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments  
125 Manley Road  
Auburn, Maine 04210

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Sara Devlin](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
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March 15, 2022

Sara Devlin  
Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System  
12 Acme Road, Suite 104  
Brewer, Maine 04412

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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**To:** [CEBE Scott](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
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Scott Vlaun  
Center for an Ecology-based Economy  
447 Main Street  
Norway, Maine 04268

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Sara Mills-Knapp](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:35:00 AM  
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Sara Mills-Knapp  
Greater Portland Council of Governments  
970 Baxter Boulevard, Suite 201  
Portland, Maine 04103

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Laura Shields-Haas](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:35:00 AM  
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March 15, 2022

Laura J. Shields-Haas  
Island Institute  
386 Main Street  
Rockland, Maine 04841

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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Dear Laura:

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**To:** [Gabe Gauvin](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
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Gabriel Gauvin  
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments  
17 Main Street  
Fairfield, Maine 04937

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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March 15, 2022

Gabrian L. McPhail  
Resilient Communities, L3C  
9 Ingerson Street  
Vinalhaven, Maine 04863

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March 15, 2022

Allen W. Kratz  
Resilience Works, LLC  
75 Lane Road, #403  
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
RFA #202111181, Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant

Dear Allen:

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Jen Peters](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ANL\\_SCEC.pdf](#)

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Brian

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Jennifer Peters  
Sunrise County Economic Council  
7 Ames Way  
Machias, Maine 04654

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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Dear Jennifer:

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Ania Wright](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ANL\\_SierraClub.pdf](#)

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Hello Ania,

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Sincerely,  
Brian

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Ania Wright  
Sierra Club Maine Chapter  
PO Box 88  
Belfast, Maine 04915

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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Dear Ania:

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Karina Graeter](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ANL\\_SMPDC.pdf](#)

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Hello Karina,

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Brian

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March 15, 2022

Karina Graeter  
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission  
110 Main Street, Suite 1400  
Saco, Maine 04072

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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Dear Karina:

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Martha Sheils](#); [Victoria Boundy](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
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March 15, 2022

Martha Sheils  
New England Environmental Finance Center

Victoria Boundy  
Casco Bay Estuary Partnership

University of Southern Maine  
PO Box 9300, 34 Bedford Street  
Portland, Maine 04104-9300

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
RFA #20211181, Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant

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**From:** [Ambrette, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Sharon Klein](#)  
**Subject:** RFA#202111181 Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ANL\\_WindowDressers.pdf](#)

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March 15, 2022

Dr. Sharon Klein  
Window Dressers  
5782 Winslow Hall, Room 206  
Orono, Maine 04469

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under  
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Dear Sharon:

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

		<u>Points Awarded:</u>
<b>Numerical Score:</b>		
Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	(Pass/Fail)	<b>Pass</b>
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>40</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>40</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(Max: 100 Points)	<b>100</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Regional council of governments
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Carthage, Jay, Chesterfield, Greenville
  - Region 3
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experienced regional planning organization
  - Economic and Community Development, Transportation Planning (federally recognized Metro Planning Org (MTO)), Environmental Management, Land Use Planning
  - Central point of contact for community planning
  - Experience with state and federal grants
  - On-farm solar projects, wind and solar ordinances, PPA reviews
  - Hazard mitigation planning + climate hazards with AUEMA
  - Local lighting ordinance and Dark Sky designation for Rangeley
  - EV assistance to towns
  - Stream crossing grants with DEP, FEMA/MEMA



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**APPLICANT:** Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Detailed and thoughtful scope
- Outreach to vulnerable communities for workshops
- 12-month timeline for enrollment
- Work plan with timelines and deliverables
- Attention to formal tasks (resolution, etc.)
- Continued support for grant writing beyond scope
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**RFA #:** 202111181

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- \$47,500 requested
- 3 towns are below 4000 population
- ~40% of funds requested are allocated to Task 4, seems reasonable
- In kind is \$7,125

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation Planning System

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>65</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation Planning System

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   25**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Nonprofit metro transportation planning organization
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Dixmont, Old Town, Bangor
  - Region 4
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Transportation planning, facilitation, stakeholder consensus
  - collaboration and coordinating capacity, specifically project management for Bangor-Orono climate planning
    - i. but would like to see more detailed description of services provided to the Bangor-Orono planning in order to gauge experience for this RFA, specifically clean energy
  - relationships with participating communities

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**APPLICANT:** Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation Planning System

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Minimally responsive to RFA
- Barely sufficient detail on activities and deliverables under each task. Would benefit from substantially more thoroughness and thought to approaches and best practices for supporting towns.
- No timeline of tasks and deliverables
- Tasks are briefly discussed in the budget
- Mentions identifying vulnerable populations but does not describe how

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**RFA #:** 202111181

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**APPLICANT:** Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation Planning System

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- One town w pop <4000
- Line item \$ requests incommensurate with task descriptions
- Unclear source of matching funds, possibly from towns?
  - If from towns, then it appears that Dixmont is paying more than other two towns which seems inequitable

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**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Center for an Ecology-based Economy

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	(Pass/Fail)	<b>Pass</b>
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>32</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>34</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(Max: 100 Points)	<b>86</b>

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**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Center for an Ecology-based Economy

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   32**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Nonprofit organization
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Paris, Woodstock, Waterford, Bethel, Otisfield
    - ii. Sen. Richard Bennett
    - iii. Norway Downtown, Climate Conversations, Oxford County EMA
  - Regions 3
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience working with local communities on climate adaptation and mitigation projects, specifically demonstration projects and educational events (bike-ped, solar, weatherization, local food, EVs)
  - Organizing and facilitation skills
  - Operational areas: food, energy, transportation, shelter



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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   34**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Community participation through a socially and economically diverse working group for each town, fostering youth participation and including stakeholders from the health, housing, public safety, land conservation, transportation, and education sectors.
  - Including stipends to encourage participation by community members who are often excluded for financial reasons.
- Acknowledges political landscape of the region and identifies challenges to overcome
- Would benefit from more concrete descriptions of tasks and deliverables (meetings, resolution, self-assessments, enrollment, and grant writing)
- Offers to work with communities and bring technical support beyond grant period
- Did not identify a timeline for enrollments
- Will seek ways to reach low-tech/low-bandwidth households

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Request is \$52,810 with \$9690 match
  - A. for total project budget of \$62,500 (amount they were eligible to request)
- 4 towns with population <4000 and 1 high SVI town
- Budget narrative may underestimate effort and challenges in Tasks 3 and 4

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Greater Portland Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>40</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>37</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(Max: 100 Points)	<b>97</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

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**APPLICANT:** Greater Portland Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - GPCOG is a council of governments
  - Letters of support provided
    - i. Freeport, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Brunswick
  - Region 1
- II. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Identifies key staff, roles, and allocation of effort
  - AmeriCorps involvement
  - Strong capacity with 3 staff for climate planning and 10-14 Resilience Corps members
  - Strong list of past projects - GOPIF Community Resilience Pilot Project, Municipal Climate Action Planning with the Town of Falmouth, Maine Clean Communities
  - Partnership with GMRI provides climate/SLR data

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**APPLICANT:** Greater Portland Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   37**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Thoughtful scope
- Specific engagement activities, with strategies for inclusive processes
- Would benefit from more concrete engagement steps, particularly on equity
- Demonstrates each community's context and challenges
- Uses framework developed during Pilot Project
- Aiming for enrollment by September 2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Total project cost is \$57,500 with \$50,000 requested.
- 15% match includes \$5,000 municipal in kind plus \$2,500 GPCOG resilience fellow
- none of the municipalities are below population 4000 or in the highest social vulnerability
- Math error on their budget listing Task 4's cost at 6,500 – only adds to \$4,000 – but does not affect grand total
- Towns to contribute \$1000 each



**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Island Institute

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Island Institute is a nonprofit org
  - Chebeague Island, Long Island, Monhegan Island
    - i. Region 1
    - ii. Letters of support provided
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experienced, respected organization with competencies in resilience planning and clean energy projects
  - Past projects
    - i. ShoreUp grants to communities
    - ii. GMRI NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant for coastal flooding planning tool
    - iii. US DOE ETIPP energy technical assistance
    - iv. Ocean acidification
    - v. Broadband



**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Island Institute

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   37**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope, but would benefit from additional detail, particularly around equity
- “Aligning with GOPIF recommendations, we will ensure shared benefits across diverse populations of Maine people; this process will ascribe to robust community engagement practices, including inclusive planning processes so that diverse community voices are heard.”
  - But missing specifics. Would have benefited from additional detail.
- Thin on detail for assisting with implementation grant opportunities
- Connection to organization’s What Works Solutions Library as well as NOAA ELG tools with GMRI

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Island Institute

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available:** 20

**Score:**   20  



**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Activities are part of larger organizational programming
- All 3 communities are population <4000

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>85</b>

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**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   32**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Regional planning organization
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Fairfield, Randolph, Skowhegan, Unity, Waterville
  - Regions 2 and 3
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience providing technical assistance to municipalities, specifically economic development, brownfields, recycling, purchasing, community resilience
  - Clean energy experience not explicitly mentioned
  - May invite Efficiency Maine and MOFGA to provide energy and food expertise
  - Existing relationships with participating communities
  - Relevant experience through existing Maine DOT contract
  - Experience with federal and state grants

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**APPLICANT:** Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   33**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope
- Light discussion of equity with remote meetings and translation services
  - Would benefit from stronger attention to inclusion of vulnerable, marginalized, or low-income participants
- Communities are already interested outdoor recreation, agricultural economies, and EV infrastructure
- Proposed a grant writing committee in each town and providing coaching and assistance
- No timeline for completion of deliverables

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- \$62,500 requested, \$9,375 match, \$71,875 project budget
- All 5 communities are high SVI, 2 are population below 4000
- Clarity needed on match source

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181  
**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants  
**APPLICANT:** Resilience Works LLC  
**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future  
**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette  
**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>40</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>92</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

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**APPLICANT:** Resilience Works LLC

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   32**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - For profit consultant
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick
    - ii. Rep. Sherman Hutchins, Rep. Sarah Peabworth
    - iii. Bagaduce River Monitor, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Brooksville SLR and Climate Change Committee, Hancock County Planning Commission, Hancock County EMA
  - Region 2
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience in coastal resilience funding and project management
  - Projects include Peninsula Tomorrow with 9 towns working climate plans
  - Partner with Maine Sea Grant, Parker Gassett
  - Deb Grimmig to support workshops
  - Intern
  - Energy experience not demonstrated on project team; would benefit from having a partner with clean energy expertise
  - References Equity Subcommittee
  - Thoughtful guiding principles



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**APPLICANT:** Resilience Works LLC

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Scope is complete and ambitious
- Preexisting effort among 8-9 towns to work collaboratively on climate, ARPA funds, other issues
- Submit Action Grants proposals in Sept 2022
- Identifies prioritization in Task 3
- Task 11 evaluation will help in future work and proposals
- Task 9 a positive for workforce nexus
- Clear outcomes for each task
- Incorporating grant writing and admin into town work routines shows depth of understanding of local capacity-building needs

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Total request \$62,475
- 15% cost share from Resilience Works LCC
- All 5 towns are population <4000

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111180  
**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants  
**BIDDER:** Resilient Communities L3C  
**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future  
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Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>34</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>38</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>92</b>

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**RFP #:** 202111180

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER:** Resilient Communities L3C

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   34**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Consultant
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. North Haven
    - ii. Islesboro
  - Regions 1 and 2
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience coordinating capital improvements for Vinalhaven, including stakeholder engagement and grant writing
  - Community visioning for North Haven
  - Can leverage existing networks – Sea Grant, GMRI, Island Institute, Woodard and Curran
  - No energy expertise demonstrated; would benefit from a partner with this expertise
  - Past work with island communities is highly relevant

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111180

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER:** Resilient Communities L3C

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   38**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope
- 6- and 12-month timelines for Islesboro and North Haven, respectively
- Attention to equity, equity subcommittee framework
- Tailored tasks to each community
- Establishes energy and SLR committees in North Haven that mirror Islesboro
- Will support enrollment paperwork and write Action Grant proposals

**STATE OF MAINE  
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**BIDDER:** Resilient Communities L3C

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Requesting \$10,000 for North Haven and \$7850 for Islesboro: \$17850 total
- Match is in kind

**STATE OF MAINE  
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**RFA #:** 202111181  
**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants  
**APPLICANT:** Sunrise County Economic Council  
**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future  
**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette  
**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>30</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>33</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(Max: 100 Points)	<b>83</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Sunrise County Economic Council

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   30**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Regional economic development organization, nonprofit
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Jonesport, Whiting, Machias
    - ii. County of Washington
  - Region 2
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience as a fiscal agent and administering grants
  - Recently expanding into resilience and planning roles
  - No clean energy experience listed; application would benefit from a partner with this experience.
  - Holistic approach to economic and community development, and natural resource management, inclusive of transportation and broadband
  - Partners (in kind) –
    - i. CTCS (Sea Grant)
    - ii. without clearly defined roles: Island Institute, UM-Machias, Maine Downtown Center, Maine Development Foundation, MCHT, Downeast Salmon Federation



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**APPLICANT:** Sunrise County Economic Council

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   33**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope; Addresses all necessary tasks but very thin on details
- Leverages partners
- Task 4 mentions funding sources for energy projects
- Proposal would benefit from:
  - Expected timelines for completion of tasks and outcomes, especially enrollment and Action Grant applications
  - Discussion of how vulnerable or marginalized people will be included in public meetings
  - More definition on roles of partners
  - More explanation of tracking metrics

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**RFA #:** 202111181

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**APPLICANT:** Sunrise County Economic Council

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- All communities under 4000 population
- Requesting \$37,500
- ~3/4 of budget is for Task 4 where applicant is getting help from other organizations and Regional Coordinator.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181  
**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Providers Grants  
**APPLICANT:** Sierra Club  
**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future  
**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette  
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Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	(Pass/Fail)	<b>Fail</b>
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>n/a</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>n/a</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>n/a</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(Max: 100 Points)	<b>n/a</b>

**This application is missing two letters of support, which are required components. Therefore, the application is not eligible for funding and will not be scored.**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Sierra Club

**DATE:** 3/1/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score: \_\_ n/a \_\_**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Nonprofit organization
  - Letters of support –
    - i. Provided: Belfast (unsigned, not on letterhead)
    - ii. Missing: Fort Kent, Searsport
    - iii. Application missing two letters of support and therefore not eligible for funding.
  - Regions 2 and 4
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Advocacy-oriented nonprofit organization
  - Successful grassroots campaigns in southern Maine at municipal levels for climate goals and policies
  - Little experience with providing technical assistance to municipal governments

**STATE OF MAINE  
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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score: \_\_ n/a \_\_**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Insufficient detail on tasks, outcomes, and timelines
- No discussion of how to include participation by vulnerable, marginalized, or youth communities in public meetings or other aspects of the process
- Utilizes community action team model (Belfast Climate Crisis Committee) to speak about successes
- Would benefit from discussion of community prioritization and decision-making process/support
- Would provide assistance for securing funding for climate projects

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available:** 20

**Score:** \_\_n/a\_\_

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Requesting \$30,000
- Match of \$9,000 from in kind staff time
- Budget lists funding interns for each town but their roles and deliverables are not discussed in the Scope of Work section. Interesting idea and potentially fundable but needs much more development.

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Providers Grants

**APPLICANT:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

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<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Regional planning organization
  - Letters of support – present
    - i. Eliot, Berwick, Fryeburg, Old Orchard Beach
    - ii. Rep Lori Gramlich, Sen Donna Bailey
    - iii. Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce
  - Regions 1 and 3
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experience working with towns on resilience and sustainability, and funding those projects
  - Experience supporting municipal action for both climate resilience and clean energy
  - History of developing tools and products that are useful to communities and in regional contexts
  - Experience designing and facilitating workshops



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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**APPLICANT:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Scope is detailed and thoughtful
- Stakeholder mapping to inform consideration of social vulnerability
- Onboarding community leads
- build abilities of community leads, then work with small groups within communities
- Provides strategies for inclusive workshops
- Enrollment assistance includes compiling forms and submitting
- Assistance with grant applications
- Monthly check-ins with community leads will help with securing additional funding
- September enrollment target, will continue support for the 12-month grant period

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- Requesting \$45,000; project total \$51,750
- Match provided \$6750
- Two high SVI communities (one of which is also population below 4000)
- Miscalculated cost for Task 7 as \$1,700 – should be \$1,500 in narrative but budget table is correct
- Effort hours provided

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181  
**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants  
**APPLICANT:** University of Southern Maine  
**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future  
**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette  
**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

		<u>Points Awarded:</u>
<b>Numerical Score:</b>		
Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	(Pass/Fail)	<b>Pass</b>
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>32</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>36</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>88</b>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

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**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** University of Southern Maine

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   32**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Academic institution
  - Letters of support provided
    - i. Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Westport Island, Woolwich
  - Region 1
- II. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - New England Env Finance Center and Casco Bay Estuary Partnership both at USM
    - i. Solid expertise in resilience, funding/financing
    - ii. Would benefit from partner with experience in clean energy
    - iii. Strong relationships with towns in the group on past projects
    - iv. Awardee in Community Resilience Pilot Project with successful outcomes
  - Subcontractors
    - i. Kennebec Estuary Land Trust – strong on resilience
    - ii. Can applicants make available to towns a provider that has energy experience?

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** University of Southern Maine

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   36**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope
- Key contacts for each town to ensure participation from disadvantaged voices
- 4 of 5 communities participated in social resilience project
- Goal to complete enrollments by Sept 2022 but option for March 2023 if communities need time and support
- Utilizes a prioritization tool developed during Pilot
- Active role in seeking implementation funding with communities
- Would benefit from more detail on how project team will help/ensure towns enroll in Partnership

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** University of Southern Maine

**DATE:** 2/22/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- All 5 communities are small population, 2 have high SVI
- Requesting \$62,500, total project \$72,055
- Partial waiving of indirect costs to meet 15% match requirement

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** WindowDressers

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**DEPARTMENT NAME:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

**NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR:** Brian Ambrette

**NAMES OF EVALUATORS:** Brian Ambrette, Sarah Curran, Ross Anthony

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**SUMMARY PAGE**

		<u>Points Awarded:</u>
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Criteria 1: Eligibility and Letters of Support	(Pass/Fail)	<b>Pass</b>
Criteria 2: Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>32</b>
Criteria 3: Scope of Work	(Max: 40 Points)	<b>40</b>
Criteria 4: Budget Proposal	(Max: 20 Points)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>92</b>

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TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** WindowDressers

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION I  
Organization Qualifications and Experience**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   32**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- I. General information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Nonprofit organization
  - Letters of support – provided
    - i. Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Millinocket, Eastport
  - Regions 2, 4, 5
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Guidance and support to communities for volunteer-led window insert workshops, including community engagement
  - Dr. Klein has extensive renewable energy expertise, currently developing a local action network
  - Service projects with students
  - Already working with Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point on energy and resilience
  - Student assistant for project
  - Would benefit from a partner with climate resilience and adaptation experience



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**APPLICANT:** WindowDressers

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION II  
Proposed Services**

**Total Points Available: 40                      Score:   40**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

Scope of Work

- Complete scope
- Aiming for Sept 2022 deadlines but may be necessary to go full 12-months
- Approach and advertise the workshops in a way to attract participant and representation of the community
- Attention to cultural contexts -- many of the activities will be "customized to the specific culture, traditions, governance structure, and preferences of the individual communities"
- Dr. Klein will help draft resolutions, submit enrollment documents, and assist in Action Grant writing and submission

**STATE OF MAINE  
TEAM CONSENSUS EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT:** WindowDressers

**DATE:** 3/2/2022

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**EVALUATION OF SECTION III  
Cost Proposal  
Price: Comparison with Lowest Bid**

**Total Points Available: 20                      Score:   20**

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**Evaluation Team Comments:**

- All 4 communities are high SVI, and 3 have populations of less than 4,000 people
- Payments to communities and tribal governments for time on tasks
- Itemized costs by community
- \$10,000 (\$2,500/per community) for unspecified costs associated with high priority action item
  - Need more clarity on this line item

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/18/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Letters of support – provided
    - Carthage, Jay, Chesterfield, Greenville
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experienced regional planning organization
  - Economic and Community Development, Transportation Planning (federally recognized Metro Planning Org (MTO)), Environmental Management, Land Use Planning,
  - On-farm solar projects, wind and solar ordinances, PPA reviews
  - Hazard mitigation planning + climate hazards with AUEMA
  - Local lighting ordinance and Dark Sky designation for Rangeley
  - EV assistance to towns
  - Stream crossing DEP, FEMA/MEMA
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - TASK 1 – initial info meeting w towns
  - TASK 2 – Questionnaire – thoughtful getting started questions
  - TASK 3 – Pass resolutions
  - TASK 4 – Self assessments
    - review of existing plans on file at AVCOG, county HMP, codes
    - complete self-assessments on behalf of towns
  - TASK 5 – Hold individual town workshops to review self-assessments
    - Develop outreach plan to reach vulnerable communities for workshop, partner with local organizations to do outreach
  - TASK 6 – Joint workshop on shared project areas
  - TASK 7 – Grants research and assistance
    - Conversations with towns about what assistance might be needed beyond timeframe of Service Provider grant
    - Assist with drafting applications
  - TASK 8 – Reporting to GOPIF
  - Detailed Gantt provided with subtasks and deliverables
  - 12-month timeline for community grant application readiness
  - Generates all the components for community enrollment but does not actually have enrollment as a task action, goal, or deliverable
  
- IV. Budget
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**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - 1. Letters of support – provided
    - Dixmont, Old Town, Bangor
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - 1. Regional transportation planning organization
  - 2. Small staff but expanding over next 6 months
  - 3. Beginning to facilitate Bangor-Orono Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Action Plan
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - 1. TASK 1 Identify town leads (“resilience coordinator” or RC) for resolution
  - 2. TASK 2 Workshops
    - Mentions identifying vulnerable populations for outreach but does not provide sufficient detail as to how
  - 3. TASK 3 Self-assessments and prioritization
    - Will “help the RC compile self-evaluation results”
    - would benefit from more detail on supporting self-assessments as well as additional thought to how towns will do their prioritization
  - 4. TASK 4 Funding opportunities
  - 5. TASK 5 Reporting
  - 6. Barely sufficient detail on activities and deliverables under each task. Would benefit from substantially more thoroughness and thought to approaches and best practices for supporting towns.
  - 7. No timeline of tasks and deliverables
  
- IV. Budget
  - 1. One town with population <4000
  - 2. Line item \$ requests incommensurate with task descriptions
  - 3. Unclear source of matching funds, possibly from towns?

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Center for an Ecology-based Economy

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support –
    - Paris, Woodstock, Waterford, Bethel, Otisfield
    - Sen. Richard Bennett
    - Norway Downtown, Climate Conversations, Oxford County EMA
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. nonprofit organization
  2. Experience with local food, shelter, energy, and transportation projects
    - Bike share, EV charging, bike lane, solar on landfill, window inserts,
  3. Established relationships with towns in the Norway region
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. TASK 1 Introduce CRP and build diverse community representation
    - socially and economically diverse working group for each town
    - Modest stipends will be offered to encourage participation by community members who are often excluded for financial reasons
    - invite representatives from other western Maine communities to these introductory presentations to foster future partnerships
    - a focus on youth involvement
    - thoughtful approaches to inclusivity
  2. TASK 2 Facilitate Self-assessments and draft resolutions
    - Surveys and interviews to inform workshop design and facilitation
    - Identify potential actions, low hanging fruit
    - Will seek ways to reach low-tech/low-bandwidth households
    - Does not actually discuss how they support the self-assessment and resolution work
  3. TASK 3 Explore and Prioritize Community Actions, Apply for Grants
  4. Some thoughtful approaches but overall thin detail on how they will support the specific deliverables of resolution, self-assessments, enrollment, and grant writing
  
- IV. Budget
  1. 4 towns with population <4000 and 1 high SVI town
  2. Budget narrative provides a few additional details around activities for each task
  3. Budget narrative may underestimate effort and challenges in Tasks 3 and 4
  4. Stipends to encourage low-income participation
  5. Request is \$52,810 with \$9690 match
    - for total project budget of \$62,500 (amt they were eligible to request)

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Greater Portland Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/21/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - 1. Letters of support – provided
    - Freeport, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Brunswick
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - o Experienced regional planning organization
  - o Strong capacity with 3 staff for climate planning and 10-14 Resilience Corps members
  - o Highly experienced in sustainability and resilience projects
    - GOPIF Community Resilience Pilot Project
    - Falmouth climate action plan and Community Action Grant application
    - Maine Clean Communities – US DOE EV/clean fuels program for transportation
  - o GMRI partner for science data
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - 1. Recruiting – geographical, development, and climate risk similarities among the cohort
    - Demonstrates understanding of each community's context and challenges
  - 2. TASK 1 Education
    - Joint kickoff, individual consultations
    - Municipal resolution intro
  - 3. TASK 2 Self Assessments and Vulnerability Data
    - Will assist towns in completing assessments, access to regional data
    - Uses framework developed during Pilot Project
  - 4. TASK 3 Materials and guidance for public engagement
    - Towns to host workshops, GPCOG to attend and present and support
    - ADA access, translation services, virtual and in person/hardcopy
  - 5. TASK 4 Prioritization
    - Resolution finalized
    - Enrollment assistance
  - 6. TASK 5 Supporting Action Grant applications
    - Technical assistance with applying
    - "Advise communities on reporting requirements...for up to 12 months from project start date"
  - 7. TASK 6 Documentation of project
    - Document practices and recommendations for future service providers
  - 8. Timeline readies communities for Action Grants in 6 months/September
  - 9. Timeline/workplan is clear, might benefit from specificity around milestones and accountability
  
- IV. Budget
  - Present and meets requirements
  - No small pop/SVI towns
  - Arithmetic error in Task 4 Total Project Budget but does not affect grand total

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Island Institute

**DATE:** 2/21/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - 1. Letters of support – provided
    - Chebeague Island, Long Island, and Monhegan Island
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - 1. Experienced, respected organization with competencies in resilience planning and clean energy projects
  - 2. Projects
    - ShoreUp grants to communities
    - GMRI NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant for coastal flooding planning tool
    - US DOE ETIPP energy technical assistance
    - Ocean acidification
    - Broadband
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - 1. TASK 1.1 Support municipal resolution
  - 2. TASK 1.2 Self Assessments
  - 3. TASK 1.3 Community Workshops
  - 4. TASK 2.1 Collaborate to strategize and advance implementation
    - A bit thin here – what will assistance look like? What assistance in applying for Action Grants or other funds?
  - 5. TASK 3.1 Track and report metrics
  - 6. TASK 3.2 Participate in peer-learning (with Regional Coordinator)
    - Connections to own What Works Solutions Library and other engagements
  
- IV. Budget
  - 1. All 3 communities are small population <4000
  - 2. Matching funds generalized from Island Institute climate team budget allocation

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**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – provided
    - Fairfield, Randolph, Skowhegan, Unity, Waterville
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. Regional planning organization
  2. Experienced in technical assistance to municipalities
  3. CEDS, brownfield assessments, solid waste/recycling
  4. Lists all KVCOG staff
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Complete scope and addresses major deliverables
  2. Sufficient discussion of activities under each task
  3. Would benefit from a timeline for completion of deliverables
  4. Would benefit from inclusion of vulnerable, marginalized, or low-income participants
  5. TASK 1 Outreach and candidate development
  6. TASK 2 Self-assessments
  7. TASK 3 Workshops and prioritization and grant preparation
    - Small grant writing committees in each town
  8. TASK 4 Reporting
  9. Repeated attention given to marketing
  
- IV. Budget
  1. All 5 communities are high SVI
  2. \$62,500 requested, \$9,375 match, \$71,875 project budget
  3. Match source is not specified
  4. Itemized by task



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**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Resilience Works LLC

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – provided
    - Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick
    - Rep. Sherman Hutchins, Rep. Sarah Pebworth
    - Bagaduce River Monitor, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Brooksville SLR and Climate Change Committee, Hancock County Planning Commission, Hancock County EMA
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. Allen Kratz – resilience and funding expertise, in Maine and northeastern states
    - Pilot Project partner
  2. Parker Gasset – not funded through this grant
  3. Deb Grimmig
    - Former HR director for City of Auburn
    - p/t secretary of Brooksville comp plan committee
    - paid by Resilience Works, as part of 15% match
  4. Intern
  5. Thoughtful guiding principles
  6. No clean energy experience on project team
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Preexisting effort among 8-9 towns to work collaboratively on climate, ARPA funds, other issues
  2. Submit Action Grants proposals in Sept 2022
  3. Ambitious work plan
  4. TASK 1 Enrollment
    - may be premature to submit for enrollment prior to steps 2 and 3
  5. TASK 2 Self-Assessments
  6. TASK 3 Prioritization
  7. TASK 4 Interlocal Prioritization
    - Thoughtful step for collaborative outcomes
  8. TASK 5 and 6 Prepare and Submit Action Grant applications
  9. TASK 7 Reinforce/build town capacity
    - Incorporating grant writing and admin into town work routines
  10. TASK 8 Peer learning w Regional Coordinator
  11. TASK 9 Youth engagement
  12. TASK 10 Coordinate media outreach w GOPIF
  13. TASK 11 Evaluation
  
- IV. Budget
  1. All 5 towns are population <4000
  2. Total request \$62,475
  3. Match by Resilience Works for admin services
  4. Allocation percentages in budget narrative do not sum to 100%
    - Approx. 1/6 of budget goes to Tasks 8-11 which are not required by the RFA

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Resilient Communities L3C

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – provided
    - North Haven, Islesboro
    - North Haven Conservation Partners
  2. sole member L3C (consultant)
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. “community-based resilience planning, particularly for limited capacity, rural, coastal/island communities”
  2. Collaborative relationships with Maine Sea Grant, GMRI, engineering firm Woodard & Curran – may provide technical expertise
  3. Previous projects
    - Vinalhaven town planner – downtown master plan, federal grants,
    - North Haven visioning
  4. No clean energy experience listed, though Islesboro Energy Committee may bring some knowledge
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Will work with North Haven for 12 months, Islesboro for 6 months
  2. Procedural equity to be used, including identifying and reducing barriers to participation and using consensus building rather than parliamentary procedure.
    - also utilizes the Maine Climate Council Equity Subcommittee’s framework of questions to assess proposed actions
  3. TASK 1 Define committees/working groups
    - North Haven – need to form committee, has established membership categories
    - Islesboro – SLR and Energy committees already exist
  4. TASK 2 Self Assessments and prioritization
  5. TASK 3 Workshops
    - Would benefit from discussion of how to include vulnerable/marginalized people
  6. TASK 4 Selectboard review and resolution
  7. TASK 5 Complete enrollment, apply for Action Grants
    - Will support enrollment paperwork and write Action Grant proposals
  8. TASK 6 Strategies for future work beyond first Action Grants
  
- IV. Budget
  1. Requesting \$10,000 for North Haven and \$7850 for Islesboro: \$17850 total
  2. Match is in kind

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Sunrise County Economic Council

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – provided
    - Jonesport, Whiting, Machias
    - County of Washington
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. Regional economic development organization, recently expanding into resilience and planning roles
  2. No clean energy experience listed; application would benefit from a partner with this experience.
  3. Partners (in kind) –
    - CTCS
    - without clearly defined roles: Island Institute, UM-Machias, Maine Downtown Center, Maine Development Foundation, MCHT, Downeast Salmon Federation
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Addresses all necessary tasks but very thin on details
  2. Proposal would benefit from:
    - Expected timelines for completion of tasks and outcomes, especially enrollment and Action Grant applications
    - Discussion of how vulnerable or marginalized people will be included in public meetings
    - More definition on roles of partners
  3. TASK 1 Assist with resolution
  4. TASK 2 Self Assessments
  5. TASK 3 Workshop(s)
    - Co-design and facilitate public workshop
  6. TASK 4 Funding identification and application support
    - CTCS will provide flood resilience checklist, CCAP website, funding info sessions
    - Lists numerous other partners but does not define roles for each
  7. TASK 5 Metrics and reporting
  8. TASK 6 Participate in peer learning with Regional Coordinator
  
- IV. Budget
  1. ~3/4 of budget for Task 4 where applicant is getting help from other organizations and Regional Coordinator.

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Sierra Club Maine

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support –
    - Provided: Belfast (not signed, not on letterhead)
    - Missing: Fort Kent, Searsport
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. Advocacy-oriented nonprofit organization
  2. Successful grassroots campaigns in southern Maine at municipal levels for climate goals and policies
  3. Little experience with providing technical assistance to municipal governments
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Insufficient detail on tasks, outcomes, and timelines:
    - TASK 1 Establish resolutions and designate local coordinator
    - TASK 2 Conduct self-assessments
    - TASK 3 Hold public workshops
    - TASK 4 Assist with funding
  2. No discussion of how to include participation by vulnerable, marginalized, or youth communities in public meetings or other aspects of the process
  
- IV. Budget
  1. Budget narrative says Sierra staff will support towns by “coordinating and performing the necessary tasks” but these tasks are not sufficiently described in the scope of work.
  2. Budget lists funding interns for each town but their roles and deliverables are not discussed in the Scope of Work section. Interesting idea and potentially fundable but needs much more development.
  3. Would prefer budget was itemized by task
  4. Approx 1/4 of budget is allocated to inadequately described interns and event expenses (food and childcare are reasonable, but door prizes?)

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

**DATE:** 2/21/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – present
    - Eliot, Berwick, Fryeburg, Old Orchard Beach
    - Rep Lori Gramlich, Sen Donna Bailey
    - OOB Chamber of Commerce
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - Experienced regional planning organization
  - Strong sustainability/clean energy and resilience programs
  - Experience supporting municipal action and resolutions for both climate resilience and clean energy
  - Experience designing and facilitating workshops
  - History of developing tools and products that are useful to communities
  - Regional projects
  - Securing funding for regional resilience
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - Aiming to be ready for Sept 2022 Community Action Grant deadline but committed to support towns with 12-month timeline if needed
  - TASK 1 Point of Contact and Onboarding
    - Share initial factsheet and data
    - Stakeholder mapping for self-assessments and workshops
    - Identify underserved, socially vulnerable, marginalized groups
  - TASK 2 Self Assessments
    - Assist first with community lead then with small groups
  - TASK 3 Host workshop(s)
    - Provides strategies for inclusive workshops
    - Determine with communities whether joint or individual workshops
  - TASK 4 Prioritize community actions
  - TASK 5 Cohort shared priorities/actions
  - TASK 6 Support passing resolution
  - TASK 7 Assist with enrollment
    - compiling and submitting
  - TASK 8 Assist with funding
    - List of funding resources
    - Assistance with Action Grant applications
    - Assistance as time/grant allows with other grant opportunities
    - Coordination with Regional Coordinator
  - TASK 9 Reporting
  
- IV. Budget
  - Two small population towns (one also high SVI)
  - Helpful allocation of hours per task
  - Miscalculated cost for Task 7 as \$1,700 – should be \$1,500.
  - Match provided from town membership dues

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** University of Southern Maine

**DATE:** 2/21/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  - Letters of support – provided
    - Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Westport Island, Woolwich
    - Phippsburg is a Pilot Project community
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  - New England Env Finance Center and Casco Bay Estuary Partnership both at USM
  - Previous awardee of GOPIF Community Resilience Pilot Project
    - Successful facilitation of pilot outcomes
  - Casco Bay Coastal Academy & Climate Resilience Funding Workshop Series
  - Midcoast Social Resilience Project
    - Multi-town scenario planning for supporting vulnerable populations
    - All but one of the 5 recruited towns is a participant
  - Southeast New England Program Network
    - Stormwater and watershed management technical assistance in RI and MA
  - Subcontractor for Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (Ruth Indrick)
    - Previous work with Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, and Westport Island
  - Missing clean energy expertise. Would benefit from a partner that could bring clean energy experience
  
- III. Scope of Work
  - Goal to complete enrollment by Sept 2022 but option for March 2023 if communities need time and support
  - Outcomes provided for each task
  - TASK 1 – Monthly cohort and individual town meetings
    - Resolution, self-assessments
  - TASK 2 Regional Workshop
    - Participants beyond municipal officials; outreach to vulnerable groups
    - Review self-assessments and prioritize
    - Utilize a prioritization tool developed during Pilot
    - Unclear how project team will help/ensure towns enroll in Partnership
  - TASK 3 Identify funding opportunities
    - Action Grants and drawing on team's existing resources and knowledge of funding options
  - TASK 4 Coordination and reporting with GOPIF
  
- IV. Budget
  - All 5 communities are small population <4000, 2 have high SVI
  - Waiving ~1/2 of indirect costs as match

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFA #:** 202111181

**RFA TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**APPLICANT NAME:** WindowDressers

**DATE:** 2/23/2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Brian Ambrette

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. General Information – Service Provider and Group Eligibility
  1. Letters of support – provided
    - Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Millinocket, Eastport
  
- II. Capacity, Expertise, Previous Experience
  1. Windowdressers is a nonprofit organization coordinating volunteer-led window inserts construction to improve weatherization
  2. Dr. Sharon Klein is boardmember and professor at UMaine School of Economics
    - Work with Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point on energy and resilience
    - Studies how people make decisions about energy
  3. Student assistant, potentially a student currently working with tribes on energy issues
  4. Would benefit from a partner that could bring resilience/adaptation experience
  
- III. Scope of Work
  1. Aiming for Sept 2022 deadlines but may be necessary to go full 12-months
  2. Attention to cultural contexts -- many of the activities will be “customized to the specific culture, traditions, governance structure, and preferences of the individual communities”
  3. TASK 1 Self-assessments
    - Acknowledges that it may take time to locate information and planning documents
  4. TASK 2 Workshops
    - Will try to coincide with existing community events
    - Attention to interactive/small group discussion rather than technical lectures
  5. TASK 3 Drafting and submitting documents for enrollment and grant applications
    - Dr. Klein will help draft resolutions, submit enrollment documents, and assist in Action Grant writing and submission
  
- IV. Budget
  1. All 4 communities are high SVI, and 3 have populations of less than 4,000 people
  2. Payments to communities and tribal governments for time on tasks
  3. ?? - \$2,500/per community for initial purchases associated with highest priority action item

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** AVCOG

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Council of government*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Regional planning agency in Western ME (Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford)*
    - *Central point of contact for community planning*
    - *Experience in grant funding and support, energy conservation, renewable energy, and related*
    - *Competencies and relevant experience provided*
    - *Region: 3*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *I appreciate the comprehensive and formal tasks that are outlined that need to take place for this effort*
    - *Good overview of stakeholder and public engagement, especially outreach*
    - *Continued engagement on an ongoing basis for grant writing*
    - *Enrollment: MAR 2023*



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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** BACTS

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. Organization Qualifications and Experience*

*1. Overview of Organization*

- *Type: Non-profit*

- *LOS: Yes*

*2. General information*

- *Project planning in greater Bangor metropolitan area*
- *Stated history of stakeholder engagement in the area but would like to hear more about experience*
- *Recently coordinated the Bangor/Orono Vulnerability Assessment and CAP*
- *No description provided for clean energy experience*
- *Region: 4*

*II. Proposed Services*

*1. Scope*

- *Scope has little detail*
- *I appreciate and understand the history BACTS has with the region, but I would like to see detail on the tasks, organization, community actions, grant writing, and more*
- *Tasks outlined only in the budget*
- *Would like to see stronger equity details*
- *Budget tasks would be better suited for the scope section for detail missing.*
- *I appreciate the participation in helping the communities receive grants and funding.*
- *Enrollment: Not listed*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** CEBE

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. Organization Qualifications and Experience*

*1. Overview of Organization*

- *Type: Non-profit*
- *LOS: Yes*

*2. General information*

- *Organization has a history of working in intersecting areas of food, shelter, energy, and transportation*
- *Past experience is consistent with these four areas in addition to the organization establishing/participating in community organizations*
- *Holistic view across aspects of community development*
- *Region: 3*

*II. Proposed Services*

*1. Scope*

- *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP – but only when looking at both scope and budget*
- *I appreciate the approach of having socially and economically diverse working group members*
- *Nod to the political landscape in the proposed area and the barriers that may come with it*
- *Would like to see direct actions that will be taken (i.e., how many meetings, metrics to track, etc.)*
- *I appreciate finding ways these communities can continue to work together for future grants and related; technical support and related offered by CEBE*
- *Will not count against, but scope and budget tasks align in narrative but may be better suited to follow a similar structure*
- *Enrollment: Not listed*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** GPCOG

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Council of Government*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *AmeriCorps involvement via Resilience Corps.*
    - *Some level of partnership with GMRI.*
    - *Key staff and roles provided. Level of effort included.*
    - *Good track record of other related projects.*
    - *Region: 1*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP.*
    - *Framework from the pilot project will be used which is appreciated.*
    - *Enrollment: SEP 2022*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Island Institute

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Non-profit*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Well known NPO with a great track record of successful projects included*
    - *Past work in clean energy projects, stakeholder engagement, and infrastructure*
    - *Active collaboration with partners*
    - *Region: 1*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *Some additional detail about actions to be taken would have been appreciated.*
    - *Involvement with GMRI*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** KVCOG

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. Organization Qualifications and Experience*

*1. Overview of Organization*

- *Type: Regional planning organization, council of government, and non-profit*

- *LOS: Yes*

*2. General information*

- *Solid waste management, brownfields assessment, economic development, grant writing, community resilience, and related*

- *Experience related to the aforementioned provided*

- *Clean energy not specifically mentioned, but likely embedded in economic development and resiliency*

- *Region: 2 & 3*

*II. Proposed Services*

*1. Scope*

- *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*

- *Notes communities interested in outdoor recreation, agricultural economies, and EV infrastructure*

- *Stakeholder engagement and outreach through a multitude of actionable mediums; equity focus with language and hard of hearing*

- *Invitation to MOFGA and EMT*

- *Grant writing committee for each application and provided coaching/assistance*

- *Enrollment: Not listed*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Resilience Works

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: For-profit enterprise*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Overview of all personnel and competencies provided*
    - *Good experience across members in financing, project management, resiliency, public engagement, and related.*
    - *Connection with Mitchell Center*
    - *Would like to see more on energy, though may be embedded within climate projects.*
    - *Equity guiding principles listed, which is appreciated*
    - *Region: 2*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *Good outline of community actions prioritization*
    - *I appreciated the effort under Task 9 to help with workforce development*
    - *The built in feedback mechanism will be helpful for future efforts*
    - *Enrollment: SEP 2022*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Resilient Communities L3C

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: For-profit enterprise*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Past experience in similar island communities, municipal planning, stakeholder engagement, and related*
    - *Some lack of clean energy experience though could be encompassed in municipal planning. Somewhat alleviated by working with Sea Level Rise and Energy Committee (though that may only be for Islesboro)*
    - *Region: 1 & 2*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *I appreciated that the proposal viewed the communities as heterogenous throughout the task description*
    - *Re: above comment on energy – this is relieved by Task 1: North Haven.*
    - *Thoughtful action in ensuring grants get out under this project*
    - *Enrollment: SEP 2022 for Islesboro and MAR 2023 for North Haven*

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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** SCEC

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. Organization Qualifications and Experience*

*1. Overview of Organization*

- *Type: Regional economic development organization & non-profit*

- *LOS: Yes*

*2. General information*

- *Strong track record of community and economic development*

- *Recent experience in comprehensive town planning, transportation, infrastructure, resiliency, broadband, and related.*

- *No specific mention of clean energy, though it may be embedded in other project work*

- *Additional partners listed, but would like to see additional detail on contribution*

- *Region: 2*

*II. Proposed Services*

*1. Scope*

- *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*

- *Concern from above re: clean energy is relieved with Task 4*

- *Would like more detail on what metrics will be tracked and equity*

- *Enrollment: Not listed*



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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Sierra Club

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Non-profit*
    - *LOS: No*
  2. *General information*
    - *Well known and respected national non-profit*
    - *Past experience in climate goals, energy provisions, energy plan and development, and related*
    - *Project staff and experience provided*
    - *Region: 2 & 4*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is minimal, but complete*
    - *Utilizing community success to help other communities*
    - *Would like to see more detail on how community actions will be decided upon*
    - *Technical assistance to be provided for fund applications*
    - *Lack of equity*
    - *Enrollment:*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** SMPDC

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Regional planning organization*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Competencies and past experience included (e.g., municipal action, community engagement, resilience, etc.)*
    - *Experience in clean energy projects*
    - *Region: 1 & 3*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *I really appreciated the use of "onboarding" for community leads as it will really help to develop them*
    - *Monthly meetings are a great way to keep the work moving, so it was appreciated to see that*
    - *Enrollment: SEP 2022 (MAR 2023 for those that need time)*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** USM

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *Organization Qualifications and Experience*
  1. *Overview of Organization*
    - *Type: Academic Institution*
    - *LOS: Yes*
  2. *General information*
    - *Previous experience provided (e.g., financing, stakeholder engagement, etc.)*
    - *Concerned about the lack of clean energy experience – at least from what is written in the proposal*
    - *Region: 1*
  
- II. *Proposed Services*
  1. *Scope*
    - *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
    - *I appreciate that under Task 3, there is action proposed to submit a proposal as opposed to just guiding through the process*
    - *Effort breakdown is appreciated*
    - *Enrollment: SEP 2022 (MAR 2023 for those that need time)*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Window Dressers

**DATE:** 22 FEB 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Ross Anthony

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Energy Office

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. Organization Qualifications and Experience*

*1. Overview of Organization*

- *Type: Non-profit*

- *LOS: Yes*

*2. General information*

- *Window Dressers has a long-standing relationship with the volunteer community and academic institutions*
- *Low cost and removable window insulation units that undercut competitors by a wide margin*
- *Strong relationship with Tribal nations*
- *Capacity for a variety of economic and social assessments, both quantitative and qualitative*
- *Region: 2, 4, & 5*

*II. Proposed Services*

*1. Scope*

- *Scope is complete and aligns with RFP*
- *Utilize student researchers for organization and management*
- *Strong sense of stakeholder engagement and ability to get community to participate*
- *Strong approach to equity and cultural context*
- *Verbiage on working with communities for future grant applications*
- *Enrollment: SEP 2022*

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** AVCOG

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a council of government*
  2. *In partnership with: Town of Carthage, Town of Jay, Town of Chesterville, Town of Greenwood*
  3. *Region 3*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Technical assistance provider to rural communities in western Maine*
  2. *Experience with state and federal grants*
  3. *Relevant projects:*
    - *Energy conservation and renewable energy projects*
    - *Economic and community development including broadband*
    - *Transportation planning including transit, bike ped, and EV charging*
    - *Environmental management including culverts*
    - *Land use planning including solar ordinances*
    - *Farm energy projects*
    - *Hazard mitigation planning*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete and detailed, thoughtful*
  2. *Outreach campaign strategy focused on reaching vulnerable communities for the workshops*
  3. *Work plan with timeline and deliverables*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Requesting \$47,500, total project cost of \$54,625*
  2. *15% in kind match of \$7,125*
  3. *3 out of 4 communities with populations below 4,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 4 communities*

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** BACTS

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*

- 1. Applicant is a non profit metropolitan planning organization*
- 2. In partnership with: Dixmont, Old Town, Bangor*
- 3. Region 4*

*II. Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*

- 1. Transportation planning*
- 2. Facilitation and stakeholder consensus*
- 3. Collaboration and coordinating capacity*
  - Project management for the Bangor/Orono Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Action Plan*
- 4. Relationships with participating communities*

*III. Scope*

- 1. Would benefit from additional detail. Tasks briefly summarized in budget*
- 2. No timeline or deliverables*
- 3. Mentions identifying and targeting vulnerable populations but not how*

*IV. Budget*

- 1. Total budget \$37,375*
- 2. Requesting \$32,500 with 15% in kind match of \$4,875*
- 3. 1 town with population below 4,000*

*V. Letters of support – all 3 communities*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** CEBE

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a non profit*
  2. *In partnership with: South Paris, Waterford, Otisfield, Woodstock, Bethel*
  3. *Region 3*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Experience working with local communities on climate mitigation and adaptation projects*
  2. *Demonstration projects and educational events*
    - *Bike ped, solar, weatherization, local food, EVs*
  3. *Organizing and facilitation skills*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Narrative, tasks briefly itemized in budget, would benefit from more detail*
  2. *Community participation through a socially and economically diverse working group for each town, fostering youth participation and including stakeholders from the health, housing, public safety, land conservation, transportation, and education sectors.*
    - *Including stipends to encourage participation by community members who are often excluded for financial reasons.*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Total budget \$62,500*
  2. *Requesting \$52,810 with 15% in kind match of \$9,690*
  3. *One community with high SVI and 4 communities with populations below 4,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 5 communities plus local civic leaders and Legislators*

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** GPCOG

**DATE:** February 18, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a Council of Governments*
  2. *In partnership with: Freeport, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Brunswick*
  3. *Region 1*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *GPCOG has a Director of Sustainability, a Coordinator, and an Associate working on climate action in region*
  2. *For the next two years GPCOG will be hosting between 10-14 Resilience Corps members in the region to further bolster capacity for climate action planning, economic development, and transportation planning.*
  3. *Gulf of Maine Research Institute will be a key partner, bringing expertise in SLR and coastal climate impacts*
  4. *Projects: GOPIF Community Resilience Pilot Project, Municipal Climate Action Planning with the Town of Falmouth, Maine Clean Communities*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Detailed and thoughtful*
  2. *Engagement activities and encourage towns to consider inclusivity and accessibility, would benefit from more detail*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Total project cost is \$57,500 with \$50,000 requested.*
  2. *15% match includes \$5,000 municipal in kind plus \$2,500 GPCOG resilience fellow*
  3. *None of the municipalities are in the highest social vulnerability*
  4. *Math error on budget lists Task 4's cost at \$6,500 – only adds to \$4,000 but doesn't affect total*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 5 communities*



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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Island Institute

**DATE:** February 18, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a non-profit organization*
  2. *In partnership with: Chebeague Island, Long Island, and Monhegan Island*
  3. *Region 1*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Trusted relationships and long history of collaboration with island communities*
  2. *Track record for supporting communities to plan and implement critical infrastructure projects and solutions-sharing networks*
  3. *Approach prioritizes active collaboration and communication with community partners at all stages of programming, from design to implementation*
  4. *Ability to convene diverse stakeholders around pressing issues*
  5. *Relevant experience includes assisting communities to prepare for and secure external funding across climate adaptation and mitigation efforts: Shore-up grants, SLR adaptation tool, ETIPP, ocean acidification, and broadband, plus specific projects in all three communities*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete*
  2. *“Aligning with GOPIF recommendations, we will ensure shared benefits across diverse populations of Maine people; this process will ascribe to robust community engagement practices, including inclusive planning processes so that diverse community voices are heard.”*
    - *But without specifics. Would benefit from additional detail.*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Requesting \$37,458 for project. Application indicates that they will match \$72,000 with a total project cost of \$233,830.*
  2. *All three communities have a population below 4,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 3 communities*

**STATE OF MAINE  
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** KVCOG

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a regional planning organization*
  2. *In partnership with: Town of Fairfield, Town of Randolph, Town of Skowhegan, Town of Unity, City of Waterville*
  3. *Regions 2, 3*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Experience providing technical assistance to municipalities*
    - *CEDs, brownfields, recycling, purchasing, community resilience*
  2. *No energy experience demonstrated*
  3. *Relationships with participating communities*
  4. *MDOT contract*
  5. *State and federal grant writing*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete*
  2. *Remote participation, translation, and partnering with community organizations to invite to community meetings. Limited discussion of vulnerable populations.*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Total budget \$71,875*
  2. *Requesting \$62,500 with 15% in kind match of \$9,375*
  3. *All 5 communities are high SVI*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 5 communities*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Resilient Communities L3C

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a for-profit*
  2. *In partnership with: Town of North Haven, Town of Islesboro*
  3. *Regions 1, 2*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Gabe McPhail has experience coordinating capital improvements to address climate resilience for the Town of Vinalhaven, including robust stakeholder process and grant writing, and community visioning in the Town of North Haven*
  2. *Existing networks – partners such as Maine Sea Grant, the Island Institute, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and the private engineering firm Woodard & Curran*
  3. *No energy expertise demonstrated*
  4. *Projects: Vinalhaven Downtown, North Haven community visioning*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete*
  2. *12 months with North Haven, 6 months with Islesboro*
  3. *Attention to ensuring all voices affected by challenges being addressed are represented during discussions and decision-making*
    - *Utilize Maine Climate Council Equity Subcommittee's framework*
  4. *Specific tasks by community*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Requesting \$17,850: \$10,000 for North Haven and \$7,850 for Islesboro*
  2. *\$3,150 cost-share labor as in kind, total budget \$21,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – 2 communities*

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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Resilience Works LLC

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is a for-profit*
  2. *In partnership with: Town of Blue Hill, Town of Brooklin, Town of Brooksville, Town of Penobscot, Town of Sedgewick*
  3. *Region 2*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *Allen Kratz has experience in coastal resilience funding and project management*
    - *Projects include Peninsula Tomorrow, nine towns working on climate change plans*
  2. *Parker Gassett, community climate resilience coordinator at Maine Sea Grant (funded by other)*
  3. *Deb Grimmig, support for community workshops, as part of 15% cost-share*
  4. *Intern as part of 15% cost-share*
  5. *No energy experience demonstrated*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete*
  2. *Specific outcomes by task*
  3. *Guiding equity principles*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Requesting \$62,475*
  2. *\$15% cost-share from Resilience Works \$9,450*
  3. *All 5 communities have a population of less than 4,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 5 communities plus Legislators and other civic leaders*

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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** SCEC

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*

- 1. Applicant is a regional economic development organization*
- 2. In partnership with: Town of Jonesport, Town of Whiting, Town of Machias*
- 3. Region 2*

*II. Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*

- 1. Holistic approach to economic development, education, workforce development, community development and sustainable natural resource management*
- 2. As a fiscal agent and to administer state and federal grants*
- 3. Recently a more active planning role in Washington County including CDBG and NBRC technical assistance and comprehensive planning, transportation*
- 4. Projects include tide gates, broadband, national heritage area feasibility study*
- 5. No clean energy experience demonstrated*

*III. Scope*

- 1. Complete, would benefit from additional detail*
- 2. Partnership with climate change practitioners, Collaborating Toward Climate Solutions and others, but roles are not clear*
- 3. No mention of equity*

*IV. Budget*

- 1. Requesting \$37,500, total project cost is \$43,500*
- 2. Partners will provide 15% in kind match at \$6,000*
- 3. All 3 communities have a population of less than 4,000 and high SVI, limited capacity*

*V. Letters of support – all 3 communities plus Washington County*

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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Sierra Club

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  - 1. *Applicant is a non profit*
  - 2. *In partnership with: City of Belfast, Town of Fort Kent, Town of Whiting*
  - 3. *Regions 2, 4*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  - 1. *Climate and Community Action Teams work with local community members to create local solutions and resilience*
    - *Portland, York examples*
  - 2. *Staff with community organizing and climate experience*
  - 3. *Staff to be hired to support community teams and municipalities*
  
- III. *Scope*
  - 1. *Complete but would have benefited from additional detail*
  - 2. *No mention of equity*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  - 1. *Requesting \$30,000, total project cost \$39,000*
  - 2. *15% in kind match of \$9,000 from in-kind staff time*
  - 3. *3 interns*
  
- V. *Letters of support – only Belfast but it is not signed*

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES**

**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** SMPDC

**DATE:** February 18, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  - 1. *Applicant is a Regional Planning Organization*
  - 2. *In partnership with: Eliot, Berwick, Fryeburg, Old Orchard Beach*
  - 3. *Regions 1 and 3*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  - 1. *Long history of assisting municipalities with identifying, planning, and implementing community resilience efforts.*
  - 2. *Through its Regional Sustainability and Resilience Program, SMPDC provides technical*
  - 3. *assistance, training, and planning services to municipalities to enhance their sustainability, climate preparedness, and community resilience.*
  - 4. *Projects include resilience and clean energy: supporting municipal action and resolutions, conducting workshops and engaging community members on climate change and community resilience, help communities identify community resilience needs and priorities, identifying and implementing regional/group projects, and apply for and secure funding for community resilience projects.*
  
- III. *Scope*
  - 1. *Detailed and thoughtful*
  - 2. *Stakeholder mapping work will include specific consideration of social vulnerability within the context of climate change and community planning*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  - 1. *Total project cost of \$51,750, requesting \$45,000*
  - 2. *15% match contribution = \$6,750 from SMPDC*
  - 3. *Miscalculated cost for Task 7 as \$1,700 in narrative – should be \$1,500 but doesn't impact total*
  - 4. *Two communities have elevated social vulnerability, one of which also has a population of less than 4,000*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 4 communities plus legislators and chamber of commerce*

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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** USM

**DATE:** February 18, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

- I. *General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*
  1. *Applicant is an academic institution*
  2. *In partnership with: Town of Arrowsic, Town of Georgetown, Town of Phippsburg, Town of Westport Island, Town of Woolwich*
  3. *Region 1*
  
- II. *Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*
  1. *New England Environmental Finance Center (EFC) and Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP) have a history of collaboration as capacity building organizations with distinct yet complementary expertise at the University of Southern Maine.*
  2. *Combined expertise in climate change vulnerability and risk assessment, community resilience planning, coastal environmental restoration and protection, stormwater management, land conservation, funding sources, and sustainable financing mechanisms.*
  3. *No energy expertise demonstrated*
  4. *Projects: GOPIF Community Resilience Pilot, Casco Bay Coastal Academy & Climate Resilience Funding Workshop Series, Social Resilience Project, (SNEP) Network*
  5. *Subcontractor: KELT*
  
- III. *Scope*
  1. *Complete*
  2. *Key contacts from each town responsible to update and involve other community voices to ensure an inclusive planning process.*
  3. *Four of five communities participate in the Social Resilience Project, and in that capacity have reflected on their most socially vulnerable residents and how to help them be better prepared to adapt and recover from storm events*
  
- IV. *Budget*
  1. *Requesting \$62,500 for project. Total project cost of \$72,055*
  2. *The 15% cost share requirement is being met with waived indirect costs in the amount*
  3. *of \$9,555*
  4. *All five communities have a population below 4,000; two have elevated social vulnerability*
  
- V. *Letters of support – all 5 communities*



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**RFP #:** 202111181

**RFP TITLE:** Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grants

**BIDDER NAME:** Windowdressers

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Sarah Curran

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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**Individual Evaluator Comments:**

*I. General information/Service Provider and Group Eligibility*

- 1. Applicant is a non profit*
- 2. In partnership with: Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Town of Millinocket, City of Eastport*
- 3. Regions 2,4,5*

*II. Capacity, Expertise, and Previous Experience*

- 1. Guidance and support to communities for volunteer-led insert-building workshops*
- 2. Including community engagement*
- 3. Dr. Klein has extensive renewable energy expertise*
  - Currently developing a local energy action network*
- 4. Service projects with students*
- 5. No resilience expertise demonstrated*

*III. Scope*

- 1. Complete*
- 2. Approach and advertise the workshops in a way to attract participant and representation of the community*
- 3. Explicit about the assistance that will be provided*

*IV. Budget*

- 1. Total budget \$67,792*
- 2. Requesting \$50,000 with 15% in kind match of \$17,792*
- 3. Itemized costs per community*
- 4. All 4 communities have high SVI, and 3 have populations below 4,000*

*V. Letters of support – all 4 communities*



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**AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**RFP #: 202211181**  
**RFP TITLE: Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant**

I, Brian Ambrette accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.

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Signature

Date



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Signature

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Date



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**AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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*Sarah Curran*

2/17/22

Signature

Date