



Buckfield Community Workshop

About the Community Resilience Partnership

This program will provide \$6 million over the two year State budget to fund projects that reduce energy use and costs and/or make communities more resilient to severe weather and changing environments.

Community Action Grant

These grants are given directly to communities enrolled in the partnership to implement 72 resiliency actions with no match required. Grant awards are up to \$50,000 for each municipality or up to \$125,000 when two to five communities' partner on a project. These funds can also be used as a match for other grants that support any of the 72 prescribed actions. Grants applications are estimated to be released in March and September of 2024.

Ideas from your municipal leaders:

- Municipal Building upgrades.
- Climate Adaptation Plan.
- Road Preparedness.
- Critical infrastructure assessments.

What other towns have done with their \$50k:

- Install heat pumps at town office, highway garage, and community building, upgrade to LED lighting at community building.
- Create a municipal climate action plan.
- Critical infrastructure study on at-risk roads and bridges.

Resiliency is defined as the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties. This program focuses on building social, economic, and environmental resilience.

Below are the categories of project types that require no match. On the reverse side, you can check off the different types of projects that you would like to see the town implement!

- **Transportation**
- **Plan for Community Resilience**
- **Building Design**
- **Reduce Flood Risk**
- **Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

- **Protect Natural/Working Areas**
- **Strengthen Public Health**
- **Support Natural Resource Economy**
- **Public Engagement**

Check off what projects you would like to see happen and bring to the town office by 10/31/23.

Name:

Transportation	x	Adopt a renewable energy ordinance(s) supporting renewable energy and energy storage.	x	Reduce Flood Risk	x
Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal/tribal government.		Adopt streamlined permitting for small solar/wind projects.		Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.	
Install public EV chargers.		Enter into a long-term service contract for renewable energy.		Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to reduce flood insurance premiums.	
Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure.		Install a renewable energy project.		Map and consider sea-level rise projections in plans and permits.	
Adopt an anti-idling ordinance.		Support Natural Resource Economy		Adopt freeboard requirements in flood areas.	
Implement strategies to inc. use of public transit, biking, and walking.		Adopt policies to support local food production and consumption, including community gardens.		Adopt a low-impact design (LID) standard for stormwater mgt.	
Policies that encourage municipal/tribal employees to commute via public transit, carpool, bike/walk.		Adjust procurement policies to prioritize natural Maine products.		Strengthen Public Health	
Adopt a telework policy for municipal/tribal government staff.		Clean Energy Jobs/Businesses		ID and plan to reduce public health threats in the community that are exacerbated by climate change, i.e. mosquito and tick-borne illness and extreme temperatures.	
Adopt land use and development policies/codes to reduce driving.		Install clean energy on brownfields.		Establish a program to check on vulnerable residents during extreme heat or cold events.	
Adopt a Complete Streets policy.		Incentivize clean energy industry/businesses to locate in the community.		Implement school-based programs to educate students on mosquito- and tick-borne diseases prevention.	
Adopt a broadband plan to increase access to high-speed internet.		Encourage clean energy industries in economic development plans.		Utilize Climate Ready Infrastructure	
Building Design		Protect Natural/Working Areas		Protect utilities to reduce physical damage and sustain function during extreme weather events.	
Execute a plan for municipal/tribal buildings and schools for energy efficiency and weatherization.		Increase green space and tree planting for carbon sequestration.		Adopt DEP Stream Smart policy.	
Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances in municipal/tribal bldgs.		Plan to conserve 30% of land in the community by 2030.		Assess utility facilities for solar, anaerobic digester, etc.	
Install heat pumps or VRF systems for air and water heating/cooling in municipal/tribal buildings.		Create or update a watershed plan.		Public Engagement	
Upgrade streetlights and other lighting for municipally/tribally-owned facilities to LEDs.		Develop natural resource/habitat inventory for climate impacts.		Establish an official committee of community stakeholders.	
Procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine products.		Conserve, revegetate, and reconnect riparian areas.		Create a climate change education and outreach program for residents and businesses.	
Adopt the energy efficiency stretch building code (currently IECC 2021).		Preserve climate-threatened natural areas via zoning or regs.		Amplify public health advisories for climate-related health and weather events, i.e. air quality advisories, extreme heat/cold, power outages.	
Require EV charging and solar energy readiness for new buildings.		Implement a source water protection program.		Engage youth in resilience, clean energy, and energy use reduction.	
Adopt C-PACE ordinance for commercial property.		Adopt policies to prioritize shoreline protection of rivers/lakes.		Create and support an energy reduction campaign or challenge among businesses.	
Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Identify and protect open space in the floodplain.		Initiate a community bulk purchasing program for heat pumps, solar, and weatherization.	
Conduct a baseline for municipal/tribal energy use.		Assess Climate Vulnerable Infrastructure			
Identify and track community emissions indicators.		Conduct a vulnerability assessment of critical infrastructure and create a capital investment plan.			
Adopt a resolution setting targets and a plan for reducing emissions.		Plan for Community Resilience			
		Conduct a community vulnerability assessment and adopt a climate resilience plan to reduce risks.			
		Update local or county EMA hazard mitigation plan.			
		Develop a storm debris mgt. plan.			

