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build community resilience to climate change

MVP 2.0

What's MVP 2.0?

MVP 2.0 supports Massachusetts communities in increasing resilience to climate change. It builds off the work communities completed in MVP 1.0 (Planning Grant) and provides new tools and resources. In particular, MVP 2.0 focuses on revisiting local climate resilience priorities through an equitable and inclusive process and implementing a project that supports those priorities.

MVP 2.0...

- Convenes **a community team** to do equitable climate resilience work
- Provides **coaching** on strategies for building resilience, equity, and climate justice
- Revisits resilience priorities with the **involvement of the wider community**
- Helps the municipality and community co-develop and **implement a project**, with guaranteed funding for implementation
- Provides a process that can be replicated for **future Action Grants**

The MVP 2.0 PROCESS

Phase 1 (5 months)

Developing a Core Team

(1) Starting to Build Your Team
(2) Identifying Lived Expertise
(3) Recruiting the Rest of Your Team

Phase 2 (6 months)

Revisiting Resilience Priorities

(4) Kicking off Collaboration
(5) Uncovering Social Resilience
(6) Revisiting Community Resilience Priorities

Phase 3 (13 months)

Implementing a Seed Project

(7) Selecting a Seed Project
(8) Developing an Implementation Plan
(9) Implementing a Seed Project
(10) Reflecting, Adjusting, and Next Steps

How is MVP 2.0 different than MVP 1.0?

MVP 2.0 is not a traditional planning process! You will revisit your resilience priorities, but MVP 2.0 does not involve producing or updating a plan.

MVP 2.0 expands community involvement. The process focuses on input from the broader community and specifically people who will be most impacted by climate change.

MVP 2.0 dives deeper into social resilience. The process and tools help identify root causes of social vulnerability and what it will take to build community resilience.

MVP 2.0 focuses on translating priorities into action. The grant provides guidance, tools, and guaranteed funding to complete a resilience project.

MVP 2.0 builds capacity in a community team. In doing so, the expertise stays within the community.

What's a Seed Project?

A project selected by the MVP 2.0 Core Team that jump-starts or advances the community's resilience priorities, and that can be completed in 9-10 months. As part of MVP 2.0, communities receive $50,000 to complete a Seed Project with no local match required.

What are other benefits?

- The process is designed to make it easier for communities to apply for **future Action Grants**.
- The data and information collected in the MVP 2.0 process will also be applicable for **other grant programs.**
- The process supports municipalities in developing relationships to expand and **broaden the people involved** in government decision-making.
- It supports municipalities in piloting a process for **equity-focused community engagement** that is relevant for many other efforts.

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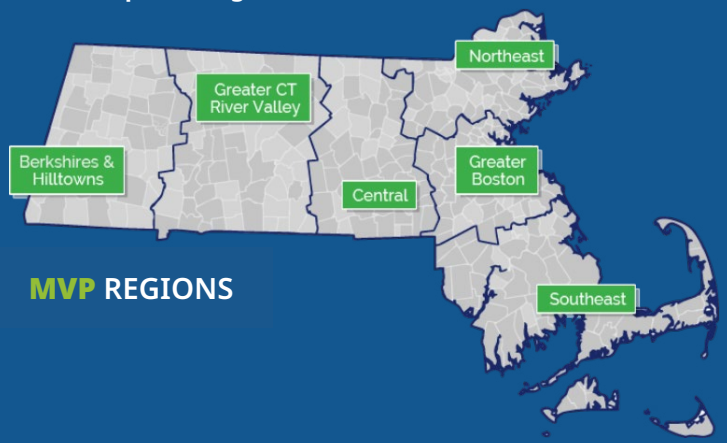

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