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Infrastructure: Additional notes on Community Resilience Partnership from Business Conducted outside of Infrastructure Committee Meetings. (This is in addition to item II a, in the Infrastructure Committee report from May 6)

Firstly, a brief summary of Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Grants

Joining the partnership allows us to apply for the following grant:

1. Community Action Grants: Municipal and tribal governments who have joined the Partnership may apply directly for funds to support projects reducing energy use and costs and/or making their community more resilient to climate change effects, which include flooding, extreme weather, drought, and public health impacts.

More specifically these include:

- Actions from the List of Community Actions, an approved list of climate mitigation and adaptation activities that align with the strategies of Maine Won't Wait (Please see the list attached to this email)
- Other projects proposed by a community that supports capacity building, planning, and implementation projects.
- Allows us free access to a service provider who will guide us throughout the application process of this particular grant. Furthermore, she/he will be able to help us with future grants, and hopefully larger grants.

In consideration of this grant, what does this mean in terms of what needs to be done:

- Firstly, the next deadline that was announced for the Grant is *July 7*. There will be 2 more rounds: the next will be midwinter sometime, and one final one sometime later in 2024. However, by acting quickly, we can get a head start of six months in funding.
- We can submit an application for partnership and funding at the same time.
- The most important steps within this timeline would be the following:
 1. Conduct a self-evaluation (please see attachment one in this email). The self-evaluation can be done with a few people)
 2. Hold a public meeting where we discuss our priorities in relation to climate resilience. This is in tandem with the community action list (please see attachment two in this email).
 3. Adopt a Climate Plan Resolution. (Please see attachment three in this email which serves as an example)
 4. Apply for a grant.

Molly Schaffler, after attending the CRP annual meeting for municipalities on Thursday and having gathered the information above, most importantly got the sense that we fit *perfectly* into the kind of community & situation they want to bring into the Partnership and give funding to.

