

Building Stroger Communities - \$125,000 Community Action Grants for Regional Projects

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Link to Presentation Recording

<https://youtu.be/kG5WzBdzk-A>

Link to Slide Deck

<https://www.avcog.org/DocumentCenter/View/4952>

Community Resilience Partnership Links Shared

Learn more about the Community Resilience Partnership:

<https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership>

List of Regional Coordinators can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/community-resilience-partnership/regional-coordinators>

List of Service Providers can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/provider>

List of Community Actions (72 Priority Actions) from the Community Resilience Partnership

<https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/support>

A Climate to Thrive Links Shared

Learn more about A Climate to Thrive here:

<http://www.aclimatetothrive.org>

Local Leads the Way meetings:

<https://www.aclimatetothrive.org/localleadstheaway>

Southern Maine Planning & Development Links

SMPDC's Southern Maine Climate Action Planning Cohort:

www.somainecapcohort.com

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SMPDC Sustainability and Resilience Program:

https://smpdc.org/sustainability_resilience

Upcoming Event Links

Efficiency Maine Incentives and Services for Municipal Energy Upgrades Webinar

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsc-CuqjgsE9LmOz8KJZhYDwgK9fFAHllk>

Chat Questions & Answers

1. How do we motivate towns where the predominant viewpoint is that climate change is neither a threat nor worth attention or resources so we (as a town) need do nothing about the climate?

- Weather's impact on a community's infrastructure
- In those communities, perhaps don't use terminology so much as real impacts a community can relate to.
- Start with a project the town is already considering on the list like energy upgrades.

2. Are there some standard "results" metrics being used across projects so the overall impacts (cumulative 'benefits') can be explained?

- Program metrics reported include number of towns enrolled, percent of population living in a CRP community, number of received grants by category, and the level of social vulnerability and population data of enrolled towns.

3. When will the next community action grant application deadlines take place?

- It will be later than usual as they need to wait for the budget to be passed.
- Sign up for program announcements from GOPIF here: <https://maine.us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=1996a43d794798c9e8d2e9643&id=0bb996be7a>
- Your regional coordinators also offer bi-monthly newsletters for other resiliency grants, events, and resource. Sign up for these by reaching out to your regional coordinator: <https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/community-resilience-partnership/regional-coordinators>

4. We are just getting started in our process. I'm confused by the order. All the information I find shows towns passing a resolution, then doing the assessment, then the community discussions, then enrollment. But the language of the model resolution I was provided states that the assessment and community discussions have already happened. What is the proper order and is there another model resolution I should be using?

- It is good for the town to look at the resolution language at the beginning of the process. You can pass the resolution at any point in the process.
- If you choose to pass it first the following preamble can be used to set your date for the community workshop(s) which has been approved by GOPIF:
 - WHEREAS, the Town of _____ will complete the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of

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Community Actions, and hold community workshop(s) which will prioritize projects for implementation within 90 days of passing this resolution;

5. Do the regional coordinators proactively approach Selectboards / Town Managers to enlist their involvement, or is the policy to wait for the community to first approach you?
 - Feel free to reach out to a service provider or your [regional coordinator](#) to have someone set up a time to speak with you.

6. Wondering if there will be a spring Coastal Communities Grant or if the sole grant round will be in the fall?
 - We're going to coordinate its release with the Shore and Harbor grant program and GOPIF's CAG.