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Welcome



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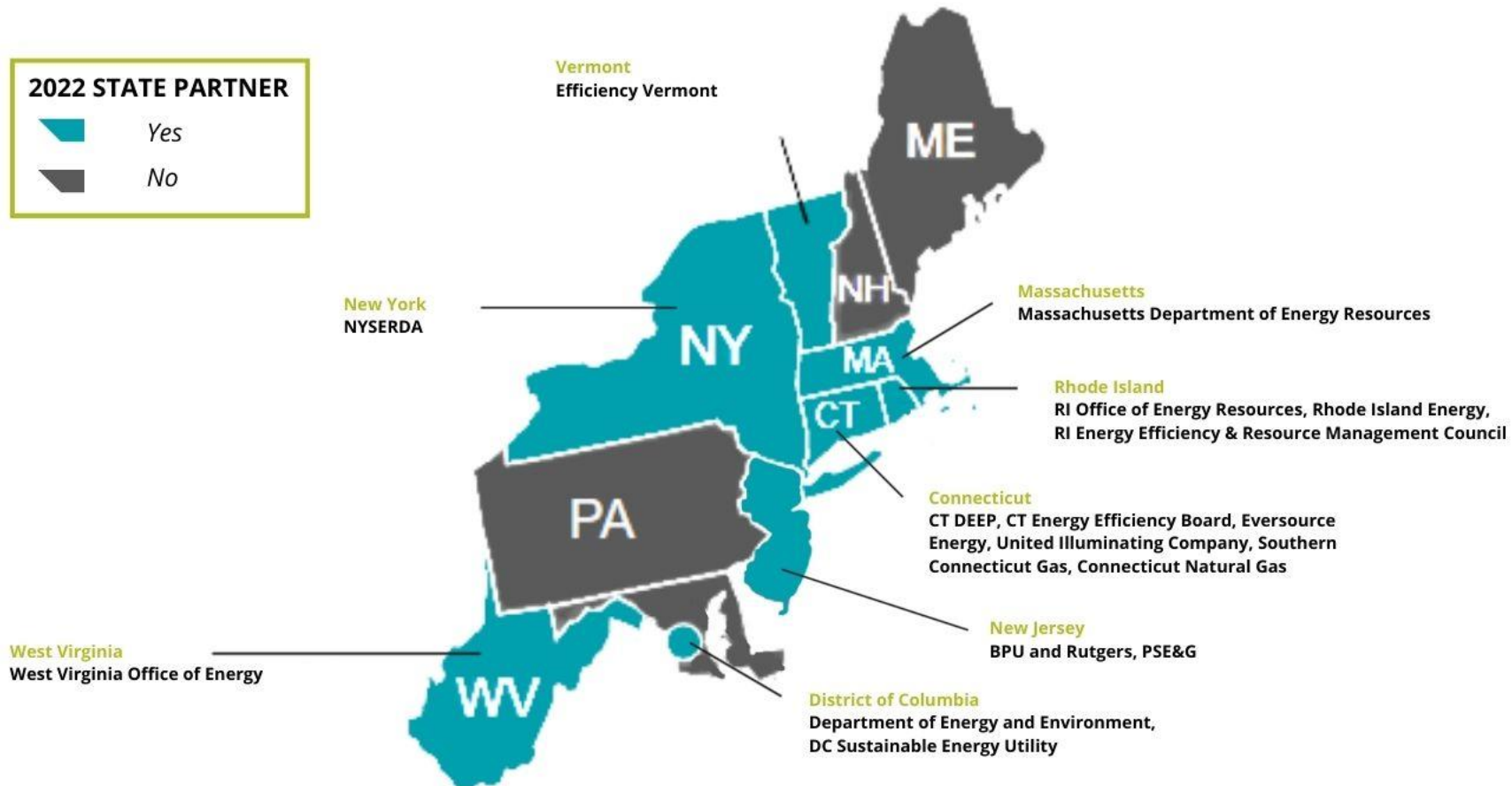
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Northeast Energy Efficiency Partners (NEEP)

State Partnerships

NEEP works closely with our State Partners on the successful application of policies, programs, and technologies, and brings knowledge of what strategies work (and don't work) to advance the state's and region's clean energy goals.



Mark Your Calendars

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**DECARBONIZING
COMMUNITIES &
CAMPUSES**

PowerOptions & NEEP Collaboration

May 3, 2023 | College of the Holy Cross

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NEEP Summit 2023
June 13-15 | New Haven, CT

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**HEATING
ELECTRIFICATION
WORKSHOP 2023**

OCTOBER 25-26

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Today's Agenda



- Federal Funding Landscape for Communities
- EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Insights from Maine: How States are Supporting Communities
- Open Discussion



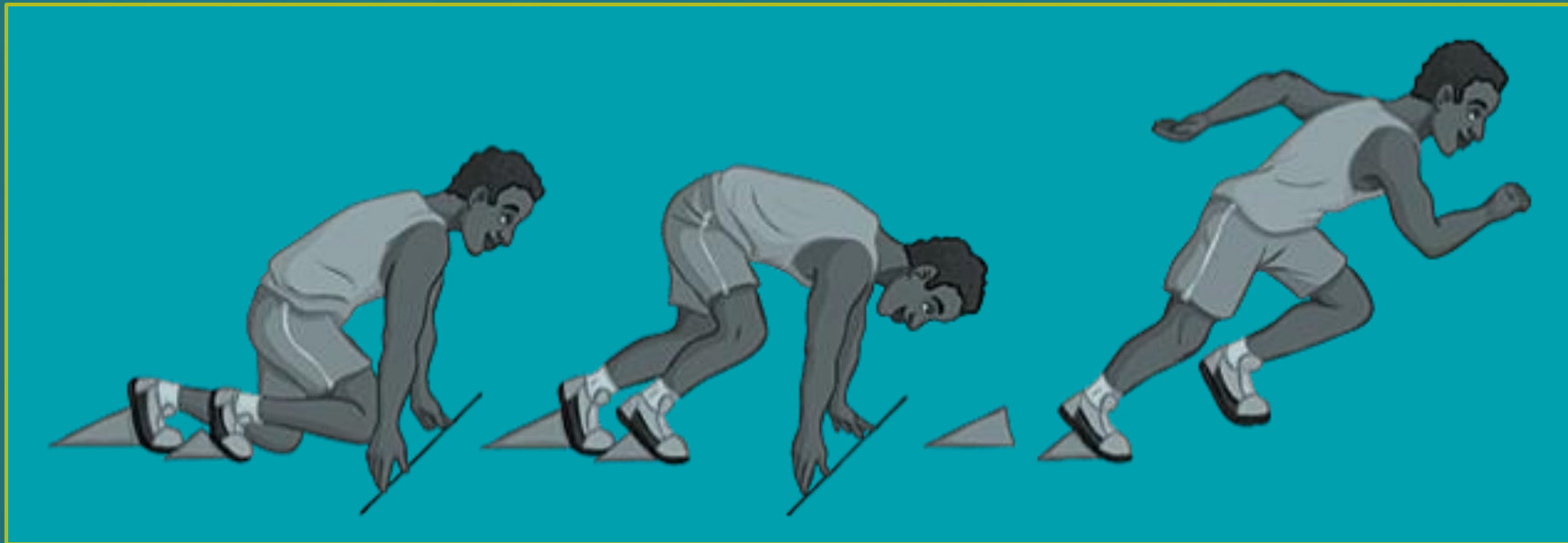
The Federal Funding Landscape for Communities



READY: What are the key first steps?

SET: What types of projects should you consider?

SCALE: How can states and communities work together?



First Steps for Federal Grants – Register

- [SAM.gov](#) – System for Award Management
 - Receive Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) - Required for applying for federal grants
 - Must be renewed annually
 - Register ASAP, takes time to process
- [Grants.gov](#) – CPRG Applicants
 - Submit full proposal here
- [FedConnect](#) – EECBG Applicants
 - Allows eligible entities to receive and acknowledge their award
- Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy ([PAGE](#)), where you submit application materials

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

First Steps



- [Formula application hub](#)
- 2 options for Communities: Grant or Voucher
 - Grant application + reporting more extensive, vouchers can be used only for technical assistance or equipment rebates
- Energy Efficiency + Conservation Strategy
 - Description of goals for increased EE+C, and plan for use of the grant to achieve goals
 - Can use grant to develop + submit one year after effective date of award
 - Optional template provided
- Pre-award checklist due April 28 (for grant OR voucher)

EECBG: Local Governments not Eligible for Formula

- 60 percent of funds to states must be made available as grants for non-eligible local governments
 - Likely not available until 2024
- Two percent competitive grants for governments ineligible for formula - \$8.8 million

2 Other Opportunities to Support Communities

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**
 - \$27B to eligible states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits
 - Loans, grants, and other forms of assistance will be directed to projects
 - Early Summer 2023
- **Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants**
 - \$3B For Community Based Nonprofits
 - Multiple sub programs
 - RFI due April 10

Poll Question

Get Involved: Federal Funding Working Group

- Tailored to Communities
- Stay informed about:
 - BIL and IRA grant deadlines, next steps, tips, and project concepts
- Group meetings around FOA deadlines
- Hear from other topical experts
- Inform the development of materials



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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

1. Planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies (\$250 million)

- Administered through non-competitive cooperative agreements

2. Competitive implementation grants to help put plans into action (\$4.6 billion)

Planning Grant Allocations

States: \$156 million

*Up to \$3M per state +
DC + Puerto Rico*

Locals: \$67 million

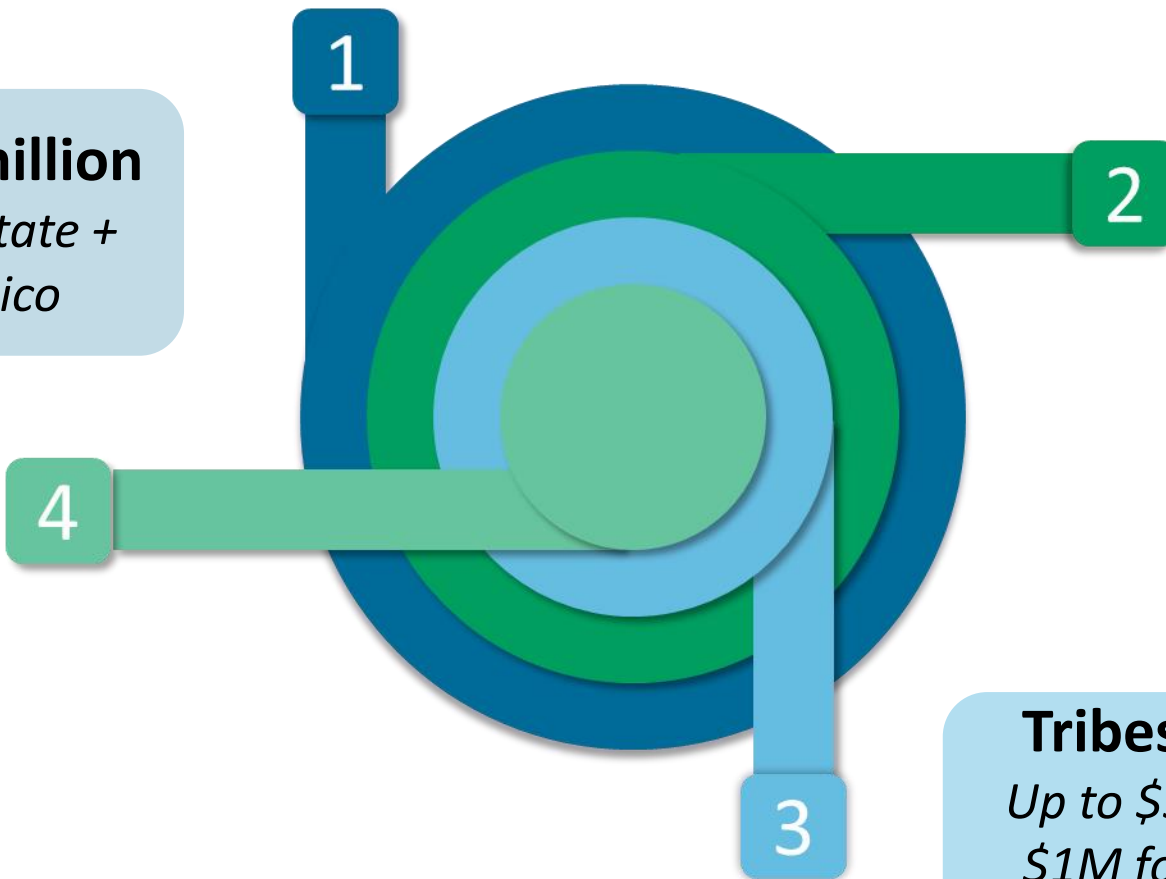
*Up to \$1M each for the
67 most populous
metropolitan areas*

Territories: \$2 million

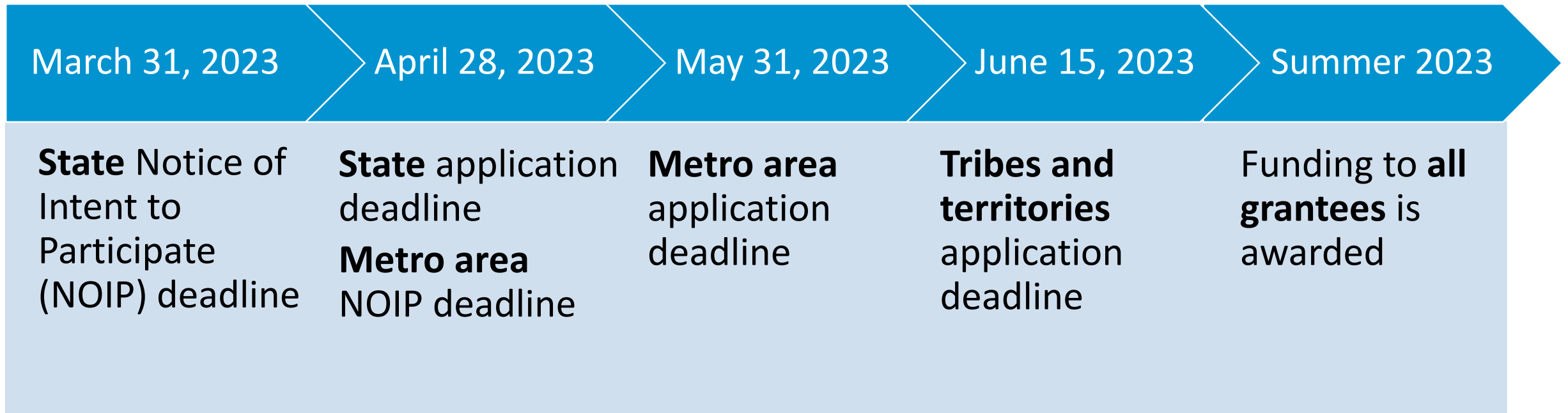
*Up to \$500K each for US
Virgin Islands, Guam,
American Samoa,
Northern Mariana Islands*

Tribes: \$25 million

*Up to \$500K per tribe or
\$1M for groups of 2 or
more*



Planning Grant Application Process



One planning grant, three deliverables over 4 years



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors** / significant GHG sources and sinks
- **Near- and long-term** GHG emission reduction goals and **strategies**



Status Report

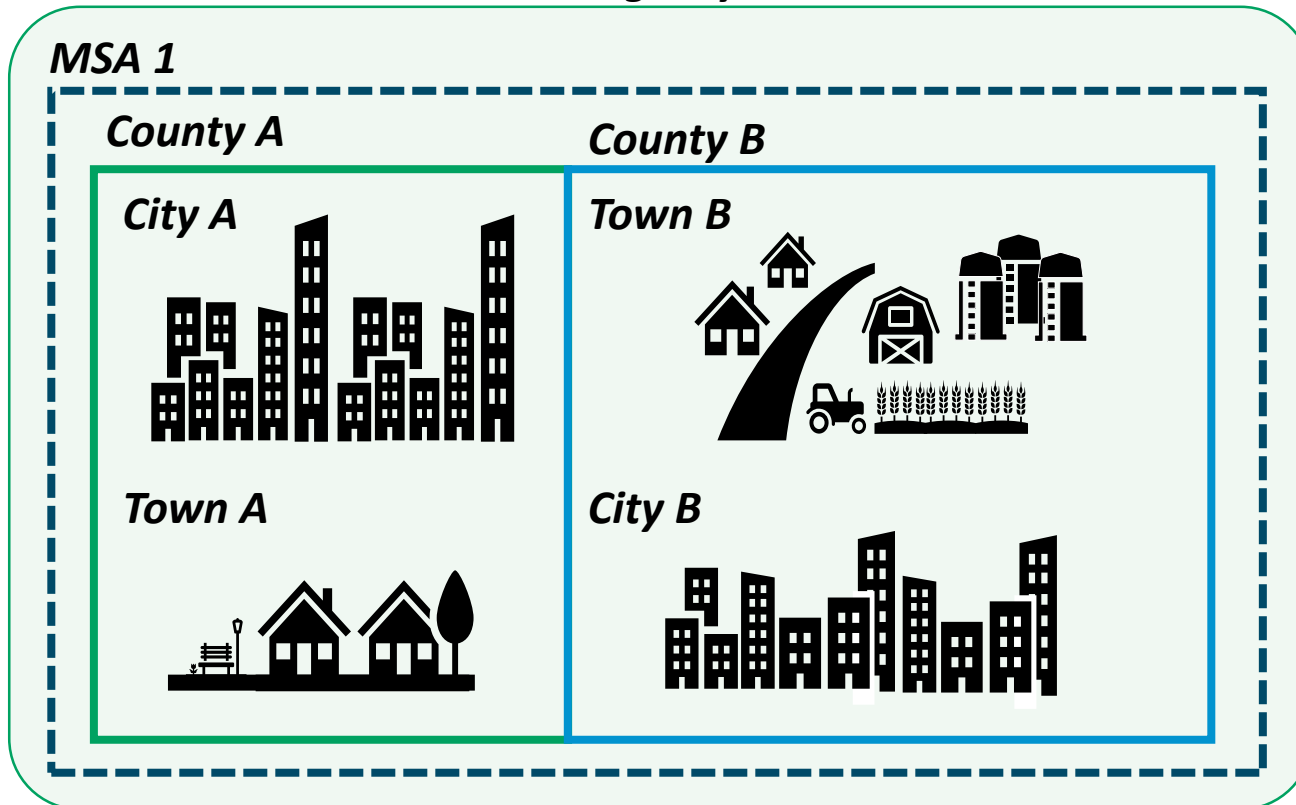
- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated** analyses and plans
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination

- Lead agencies must coordinate with other appropriate agencies and offices within their own government in the development and adoption of the deliverables.
- State Requirements
 - **Collaborate** with air pollution control agencies, and municipalities **within the state** to develop the PCAP and over the duration of the grant
 - Identify and **include priority measures** in the state PCAP that can be implemented by collaborating entities (e.g., municipalities, air pollution control agencies, collaborating tribes)
- Metropolitan Area Requirements
 - Climate plans should also be developed with regional coordination as much as possible

Metropolitan Area Example

Local Air Pollution Control Agency



- MSA 1 consists of two counties, each containing one city and one town. A local air agency spans the metropolitan statistical area (MSA).
- City mayors, town supervisors, county executives, and the air director meet to discuss potential coordination and roles and determine County B's Department of Environment will administer the planning grant
- County B's Department of Environment submits Notice of Intent to Participate for MSA 1 and develops an application package in consultation with other jurisdictions and air pollution control agency
- **All seven entities are covered by the developed climate plan and are eligible to apply for implementation grants**

Status for NEEP Jurisdictions

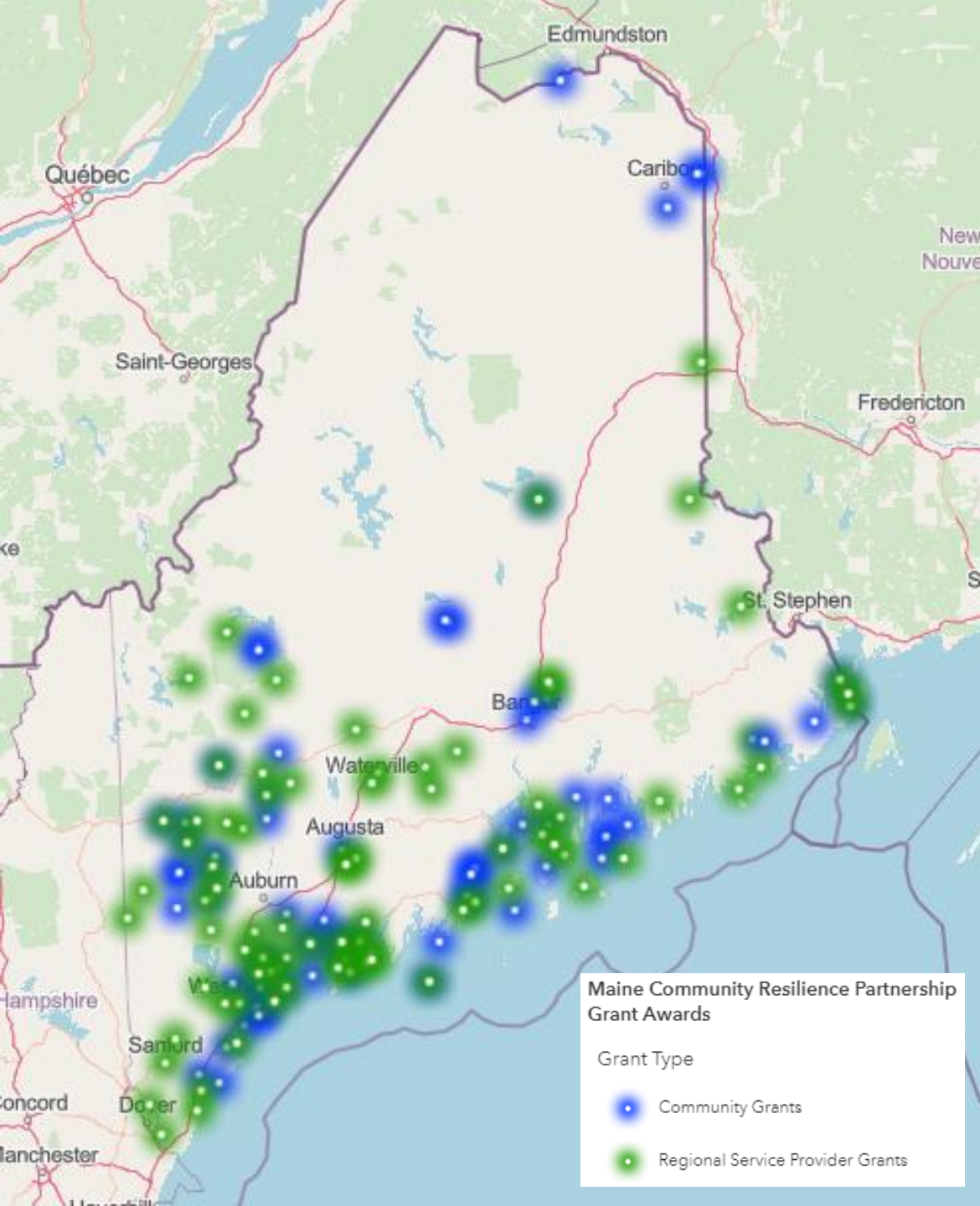
- Connecticut: Hartford MSA, Bridgeport MSA, *New Haven MSA (#68)*
- Delaware
- DC
- Maine
- **Maryland:** Baltimore MSA
- Massachusetts: Boston MSA, Worcester MSA, *Springfield MSA (#84)*
- New Hampshire
- **New Jersey**
- New York: NYC MSA, Buffalo MSA, Rochester MSA, Albany MSA, *Poughkeepsie MSA (#85)*
- Pennsylvania: Philadelphia MSA, Pittsburgh MSA, *Allentown MSA (#69)*
- Rhode Island: Providence MSA
- Vermont
- West Virginia

Status List: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>



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Community Resilience Partnership

More than 100 Maine communities engaged!

- 127 participating communities
- 76 fully enrolled communities
- 51 communities working with Service Providers to enroll

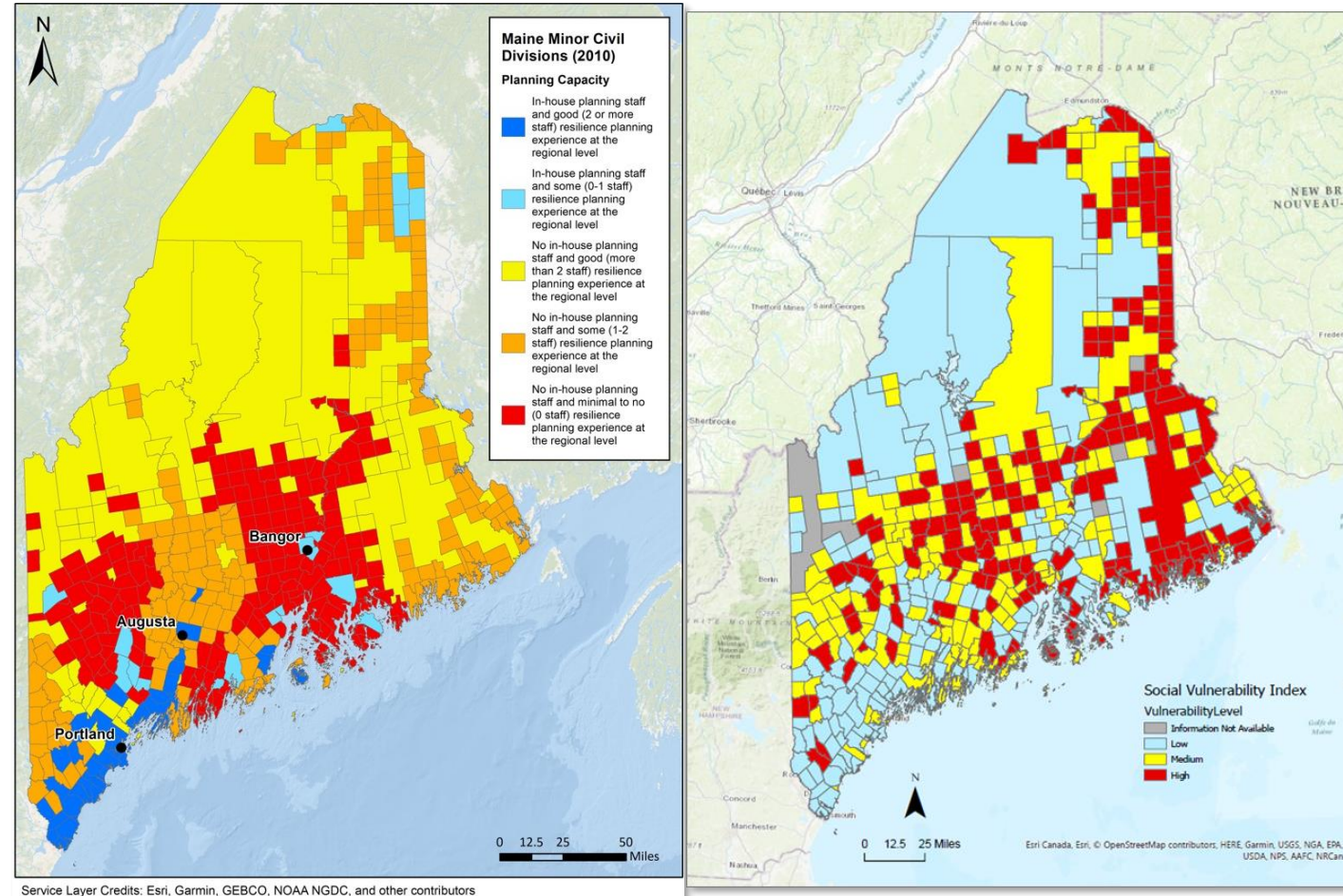
Community Resilience Partnership

www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership

Purpose

Through grants and technical assistance, the Community Resilience Partnership assists communities to:

- reduce carbon emissions,
- transition to clean energy, and
- become more resilient to climate change effects such as to extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more.



Community Resilience Partnership


\$4.75 million in the biennial budget for local, tribal, and regional grants to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for climate change impacts

3 types of funding opportunities

- **Grants to communities** for planning and implementation
- **Grants to service provider organizations** to help communities get started
- **Contracts with regional coordinators** to support communities in implementation and securing funding

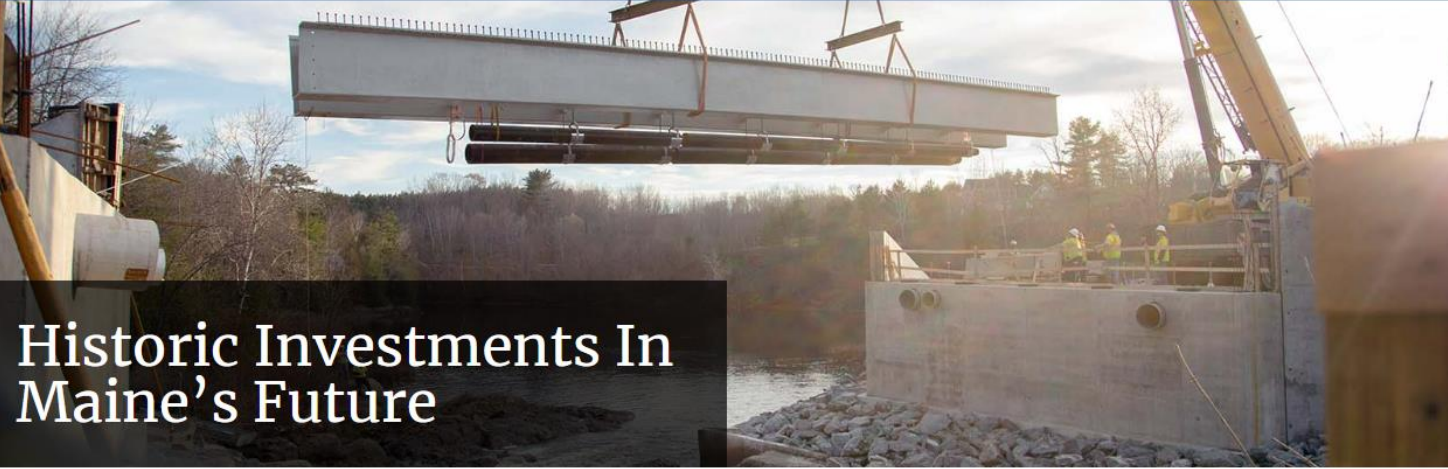
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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



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Historic Investments In Maine's Future

"This once-in-a-generation investment will help us fix our roads and bridges, expand high-speed broadband, improve access to clean drinking water, and build a cleaner, more sustainable transportation network - all while putting Maine people to work in good-paying jobs. I thank the President and Maine's Congressional Delegation for their work to get it done."

-- Governor Janet Mills

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), signed by President Joseph Biden with the support of Maine's full Congressional delegation, offers a historic opportunity to invest in Maine's roads and bridges, expand broadband and public transportation systems, improve climate resilience, build a clean energy future, ensure clean drinking water, and grow Maine's economy through sustained investment and good-paying jobs.

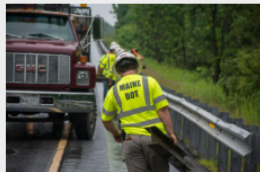


Significant Federal Infrastructure Support

www.maine.gov/bil

BIL Investment Categories

By [executive order of Governor Mills](#), the State has established an Infrastructure Implementation Committee to coordinate the implementation of BIL initiatives among the State, cities, towns, tribal governments, and other entities in Maine. For more about each BIL category, [visit the Categories page](#).



Transportation

BIL funding will support important investments in Maine's transportation system to support economic opportunity and quality of life.

Coordinating Agencies: Maine Department of Transportation, Governor's Energy Office, Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, Department of Environmental Protection, Efficiency Maine, and Department of Economic and Community Development.



Resilience & Environmental Protection

Programs to strengthen the state's preparedness for storm events, flooding, and wildfires; to build resilience of transportation networks, drinking water and wastewater systems; to mitigate contaminants and pollution; and to improve natural capacity of watersheds and ecosystems.

Coordinating Agencies: Coordination of these investments is through a BIL Resilience Working Group, a cross-agency effort established to take advantage of BIL resilience opportunities which include over \$50 billion for evacuation routes, coastal resilience, improving infrastructure resilience, or efforts to move infrastructure to nearby locations less impacted by extreme weather and natural disasters.



Energy Programs & Building Efficiency

Programs supporting improved energy efficiency in buildings and the expansion of affordable, clean energy generation and transmission networks.

Coordinating Agencies: Governor's Energy Office, Maine Department of Transportation, Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, Efficiency Maine, MaineHousing, and the Maine Public Utilities Commission.



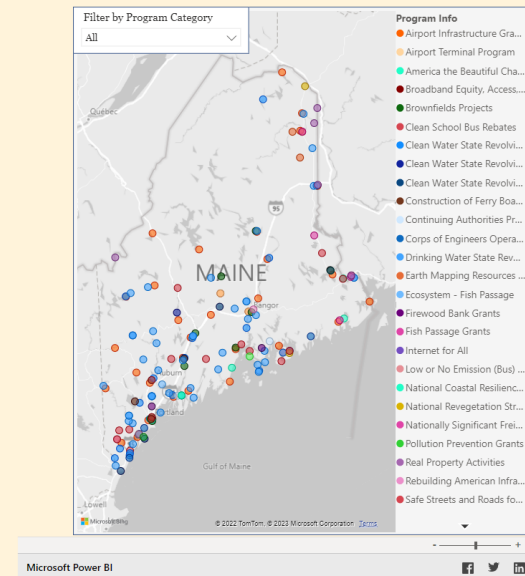
Broadband & Technology

Programs to expand the interconnection and economic viability of Maine communities through improved, robust, affordable and universally available high speed internet (broadband) and secure information systems.

Coordinating Agencies: Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Connectivity Authority, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, and Maine Department of Transportation.

BIL Projects in Maine

With an estimated \$2.5 billion available to Maine through both direct and competitive funds, the Mills Administration is committed to ensuring Maine people and communities receive the greatest possible benefit from BIL. For more about each category, [visit the Categories page](#).



Project Highlights

- The Maine Department of Marine Resources has [received nearly \\$20 million in BIL grants](#) to improve fish passage for river herring and other species and enhance watershed health and local economic vitality [in the St. Croix River and the Bay of Fundy](#).
- The Maine Connectivity Authority [has received \\$5.5 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for broadband planning](#).
- The [Department of Interior has awarded \\$5 million to the Passamaquoddy Tribe](#) to help advance climate adaptation planning.
- The U.S. Department of Environmental Protection has awarded \$13.3 million in grants to 13 school districts in Maine to purchase 34 electric school buses. [See the awarded school districts here](#).
- MaineDOT, Efficiency Maine, Governor's Energy Office, Maine DEP, and the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future [have received Federal approval on a plan to invest in Maine's electric vehicle charging infrastructure \(PDF\)](#) through National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment (NEVI) funds.
- The National Fish Passage Program [has removed two dams, the Upper Town Dam and the Remnant Mill Dam from the Sabattus River](#), to eliminate public safety hazards, reduce flooding risk, restore parks and safe access to nature for disadvantaged communities, and restore passage for Federally endangered Atlantic salmon, river herring, and other species to important spawning habitat in the Androscoggin watershed.

[See all announcements about BIL investments in Maine.](#)



GOVERNOR'S
Energy Office

Federal Funding Webinar Series

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – federal funding opportunities for communities

Who: municipal, county, and tribal leaders

Hosts: Maine Municipal Association and Governor’s Infrastructure Implementation Committee

January 5, 1-2pm – **Transportation funding**

January 26, 1-2pm – **Broadband & Technology funding**

February 16, 1-2pm – **Energy Programs & Building Efficiency funding**

March 2, 1-2pm – **Resilience & Environmental Protection funding**

To register, visit https://www.maine.gov/bil/events/MMA_BIL_webinar_series

Engagement Opportunities

- **Grants for Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities**
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)**
- **Building Codes Implementation for Efficiency and Resilience**
- **Workforce Programs**
 - State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants
 - Energy Auditor Training Grant Program
 - Career Skills Training Program

Upcoming Events

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Allies & Funders Webinar:
Insights on NEEP Initiatives

APRIL 13 | 11 AM EST

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**Ready,
Set,
Scale.**

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Thank you for attending today's RSS!

We look forward to seeing you again.