

**Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Webinar**  
**EPA Community Change Grants**  
**February 1, 2024**

Recording available [here](#).

**Partnership List**

This list includes information provided during the February 1, 2024 webinar hosted by the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. If you would like to add your information to this list, please email [Jessica.p.scott@maine.gov](mailto:Jessica.p.scott@maine.gov) with the following information:

- Your Name
- Organization/Town you represent
- Your email
- Interested in Track 1 or Track 2 (or both)
- Do you have an idea for a proposal? Share a sentence!
- Where/who will your proposal serve?
- Your email

1. Rozanna Patane

York Ready for Climate Action

Interested in a multi-community Energy Coach Program

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2. Allen Kratz, Co-Coordinator

Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow

Interested in energy coaching, esp. for towns with elevated social vulnerability on Blue Hill Peninsula.

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3. Kirsten Brewer

Maine Climate Corps Coordinator

Happy to be a resource for any applicants thinking about incorporating service and/or the American Climate Corps.

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4. Diane Small

Sanford Housing

Covers the areas of Sanford, Springvale, Acton, Alfred, Wells, Kennebunk, North Berwick, Shapleigh, and Lebanon.

Interested in a Track 1 application, possibly retrofitting our senior housing for heat pumps but we also have access to section 8 landlords on the private market to help with older housing stock.

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5. Megan Hannan  
Maine Community Action Partnership  
Interested in a Track 1 application (probably) for workforce development, updating/grading older homes, etc.  
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6. Jessica Brunacini, Coastal Resilience Specialist  
Maine Sea Grant and Casco Bay Estuary Partnership  
Interested in an idea about decision-making around “getting out of harm’s way”  
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7. Amanda Dioszeghy, Sustainability Program Manager  
The Jackson Laboratory, Ellsworth  
Interested in Track 1, we need more waste diversion solutions, particularly #5 plastics.  
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Chris Martin wants to connect [Cmartin@giveitgeit.org](mailto:Cmartin@giveitgeit.org)
8. Tanya Rucosky  
Sunrise County Economic Council  
Interested in a collaboration with Pleasant Point and Window Dressers, and other towns and non profit entities for a Track 1 application to do home efficiency upgrades.  
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9. Amara Ifeji  
Maine Environmental Education Association  
Interested in a Track 1 application focused on Green Schools Infrastructure and Education, rural and frontline school districts.  
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10. Hope Eye  
EMDC  
Interested in the idea of bioswales in strategic areas along the Penobscot river prone to flooding.

11. Johannah Blackman  
A Climate to Thrive  
Serving Mount Desert Island as well as statewide  
Particular focus and expertise in community-driven energy solutions, including access to ownership of solar generation and storage, community-driven siting, resilience-hub microgrid planning, and more. Track 1 and potentially Track 2 applications.  
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12. Anne Adams  
Maine Early Childhood Outdoors  
Interested in Track 1, green school yards, Greenville childcare/pre-k, after school/community center project as potential community and project  
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13. Patty Barber  
Interested in providing rural input to any Western Maine groups in advocacy for rural transportation options.  
[rugbyvet88@yahoo.com](mailto:rugbyvet88@yahoo.com)
  
14. Chris Martin  
give IT get IT  
Interested in electronics and plastics recycling/waste diversion to beneficial community reuse.  
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15. Nils Tcheyan, Harpswell  
Interested in finding ways to encourage shift to renewable energy as well as Town shift from fossil fuels to renewables.  
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Interested in connecting with Julie Rosenbach [jrosenbach@southportland.org](mailto:jrosenbach@southportland.org)
  
16. Suz Okie  
Reuse Portland in Portland/the surrounding area, with hopes to scale to other Maine communities  
We are interested in establishing washing infrastructure and a system for reusable packaging, reusable cups/food ware, and/pr reusable bottles for waste reduction and economic opportunity  
[suzmokie@gmail.com](mailto:suzmokie@gmail.com)
  
17. Holly Jacobson  
Linnean Solutions (linneansolutions.com)

Interested in Track II. We have been part of a number of conversations, born out of the Maine Won't Wait Process, about creating structures to build capacity for EJ / priority populations to shape climate planning in the state and to support community-based organization priorities in building resilience in their communities. Track II ended up aligning with these ideas in a remarkable way. Would love to have conversations with others, interested in these goals!

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18. Averi Varney

Hancock County Planning Commission

Interested in regional approaches to addressing the identified deficiencies in hazardous waste disposal options, recycling facilities, and general waste diversion solutions within Hancock County, as well as the increasing costs of waste disposal to municipalities

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19. Jay Kamm

Aroostook County

Northern Maine Development Commission

Interested in considering working with municipalities on reducing the number of abandoned and blighted buildings. We also need to develop a workforce transportation program (buses/vans) to bring a new segment of a workforce to major employment centers. We also need to build capacity in the region to have better access to federal funds.[jkamm@nmdc.org](mailto:jkamm@nmdc.org)

Megan Hannan would like to connect [mhannan@mecap.org](mailto:mhannan@mecap.org)

20. Cynthia Kirk

Town of Skowhegan

We currently have a regional recycling center at our transfer station and would like to work with surrounding communities to help with their recycling needs.

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21. Meg Rasmussen

Representing communities in Sagadahoc, Knox and parts of Waldo County.

Interested in projects related to drinking water infrastructure, energy efficiency, reducing GHG emissions.

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