

## **About the program:**

The Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) is a state program in the Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future (GOPIF) that helps towns plan for and fund projects to improve energy efficiency and local resilience. The CRP offers technical assistance and grant funding to support projects related to town facilities, emergency preparedness, open space/trails, broadband access, the natural resource economy, public health, and infrastructure like sidewalks, roads, and culverts. Towns can choose to enroll in the CRP. About 200 towns in Maine have joined.

North Star Planning (NSP) and Siler Climate Consulting (SCC) have been awarded \$12,500 from the state of Maine to help Pownal enroll in the CRP, scope a project, and apply for a grant this summer. These services are provided to Pownal free of charge.

## **Grants Available:**

Enrolled communities are eligible for Community Action Grants - up to \$75,000 per community or \$175,000 for regional projects. No cost match is required from the town. Funds for grants this summer have already been allocated to the state and are not impacted by federal funding changes. The funds originated from NOAA.

Enrolled communities can also get free technical assistance from a designated regional coordinator.

*Examples of recent grant projects from towns include:* municipal facility upgrades (HVAC, windows/doors, LED lights), shoreline stabilization & vegetation management, riverwalk trail plan, assessment of town dry hydrants and fire ponds, and creating emergency disaster/heat/cooling shelter in the community center.

## **Pownal Enrollment Process:**

To enroll in the CRP, NSP and SCC will help Pownal complete two self-assessment forms and hold a community workshop to discuss resilience priorities. Then, the Select Board will pass a municipal resolution (written by the state) agreeing to join the partnership. Once Pownal joins, the town is eligible for grant funding and for free technical assistance.