

TRAININGS & RESOURCES

A Climate to Thrive (ACTT) Climate Chats Join ACTT for a virtual, 45-minute lunchtime program the first Friday of every month at noon. Chats explore topics relevant to locally implementable climate solutions and leave ample room for questions and discussion. Upcoming programs:

- **Pathways to Solar** – Friday, March 10, 12:00 PM [REGISTER](#)
- **The Maine Grid and Solar** – Friday, March 24, 12:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Community Resilience Partnership 2022 Annual Report The Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future has released the first annual report for the Community Resilience Partnership. [VIEW REPORT](#)

EV Charging Stations Installation Guide This guide provides information for commercial, government, and institutional property owners who are assessing whether, where, and how to install Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations on their property. [VIEW GUIDE](#)

GrowSmart Maine Community Guide: Historic Preservation - An Economic Opportunity Learn how historic preservation supports economic opportunities. [VIEW GUIDE](#)

Maine Clean Communities A government/industry partnership, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Greater Portland Council of Governments working to expand the use of alternative fuels, domestically-produced transportation fuels and energy-efficient vehicle technologies. Maine Clean Communities provides resources to both public and private stakeholders. [LEARN MORE](#)

Winter Heating Guide Energy prices are expected to remain high this winter due to continued world market volatility stemming from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Governor's Energy Office 2022-2023 winter heating guide contains resources for Maine people to help stay warm this winter and find heating assistance. [VIEW GUIDE](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Transportation

Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. Proposals due 4/13. [LEARN MORE](#)

Maine DOT Municipal Partnership Initiative A streamlined program to address municipal requests that deal with transportation infrastructure issues on state and state aid highways, encourage economic opportunities, and make improvements to infrastructure to increase its life or correct safety deficiencies. [LEARN MORE](#)

Maine DOT Village Partnership Initiative Funding and support available for any Maine village or downtown on a state or state-aid highway where a community has a vision for significant improvements to lower-speed areas that are or could become a community center. Contact SMPDC Senior Transportation Planner, Dean Williams (dwilliams@smpdc.org), to learn more. [LEARN MORE](#)

Workforce Transportation Funding Opportunity Aims to pursue and develop transportation solutions that connect workers with employers across Maine. Will provide competitive grants of up to \$750,000 to local and regional partnerships to pilot ways to connect workers and employers through ridesharing, vanpools, and other subsidized transit options. All requests for financial assistance should be submitted electronically to MaineDOT Policy Development Specialist Ryan Neal (ryan.k.neale@maine.gov). [LEARN MORE](#)

Resilience

Island Institute's ShoreUp Grants ShoreUp Grants offer funding support (up to \$10,000) for Maine island and coastal communities as they assess, implement, and/or plan for sea level rise. Contact Abby Roche (aroche@islandinstitute.org, 701-200-2346) to discuss your project and application prior to submission. [LEARN MORE](#)

Maine Water and Wastewater Funding Sources Compiled by the Environmental Finance Center Network, February 2022. [VIEW THE LIST](#)

Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Funding for Conservation of Working and Recreational Lands LMF has \$40 million in new funding for the conservation of working forests, farms, and commercial waterfronts, public access to woods and waters and the protection and management of wildlife, including deer wintering habitat. Inquiry Forms due May 19. [LEARN MORE](#)

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund Pre-proposals due April 12, 2023, full proposals due June 28, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#)

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Forest Economy Program Funds projects in the forest economy, including community development projects, workforce (re)training and development projects, marketing/communication and education projects, business planning and technical assistance projects, and public infrastructure projects. Letter of Interest due March 10. [LEARN MORE](#)

Waste Diversion Grants Program Round 1 The State of Maine is seeking proposals from municipalities, regional associations, and businesses to assist in programs, projects, initiatives, or activities designed to increase the diversion of solid waste from disposal. Grant awards range from \$1,000-\$40,000. Proposals due March 7, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#)

Energy

Funding for Small Municipality Retrofits HVAC, Lighting, and Refrigeration Efficiency Maine is seeking applications for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting and refrigeration projects in small Maine municipality and tribal government buildings. Applications due August 31, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#)

Funding for School Retrofits HVAC, Lighting, and Refrigeration Efficiency Maine is seeking applications for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting and refrigeration projects in Maine schools. Applications due May 31, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) Federal grants to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Maine's 10 most populous Counties and Cities are eligible for formula grant funding through the EECBG. For all other

communities, competitive federal grants are available. Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) may contact CRP Regional Coordinator Co-lead Karina Greater (kgreater@smpdq.org) for guidance. [LEARN MORE](#)

Federal Solar Tax Credits for Businesses, Nonprofits, and Municipal and Tribal

Governments Two federal tax credits are available: The investment tax credit (ITC) reduces the federal income tax liability for a percentage of the cost of a solar system that is installed during the tax year. The production tax credit (PTC) is a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) tax credit for electricity generated by solar and other qualifying technologies for the first 10 years of a system's operation. Organizations that don't pay federal taxes, like non-profits or local governments, can take advantage of the tax credits through either direct pay or a transfer of credit. Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) in Region 1 may contact R1CC Co-lead Karina Greater (kgreater@smpdq.org) for guidance. [LEARN MORE](#)