

	What	Why	How	Outcome	Investment
Implementation	<p><b>Technical Assistance and Education:</b> Provide funding to RPCs and local municipalities to support climate resilience and energy planning and implementation. Target municipalities with limited staff and marginalized populations that have identified vulnerabilities. Technical assistance, outreach and education will include the necessity for action, opportunities for implementation funding, and using the municipal toolkit. One-time funding will focus on supporting implementation projects and action plans for municipalities.</p>	<p>Goal from the plan: <i>Establish permanent statewide funding and technical support for local and regional climate resilience planning and project implementation to enhance rural resilience to impacts of climate change.</i></p> <p>Municipalities are expected to implement myriad climate actions, with no allocated technical support or funding.</p>	<p>Support municipalities in efforts to understand need, identify projects, apply for grants and complete projects. Examples of projects to be supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Change over to electric vehicles (purchase specs and recommendations)</li> <li>•Install EV charging in public places (getting and managing funds/contractors)</li> <li>•Complete capital planning for climate adaptation and resilience projects</li> </ul>	<p>Municipalities have access to dedicated technical assistance to implement mitigation, resiliency and adaptation activities.</p>	<p>\$4 million total for two years: \$1.5m annually for 1 FTE in each RPC, plus \$500,000 dedicated to Municipal Planning Grants specifically for this priority.</p> <p>Sufficient, durable funding to support planning, implementation assistance, education and outreach is also needed.</p>
Implementation	<p><b>Infrastructure:</b> Create a permanent state fund for design and implementation of local and regional climate adaptation and resilience projects. Grant funding will be used to address vulnerabilities and can be informed by the MVI results and other analyses. Under-resourced municipalities will need technical assistance to identify and implement projects.</p>	<p>Goal from the plan: <i>Establish permanent statewide funding and technical support for local and regional climate resilience planning and project implementation to enhance rural resilience to impacts of climate change.</i></p> <p>Municipalities are expected to implement myriad climate actions, with no allocated technical support or funding.</p>	<p>Create a grant program to provide 100% funding to municipalities. If match is required it must be a sliding scale to reflect municipalities' ability to pay.</p> <p>Allow and empower municipalities to proactively address vulnerabilities that are highlighted as part of the MVI and other data.</p>	<p>Municipalities and people are less vulnerable by addressing issues.</p>	<p>Additional \$20m in flood resilient community fund, and \$20m for all-hazards and resilience and adaptation projects (e.g. energy, housing, heat and wind).</p> <p>This will not address all needs. Also need to identify ongoing dedicated funding to support municipal projects.</p>

Implementation	<p><b>Water and Wastewater:</b> Provide technical assistance and education to municipalities and private system managers/owners to assess the flood, erosion and age-related risks facing their public and private drinking water and wastewater systems and aging and vulnerable septic systems. Identify potential mitigation improvements. This includes mobile home parks and fire districts.</p>	<p>Supported throughout the Climate Action Plan for example: Proactively and strategically invest to enhance resilience in transportation, communications, water/wastewater, and energy infrastructure statewide. Complete a Climate Readiness assessments of drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure.</p>	<p>Provide dedicated technical assistance.</p>	<p>Water and wastewater systems are more resilient to the impacts of climate change.</p>	<p>\$475,000 total. \$120,000 per year for two years to support expanded capacity such as a state employee up to 1.0 FTE, plus support for related organizations such as the VT Rural Water Association. Ensure state infrastructure programs include appropriate eligibility</p>
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