

Good morning all,

We hope you had a great holiday season and a happy new year. We are looking forward to working with you all in the new year. Below is this month's newsletter.

MCOG News

Multiply Your Grant Funding!

Looking for ways to pay for your climate-related projects? One way is to combine several sources of funding together. More is better! To find out how, register for **Building Stronger Communities – Funding Projects into the Future** Virtual and In-person at [Kennebec Valley Council of Governments](#), [Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments](#), [Center for Ecology-Based Economy](#)

When: Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

What: Towns enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership receive technical assistance to apply for a myriad of state, federal, and philanthropic grants for resiliency projects. In this session, we will hear from communities enrolled in the Partnership about how they were able to leverage multiple funding sources for projects. Examples include Skowhegan's Downtown Plan as it relates to active transportation, land use, and land conservation, and Greenwood's Historic Building Preservation and Energy Upgrade Project. This session will also prepare towns applying for Community Action Grants through the Community Resilience Partnership. [LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER](#)

To find out more about the Community Resilience Partnership, please contact Meg Rasmussen, Community Sustainability Planner at mrasmussen@midcoastcog.com

Law Enforcement Purchase Program

MCOG has started accepting invoices from Law Enforcement Agencies and mailed out over \$30,000 in reimbursements. If your community/ county has been awarded these funds, your Law Enforcement Department may begin purchasing their approved equipment and submitting the receipts to MCOG for reimbursement. For questions, please reach out to Max Johnstone at mjohnstone@midcoastcog.com.

Regional Hub Award

An amended budget for MCOG's **\$944,300 Regional Hub award** was submitted to DECD on December 21. We expect to execute a contract with DECD and begin work on this three-year project in January.

Webinars, Workshops, and Educational Information

Planning Board Workshop:

The Midcoast Council of Governments and Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission are holding a workshop to cover the basics of Planning Board procedures on Wednesday, January 18th at 5:00pm. This meeting is advised for Planning Board members who are unable to attend the Maine Municipal Association's Planning Board workshops.

The workshop will be in-person at the Lincoln County Regional Planning Office (297 Bath Road, Wiscasset) and on Zoom [here](#). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Max Johnstone at mjohnstone@midcoastcog.com.

The meeting will also be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webinar Series:

The Maine Municipal Association and the Governor's Infrastructure Implementation Committee invite you to join representatives from the State for a [series of informational webinars](#) on funding and program opportunities for Maine communities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Each session will cover a category of BIL investment, review current projects, explain funding processes, highlight available and upcoming BIL programs, and offer opportunities for Q&A.

ADU Info Page:

The Bath Housing Authority, City of Bath, and Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec are providing a program to raise awareness about the benefits of ADU's. More information can be found [here](#).

Thank you for reading! Know someone who may be interested in receiving this newsletter? Pass along [this form](#) for them to fill out and they will be included in the next newsletter.

All the best,

The MCOG Team

Mathew Eddy, Brian Dancause, Meg Rasmussen, Max Johnstone, Michael Martone, and Charlotte Nutt

165 Main Street, Suite F

PO Box 62

Damariscotta, ME 04543

207-209-4129