



Resilience is preparing for, responding to and recovering from hazardous events or disturbances. A resilient community has a plan to protect its people, infrastructure and environment from coming risks.

Resilience planning often takes form as projects familiar to planning boards and committees. A few examples:

- Ensuring roads and bridges are prepared for sudden floods
- Taking steps to cope with drought and other extreme weather conditions
- Assessing regional and demographic vulnerabilities
- Incorporating changing concerns into town policies, plans, processes and ordinances
- Reducing emissions and transitioning to sources of clean energy

The Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future is offering funding opportunities (up to \$50,000) for communities to address climate mitigation and adaptation. To qualify for funding communities must be enrolled in the "community resilience partnership". There are two available options for communities to take when applying for this partnership. They can either tackle the enrollment for the partnership on their own or they can work with a service provider (i.e. a community-focused organization) to support their application to the partnership.

The requirements for a community to enroll in the partnership are outlined below and this information can also be found [on their website](#):

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

- **Adopt a municipal resolution** that establishes or designates either a citizen committee or a municipal employee to coordinate activities to reduce energy use and costs, transition to clean energy, and make the community more resilient to climate change
- **Complete a Community Resilience Self-Evaluation** and **review the List of Community Actions** to assess existing progress and identify potential next steps;
- **Hold a public workshop(s)** to review the self-assessment results and prioritize projects for implementation.

Service Providers can provide support by guiding the community through the requirements for enrollment in the community resilience partnership, including facilitating a public workshop and leading the community through the self-evaluation. Once enrollment is completed, the Service Provider can then help the community apply for a Community Action Grant of up to \$50,000.00. The \$50,000.00 grant can address any (and multiple if need be) of the list of community actions.