

Community Resilience Partnership

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*CAG2024-4 Community Action Grant
Informational Webinar*

Today's Agenda

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



CLIMATE COUNCIL GOALS



12.01.24

Updated Climate Action
Plan Due



Achieve State Carbon
Neutrality by
2045

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

45%

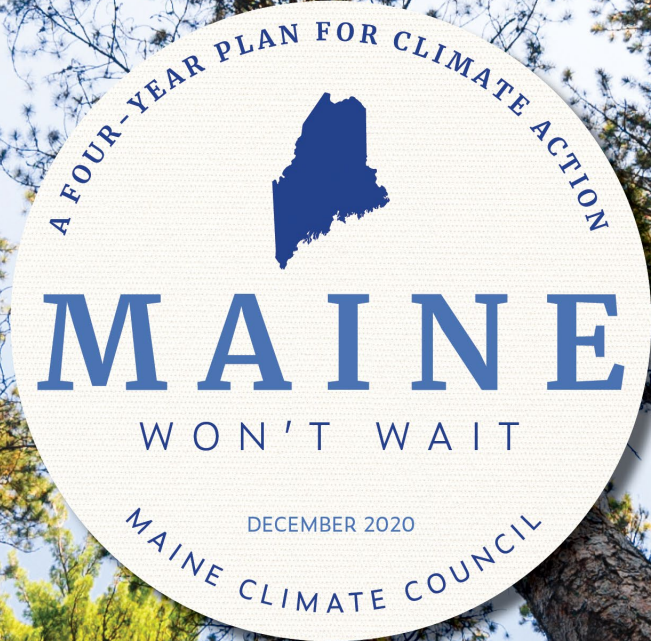
BELOW 1990 LEVELS
BY 2030

80%

BELOW 1990 LEVELS
BY 2050



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



A FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION



MAINE

WON'T WAIT

DECEMBER 2020

MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL

Maine's Climate Action Strategies



A. Embrace the Future of Transportation in Maine



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



G. Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure



B. Modernize Maine's Buildings



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



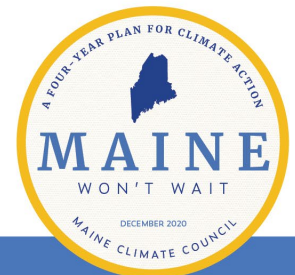
H. Engage People and Communities in Climate Impacts and Program Opportunities



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



F. Build Healthy and Resilient Communities



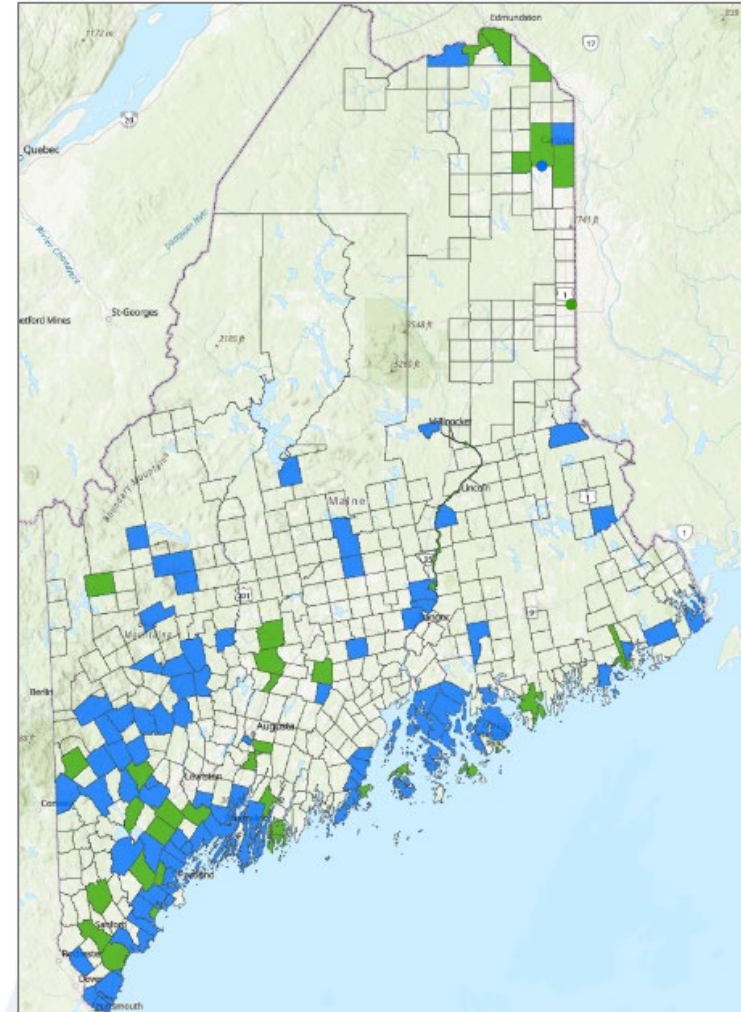
Community Resilience Partnership

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

Purpose

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

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



Regional Coordinators Pilot Project

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

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

Region 2 Waldo, Hancock, and Washington counties

Sunrise County Economic Council
Tanya Rucosky - trucosky@sunrisecounty.org

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

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
Zach Gosselin- zgosselin@avcog.org

Region 4 Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Penobscot counties

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



Community Resilience Partnership

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

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

Informational Webinars

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

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

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

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

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

Community Action Grants

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

Intended outcomes:

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

Community Action Grants

Eligibility

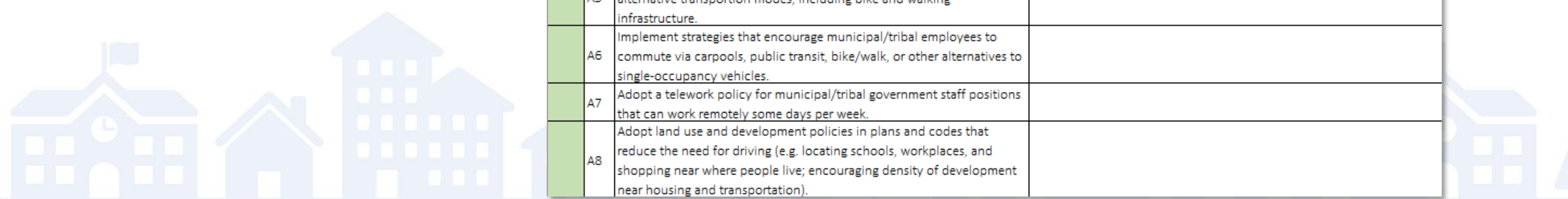
- **Municipalities and federally recognized tribes in Maine**
 - Townships, plantations, unorganized territories are eligible
 - Collaborative multi-community applications are encouraged
- **Currently enrolled or submitting an enrollment form** with Community Action Grant application
- **Regional planning organizations** (RPOs, COGs, EDOs, and EMAs) may apply **on behalf of enrolled communities** with letters of commitment
- For this grant round, **only communities that have not previously been awarded Community Action Grant funds are eligible.** The next grant round later in 2024 is expected to be open to all enrolled communities.

Community Action Grants

Two options

Option 1: No-match grants for one or more activities on the **List of 72 Community Actions** that align with **Maine Won't Wait**

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



Community Action Grants

Option 2: Grants for other community-identified climate priorities that support capacity building, planning, and implementation of clean energy, emissions reduction, and community resilience projects (local match required, in-kind allowed). Must identify relevant Maine Won't Wait strategy.

- 10% local match for Tier 1 and Tier 2 communities
- 20% local match for Tier 3 communities

Community Tiers

- Tier 1 - Population below 4,000
- Tier 2 - Population between 4,000 and 10,000 or state tax assessment less than \$25 million
- Tier 3 - Population above 10,000 and state tax assessment over \$25 million

Community Action Grants

Maximum award: \$50,000 for individual communities and \$125,000 for multi-community proposals

Grant Project Timeline: 12 to 24 months

Reporting: All funded projects will be required to provide quarterly updates, project deliverables, and a brief project case study that communicates lessons learned.

- The applicant(s) should develop and track metrics, both for success of the project and progress toward long-term community goals.

Community Action Grants

Approach to Community Engagement

- Applicants should describe actions that will be taken to include a diverse group of community stakeholders in the project during the grant period, including disadvantaged and more vulnerable community members.
 - This could include educational outreach around the community benefits of the project and *why* it's important to be taking these action(s).
- Approach to Community Engagement and Consideration of Equity make up a **third of the of Scope of Work score**

Community Action Grants

Consideration of Equity

- Maine's climate response must ensure shared benefits across diverse populations of Maine people.
 - *Who in your community should participate in this project and/or benefit from it?*
- Applicants should consider the potential benefits of their proposed climate action projects and, if applicable, describe how the project distributes those benefits equitably.

Applying to the Community Action Grant Program Statement

- **Application deadline: March 29, 2024, 5pm local time**
- Questions can be submitted to Ashley Krulik (ashley.krulik@maine.gov)
 - Responses will be posted to the Partnership website on a rolling basis until March 15, 2024
- Program Statement available at: <https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership>
 - Program Statement contains the required application form.
 - Application form and any letters of support must be submitted as a package via the instructions in the Program Statement.
 - Email file size cannot exceed 20MB
- Award notifications anticipated approximately mid May
- Grant start date will be around July 2nd

Future Grant Round

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

Enrolling in the Partnership

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

Rolling enrollment – no deadlines.

Need help? Service Provider Grants are available.

Community Resilience Partnership Program Contact: Brian Ambrette
brian.ambrette@maine.gov

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Community Resilience Self-Evaluation

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

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Community name:	See Instructions on Introduction tab below.	
Self-Evaluation response: Please include contact in		
Date:	✓ Strategy Areas & Actions (mark Column A as complete, in progress, future priority, etc.)	Additional Resources (\$=funding source)
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If My Community is Not Eligible for this Round

- Contact your Regional Coordinator
- Other Grant Opportunities:
 - [Coastal Communities Grants](#)
 - Application deadline TBD
 - [FEMA-Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#)
 - Applications due January 15, 2024
 - [EPA Clean School Bus](#)
 - Applications due January 31, 2024
 - [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant](#)
 - 10 largest towns, applications due April 30, 2024

Energy Efficiency Priorities Grant

\$1 million, one-time grant offering through the Community Resilience Partnership to distribute federal funds to disadvantaged communities for projects that improve energy efficiency and implement clean energy systems.

- GOPIF anticipates making 10 awards of approximately \$100,000 each to eligible communities through a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process.
- To be eligible, communities must be enrolled in the Partnership AND be designated as "disadvantaged" by the federal EPA CEJST tool.

Tips for a Strong Application

- Clearly defined project tasks, deliverables, outcomes, roles and responsibilities, and timeline
- Community engagement throughout the duration of the project
- Description of how the project will benefit the community
- Accurate budget that includes vendor estimates and Efficiency Maine incentives if applicable

Website and Contact

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

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

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Through grants and direct support to municipal and tribal governments and unorganized territories, the Community Resilience Partnership assists communities to reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy, and become more resilient to climate change effects such as to extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES

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

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Community Resilience Partnership - Summer/Fall applications now open

Questions

Please put questions into the chat

Thank You

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