



## 2025-2026 Climate Impact Grant Request for Proposals

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) invites proposals for community-led projects that address the impacts of **extreme heat and/or flooding in the Great Bay Watershed**. Projects must emphasize local action and strong community engagement to build climate resilience where it is needed most. Projects may request up to \$25,000. A total of \$125,000 is available for projects for 2025-2026.

**DEADLINE: October 31, 2025 by 5 PM, EST.**

These projects could include:

- Developing community-designed rain gardens and tree planting.
- Planning, regulatory, or outreach projects to address extreme heat and/or flooding.
- Engaging residents in climate change education through a community art initiative.

For a full description of the grant program (including FAQs), please visit: <https://www.prepestuaries.org/what-we-do/climate-impact-grants>

### ELIGIBILITY

1. **Applicants must be one of the following:**
  - A fiscal agent, which is either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or a government, institution, or coalition which can serve as a fiscal agent.
  - An adult individual (18 years+) or group partnering with a fiscal agent, as described above.
2. **Project proposals must take place within the Great Bay Watershed.** Some eligible communities are entirely within the watershed, while others are only partially included. A project may occur anywhere in the Great Bay Watershed town if benefits or activities also occur within the watershed boundary. Projects must be located within at least one of the following New Hampshire communities: Barrington, Brentwood, Brookfield, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Dover, Durham, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Farmington, Fremont, Greenland, Hampton Falls,



Kensington, Kingston, Lee, Madbury, Middleton, Milton, New Castle, New Durham, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Northwood, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Raymond, Rochester, Rollinsford, Sandown, Somersworth, Strafford, Stratham, and Wakefield. **(SEE Appendix A: Great Bay Watershed Map).**

3. Projects must address **the current year's climate theme and adhere to theme criteria). In 2025, this theme is flooding and/or extreme heat in the Great Bay Watershed.**
4. One application per community and/or organization for this round of funding.

## YOUR PROJECT'S TIMEFRAME

**Projects should be 12 to 18 months in duration and are expected to begin on or before March 1, 2026, and conclude no later than October 29, 2027.**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TIMELINE

**August 11, 2025:** Request for Proposals released by PREP.

**September – October 2025:** Support Office Hours held by PREP to support applications and questions. [Register with Annie on Calendly](#) today.

**October 31, 2025:** Proposal Deadline - Submit all required project application materials in PDF format by email to **Annie Cox** ([Anne.Cox@unh.edu](mailto:Anne.Cox@unh.edu)) by **5 PM EST**.

**November - December 2025:** Proposal review and selection process.

**December 2025:** Notification of award decisions.

**December 2025 – February 2026:** Funded projects move forward by securing contracts as promptly as possible.

**On or before March 1, 2026:** All projects under contract.

**March 1, 2026 – October 29, 2027:** The period of time during which 2025 Climate Impact Grant projects take place.

**October 29, 2027:** The final deadline to complete all 2025 Climate Impact Grant projects and submit final reports and invoicing.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Submit the PROPOSAL NARRATIVE as a PDF (enclosed)**—Contains succinct information about the proposed project. You must use the PREP Proposal Narrative form provided.



2. **Submit the [APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION and SIGNATURE FORM](#) as a PDF (enclosed)**—The project applicant and/or fiscal agent must provide a signature.
3. **Submit the [PROPOSAL BUDGET & BUDGET NARRATIVE](#) as a PDF (enclosed)**—You may use your own budget and budget narrative.
4. **Submit the [PROPOSAL TASKS, TIMELINE, & DELIVERABLES](#) as a PDF (enclosed)**—Contains succinct information about the proposed project tasks, deliverables and timeline. You must use the PREP Proposal Tasks, Timeline, and Deliverables form provided.

An electronic copy of all FOUR [\(4\)](#) DOCUMENTS must be received by Annie Cox via email ([Anne.Cox@unh.edu](mailto:Anne.Cox@unh.edu)) no later than 5 PM EST on Friday, October 31, 2025. Faxed and mailed proposals will not be accepted. Please use a font size of at least 11 and margins no smaller than one inch.

## SUPPORT FOR YOUR PROJECT

We're here to assist you every step of the way—before, during, and after the application process. **Questions can be directed to Annie Cox, PREP Watershed Resilience Manager, at any time. (603) 862-372-0219 or [Anne.Cox@unh.edu](mailto:Anne.Cox@unh.edu).**

Register online for [office hours via Calendly](#)

## ABOUT PREP

[The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership \(PREP\)](#) is a collaboration-driven local organization and National Estuary Program. We are dedicated to protecting and restoring our region's waterways and estuaries. We believe our 52-community watershed can have it better. We work with towns, researchers, and local organizations to offer scientifically-informed solutions to improve the health of our waters.

Through region-wide collaboration and a non-regulatory approach, we're here to tackle big clean water challenges. We are not an advocacy organization and do not impose regulation. We offer grant funding, process facilitation, workshops for skills-based planning, and outreach (like community building and project guidance). We also conduct habitat restoration to help our ecosystem bounce back, monitor our estuaries—from eelgrass



acreage data to water temperature and plankton samples—and publish publicly available data about health trends that impact the entire watershed. We are housed within the [School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering at University of New Hampshire](#) and are part of the [National Estuary Program \(NEP\)](#), a place-based program to protect and restore 28 estuaries of national significance.

Climate Impact Grants are funded by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Great Bay 2030 initiative. The vision of Great Bay 2030 is to promote a healthy Great Bay Estuary, distinguished by clean water, accessible lands for recreation and education, habitat for fish and wildlife, climate resilience, and engaged communities committed to supporting the watershed for generations to come. [Learn more about Great Bay 2030.](#)

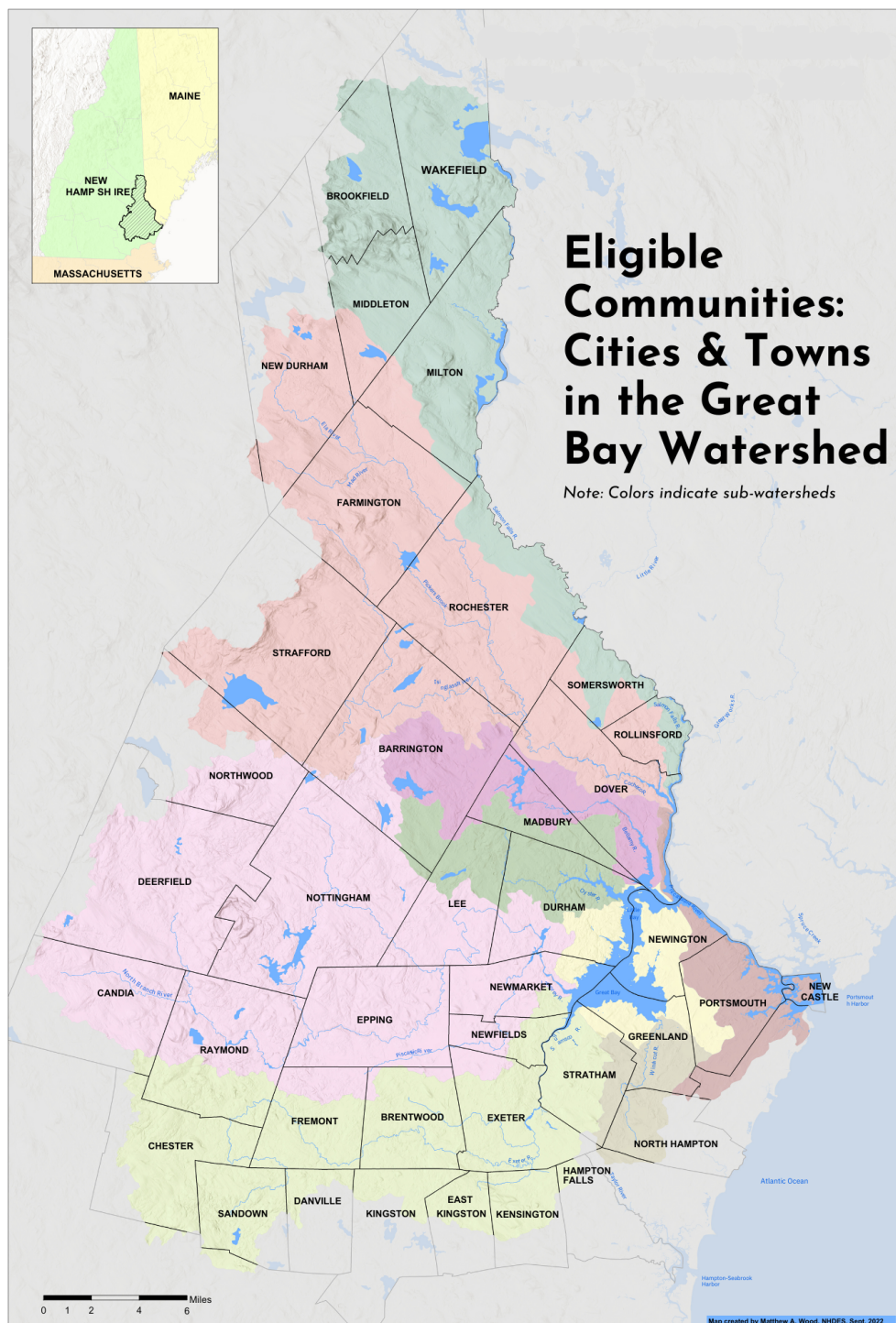
## APPENDIX

**Appendix A: Great Bay Watershed Map (not to be included in proposal submissions)**

## APPLICATION

1. **Proposal Narrative**
2. **Applicant Authorization and Signature**
3. **Proposal Budget, and Budget Narrative**
4. **Proposal Tasks, Timeline, & Deliverables**

## Appendix A: Great Bay Watershed Map







## 1. I. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

### Before you begin:

Your Proposals Narrative responses should not exceed four (4) pages; the Applicant Authorization and Signature, Proposal Budget & Budget Narrative, and the Tasks, Timeline, & Deliverables are not included in the 4-page maximum.

### Have questions on how to address the above?

- [Sign up via Calendly](#) to connect with Annie about proposal or application question
- We're also always available to discuss your project at any stage.

**Contact: Annie Cox** or (603) 862-0219

<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Project Title:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Funds Requested:</b>	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	

**1. Project Summary:** Briefly describe your project. What is the main goal, and how will it help your community address extreme heat and/or flooding? (Suggested 3-5 sentences.)

**2. Project Location:** Highlight/list the communities in the Great Bay watershed your project will support: Barrington, Brentwood, Brookfield, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Dover, Durham, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Farmington, Fremont, Greenland, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Kingston, Lee, Madbury, Middleton, Milton, New Castle, New



Durham, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Northwood, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Raymond, Rochester, Rollinsford, Sandown, Somersworth, Strafford, Stratham, and Wakefield.

**3. Why This Project, Why Now? What makes this the right time for your project? How is your community experiencing extreme heat or flooding? If relevant, describe any broader plans, policies, systems, or opportunities your project connects to.** (Suggested 3-5 sentences.)

**4. Who's Involved and How? Tell us about your project partners and collaborators.**

(Project partners have a more formal, often contractual relationship with a greater degree of shared responsibility and potential for long-term engagement, whereas collaborators typically have a more informal, project-specific relationship with a focus on shared expertise and resources.) **How have community members helped shape the project so far?** (Suggested bulleted list or 3-5 sentences.)

**5. Community Engagement Plan: How will you involve others in this project? Who do you plan to engage, and how will you invite their input and participation?** We recommend allocating at least 30% of your budget to this work. (Suggested 3-5 sentences.)

**6. What Impact Do You Hope Your Project Will Have? You may include:**

- What positive changes will it bring?
- How will it help your community prepare for extreme heat and/or flooding?
- Will it build local skills and resources?
- How might it improve quality of life or inspire others to take action on climate challenges?

(Suggested 3-5 sentences.)



**7.Challenges & Adaptability.** What challenges or barriers might you face in carrying out this project, and how do you plan to address them? (Suggested bulleted list or 3–5 sentences)

**8.Project Team.** List your team members and describe their roles and responsibilities. (Suggested bulleted list)

**9. Measuring Success.** What are some ways you might track or reflect on your project's progress and impact?



## II. APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURES

Please provide an authorized signature from the applicant organization and/or fiscal agent. This signature confirms that the proposed project has been reviewed and approved by the necessary decision-makers within the organization. It also indicates that all parties involved are aware of the project's goals, scope, and responsibilities, and that the organization supports its submission.

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***SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT***

***PRINT NAME***

***TITLE  
DATE***

***SIGNATURE OF FISCAL AGENT***

***PRINT NAME***

***TITLE  
DATE***