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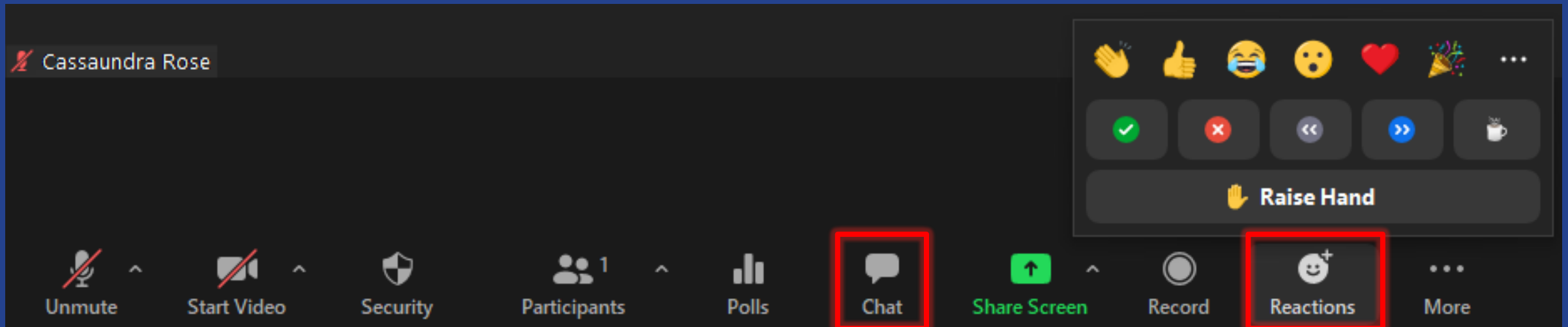
RFA#202305100 Community Action Grant
Informational Webinar - June 1, 2023

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Zoom Tech Reminders and How to Pose Questions

- Please remain on mute unless invited to speak
- Questions can be submitted via the chat
- Use the Reactions -> “Raise Hand” button to ask a question live



CLIMATE COUNCIL GOALS



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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



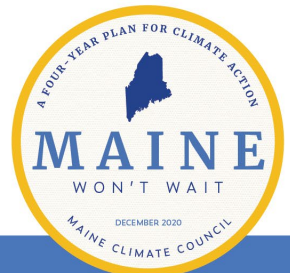
H. Engage People and Communities in Climate Impacts and Program Opportunities



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



F. Build Healthy and Resilient Communities



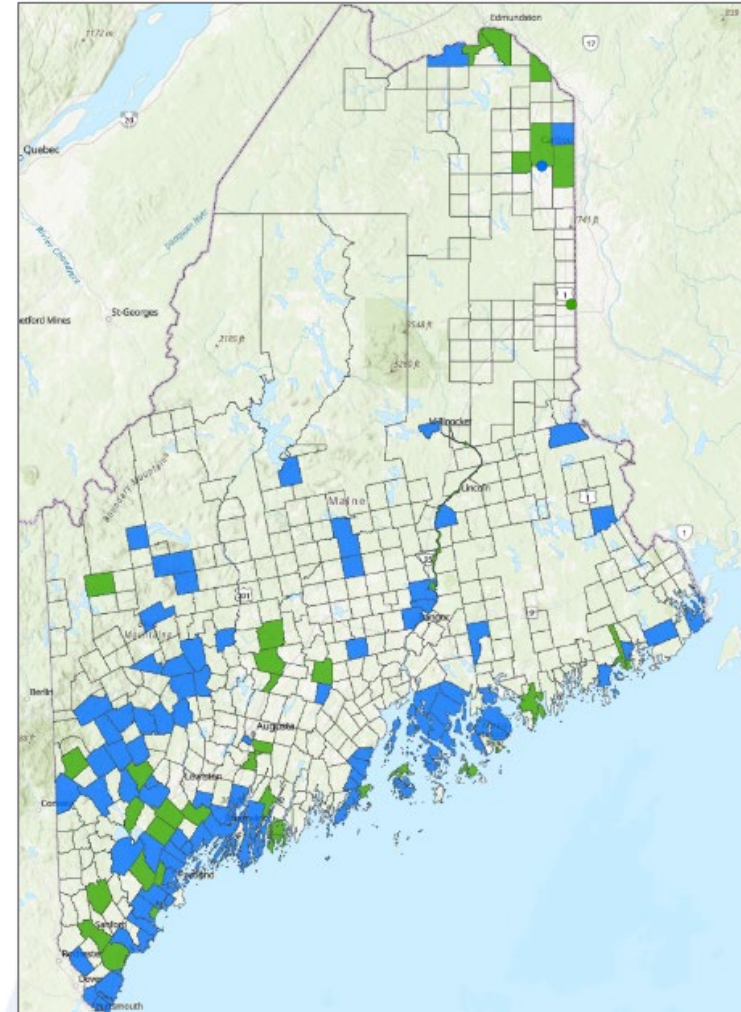
Community Resilience Partnership

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.



Community Resilience Partnership

\$3 million in the biennial budget for local, tribal, and regional grants and assistance to reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy, and prepare for climate change impacts. (Governor Mills is proposing additional funding)

Two funding opportunities

- **Grants to communities** for planning and implementation
- **Grants to service provider organizations** to help communities get started

Informational Webinars

GOPIF is hosting two webinars about the Partnership. Each webinar covers one of the two grants. All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Partnership website for replay.

June 1, 1pm - **Service Provider Grant** Informational Webinar

June 1, 3pm - **Community Action Grant** Informational Webinar

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



Agenda

The Community Action Grants enable communities (municipal and tribal governments and unorganized territories) to undertake priority projects that **reduce energy use and costs, transition to clean energy, and make communities in Maine more resilient** to climate change.

- 1) Enrolling in the Partnership
- 2) Community Action Grant overview
- 3) Changes to the Community Action Grant for this round

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.

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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

Community Resilience Partnership		
List of Community Actions		
Revised April 2023		
See Instructions on Introduction tab below.		
Date:	✓ Strategy Areas & Actions (mark Column A as complete, in progress, future priority, etc.)	Additional Resources (\$=funding source)
Was this evaluation discussed at a community workshop? If so, of the workshop.	Strategy Area A: Embrace the Future of Transportation	
Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)		
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What are two things you are doing well?	A1	Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal or tribal government-owned vehicle fleets. Efficiency Maine: Municipal EV rebates (\$)
What are two areas that have improved in the short-term?	A2	Install EV chargers in public parking areas. Efficiency Maine: EV supply equipment initiative (\$)
What is important for you to address in the long-term?	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)		
What specific 3 to 5 action priorities for your community?	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).

Revised December 1, 2021

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

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

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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

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

Equity

- Maine's climate response must ensure shared benefits across diverse populations of Maine people.
- Robust community engagement, for example inclusive planning processes so that diverse community voices are able to participate.
- Applicants should consider the potential benefits of their proposed climate action projects and, if applicable describe how the project distributes those benefits equitably.

New/changes for this grant round

\$1,100,000 available for awards this round

- Anticipate making approximately 20 to 30 awards

First time applicants

- Prioritize awards to high-scoring applicants that have not previously received funding under this program
- then awards to high-scoring applicants that have previously received grant funding, as funding allows

New/changes for this grant round (continued)

Clarifications or Special Instructions for certain Actions

- Action A1: Increased award cap on electric vehicles to \$7,500. Applicant's project budget must include applicable Efficiency Maine incentives.
 - Includes light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty on-road electric vehicles; and electric riding mowers and electric outboard engines that are part of a municipal fleet
- Actions B1-B5: Energy efficiency projects in must be eligible for Efficiency Maine's incentives. Applicant's project budget must include applicable Efficiency Maine incentives.
 - Includes heat pumps, VRF systems, LED lighting upgrades, water heaters, etc.
 - Weatherization and insulation are eligible uses of grant funds. Efficiency Maine does not currently offer incentives.
- Action H7: Grant funds may not be used to purchase or subsidize equipment or services for residential or commercial properties

Applying to the Community Action Grant Request for Applications (RFA)

- **Application deadline: July 7, 2023**
- Written questions due June 9, 2023 (optional, see instructions in the RFA)
 - Responses will be posted to the Procurement Services website about a week later.
- RFA available at: <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bbm/procurementservices/vendors/grants> (also via a link on the Partnership homepage)
 - RFA contains the required application form.
 - Application form and any letters of support must be submitted as a package via the instructions in the RFA. None of the materials should be sent directly to GOPIF, they will not be read.
- Award notifications anticipated approximately early September

Future Grant Rounds and Application Submittals

- Pending availability of funding, the Department anticipates future grant rounds to occur at approximately 8-10 month intervals. A potential schedule of future rounds would be:
 - Round 4: Winter-Spring 2024
 - Round 5: Fall-Winter 2024
- Applicants may apply only once per grant round but may apply to subsequent grant rounds as desired.

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

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
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Region 4 Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Penobscot counties

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



Website and Contact

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

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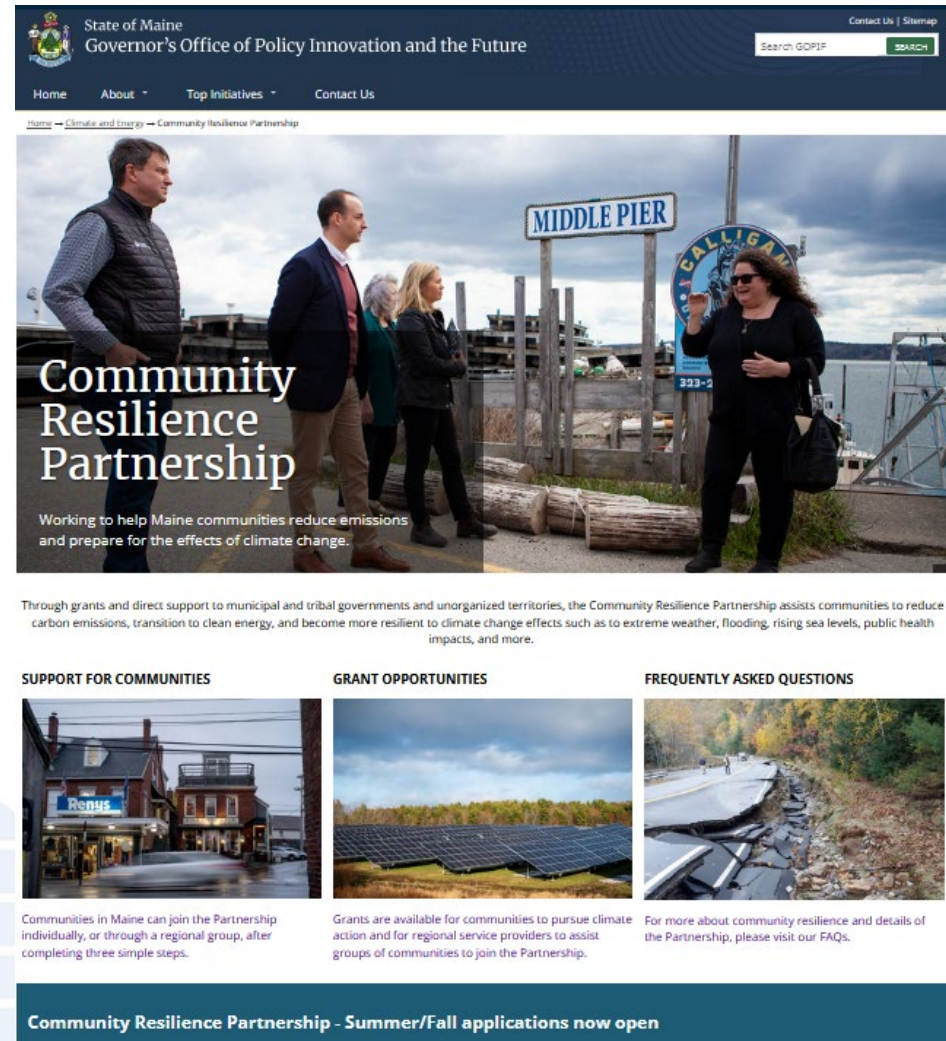
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The screenshot shows the website for the Community Resilience Partnership. The header includes the State of Maine logo and the text "State of Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main navigation menu includes "Home", "About", "Top Initiatives", and "Contact Us". The breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Climate and Energy > Community Resilience Partnership". The main image shows a group of people standing on a pier, with a sign that says "MIDDLE PIER". The text "Community Resilience Partnership" is overlaid on the image, followed by the tagline "Working to help Maine communities reduce emissions and prepare for the effects of climate change." Below the main image, there is a paragraph describing the partnership's goals: "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." The website is divided into three columns: "SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES" with an image of a town street, "GRANT OPPORTUNITIES" with an image of solar panels, and "FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS" with an image of a damaged road. Each column has a brief description of the content. At the bottom, a dark blue banner reads "Community Resilience Partnership - Summer/Fall applications now open".

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Community Resilience Partnership

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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.

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Questions

Please put questions into the chat

Thank You

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