

**TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**  
**Community Resilience Projects**

**Amendment 1**  
**January 29, 2024**

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**1. Response to question on vulnerability priorities emailed January 25, 2024**

Question

*"I am seeking clarity as it relates to the vulnerabilities. In previous discussions within the Town, did any vulnerability (or vulnerabilities) emerge as a priority (or priorities), or should vulnerabilities be treated equally and time/effort in assessing them also be equal? Any insight would be greatly appreciated."*

Response from Town

When the community was in the process of enrolling in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP), we did identify some specific climate vulnerabilities that would be more applicable to our community's context or more likely to create risks here.

For example, see the following resources:

[Community Resilience Self-Evaluation](#) (PDF), which was informed by a stakeholder work session in August 2022. Especially look at the green table, pp. 2-3, entitled "Minimizing Risk and Exposure to Hazards".

[Eliot Climate Change Fact Sheet](#) (PDF): p. 1 includes local impacts and vulnerabilities of concern.

[Action Item Flipcharts](#) (PDF): This is a summary of comments and sticky-dot votes from attendees of our October 25, 2022, Climate Change Community Workshop, where they prioritized local climate resilience and mitigation actions. While this is an action-focused document, some of the comments speak to climate vulnerabilities of concern to the attendees.

[Municipal Resolution](#) (PDF) by the Eliot Select Board to join the CRP: The whereas clauses speak to local climate vulnerabilities of concern, e.g. "the Town of Eliot experiences coastal flooding, intense rainstorms, riverine flooding, drought, high heat emergencies, and other natural hazards..."

All these resources are available via the [Community Resilience Partnership](#) web page.

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[see p. 2]

## 2. Response to Working Group and climate hazard questions emailed on January 25, 2024

### Question

*"[firm] has a few questions regarding the Climate Change Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment RFP:*

- Has the Working Group already been established? If so, who are the members and how many times have they met so far?*
- Please clarify how many times the consultant will meet with the Working Group over the course of the project.*
- Have you identified the primary climate hazards you are looking to address through the vulnerability assessment, or should that be included in the consultant's scope?"*

### Response from Town

The Working Group has not yet been established. In RFP/RFQ Attachment A (Town's Community Action Grant application), on p. 6, Task 1, "Establish and Lead Community Working Group" lists the expected members or represented entities on the Working Group. Invitation letters to municipal departments and Town boards and committees to join/appoint a rep for the Working Group are expected to be sent this week.

We would like to **clarify and correct** that we expect the Working Group will meet more than four times (as described in Task 1) throughout the duration of the project. Please account for **six (6) Working Group meetings** in your proposals, generally meeting once every three (3) months.

Regarding primary climate hazards, see response to Question 1 above and the linked resources.