



## ADDITIONS HIGHLIGHTED

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## **REGION 3 MEMBERS & PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Get to know your fellow partnership communities and their priority projects. We offer this in hopes of making connections to target future joint projects. If there is a town or project, you would like more information about let me help make the connection!

***Bethel, Carrabassett Valley, Carthage, Chesterville, Farmington, Greenwood, Hallowell, Jay, Norway, Lisbon, Otisfield, Paris, Poland, Waterford, and Woodstock.***

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Credits to the [Community Resilience Partnership](#) Region 1 Coordinator Collaborative for compiling this information and allowing its distribution. Additional region-specific contributions by AVCOG.

## ***Energy***

### **Efficiency Maine Incentives for Small Municipality Retrofits HVAC, Lighting, and Refrigeration (CLOSES AUG. 31, 2023)**

Efficiency Maine is seeking applications for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, and refrigeration projects in government facilities of small Maine municipalities and Tribes. Eligible applicants with qualifying projects receive enhanced purchasing incentives intended to accelerate the conversion to high-efficiency equipment in municipal and tribal government buildings across the state.

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### **Belvedere Historic Preservation Energy Audit Grants (NO DEADLINE)**

The Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Grant Program invests in the preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings in Maine. Energy audit grants are specifically for the cost of an energy audit of a historic building. Criteria: All applicants must meet the Maine Community Foundation's grant eligibility requirements. To receive a grant for an energy audit, the building must be owned by a nonprofit organization or municipality or quasi-municipal entity, and be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, be determined eligible for listing on the Register, or be a contributing building in a nationally designated historic district. The maximum amount awarded for an energy audit is \$5,000. Energy Audit Grant applications may be submitted at any time. Requests will be considered as they are received and decisions will be made within 4 weeks of submission.

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## ***Infrastructure***

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Funding (CLOSES DEC. 9)**

The BRIC program is a hazard mitigation assistance program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that provides funding for proactive investment in community resilience and projects that seek to mitigate the impacts of hazards and climate change before a disaster occurs. The BRIC program includes a national-competitive grant program and a state allocation for state-competitive grants. For the coming year, \$1.5 million in funding is available for state-competitive grants. The amount available for national grants will be announced in August.

For more information about FEMA funding opportunities, please contact Heather Dumais, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, for application and eligibility criteria at (207) 441-9510 or [heather.dumais@maine.gov](mailto:heather.dumais@maine.gov).

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### **Flood Mitigation Assistance (CLOSES JAN. 27, 2023)**

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It does so with a recognition of the growing flood hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for flood hazard risk mitigation

activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.

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### **Federal Highway Administration Culvert Grants (CLOSES FEB. 6, 2023)**

The Federal Highway Administration is accepting applications from states, tribes and local governments for grants of \$10,000 to \$200,000 to improve or restore anadromous fish passage through the replacement, removal, repair, or improvement of culverts or weirs. Anadromous fish species are born in freshwater such as streams and rivers, spend most of their lives in the marine environment, and migrate back to freshwater to spawn.

Click below to learn more or contact your Regional Planning Organization.

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### **USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant (OPEN)**

This program provides affordable funding through low interest direct loans, grants and a combination to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

What can the funds be used for?

- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses.

What are the funding priorities?

- Priority point system based on population, median household income
  - Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less
  - Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

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## **Resilience**

### **Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant (NO DEADLINE, APPS REVIEWED MONTHLY)**

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul planning model. Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization. Requires 1:1 cash match.

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### **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding (Details Forthcoming)**

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was signed into federal law August 16th, 2022. Designed to slow inflation and stabilize the economy, it has 18 different funding programs, 11 of which are directed to local governments. These programs will fund implementation of energy efficiency efforts, GHG reduction strategies, and more. Most of the programs have special provisions for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Programs for Local Governments:

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (the Green Bank) grants to reduce community and private sector GHGs
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to implement GHG reductions
- Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption
- Improve Efficiency, Water, Resilience of Affordable Housing for projects that improve sustainability, efficiency & resilience
- Low Emissions Electricity Program funding for education, technical assistance, and outreach related to reducing GHGs from electricity production
- Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles to cover up to 100% of costs for replacing gasoline powered heavy duty vehicles with zero-emissions ones
- Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program supports building or improving complete streets, multi-use trails, regional greenways, and transportation networks
- Investing in Coastal Communities and Climate Resilience
- Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants

## [VIEW THE IRA GUIDEBOOK TO LEARN MORE](#)

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### ***Transportation***

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (CLOSES NOV. 17)**

Efficiency Maine is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) chargers that are available to the public in rural communities. The goal of this round of funding is to assist rural communities in the state's 14 northern counties (i.e., all counties except Cumberland County and York County), where public EV chargers are less common, to enhance those communities' capacity to attract commerce and tourism as EVs become the dominant form of transportation. Developing comprehensive coverage of public EV chargers throughout the state will also encourage EV adoption in all parts of Maine.

This opportunity will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis and local governments, businesses, and nonprofits in eligible rural towns are encouraged to apply on the Efficiency Maine website. Quick read 1 page program [factsheet](#).

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#### **Tactical Urbanism Lightning Grants (NO DEADLINE)**

Projects may be transportation-focused (road diets, bike lanes, traffic calming, signage) or community enhancement (park or plaza activation, art installations, pop-up parks, or other public engagement ideas). Formalize or enhance a neighborhood trail link or shortcut. Projects are for up to \$1,000 and are awarded on a rolling basis. Projects could include: Install a protected bike lane, Paint a new crosswalk, Activate an underutilized public space, Activate a

vacant lot, Reallocate underutilized road space for public life, Arrow travel lanes to slow vehicular speed, and Add stop signs to improve intersection safety.

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### **Workforce Transportation Funding Opportunity (NO DEADLINE)**

The Workforce Transportation Pilot program, an initiative of Governor Mills' Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, to pursue and develop transportation solutions that connect workers with employers across Maine. The \$5M program will provide competitive grants of up to \$750,000 to local and regional partnerships to pilot ways to connect workers and employers through ridesharing, vanpools, and other subsidized transit options.

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### **Maine DOT Village Partnership Initiative (NO DEADLINE)**

The Village Partnership Initiative is designed to be available to all willing communities that have or can agree upon a local vision. Village projects can vary from small, spot improvements to large, once-in-a-lifetime investments if we can successfully partner to access federal discretionary funds through earmarks or BIL grants. Depending upon the vision of each individual municipality, we can look to make investments in the lower-speed areas where people meet, shop, and do business. These village areas need to be built on a human scale: walkable, bicycle-friendly, and business-friendly.

These projects can range from gateway treatments, marking the beginning of a village area to help slow traffic, to improving pedestrian crossings and ADA compliance. They may also be used to enhance on-street parking, improve sidewalks, etc.

- Municipal Property Valuation less than \$150M, 70% State, 30% Municipal
- Municipal Property Valuation a\$150M to \$350M, 60% State, 40% Municipal
- Municipal Property Valuation >\$350M, 50% State, 50% Municipal

The maximum amount of the agreement will be dependent on the complexity of the project and the amount of design needed to be competitive on the federal level. These are complex projects and will take several years to develop.

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## **EVENTS**

### ***Building & Codes***

#### **\$25 Builder Training**

Monday, December 14, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Brewer Auditorium 318 Wilson St. Brewer ME  
Instructors: Erik Durbas, Svea Tullberg, Randy Poulton.

With the new update to Maine's building codes—and the increased importance of sustainability—we want to share this training. This training will teach new and experienced builders about (1)

meeting the new MUBEC building and health codes as well as (2) understanding and implementing the most effective and modern practices for building long-lasting, low-carbon structures. This in-person, one-day builder training, the focus will be on clarifying myths of advanced building, including air sealing strategies and thermal bridge mitigation as it relates to understanding the MUBEC code as well as the Stretch Code. We will include an introduction to materials that enhance building success as well as parsing the cost benefits. For this single-day event, the goal is not to get lost in the minutia, but to provide a clear understanding of the principles behind the new codes and a pathway for gaining more information. You can email [info@passivhausmaine.org](mailto:info@passivhausmaine.org) for more information on this or other trainings.

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## **Ecosystems**

### **Managing Your Forest With Climate Change in Mind**

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA)

Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Online Workshop

Sliding scale: \$0-\$15

Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change on forests? Join this webinar to learn about how forests are impacted by climate change and steps we can take to increase forest resilience to climate change. You will also learn about available resources including a new resource recently developed by University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Vermont Woodlands Association: 12 Steps for Climate Resilience.

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## **Equity and Climate Justice**

### **Introduction to the Wallet**

Project Evident

Wednesday, November 16, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Zoom Workshop

The Equitable Recovery Wallet (ERW) is a new initiative of Project Evident that provides free technical assistance to early journey nonprofits looking to strengthen their data and evidence-building work. Specifically, the Wallet will work with community based, undercapitalized nonprofit organizations and small schools—prioritizing those led by women and people of color—to help them strengthen their ability to deliver stronger, equitable outcomes for the communities they serve. Participants will come away from this workshop with an understanding of whom the ERW serves, how the ERW supports practitioners, and how your organization can engage with the ERW to build your evidence capacity.

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### **Scenario Tools to Maximize Equity & Impact**

Project Evident

December 13, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
Zoom Workshop

Scenario tools can amplify diverse voices and help organizations and communities envision multiple futures in times of rapid change. Scenario tools surface risks and opportunities to guide your adaptation of program and strategy. They can be used at the beginning of a project to better understand your landscape or at the end to highlight areas for learning and evolution. This session will teach practitioners the basics of facilitating a scenario workshop, selecting participants to enhance equity, and provides templates to guide responsive planning through rapidly changing contexts.

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### **VISION POWER SOLUTIONS Series**

People's Climate Innovation Center and Facilitating Power  
Online Workshops

VISION POWER SOLUTIONS is a quarterly, four-part series to build capacity for community-driven planning among facilitators/organizers/leaders/educators who are accountable to Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities. This training is part of a larger effort to foster a facilitators' community of practice and referral network within the field of community-driven planning.

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## ***Leadership***

### **Building Your Virtual Facilitation Skills (BYVFS)**

Spring 2023 Series: Five Live Weekly Sessions, March 22 – April 19, 2023

This course will help you become a better facilitator in a rapidly evolving virtual world. The global pandemic impacted our daily routines in many ways, including the transition of in-person meetings to virtual platforms. Do you find yourself leading more virtual groups? Would you like to improve engagement? Better manage the group's process and challenges? Have more confidence with the multiple aspects of virtual technology? Adapt proven techniques and tools for a virtual environment?

Explore the emerging best practices of virtual facilitation skills. This course builds on the well-known Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills Level One training. We will build confidence and practice skills in a safe, supportive environment.

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### **Building Your Virtual Facilitation Skills: Train-the-Trainer Series**

Spring 2023 Series: Five Live Weekly Sessions, March 22 – April 19, 2023

For experienced facilitators interested in expanding their facilitation skills and implementing this training program as instructors, we are offering a Train-the-Trainer course concurrent with the core Building Your Virtual Facilitation Skills training. These sessions will explore best practices for working virtually with groups and provide technical support for adapting and implementing the training.

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## **Resilience**

### **LD 2003 Discussion: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Legislation**

Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG)

Thursday, November 17, 5:00 PM

Online Zoom Workshop

MCOG will be hosting a meeting to go over the recently released guidance documents released by the Maine DECD on LD 2003. The meeting will be held online.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86849491407>

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### **The Inflation Reduction Act & You**

A Climate to Thrive

Friday, January 13, 2023, 12:00 PM

Join A Climate to Thrive for their monthly Climate Chat series exploring relevant topics related to climate solutions. During this Climate Chat, explore the Inflation Reduction Act's climate-related funding opportunities. Learn more about included rebates, tax incentives, and other support for individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities. We will dive into when different funding is available, how to access the support, and more.

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## **Transportation**

### **Vision Zero Public Workshops**

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)

Monday, November 14, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (American Legion, 196 Main Street, Yarmouth) &

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (South Portland City Hall, 25 Cottage Road)

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by changing the way we design our roads and systems to ensure safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. GPCOG is hosting public workshops to hear from community members in 18 greater Portland towns about which roads and transportation systems feel unsafe.

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### **Electric Vehicles, the 411**

A Climate to Thrive

Friday, December 9, 12:00 PM

Online Zoom Workshop

Join A Climate to Thrive for their monthly Climate Chat series exploring relevant topics related to climate solutions. During this Climate Chat, explore EV-related topics like available models, financing, charging, range-anxiety and more.

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## **OTHER GRANT RESOURCE PAGES**



## **General**

### [Resilience Grants Guide](#)

*State and federal funding opportunities from the Maine Climate Change Adaptation Providers Network*

### [Federal Funding Guide](#)

New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC)

### [State and Federal Funding Inventory](#)

New England Environmental Finance Center Southern New England Program (SNEP)  
*Clearinghouse of federal, state, and philanthropic grant opportunities relative to stormwater/watershed management, ecological restoration and climate resilience.*

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## **Land Conservation and Agriculture**

### [State Listing of Farmland Conservation Opportunities](#)

Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Agricultural Resource Development Division Farmland Protection Program  
*A collection of programs and funding options for protecting farmland.*

### [Financial Resources for Farmers and Food Producers](#)

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA)  
*Local, state and federal funding and finance opportunities for agricultural producers and food processors.*

### [State Grants and Loans for Agriculture](#)

Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Agricultural Resource Development Division  
*Grant and loan programs for agricultural producers and food processors.*

### [State Land Conservation and Access – Land for Maine’s Future Programs](#)

Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning  
*A list of programs designed to conserve land for natural and recreational value.*

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## **Transportation**

### [Federal Transportation Funding Matrix](#)

US Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
*List of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. Includes many funding opportunities for local and tribal governments.*

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## **OTHER RESOURCES**

### [How Public Agencies Can Address Public Input Fatigue](#)

Blog Post from the People’s Climate Innovation Center centered on best practices for equitable community engagement.

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### **NOAA Climate Resilience Training Guides**

NOAA Climate Program Office

Implementing the Steps to Resilience: A Practitioner's Guide, a handbook with accompanying online resources, is designed to help climate adaptation practitioners work with local governments and community organizations to incorporate climate risk into equitable, long-term decision-making. A user-friendly guide for how to implement the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit's Steps to Resilience. Additional guides include:

- Centering Equity in Climate Resilience Planning and Action: a Practitioner's Guide which recommends equity principles to apply during adaptation and resilience planning
- Moving from Faith-based to Tested Adaptation Process and Approach: How Will We Know We're Adapting? which emphasizes evaluation and measurement of adaptation practices and
- Incorporating Nature-based Solutions into Community Climate Adaptation Planning, which uses the "Steps to Resilience" framework to explore nature-based adaptation

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### **Maine Climate Adaptation Providers Network**

Compilation of resources and tools for climate preparedness in Maine.

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### **Maine Department of Transportation Projects Storymap**

Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has a helpful tool for municipalities and the general public – a media-rich, interactive story map of MDOT's three-year Work Plan for statewide infrastructure. The Work Plan describes all work planned by MaineDOT and its transportation partners for calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024. The Work Plan includes all capital projects and programs, maintenance and operations activities, planning initiatives, and administrative functions through December 31st, 2024.

Interested in knowing which projects MDOT has planned in your area? Want to learn how MDOT incorporates climate adaptation into their projects?

[VIEW THE INTERACTIVE STORYMAP](#)

### **Maine Department of Transportation Assets Priority List**

A helpful summary of information about Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT)'s methodology to provide a fair, structured framework to prioritize programs and projects.

[VIEW THE PRIORITY LIST](#)

### **Municipal EV Toolkit**

Developed by the Greater Portland Council of Governments and Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, the EV Readiness Toolkit aims to help local leaders understand the opportunities available to electrify municipal vehicles. The toolkit provides technical guidance on encouraging EV adoption, fleet transitions and infrastructure development and provides decision-makers with up-to-date information on EVs in Maine, direct guidance on best practices and timely information on technologies that municipalities can use to improve their EV readiness. [VIEW HERE](#)

### **Solar Development**

Helpful guidance for municipalities for Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission regarding the legal landscape for planning and regulating the development of large-scale solar arrays. [VIEW HERE](#)