



OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

The [Community Resilience Partnership](#) funds projects that reduce energy use and costs and/or make communities more resilient to severe weather and changing environments. The grants are given directly to communities enrolled in the partnership with no match required. To enroll, a community must meet three criteria: adopting a resolution of commitment, completing a pair of self-assessments, and holding a community workshop to prioritize initial climate resilience and clean energy actions.

Grant awards are up to \$50,000 for each municipality or up to \$125,000 when two or more communities' partner on a project. These funds can also be used as a match for other grants. Grants applications are usually due in March and September. Categories of project types that require no match are:

- 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

For more detailed information, see the [List of Community Actions](#) eligible.

The Town of Mount Vernon is working with GrowSmart Maine to help with the enrollment of the town in the program and to develop a grant proposal in line with community priorities. The goal is to enroll the town in the partnership by the end of the year and submit a grant application by March-April 2024. To this end, **a Community Workshop will be held 18 November 2023 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center open to all interested residents.** The purpose is to arrive at a list of priority community actions for the town.

If you are interested in being kept informed and/or involved in the process, please contact Harald Bredesen at GrowSmart Maine, 207-248-8166 or hbredesen@growsmartmaine.org.

