

Community Resilience Partnership

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Informational Webinar*

Today's Agenda

1. Maine's Climate Goals
2. Community Resilience Partnership overview
3. Service Provider 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.



Maine Won't Wait Goals:



1. Reduce Maine's **greenhouse gas emissions**
2. Strengthen **resilience** to climate impacts
3. Create **jobs** and **economic prosperity**
4. Bring climate action to **all Maine people**

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Maine Won't Wait Strategies:



A

Embrace the future of transportation in Maine



E

Protect the environment and natural and working lands and waters in Maine



B

Modernize Maine's buildings: energy-efficient, smart, and cost-effective homes and businesses



F

Build healthy and resilient communities



C

Transition to clean energy



G

Engage with Maine people on climate action



D

Create jobs and grow Maine's economy through climate action

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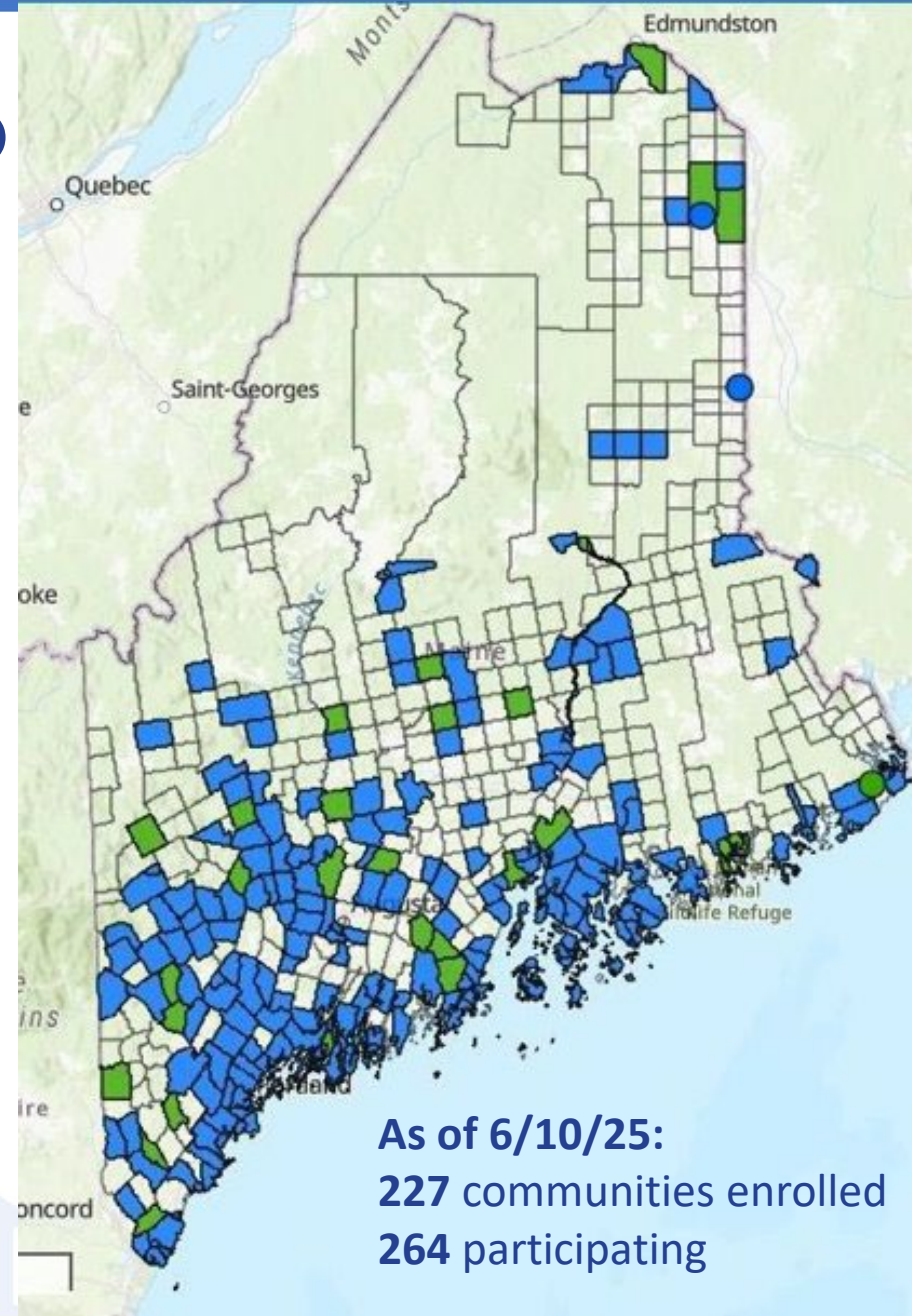
Community Resilience Partnership

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 Action and Service Provider Grant Funding Allocation

- **Grants to communities** for planning and implementation
 - \$4.7 million available for award this round; anticipating 55-65 awards
- **Grants to service provider organizations** to help communities get started and to complete vulnerability assessments
 - \$600,000 available for award this round
- A portion of this funding derives from federal sources and may carry additional federal requirements. Successful applicants will be notified if their award contains federal funding.

Service Provider Grant Overview

Service Provider Grants support organizations to assist communities with climate action, energy and resilience planning.

There are two Service Provider Grant Tracks:

- **Track 1** Community Enrollment Service Provider Grants
 - **Track 2** Community Vulnerability Assessment Service Provider Grants
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- An organization may submit applications for both tracks in this grant round but may submit only one (1) application per track.
 - A Community may participate in applications for both tracks in this grant round but may only participate in one (1) application per track.

Track Service Provider Grant

Track 1: Community Enrollment Service Provider Grants

Intended outcomes:

- Work with up to 5 communities to enroll in the Partnership
- New enrollments by each of the communities.
- Lists of each community's priority projects and cooperative priorities.
- Assistance to communities in applying for Community Action Grants.

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 (updated June 2025)
 - Community Resilience Self-evaluation
3. **Hold a community workshop and set priority action items**
4. **Submit enrollment materials through the online form**

Community enrollment is accepted on a rolling basis.

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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 provided by: Please include contact info	
Date:	
Was this evaluation discussed during a community workshop? Include the date of the workshop.	

Once the questions on the following pages are complete, use these prompts to identify potential next steps for your community.

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List of Community Actions

Revised June 2025

What doing	Complete	In Progress	No Progress	Strategy Areas & Actions (mark Columns A, B, C as complete, in progress, or no progress)	Community Enrollment Notes	Community Action Grant Eligibility and Funding Notes	Community Action Grant Additional Notes
What impro				Strategy A: Embrace the Future of Transportation			
What to ad				A1 Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs) Purchase or lease light-, medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicles, e-bikes, electric lawn or maintenance equipment, electric school buses, or electric boat engines for municipal or tribal government-owned vehicle fleets.		•Maximum of \$7,500 in grant funds may be applied to each vehicle or piece of equipment. •Where applicable, Efficiency Maine's electric vehicle rebate must be included in the applicant's project budget.	•A strong proposal will include a scrappage plan for fossil-fuel powered vehicles that are being replaced. •Federal Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit information: https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/commercial-clean-vehicle-credit
What priori				A2 Develop a fleet transition plan to transition to an electric municipal or tribal government-owned fleet.			
				A3 Install publicly accessible or workplace EV chargers on publicly or tribal government-owned land.		Where applicable, Efficiency Maine's EV charging rebate or grant funding must be included in the applicant's project budget.	Federal Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit Information
				A4 Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure, including at multifamily dwellings, businesses, and public parking areas.			
				A5 Adopt an anti-idling ordinance.			
				A6 Fund nationally accredited (NFAA) training and educational opportunities for local first responders to be prepared to safely handle fires involving EV batteries.			Learn more about the National Fire Protection Association (NFAA)
				A7 Develop and implement a community EV education and awareness campaign.			
				A8 Invest in public, active and shared transportation			
				A8 Adopt a Complete Streets policy which addresses safety, bike/pedestrian uses, and transit.			
				A9 Implement strategies that increase public transit ridership and alternative transportation modes, including transit, bike, e-bike, and walking.			This could include bike or e-bike lending programs, land use and development policies that reduce the need for driving, or

Track 2 Service Provider Grant

Track 2: Community Vulnerability Assessment Service Provider Grants

Intended outcomes:

- Work with up to 5 enrolled or enrolling communities
- Completion of a community vulnerability assessment that meets program requirements (see Program Statement Section 2.5, Subsection D).
- Assistance to communities in seeking a Community Action Grant or other funding for priority projects.

Community Action Grant Assistance

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

Eligibility

- **Municipalities, Tribal Organizations, Townships, Plantations, and Unorganized Territories**
 - 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
- Communities that already have an active Community Action Grant from a previous round are eligible to apply in this round but may not apply for new funds to support a previous scope of work.

Service Provider Grant Eligibility

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, a municipality that demonstrates robust in-house capacity that will be provided to smaller communities in the region

Service Provider Grant Awards

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 community with population below 4,000 or in the highest social vulnerability category
- Grant period is up to 18 months. However, service providers are encouraged to prepare communities for the earliest practicable enrollment and the next Community Action Grant deadline (Winter 2026)



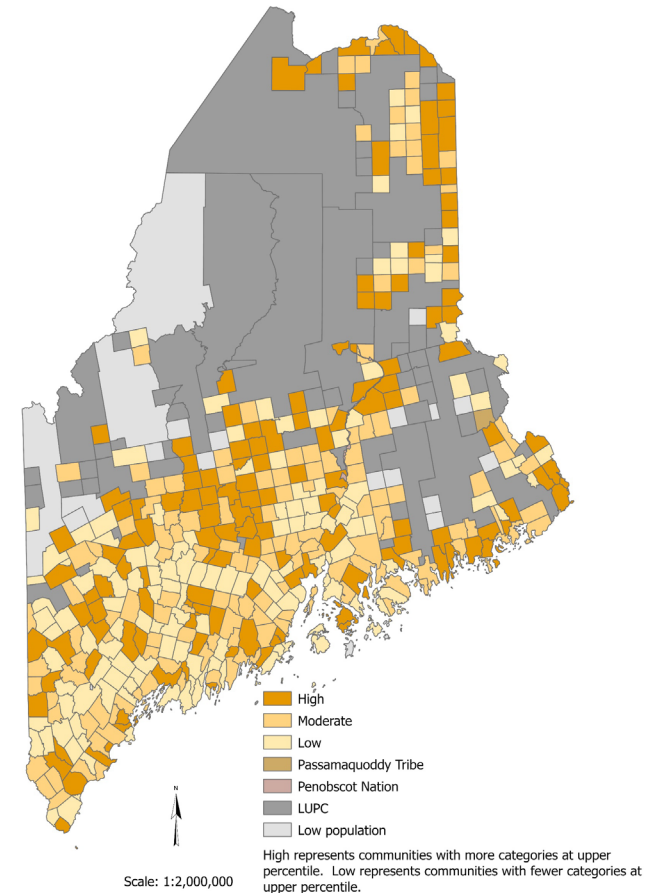
Service Provider Grant Tasks

Tasks

- As part of the grant application, **recruit a group of up to 5 communities** and provide letters of support from each (strongly encouraged to seek letters from municipal officials and town councils or selectboards)
 - **Scoring - additional points available:** Up to 10 points available for recruiting medium/high SVI communities and/or small/medium population communities
- Once grant is awarded, assist the communities in the group with **completing the program deliverables**
- Assist communities in the group with **applying for Community Action Grants** or other funding options for priority actions
- Provide to GOPIF **quarterly reports and a final case study** on lessons learned
 - Late or missing reports can disqualify Service Providers from participating in future grant rounds

Maine Social Vulnerability Index

- The MSVI is used by this grant program to understand socio-economic vulnerabilities that may be unique to a community.
- Applicants should reference the MSVI (updated 2024), linked in the Program Statement, to determine the current community vulnerability categorization.



Information for this grant round

- \$600,000 available for awards in this round
- No minimum # of communities for either Track
- Grant period can be up to 18 months
- Updated List of Community Actions with 96 eligible no-match grant action

Considerations for applicants

- Strong applications will demonstrate the strength of service provider (and partners, if desired) to complete the track objectives.
- Clearly communicate to community leaders and staff about the program requirements and their roles in the process.
- Describe actionable steps that will be taken to include community stakeholders in the program process, and how community benefits will be considered when prioritizing community actions

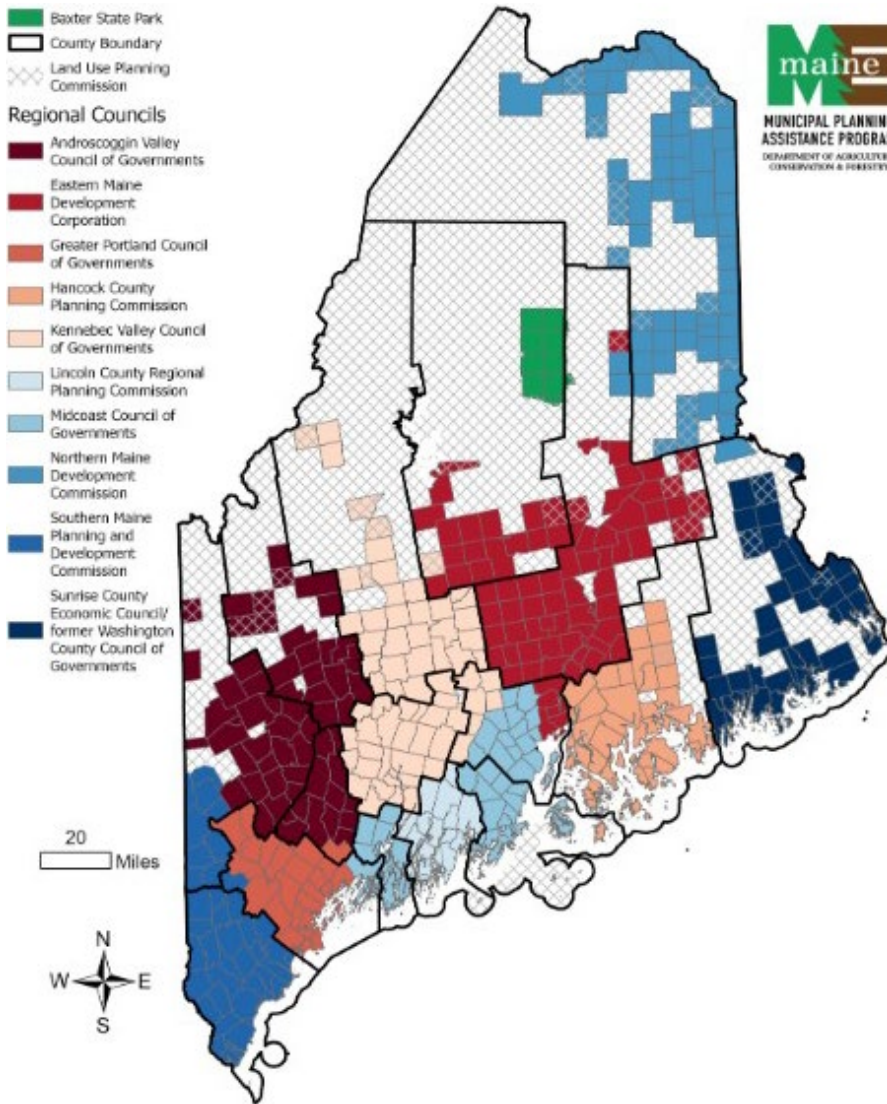
Applying to the Service Provider Grant

- **Application deadline: August 1, 2025**
- Questions can be submitted to Ashley Krulik (ashley.krulik@maine.gov)
 - Responses will be posted to the Partnership website on a rolling basis until July 11, 2025
- Program Statement available at: <https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/grants>
 - 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.
 - Be sure that letters of support from each community are signed, dated, and on community letterhead.
- Award notifications anticipated in October 2025

Future Community Action Grant Round

The next Community Action Grant round is expected to occur in **Winter 2026 (Round 6).**

Expanded Regional Coordinator Program



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Website and Contact

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

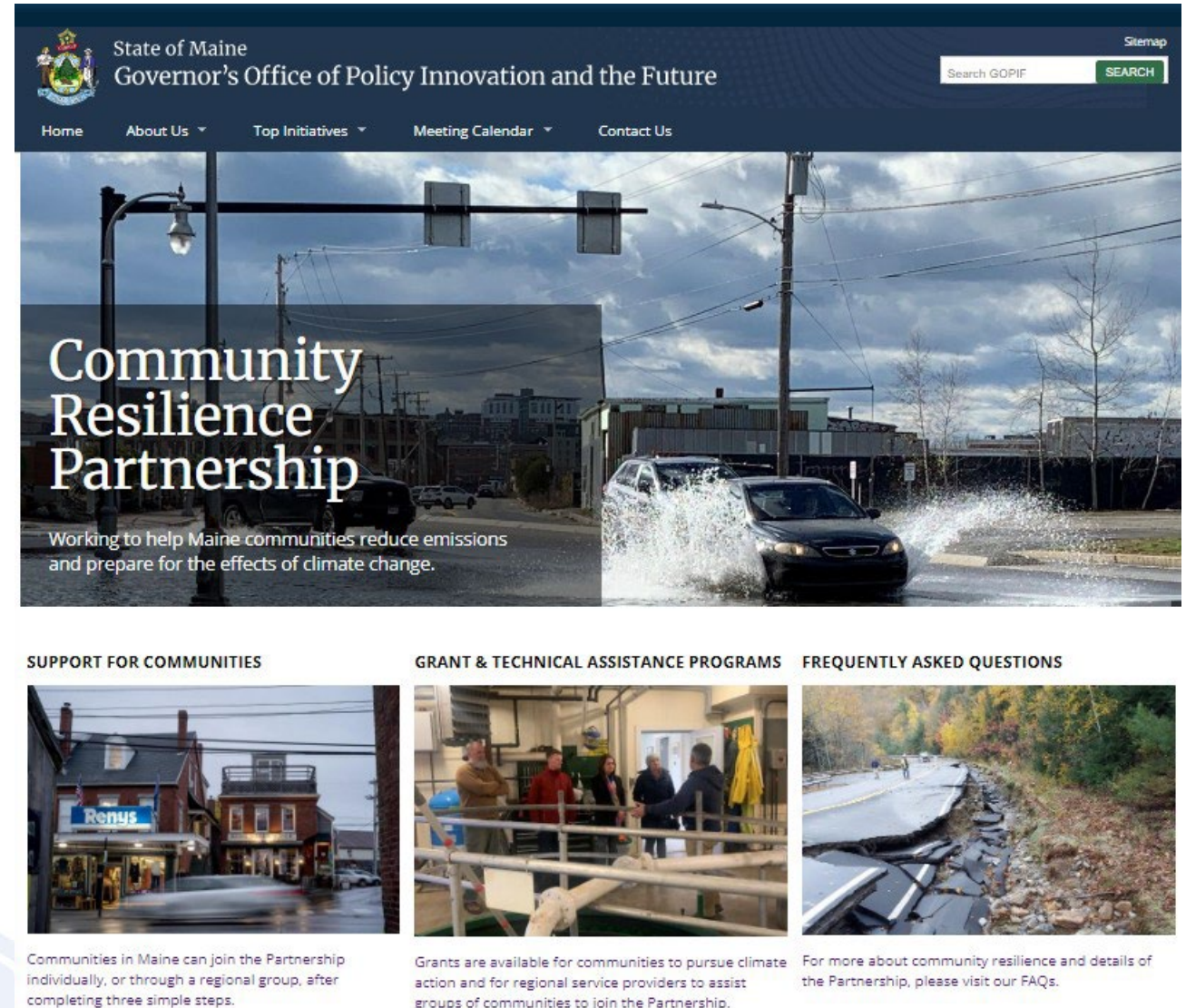
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Questions

Please put questions into the chat

Thank You

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