



# MVP Action Grant Eligibility Criteria

Learn about projects eligible for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant.

## Eligible Projects

The MVP Action Grant offers financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to advance priority climate adaptation actions to address climate change impacts resulting from extreme weather, sea level rise, inland and coastal flooding, severe heat, and other climate impacts.

Responses to the RFR may be submitted by municipalities who have received designation from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) as a Climate Change Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Community (“MVP Community”). All projects are required to provide monthly updates, project deliverables, a final project report, and a brief project summary communicating lessons learned. The municipality is also required to match 25% of total project cost using cash or in-kind contributions. All proposals must include the following:

- A copy of priority actions identified in MVP plans/reports
- Narrative describing the MVP process
- Project timeline and priorities
- Project budget and deliverables
- Yearly progress report describing any relevant work toward advancing community priorities since earning MVP designation
- Final MVP planning report with a list of workshop participants, list of core team, list of partners who supported the workshop, and any relevant supplemental data

Project types include:

- *Detailed Vulnerability and Risk Assessment* – In-depth vulnerability or risk assessment of a particular sector, location or other aspect of the municipality.
- *Public Education and Communication* – Projects that increase public understanding of climate change impacts within and beyond the community and foster effective partnerships to develop support.
- *Local Bylaws, Ordinances, Plans, and other Management Measures* – Projects to develop, amend, and implement local ordinances, bylaws, standards, plans, and other management measures to reduce risk and damages from extreme weather, heat, flooding and other climate change impacts.
- *Redesigns and retrofits* – Engineering and construction projects to redesign, plan, or retrofit vulnerable community facilities and

infrastructure (e.g., wastewater treatment plants, culverts, and critical municipal roadways/evacuation routes) to function properly over the life of the infrastructure given projected climate change impacts.

- *Nature-Based Storm-Damage Protection, Drought Prevention, Water Quality, and Water Infiltration Techniques* - Green infrastructure projects that utilize natural resources and pervious surfaces to manage coastal and inland flooding and storm damage, such as stormwater wetlands (i.e., constructed wetlands for pollutant removal) and bio-retention systems, and other Smart Growth and Low Impact Development techniques.
- *Nature-Based, Infrastructure and Technology Solutions to Reduce Vulnerability to Extreme Heat and Poor Air Quality* - Green infrastructure projects that utilize natural resources, vegetation, and increasing pervious surface to reduce ambient temperatures, provide shade, increase evapotranspiration, improve local air quality, and otherwise provide cooling services within the municipality.
- *Nature-Based Solutions to Reduce Vulnerability to other Climate Change Impacts* - Nature-based projects that address other impacts of climate change such as decreased air quality, increased incidence of pests and vector-borne illnesses, and forest pests.
- *Ecological Restoration and Habitat Management to Increase Resiliency* - Projects that repair or improve degraded natural resources within a municipality to enhance resilience and adapt to climate change (e.g., right-sizing culverts, dam removal, controlled burns, soil stabilization, invasive species removal and native re-vegetation, prevention and recovery from forest pest invasions in

urban and rural forests, restoration of land for flood control, and other natural resource management projects).

The Requests for Responses will be posted as available at

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