

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program FY22 Funding

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Planning Grants

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is seeking proposals for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grants, which provide support for Massachusetts cities and towns to complete climate vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented climate resiliency plans. The program helps communities define extreme weather and natural and climate related hazards; understand how their community may be impacted by climate change; identify existing and future vulnerabilities and strengths; and develop, prioritize, and implement key actions. State-trained MVP providers offer technical assistance to communities in completing the assessment and resiliency plans. Communities that complete the MVP planning grant program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action Grant funding. The link to the RFR and required forms can be accessed through the new [MVP program website](#) or directly on [COMMBUYS](#). **Planning Grant applications are due on June 4, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.** (via email, see RFR for details) for MVP planning processes that must be complete by June 30, 2022.

BRPC is a certified MVP Provider and staff are available to answer questions or provide direct assistance. Please contact Courteny Morehouse, Senior Planner at cmorehouse@berkshireplanning.org.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grants

EEA is also seeking proposals for MVP Action Grants, which provide designated MVP Communities funding to implement priority climate adaptation actions identified through the MVP planning process or similar climate change vulnerability assessment and action planning that has led to MVP designation after EEA review. Projects are required to use climate data and projections. Projects that propose nature-based solutions or strategies that rely on green infrastructure or conservation and enhancement of natural systems and that have robust community engagement plans are preferred. Applicants can request up to \$2 million in funding (regional proposals may request up to \$5 million), and a 25 percent match of the total project cost is required. EEA recommends reading the RFR in full as there have been several updates to the Action Grant RFR from the last round; significant changes are outlined on page 1. The link to the RFR and required forms can be accessed through the new [MVP program website](#) or directly on [COMMBUYS](#). Action Grant proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on May 7, 2021 (via online form, see RFR for details) for project proposals that must be completed by June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023.

The MVP team also hosted a recent webinar about this FY22 funding round. The recording can be accessed [here](#). The slides can be accessed [here](#).

BRPC has also worked with communities and partnering organizations in Berkshire County to develop, apply to, and administer MVP Action Grants. Please contact Courteny Morehouse, Senior Planner at cmorehouse@berkshireplanning.org with ideas and questions.