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RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP



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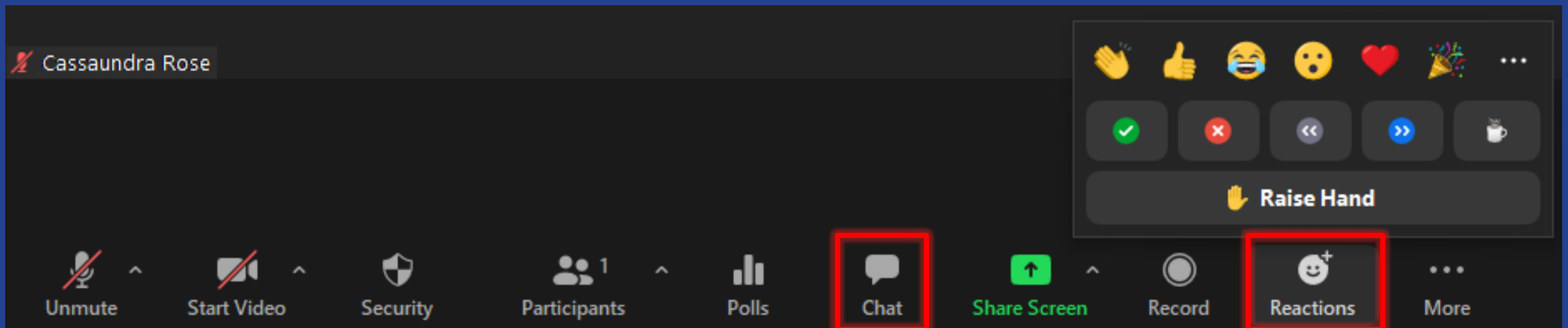
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# Zoom Tech Reminders and How to Pose Questions

- 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



**12.01.20**  
Climate Action Plan  
Delivered



ACHIEVE STATE  
CARBON NEUTRALITY BY  
**2045**

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

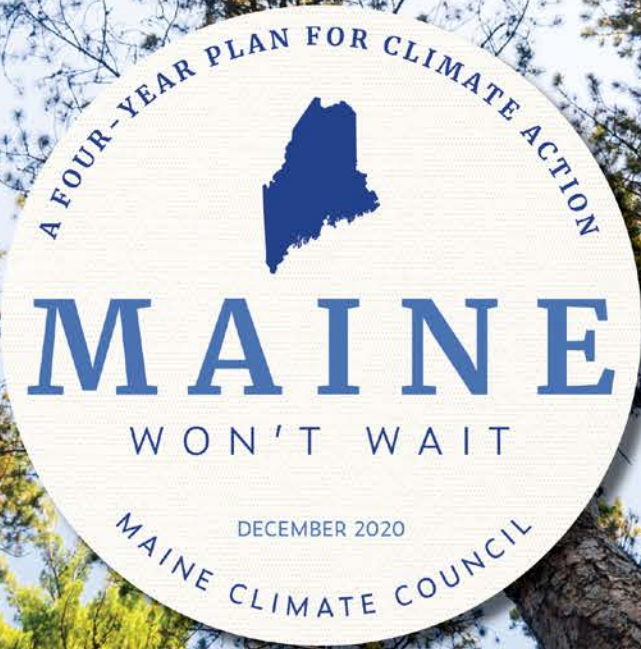
**45%**  
BELOW 1990 LEVELS  
BY 2030

**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



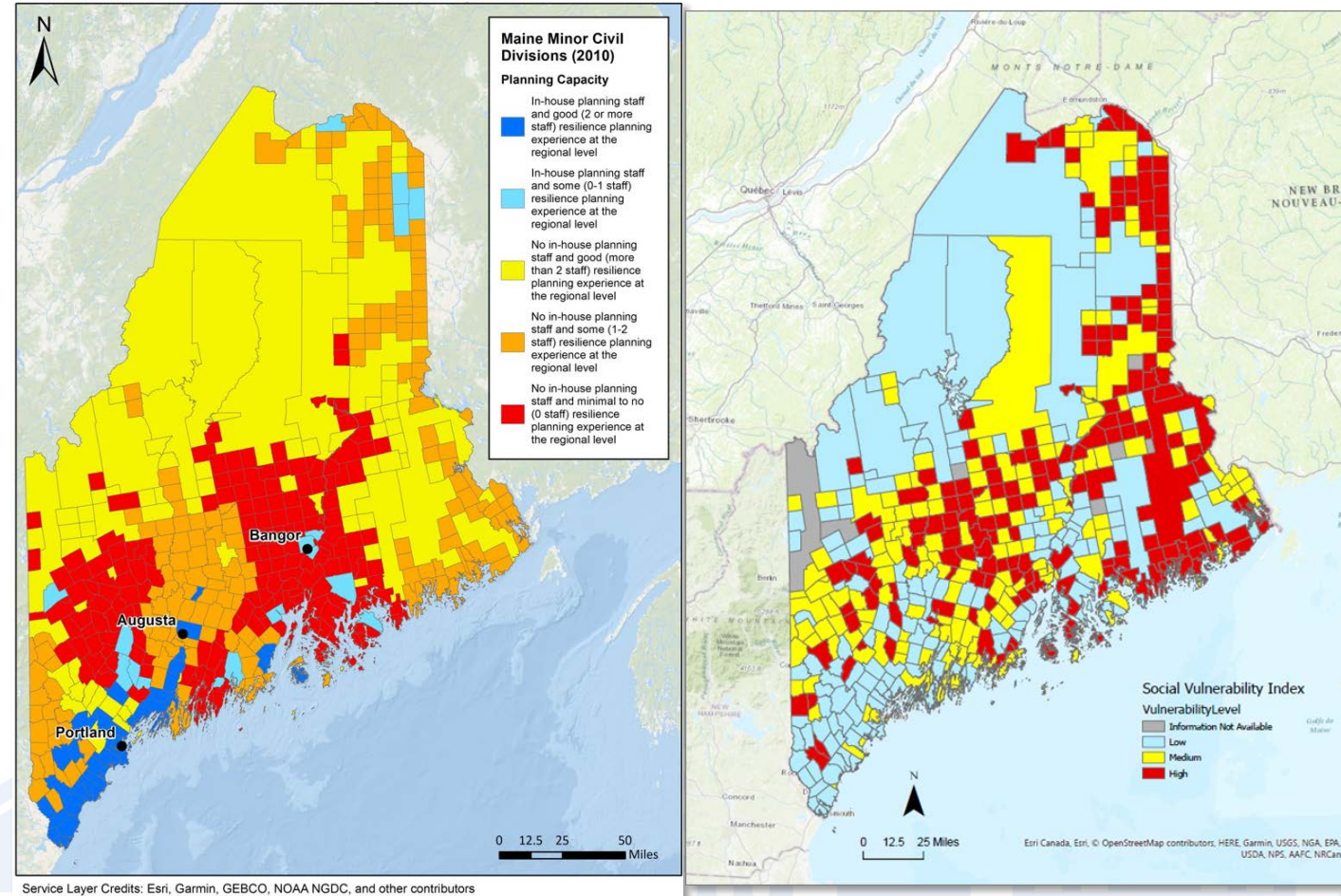
# Community Resilience Partnership

[www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership](http://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

**\$4.75 million** for local, tribal, and regional grants to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for climate change impacts

## 3 types of funding opportunities

- **Grants to communities** for planning and implementation
- **Grants to service provider organizations** to help communities get started
- **Contracts with regional coordinators** to support communities in implementation and securing funding



# Informational Webinars - December 14

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

11:00 a.m. - **Community Action Grants** Informational Webinar

1:00 p.m. - **Service Provider Grants** Informational Webinar

3:00 p.m. - **Regional Coordinators Pilot RFP** Informational Webinar

Recordings accessible at [www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership](http://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership)





# Enrolling in the Partnership

1. Pass a municipal resolution or obtain a letter from a tribal chief committing to participate
  - Model language provided
2. Complete two self-assessments
  - List of Community Actions
  - Community Resilience Self-evaluation
3. Hold a community workshop(s) and set priority action items

Rolling enrollment begins January 1, no deadlines.

Need help with the steps? Seek out a service provider.

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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 indicate an area of opportunity to address through a Community Action Grant.

Community name:

Self-Evaluation responses please include contact info:

Date:

Was this evaluation discussed at a community workshop? Include date of the workshop.

Once the questions on the form are completed, please email the responses to:

What are two things your community is doing well?

What are two areas that could be improved in the short-term?

What is important for your community to address in the long-term?

What specific 3 to 5 action priorities for your community?

Revised December 1, 2021

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**Community Resilience Partnership**  
 List of Community Actions  
 Revised December 1, 2021

	Strategy Areas & Actions	Additional Resources (\$=funding source)
<b>Strategy Area A: Embrace the Future of Transportation</b>		
<b>Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)</b>		
A1	Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal or tribal government-owned vehicle fleets. (Grants capped at \$2,000 per light duty EV.)	<a href="#">Efficiency Maine: Municipal EV rebates (\$)</a>
A2	Install EV chargers in public parking areas.	<a href="#">Efficiency Maine: EV supply equipment initiative (\$)</a>
A3	Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure, including at multifamily dwellings, businesses, and public parking areas.	<a href="#">Municipal Electric Vehicle Readiness Toolkit (Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission)</a>
A4	Adopt an anti-idling ordinance.	<a href="#">Example: Bar Harbor Municipal Code</a>
<b>Improve Mobility and Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)</b>		
A5	Implement strategies that increase public transit ridership and alternative transportation modes, including bike and walking.	
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).	
A9	Adopt a Complete Streets policy which addresses safety, bike/pedestrian uses, and transit.	<a href="#">Maine DOT Complete Streets</a>
A10	Adopt a broadband plan that reduces the need to drive by increasing access to high speed internet for underserved residents to support telecommuting, access to remote education and telehealth.	<a href="#">Connect Maine planning and infrastructure grants (\$)</a>



# Community Action Grants (RFA)

*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 (RFA)

## Eligibility

- **Municipalities and federally recognized tribes in Maine** (multi-community applications 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 small (Tier 1) communities with letters of commitment



# Community Action Grants (RFA)

## 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****

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>Community Resilience Partnership</b>			
2	List of Community Actions			
3	Revised December 1, 2021			
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# Community Action Grants (RFA)

**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)

- 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 (RFA)

Two grant rounds per year: March 22 & September 20 in 2022

Awards capped at \$50,000 for individual communities and \$100,000 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 (RFA)

## 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.



# Community Action Grants (RFA)

Next application deadline: March 22

Questions due January 18

# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

## To Join the Partnership:

**Adopt**  
Resolution of Commitment

**Complete**  
Pair of Self-Assessments

**Hold**  
Community Workshop to  
Prioritize Initial Climate Resilience  
and Clean Energy Actions

**Submit**

- Enrollment form
- Documentation of enrollment criteria

*Open enrollment, no deadline*

If a community needs assistance enrolling, there are grants available to service providers to help them with enrollment and their action grant application.

## Once Joined:

**Congratulations!**  
Your community is  
eligible for action grants

**Apply**  
for a Community Action Grant

Applications are accepted  
Twice a Year: March 22 &  
September 20

## To Maintain Active Status:

**Every 2 Years:**

- Reevaluate the pair of self-assessment
- Show evidence of progress





# Website and Contact

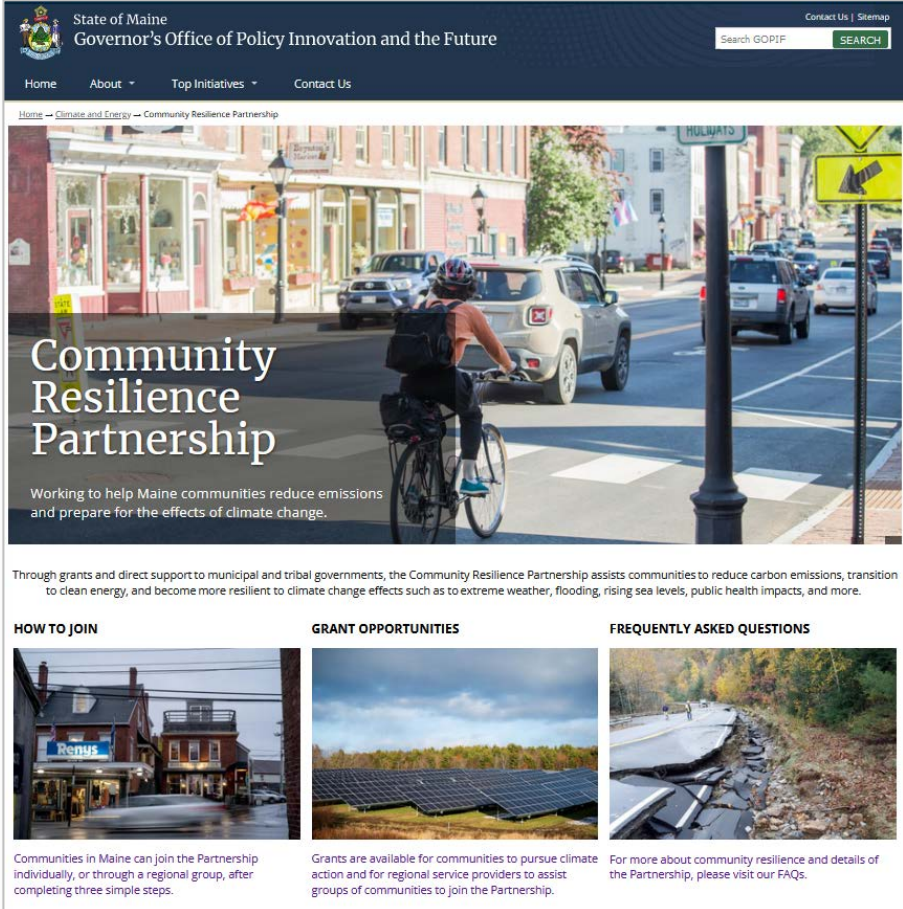
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### HOW TO JOIN

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.

# Service Provider Grants (RFA)

*Grants to regional service providers who recruit groups of two to five communities to join the Partnership, conduct robust community engagement that sets priorities for implementing actions on the List of Community Actions, and apply for Community Action Grants and other funding opportunities to implement community energy and climate priorities.*

## Intended outcomes:

New enrollments by 2-5 communities. Lists of each community's priority projects and cooperative priorities. Assistance to communities in applying for Community Action Grants.



# Service Provider Grants (RFA)

## Eligibility

- Regional planning organizations, councils of governments, regional economic development organizations, county governments (including EMAs and soil conservation districts)
- Nonprofits
- Academic institutions and cooperative extension programs
- For-profit enterprises
- In special cases, municipalities that demonstrate robust in-house capacity that is to be provided to smaller communities in the region

# Service Provider Grants (RFA)

Two grant rounds per year: February 15 & August 16 in 2022

Awards: Applicants may request up to \$10,000 per community in the group. 15% cost share (in-kind allowed)

- An additional \$2,500 may be requested for each Tier 1 community or each community in the highest social vulnerability category
- Grant period is 12 months. However, service providers are encouraged to prepare communities for the earliest possible enrollment and Community Action Grant deadline

Intend to make at least one award in each region:

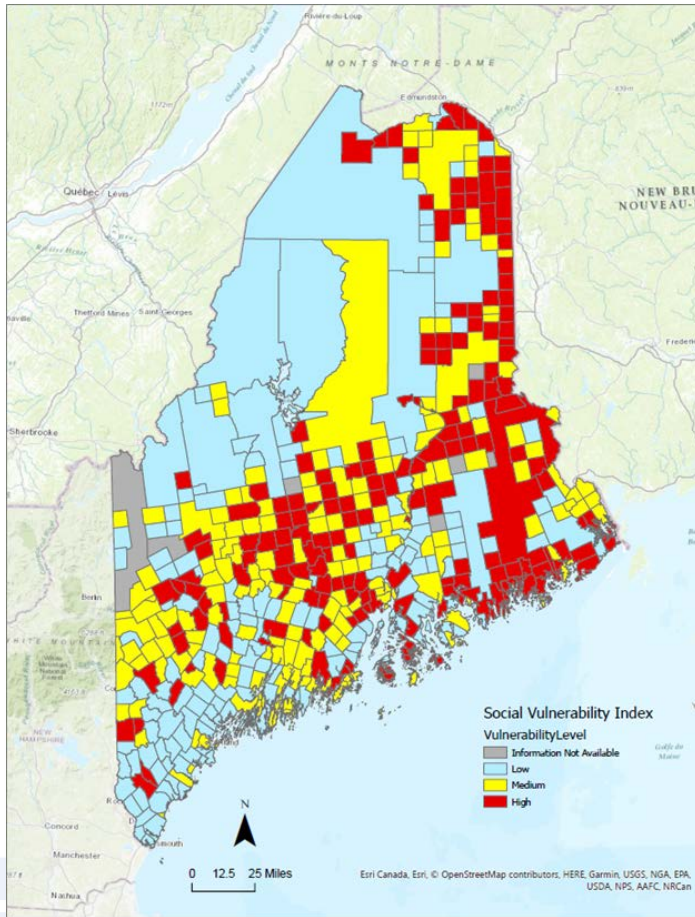
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Region 4: Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Penobscot Counties

Region 5: Federally recognized Tribes in Maine





# Service Provider Grants (RFA)

## Tasks for Service Providers

- As part of the grant application, **recruit a group of 2-5 communities** and provide letters of support from each (strongly encouraged to seek letters from municipal officials, local civic leaders, and state legislators)
- Once grant is awarded, assist the communities in the group with **completing the three enrollment activities** and submitting for enrollment within 12 months
- Assist communities in the group with **applying for Community Action Grants** and other funding options for priority actions
- Provide to GOPIF **quarterly updates, project deliverables, and brief case study** on lessons learned

# Service Provider Grants (RFA)

Next application deadline: February 15, 2022

Questions due January 11, 2022



# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

## For Service Providers

### Recruit

a group of 2-5 communities and apply for a Service Provider Grant.

Service provider grant applications are accepted two times per year:

**FEBRUARY 15**  
**AUGUST 16**

### Assist

communities to join the Partnership by completing the 3 criteria

### 3 CRITERIA:

adopting a resolution of commitment, completing a pair of self-assessments, and holding a community workshop to prioritize initial climate resilience and clean energy actions.

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### Assist

communities to apply for action grants

Action grant applications are accepted two times per year:

**MARCH 22**  
**SEPTEMBER 20**



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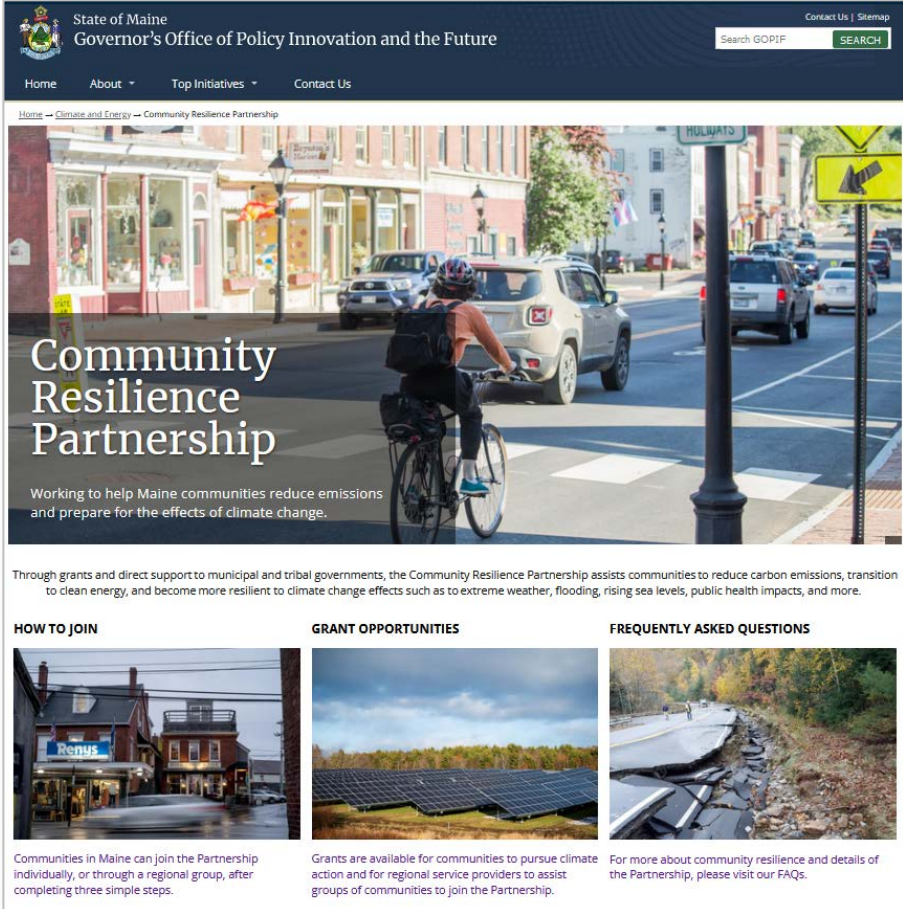
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# **Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)**

*The State of Maine is seeking proposals to provide technical assistance to communities in Maine to reduce energy use and costs, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to climate change.*

*This program complements the Service Provider and Community Action grants, with a focus on supporting communities and their service providers to fund and implement priority climate and energy projects.*



# Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)

## Intended outcomes:

12-15 communities secure funding and other resources to implement emissions reductions and resilience projects

The project will demonstrate innovative and replicable models for regional technical assistance and will inform efforts to support community and regional climate and energy projects, as recommended in the state climate action plan.

# Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)

## Eligibility

- regional planning organizations, councils of governments, regional economic development organizations, county governments, regional public health agencies
- nonprofit organizations,
- academic institutions and cooperative extension programs,
- for-profit enterprises.

Partnerships between regional entities and other service providers that **create new capacities or increase knowledge exchange** are welcome.

# Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)

**Awards:** This is a one-time pilot with two-year funding. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 per year for two years.

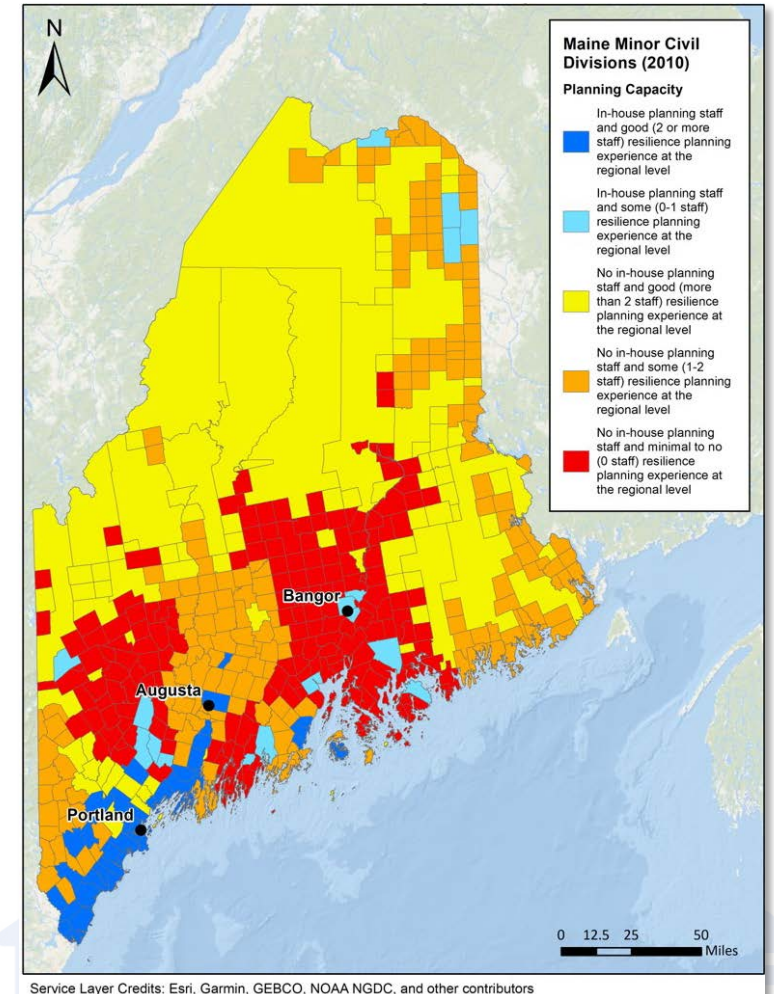
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# Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)

## Tasks

1. Establish new capacity by creating, recruiting, and filling a new position at your organization to lead these services
2. Assist enrolled communities with implementation of priority actions, with a focus on securing state, federal, and other funding
  - Assistance to at least 15 communities, with at least 12 funding applications submitted
3. Develop and deliver training and peer learning opportunities, case studies, tools, and other resources
  - At least 2 trainings or peer learning activities per year and
  - At least 4 case studies
4. Foster and support collaborative efforts among communities enrolled in the Partnership and service providers
5. Identify and engage communities that have not yet enrolled in the Partnership. Connect them to potential service providers. Assist enrolled communities to maintain active enrollment status.
6. Collaborate with GOPIF and the other regional coordinators to share data, best practices, and lessons learned.
  - Collecting and reporting metrics
  - Quarterly and annual reporting

# Regional Coordinators Pilot (RFP)

Proposals due January 25

Questions due January 11

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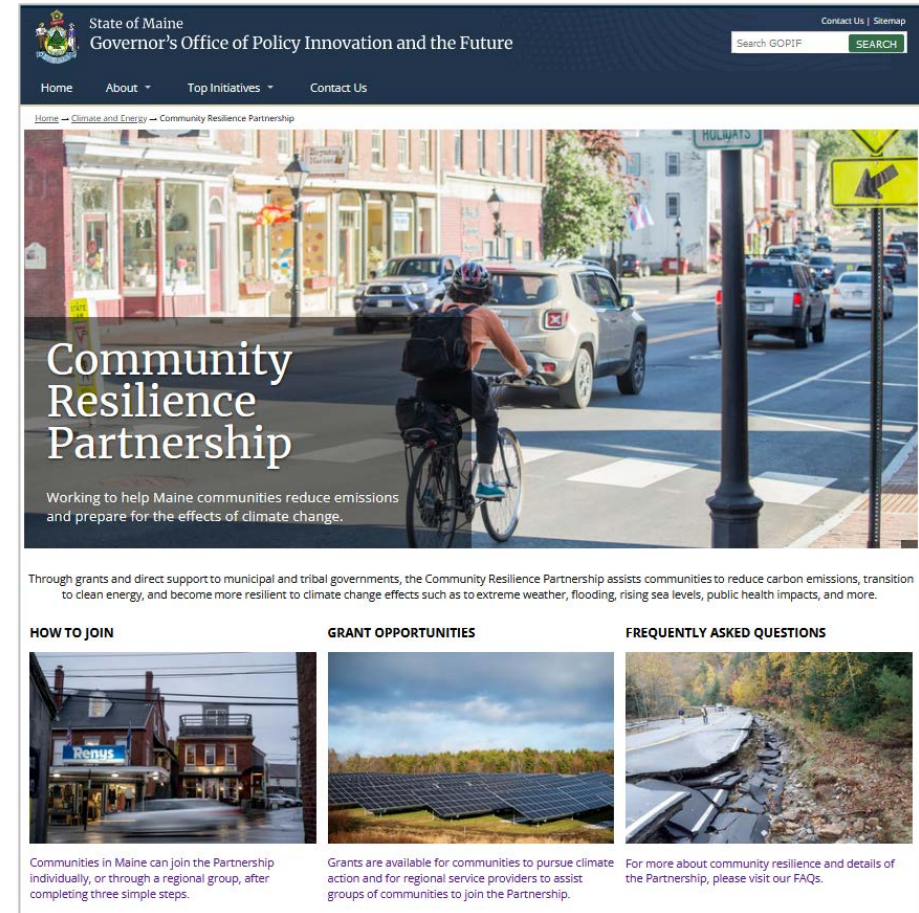
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# Questions

Please put questions into the chat

# Thank You

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