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CLIMATE SUCCESS STORY 75 communities have taken part in the state's Community Resilience Partnership, which supports activities in line with the *Maine Won't Wait* climate action plan.



Source: Jack Sullivan

Maine's Community Resilience Partnership positions all communities for success in achieving a clean economy

In December 2021, Governor Janet Mills announced the Community Resilience Partnership, a program to support communities and Tribes in Maine to pursue plans and strategies to reduce emissions, transition to clean energy, and increase resilience to the effects of climate change.

By joining the partnership, cities, towns, and Tribal governments can receive grants and technical assistance to undertake activities that align with the state's four-year climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*. So far, 75 Maine communities have received support via the partnership, which puts the program on pace to exceed its bold goal of enlisting 100 communities during its first year.

Achieving Maine's emissions reduction targets and resilience goals requires complementary action by communities across the state. *Maine Won't Wait* recognized that limited local capacity and elevated social vulnerability compound climate impacts and inhibit action for most small, rural communities. To bridge this gap, the Community Resilience Partnership empowers partner organizations

that are engaged in these communities to work on-the-ground with them to help identify priority climate actions and impacted populations.

The first round of partnership grants, announced in April 2022, awarded \$2.5 million, which included \$500,000 for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, an electric school bus, LED streetlight conversions, heat pump installations in public buildings, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories. More than \$730,000 supported vulnerability assessments, sea level rise resiliency for working waterfront infrastructure, climate-informed open space and watershed planning, and stormwater management. Another \$540,000 enables community and regional organizations to help a total of 46 communities take their first steps toward climate action.

The Community Resilience Partnership is a key recommendation of Maine's climate action plan, providing support to communities for both climate mitigation and adaptation activities.



CLIMATE ACTION-AT-A-GLANCE

The following list includes both **statutory** and **executive** policies and actions that have been adopted or are in the process of being adopted.



ECONOMY-WIDE GHG TARGETS & CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

- Lead by Example programs & goals
- Economy-wide GHG goal
- Carbon neutral goal
- State climate action plan



ELECTRICITY

- 100% clean electricity goal
- Renewable portfolio standards



JUST TRANSITION/EQUITY

- Environmental justice offices or interagency bodies
- Environmental justice screening and policy tools



TRANSPORTATION

- Low emission vehicle standards
- Zero-emission vehicle standards
- Clean truck standards



BUILDINGS/EFFICIENCY

- Electric utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Gas utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Appliance efficiency standards



INDUSTRY

- Regulations addressing HFCs



RESILIENCE

- Statewide resilience or adaptation plan
- Resilience offices or interagency bodies



NATURAL & WORKING LANDS

- NWL in state GHG inventory
- Healthy soils legislation



CARBON MARKETS & VALUING CLIMATE DAMAGES

- Social cost of greenhouse gases in policymaking
- Carbon market participation



CLIMATE FINANCE

- Green and/or resilient infrastructure bank