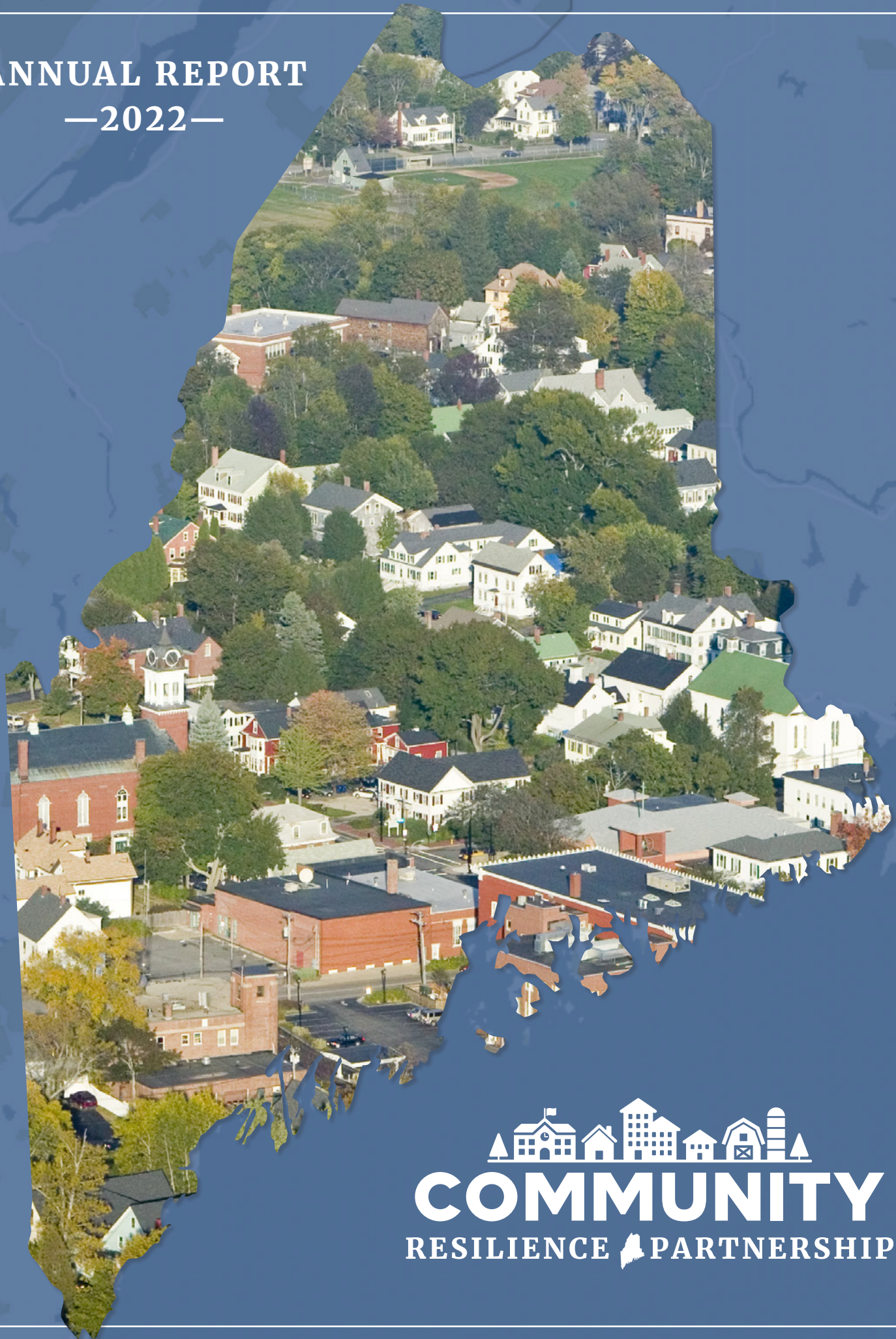


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COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE  PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY

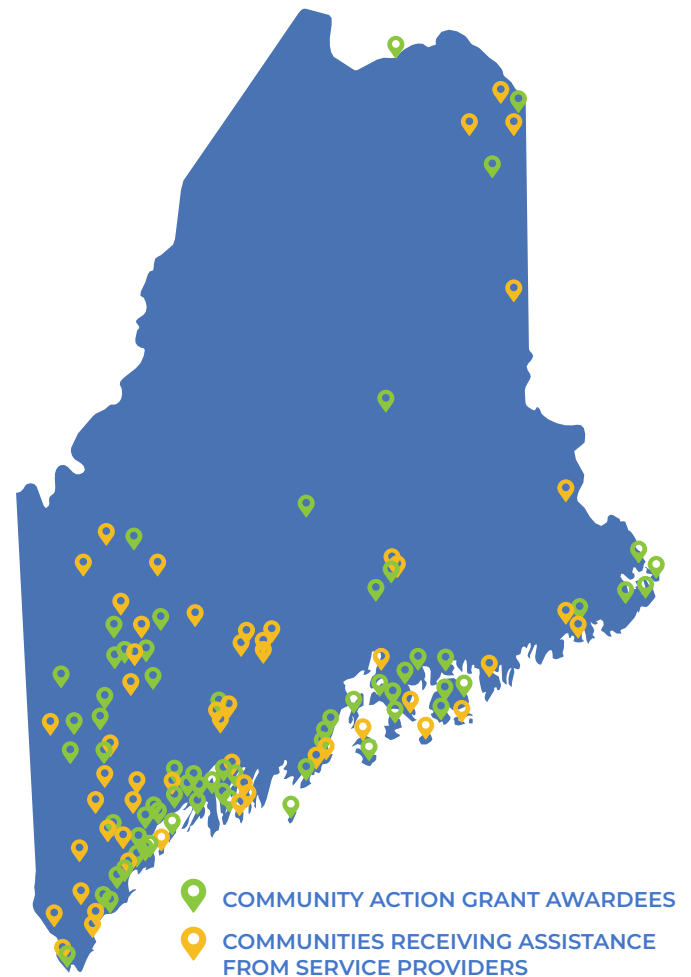
The Community Resilience Partnership provides grants and direct support to municipal and Tribal governments and unorganized territories in Maine to help them address local priorities for reducing carbon emissions, transitioning to clean energy, and becoming more resilient to climate change effects such as extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more.

The Community Resilience Partnership was a recommendation of Maine's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait* to fill a demonstrated need for climate technical assistance and funding to Maine communities, and received a \$4.75 million allocation in the 2022-2023 biennial budget. In addition to direct grants to communities, the Community Resilience Partnership also awards grants to service providers to help communities identify climate priorities and enroll in the Community Resilience Partnership.

Since the program was announced in 2021 by Governor Janet Mills, 131 cities, towns and Tribal governments in Maine have chosen to participate in the Community Resilience Partnership either as individual communities or through regional coalitions. This figure reflects 81 communities enrolled directly, and 50 additional communities working with service providers to enroll.

In its first year, the Community Resilience Partnership awarded \$4.65 million during two grant rounds. This includes 74 grants to communities totaling \$3.71 million for local climate and energy priorities and 24 grants totaling more than \$938,000 to service providers to assist 82 communities to get started with climate and resilience planning.

These communities are now using grants to conduct climate vulnerability studies, install high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, expand public charging for electric vehicles, transition to renewable energy, and develop resilience plans, in alignment with objectives outlined in *Maine Won't Wait*. A list of communities that received grants in 2022 is on pages 5-9.



RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Completed Enrollment in the Partnership	81
Currently Engaged in the Enrollment Process with a Service Provider	50
TOTAL PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES	131

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

The state's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, observed that Maine will need, over time, to expand resources to support communities to plan for and reduce their risks from climate change impacts. Lack of capacity, expertise, and funding are consistently cited by municipalities as reasons why they are not able to address their climate risks.

Many of Maine's coastal and rural communities lack capacity to plan and prepare for climate change impacts on their ecosystems, residents, and economies. As recent flooding and storm events have demonstrated, there is an urgent need to provide information and decision support tools for community decision making to prepare for climate change impacts.

In addition, towns have uneven access to planning resources across the state to support other local planning issues, including housing access, economic development, and other land use considerations.

Maine Won't Wait recommended that the state provide robust technical assistance and funding to communities by 2024 to support local and regional climate-resilience initiatives. This includes climate information, best practices, case studies, and funding resources to help towns understand vulnerabilities, evaluate options, and prioritize actions; as well as increased funds to incentivize regional resilience planning and the inclusion of climate resilience in local and regional plans, regulations, and capital investments.

Additionally, *Maine Won't Wait* suggests that the state incentivize coordination among regional planning organizations, nonprofits, and private sector, many of which are already supporting some planning capacity for communities.

To this end, the Community Resilience Partnership offers support to communities for climate mitigation and adaptation activities that:

- Meets the unique needs of communities in Maine, and provides support that accommodates different local demands, priorities, and capacities;
- Provides equitable access to technical assistance and funding through targeted outreach and geographic distribution of grants;
- Encourages partnerships and peer learning among communities and organizations to build capacity and expertise;
- Builds new and leverages existing resources and capacity, locally and regionally.

With increased opportunities for federal climate and energy funding now available through historic legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, state dollars, such as those from the Community Resilience Partnership, are now even more critical to help communities in Maine leverage federal dollars to address climate impacts.

Communities that are unprepared for these federal programs may miss out on once-in-a-generation opportunities to invest in their infrastructure and disaster resiliency capabilities. The Partnership is supporting vulnerable and under-equipped towns to start important planning and be ready for investment of these new federal infrastructure dollars.

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS

"Cities and towns across Maine recognize the serious threat that climate change poses to their people and their communities, and they are stepping up to take action to protect them. My Administration is proud to partner with municipalities to fight climate change and to preserve the beauty and character of our communities for generations to come. I thank our local leaders for their work and want them to know that they have a partner in my Administration."



COMMUNITIES LEADING ON CLIMATE CONFERENCE

In June 2022, the Maine Climate Council hosted more than 500 attendees (in-person and virtual) at the Communities Leading on Climate conference to learn from leaders across the state how to advance climate actions in their community.

To highlight community leadership on climate action, the conference featured speakers from Rockland, Biddeford, Lewiston, Limestone, Portland, Belfast, Kittery, York, Norway, the Penobscot Nation, Brooklin, Dover-Foxcroft, South Portland, Eastport, Machias, and more.



APRIL 22, 2022

Governor Mills awarded a total of \$2.5 million in the first round of grant funding to 75 communities across Maine to help them fight climate change. This included 29 towns and cities that received direct funding for local clean energy, energy efficiency, and community resilience projects. Grants to 12 planning, economic development and community organizations across Maine supported an additional 46 towns and Tribal governments in starting or advancing local and regional climate resilience plans in the months ahead.



DECEMBER 1, 2022

Governor Mills awarded \$2.9 million in a second round of grants to support 90 Maine cities, towns and Tribal governments. This included grants to 54 communities for climate action, and 12 grants to service provider organizations to help another 36 communities to get started.

The City of Rockland is using two \$50,000 grants to plan and prepare for climate impacts from sea level rise and storm surge on critical infrastructure in the City's downtown waterfront.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS Spring and Fall 2022

COMMUNITY	AWARD	PROJECT TITLE
Aroostook Band of Micmacs	\$50,000	Energy Sustainability of Micmac's Hatchery using Solar Power
Arrowsic	\$35,000	Arrowsic Climate Action and Outreach Plan
Bangor	\$50,000	Electrifying Bangor's Transportation Network and Addressing Community Vulnerability and Resilience
Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, Tremont	\$91,722	Climate Action Plan, Community Engagement and Public EV Charger implementation
Bar Harbor	\$50,000	Municipal Building Electrification
Bath	\$50,000	Resilient Bath and Update of the City's Climate Action Plan
Bath	\$50,000	Master Planning for Modernizing Municipal Facilities — A Model for Business and Residential Facility Upgrades
Bethel	\$50,000	Assessing and Addressing Efficiency Needs in Bethel's Buildings
Blue Hill & Brooksville	\$125,000	Blue Hill-Brooksville Community Vulnerability Assessment
Bowdoinham	\$37,991	Energy Efficiency Improvements for the Town of Bowdoinham
Bridgton	\$50,000	Town of Bridgton Open Space Plan
Brunswick	\$50,000	Brunswick Climate Action Plan
Camden	\$50,000	Electric School Bus Purchase for MSAD #28 Transportation Fleet
Carrabassett Valley	\$40,159	EV Charging Stations - Carrabassett Valley Public Golf Course
Carrabassett Valley	\$28,853	EV Charging Stations - Outdoor Center
Carthage	\$36,940	Town Office, Emergency Shelter, Community Building and Food Pantry Energy Efficiency Upgrades and Community Outreach on Energy Savings
Castine	\$50,000	Castine Public Buildings Lighting and Weatherization Upgrades
Chebeague Island	\$50,000	Preparing for the Voyage Ahead: Building a Framework for Chebeague Island's Climate Future
Cumberland	\$25,000	Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Town of Cumberland by Reducing Use of Fossil Fuels and Enhancing Sequestration by Natural Systems



RICHARD FOURNIER

CHAIR OF THE BANGOR
CITY COUNCIL

"Bangor is poised to take a leadership role on climate action for our part of the state. This critical funding allows us to hit the ground running and helps move us toward our goals in line with the state's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, thereby bringing a local focus to our community."

CASTINE

The Town of Castine requested a \$50,000 grant to improve energy efficiency at three public buildings. The town will upgrade light fixtures to high efficiency LED lights at the town hall, library, and elementary school. The town hall will receive weatherization improvements including new insulation and weather-tight doors.



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS Spring and Fall 2022

Deer Isle	\$50,000	Deer Isle Plan for Climate Action
Dover-Foxcroft	\$50,000	A Plan to Reduce Public Health Risk for Vulnerable Populations During Extreme Temperature Events
Dover-Foxcroft	\$50,000	Developing a "Complete Streets" Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Dover-Foxcroft
Falmouth	\$50,000	Strategic Watershed Plan: Geomorphic Data Collection, and Assessment, and Educational Campaign
Falmouth	\$50,000	Supporting Local Food Production and Social Equity: Provide Clean Energy to Hurricane Valley Farm/Cultivating Community
Farmington	\$50,000	Farmington Community Center HVAC
Fort Kent	\$50,000	Highland Avenue Comprehensive Drainage Analysis
Freeport & Yarmouth	\$121,388	Freeport and Yarmouth Sustainability Partnership: Creation of a Shared Full-time Sustainability Coordinator Position
Georgetown	\$39,000	Georgetown Level Three Energy Assessment & Plan for Town Buildings
Greenwood	\$28,649	Heating Upgrades to Municipal Buildings and Energy Fair
Hallowell	\$ 2,000	Hallowell Won't Wait: EV for Hallowell Police Department's Lead Patrol Vehicle
Harpwell	\$32,203	Town Office Energy Improvements - Phase 1
Islesboro	\$50,000	The Narrows and Beyond: Resilience Planner Pilot
Jay	\$50,000	Closed Cell Spray Foam Roofing Application
Kennebunkport & Kennebunk	\$125,000	Catalyzing Youth & Community in Mitigation and Adaptation to Sea-Level Rise Impacts in the Kennebunks
Lamoine	\$50,000	Lamoine Energy Transition Project: Municipal Solar Power Purchase Agreement and Heat Pumps
Limestone	\$50,000	Purchase and Maintain a Solar Power Generation System
Limestone	\$50,000	Enhance Operation of Solar Generation Equipment
Lisbon	\$49,898	Worumbo Waterfront Conversion
Livermore	\$43,648	Clean Energy for Community Buildings

JACK CLUKEY

TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT

"Continuing and strengthening the Community Resilience Partnership program is very important. Without this program it would be much more difficult for communities like Dover-Foxcroft to fund these important stages in planning to ensure that our critical infrastructure and facilities meet the community's long term needs."

CINDY BOULEY

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, TOWN OF FORT KENT

"With these funds, the town of Fort Kent will be able to fully evaluate problems residents are having due to increased amount of rainfall and runoff. These studies will better position the town to apply for future grants to upgrade our failing systems and increase our capacity to withstand climate change, mitigate the potential adverse effects of heavy rainfall, and increase the safety of our residents."





AMY LANDRY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

"AVCOG serves some of the state's most vulnerable populations, and with 72% of the Maine's communities lacking planning staff, we applaud the *Maine Won't Wait* climate action plan for identifying our work as critical in ensuring our communities are resilient. State support for local planning and projects to address the ever-increasing risks to our communities from climate change, is a regional priority that we are proud to support. Thank you to the State of Maine for its leadership on climate action."



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS Spring and Fall 2022

Lubec	\$47,830	Resiliency Planning for Lubec's Future
Machias	\$45,000	Upper Machias Bay Resiliency Plan (coordination of 4 large projects)
Millinocket	\$50,000	Heat Pumps for Millinocket Municipal Building
Monhegan Plantation	\$11,000	Monhegan Water Company Treatment Facility Assessment
Mount Desert	\$49,225	Town of Mount Desert Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Municipal Solar Array Pre-Development, and Climate Vulnerability Assessment
North Yarmouth	\$50,000	North Yarmouth Climate Action Plan
Norway	\$50,000	Laying the Groundwork for Comprehensive Climate Action in Norway
Orono	\$50,000	Town of Orono's Multi-Tiered Approach to Baseline Data and Community Education on Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Orono & Bangor	\$125,000	Bangor Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Completion
Otisfield	\$40,480	Saving Energy and Protecting Watersheds
Paris	\$41,695	Police and fire station solar upgrades
Portland	\$50,000	Climate Resiliency Zoning Project (overlay zoning)
Portland	\$17,000	Portland Sustainable Neighborhoods Program
Rockland	\$50,000	Climate-Ready Infrastructure for Rockland's Downtown Waterfront (preliminary engineering on 4 projects)
Rockland	\$50,000	Climate-Ready Landside Infrastructure for Rockland Downtown Waterfront
Rockport	\$50,000	Rockport Climate Vulnerability, GHG Emissions Assessment and Outreach Plan Development: Equitable and Bold Climate Strategies for Rockport's Future
Saco	\$50,000	Saco Climate Adaptation Action Plan
Scarborough	\$46,240	Climate-Ready Infrastructure: Building a Resilient Route 1 and Pine Point Road
South Portland	\$50,000	Street Design Technical Manual
South Portland	\$50,000	South Portland Coastal Resilience Project



JULIE HASHEM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR, CITY OF ROCKLAND

"This grant will help the City of Rockland develop a more resilient design for the piers and seawall on Rockland's downtown waterfront. These facilities are vulnerable to increasing storm surges, and the Community Resilience Partnership grant will help us develop the engineering detail needed to apply for federal funds to redevelop our marine infrastructure. We couldn't take on large projects like this without help from grants, and we are grateful to the Mills Administration for creating a program to help communities like ours address resilience needs."



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS Spring and Fall 2022

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC)	\$100,000	Local Climate Action Planning Cohort with Biddeford, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kittery
St. George	\$49,600	Visualizing Solutions: Assessing Vulnerable Infrastructure & Sites, Exploring Options and Engaging the Community Through 3-D Imaging
Surry	\$50,000	Community Vulnerability Assessment
Topsham	\$46,000	Municipal Complex LED Lighting Upgrades
Tremont	\$48,905	Town of Tremont Climate Resilience Planning Process with Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Vulnerability Assessment
Vinalhaven	\$50,000	Downtown Project Stormwater Management Design
Waterford	\$48,440	Project 1: Town Hall/Fire House Heat Pumps and Center of Refuge Project 2: Community Garden & Education Program
Waterford	\$49,979	Install Renewable Energy Solar System on the Office Portion of the Town Municipal Building.
Westport Island	\$48,500	Planning for Ground Water During Climate Change on Westport Island
Whiting	\$26,750	Complete Maine Flood Protection Checklist and Develop Community-wide Communications System
Windham	\$20,000	Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Emission Reduction Targets
Window-Dressers	\$125,000	Weatherize Eastport and Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point
Woodstock	\$26,820	Energy Audit, Heat Pump Installation, and Building Capacity with a Resilience Committee
Woolwich	\$10,900	Increasing Emergency Preparedness in Woolwich

SURRY

The Town of Surry will use a \$50,000 grant to conduct a climate vulnerability assessment of town infrastructure and at-risk community populations. The project will identify a range of adaptation strategies and estimated costs, and then recommend a capital improvement plan that identifies sources of government and non-government funding for increasing the resilience of those assets and populations.

AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS

The Aroostook Band of Micmacs earned a \$50,000 grant to expand the solar energy system that supplies electricity to the tribe-owned fish hatchery. The hatchery provides a traditionally important protein to tribal members year-round as well as a local, sustainable protein for food pantries in the Presque Isle region.



SERVICE PROVIDER GRANTS Spring and Fall 2022

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	COMMUNITIES ASSISTED
207 Permaculture, L3C	\$29,900	Durham, Gray, New Gloucester
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	\$47,500	Carthage, Chesterville, Greenwood, Jay
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	\$62,500	Eustis, Kingfield, Phillips, Rangeley, Wilton
Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System	\$22,500	Dixmont, Old Town
Center for an Ecology-Based Economy	\$50,000	Bethel, Otisfield, South Paris, Woodstock
Center for an Ecology-Based Economy	\$44,395	Casco, Hartford, Lovell, Oxford, Sumner
Greater Portland Council of Governments	\$50,000	Brunswick, Cumberland, Freeport, North Yarmouth, Yarmouth
Greater Portland Council of Governments	\$30,000	Gorham, Standish, Westbrook
Island Institute	\$37,458	Chebeague Island, Long Island, Monhegan Island
Island Institute	\$31,388	Cranberry Isles, Gouldsboro, Swan's Island
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$62,500	Fairfield, Randolph, Skowhegan, Unity, Waterville
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$19,720	Chelsea, Freedom, Gardiner
Klein Energy Consulting	\$25,000	Houlton Band of Maliseets, Penobscot Nation
Midcoast Council of Governments	\$25,000	Owls Head, South Thomaston
Resilience Works, LLC	\$62,475	Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick
Resilient Communities, L3C	\$17,850	Islesboro, North Haven
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission	\$42,500	Berwick, Eliot, Fryeburg, Old Orchard Beach
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission	\$22,500	Ogunquit, Wells
Sunrise County Economic Council	\$37,500	Danforth, Jonesport, Lubec
Sunrise County Economic Council	\$25,000	Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville,
Sunrise Ecologic	\$50,000	Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Wiscasset
University of Southern Maine	\$62,500	Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Westport Island, Woolwich
WindowDressers	\$50,000	Millinocket, Eastport, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point
York County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$20,000	Sanford, Waterboro

PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY PROFILES

Powering Up With Solar Energy in Limestone

The town of Limestone in Aroostook County received a \$50,000 Community Action Grant to help purchase a pair of existing solar arrays located at the former Loring Air Force Base. A second \$50,000 Community Action Grant is allowing the town to repair and upgrade the solar arrays, boosting the electricity generation of the systems. The town is partnering with the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) and together will reduce their electricity bills by 95% with energy from the arrays.

Together the town and the school plan to use the savings to pay off the purchase price of the arrays in approximately seven years, after which they will enjoy the electricity from the solar panels at no cost.

“The Community Resilience Partnership grant demonstrates Maine’s proactive leadership towards a transition to renewable energy and provides essential support for local projects,” said Chuck Kelley, Chair of the Limestone Solar Committee. “The volunteers of the Limestone Solar Committee appreciate the opportunity to be a member of the partnership and these grant funds will help our community achieve strategic actions that were identified through the *Maine Won’t Wait* climate plan.”

“This Community Resilience Partnership grant helps a small town and a small school take charge of their energy future. As both recent geopolitics and local rates have shown, energy security is key in planning for a sustainable future,” said Sam Critchlow, Executive Director of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone. “As a school leader, I’m eager to take charge of our own energy needs. As an educator, I’m excited by opportunity



to involve our students, the next generation of climate leaders, in planning for a sustainable future.”

Volunteers from the town of 2,200 residents along with students from MSSM and Northern Maine Community College have helped with site maintenance as well as the repairs and upgrades to the solar systems. High school students are utilizing a data feed from the panels to monitor solar energy production at the sites and verify the school’s energy savings.

This is not the town’s first venture into solar energy. The Limestone Water and Sewer District built a solar array in 2018 on undevelopable well-head land area to offset energy usage at Limestone’s wastewater treatment facility. That project’s success convinced Limestone residents to authorize the town to purchase the arrays at Loring and increase the town’s savings from solar energy.



Laying groundwork for comprehensive climate action in Norway

The Town of Norway in Oxford County was a recipient in May 2022 of a \$50,000 Community Action Grant to start a coordinated climate plan for the community. The project involves engaging community members, conducting a community vulnerability assessment and an infrastructure vulnerability assessment, and adopting a climate resilience plan. Previously, the town completed a solar project at the wastewater treatment plant and installed electric vehicle chargers at key locations.

The town also received a grant of \$100,000 from the Maine Department of Transportation's Infrastructure Adaptation Fund in 2022. These funds are being used to assess the climate vulnerability of the town's stormwater infrastructure.

With assessment data from these grant funded projects, Norway is well positioned as a community to take advantage of further state and federal funding opportunities to address climate effects, reduce emissions, and transition to clean energy. Norway is an example of a community making steady progress to create a coordinated climate plan while taking incremental yet concrete actions – in the spirit of state's plan, *Maine Won't Wait*.

Tackling complexity with the Upper Machias Bay Resiliency Plan

The Town of Machias in Washington County earned a \$45,000 Community Action Grant to develop an Upper Machias Bay Resiliency Plan. This plan will provide needed coordination across four major resiliency projects in the town: the Machias Dike Bridge Project, the Shoppe Marsh Restoration Project, the Downtown Flood Protection Project, and the town's Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project.

Each of these projects is in various stages of planning and development and all have major implications for a healthy Machias Bay and a climate-ready future for the Town. Developing a master plan for the four projects will help the town identify overlapping areas of flood vulnerability, efficiently engage residents and businesses in the project areas, and effectively coordinate implementation of the four projects.

This project aligns closely with *Maine Won't Wait's* Strategy G: Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure to improve the climate readiness and resilience of infrastructure so that it serves Maine better under day-to-day conditions and functions reliably during emergencies.



CATHERINE CONLOW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

"The Community Resilience Partnership is an example of placing investment where your policies goals reside. Municipal leaders understood from day one that Governor Mills was serious about advancing policies to address the adverse impacts of climate change and that partnerships, rather than mandates, would be put into place to address mutually supported goals."

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Community Resilience Partnership offers two kinds of grants: Community Action Grants and Service Provider Grants.

Community Action Grants

These offer direct financial support to local projects that reduce energy use and costs and make communities more resilient to climate change effects, such as flooding, extreme weather, drought, and public health impacts. Eligible communities include municipalities, Tribal governments, and unorganized territories in Maine.

Eligible communities may request up to \$50,000 for individual projects. Collaborative projects among two or more are encouraged, with increased awards available for multi-community partnerships.

To be eligible for Community Action Grants, communities must complete an enrollment process designed to help them assess current activities and set priorities based on community input. The enrollment process helps to build community support and develop a pipeline of local projects for funding as opportunities arise.

In 2022, the Community Resilience Partnership awarded \$3,709,014.60 in Community Action Grants to communities for climate resilience and emissions reduction projects. The total amount requested in grant applications was \$3,859,225.60. The Partnership provides a List of Community Actions aligned with *Maine Won't Wait* that offers guidance

for communities starting on climate action and incentivizes a baseline level of climate action across the state. Grants for activities on the list are available with no local match requirement. Communities may also apply for local climate and energy priorities that are not on the List of Community Actions, with a local match required.

All funded projects are required to provide quarterly updates, project deliverables, and a brief project case study that communicates lessons learned at the project's conclusion.

Service Provider Grants

While many communities can complete the enrollment process on their own, others benefit from the assistance, capacity, and expertise of a service provider organization. Service provider organizations possess deep experience in climate resilience, clean energy and emissions reduction, community engagement, and process facilitation.

Service provider grants ensure that communities — especially smaller communities with fewer staff — have the support of an organization to identify and understand their vulnerabilities, engage their residents successfully, generate solutions, and apply for funding to implement high priorities.

In 2022, the Community Resilience Partnership awarded \$938,186.00 dollars to service provider organizations to assist a total of 82 communities with enrolling in the Partnership, identifying priorities, and applying for grants. In 2022, 32 communities successfully enrolled in the Partnership with support from a service provider organization, with the remaining 50 slated to complete their enrollments in 2023. Eligible service provider organizations include regional planning organizations, councils of governments, regional economic development organizations, county governments, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and cooperative extension programs, and for-profit enterprises and consultants.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

SPRING 2022 ROUND

24 grants supporting 29 communities
TOTAL AWARDED \$1,214,311.55

FALL 2022 ROUND

49 grants supporting 54 communities
TOTAL AWARDED* \$2,494,703.05

* Total award may vary slightly as several contracts and project budgets in the Fall 2022 are still being negotiated with awardees.

Service Provider Grants support regional organizations to recruit groups of two to five communities. Eligible service providers can request up to \$10,000 per community in their proposed group, with additional \$2,500 for each community with high social vulnerability or population smaller than 4,000.

SERVICE PROVIDER GRANTS

SPRING 2022 ROUND

\$542,783.00 AWARDED

**12 service provider organizations
supporting 46 communities**

FALL 2022 ROUND

\$395,403.00 AWARDED

**12 service provider organizations
supporting 36 communities**

Regional Coordinators Pilot

A Regional Coordinators Pilot is providing communities enrolled in the Partnership with on-going capacity and assistance to develop more complex projects and seek larger state and federal funding. The pilot is funded by private philanthropy and federal funds. Four organizations have two-year contracts to serve one of four geographic regions of the state. Eligibility for the Regional Coordinators Pilot was the same as the Service Provider Grant program.

REGION 1

Region 1 Coordination Collaborative (R1CC)

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

REGION 2

Sunrise County Economic Council

Waldo, Hancock, and Washington counties

REGION 3

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

Androscoggin, Oxford, Kennebec, Franklin, and Somerset counties

REGION 4

Eastern Maine Development Corporation

Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Penobscot counties

Grant Equity

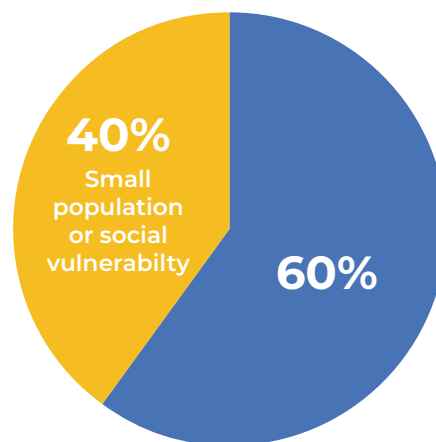
Equity in grantmaking is a primary goal of the Partnership. In 2022, 57% of Community Action Grant dollars went to small communities and communities with high social vulnerability. The Partnership identifies small communities as those with populations below 4,000. These communities are the most likely to benefit with the additional capacity and expertise offered by a service provider organization.

High social vulnerability is determined by the Maine Social Vulnerability Index (SVI), which considers socio-economic conditions to identify communities that may have a more difficult time recovering from a variety of challenges including climate impacts.

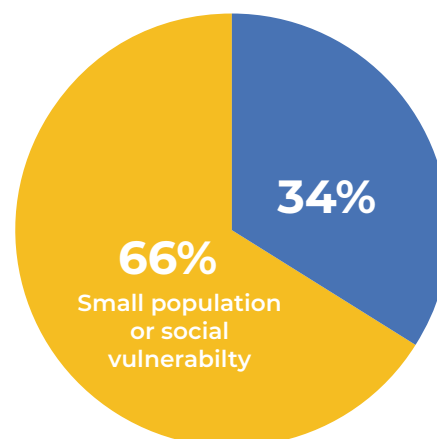
The charts below illustrate a substantial increase in the Fall 2022 grant round of the dollars awarded to small or highly vulnerable communities. The increase is attributed chiefly to the success of incentives in the Spring 2022 grant round encouraging Service Provider organizations to recruit these communities into the Partnership and helping them apply for the grants.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT DOLLARS

Spring 2022 Round



Fall 2022 Round



Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund

As part of recommendations to support community climate resilience, *Maine Won't Wait* proposed an Infrastructure Adaption Fund for municipal investments to protect vital infrastructure from effects of climate change. Federal funding from the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan offered a one-time opportunity to pilot this program. In 2022, the fund awarded nearly \$20 million to 13 communities around Maine to protect vital infrastructure from the effects of climate change.

The grants were awarded by the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT), with funding allocated through the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, the plan from Governor Mills to invest nearly \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Infrastructure Adaptation Fund recipients will use the funds for projects to address flooding along ocean and riverfronts, protect stormwater and wastewater systems, install culverts to reduce flooding; and ensure energy availability during extreme storms.

INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTION FUND AWARDS

Anson-Madison	- \$842,000
Bath	- \$4 million
Berwick	- \$1.425 million
Blue Hill	- \$1 million
Boothbay Harbor	, \$4.15 million
Eastport	- \$165,750
Frenchville	- \$58,500
Kennebunkport	- \$2.585 million
Norway	- \$100,000
Ogunquit	- \$2.85 million
Rockland	- \$75,000
Scarborough	- \$60,000
Winslow	- \$2.738 million

Preparation for federal funding

Communities that have enrolled in the Partnership are better prepared to benefit from recent Federal and State actions that are delivering historic investments in infrastructure and disaster preparation for communities in Maine.

- The Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan is Governor Mills' plan, approved by the Legislature, to invest nearly \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan funds to improve the lives of Maine people and families, help businesses, create good-paying jobs, and build an economy poised for future prosperity. The Jobs Plan includes significant investments in broadband, transportation, energy efficiency, and Maine's heritage industries, consistent with recommendations of *Maine Won't Wait*, including \$20 million in funding for the Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.
- The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which has subsequently been referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), includes significant funding for transportation, resilience and environmental protection, energy programs and energy efficiency, and broadband and technology.
- The federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) includes \$370 billion for climate and energy spending with the aim of reducing US greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030. The IRA will deliver transformational climate and clean energy opportunities for Maine, supporting our climate, energy, and economic plans with opportunities for businesses, consumers, and communities with significant support for tax incentives, funding, innovation opportunities, financing, and more.

The Community Resilience Partnership helps communities in Maine be ready for these funding programs by providing capacity and support for setting priorities and developing project plans, and in some cases, by providing the local match required to leverage federal dollars.



CONNECT WITH THE PARTNERSHIP!

Are you wondering how to get started in the Community Resilience Partnership?

Are you Looking for the Regional Coordinator for your community?

Follow these links!

Learn the benefits of participating in the Partnership and how to join:

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

See maps of grant-funded projects and communities:

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Find your community's Regional Coordinator:

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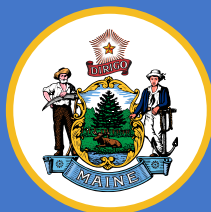
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