

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
AND
THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE

I. Purpose:

The Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) is coordinating the work of the Maine Climate Council and works collaboratively with other State agencies and key stakeholders on policy issues related to climate and energy.

The state’s 4-year climate action plan, Maine Won’t Wait, was delivered by the Climate Council on December 1, 2020 and aims to Reduce Maine’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Make Maine More Resilient to the Impacts of Climate, Foster Economic Opportunity and Prosperity, and Advance Equity through Maine’s Climate Response. The Climate Council is required by statute to deliver an update to the climate action plan by December 1, 2024.

Many of Maine’s climate action strategies offer economic and job opportunities. Ensuring adequate workforce to meet the state’s climate goals is critical. GOPIF is currently conducting a Workforce Planning Analysis to identify climate and energy workforce needs and opportunities.

Maine Won’t Wait recommended a “Maine Climate Corps” for climate-related workforce development. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to engage the Maine Commission for Community Service to deliver a report on the current status and recent accomplishment of the Maine Climate Corps, and how it can support the long-term workforce needs to meet the state’s climate goals.

Funding for this project is to be provided by the Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) through funding resources.

II. Maine Commission for Community Service Responsibilities:

Deliver a report by September 1, 2024 that 1) describes the current status and recent accomplishments of the Maine Climate Corps, including the types of projects Corps members engaged in and outcomes and 2) describes how the Maine Climate Corps can support the long-term workforce needs to meet the state’s climate goals. The report should detail the types of positions and projects where the Corps may have the greatest impact. It should also consider models for Corps and workforce outcomes in other parts of the country. The report should include feedback from Corps hosts and participants.

III. GOPIF Responsibilities:

GOPIF will provide regular comments and feedback on a draft report prior to the final deliverable, and will provide funding to support this project.

IV. General Provisions:

1. GOPIF has agreed to fund this project in the amount of \$23,000. Each party to this Memorandum of Understanding is responsible for its own costs associated with this Memorandum of Understanding to the extent they exceed funding provided by GOPIF.
2. Each party to this Memorandum of Understanding will designate a coordinator for this effort. The coordinators are responsible for communication between parties to resolve any problems arising in the implementation and maintenance of this Memorandum of Understanding.

For Maine Commission for Community Service, this position will be held by:

Maryalice Crofton, Executive Director

For GOPIF, this position will be held by:

Sarah Curran, Deputy Director, GOPIF

3. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon the date that it has been signed by both parties and will terminate 6 months thereafter, unless terminated earlier pursuant to subsection 4.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by written agreement among the parties, or unilaterally by any party, provided that the terminating party files notice of its intent to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least 60 days prior to the date of termination. However, confidentiality provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will not be subject to termination.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to governing federal and State laws and regulations and to modification of such laws and regulations. If amendments should occur in these laws, rules and regulations, this Memorandum of Understanding will be considered modified in accordance with such amendments and will become effective immediately without written amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding.
6. No party may assign or subcontract all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

V. Payment Details

The Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future agrees to pay the Maine Commission for Community Service \$23,000 to develop the report described in this MOU.

In Witness, Whereof, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding by their duly authorized officials:



06/05/2024

Maryalice Crofton, Executive Director, Maine Commission for Community Service Date

Hannah Pingree, Director, GOPIF

Date