

Maine Climate Leadership Fund

In November 2019 the **Maine Climate Leadership Fund** was established at the Maine Community Foundation in partnership with Alexander “Sandy” Buck, philanthropic representative to the Maine Climate Council.

This fund supports Maine’s climate policy leadership and activities with a focus on enhancing research, modeling and communications, and will also support pilots that demonstrate the community benefits of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and community resiliency projects. It is intended to directly support work of the Maine Climate Council and enhance limited state funds available for this crucial work.

The **Maine Climate Council** (<https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/climate-council>) was established to advise the governor and Legislature on mitigation, adaptation, and resilience strategies that will allow Maine to reduce the impacts of climate change on its residents, communities, industries, and ecosystems. The council will submit a four-year State Climate Action Plan to the Legislature in December 2020.

The Maine Community Foundation is a founding member of the Environmental Funders Network and an active participant in a working subgroup focused on climate change. Creation of the Maine Climate Council during the last legislative session offers a unique opportunity for philanthropic dollars to provide timely support to the ongoing state policy work and planning process.

Contributions of any size can be made to the Maine Climate Leadership Fund (https://4agc.com/donation_pages/5b9b541a-cd5f-409e-bccd-878f279ed393?gift_id=41816bb8-8dce-4dbc-8b81-c98176ad349c) and all gifts will pass-through to the work of the Maine Climate Council. If you would like to make a direct contribution to work of the Maine Climate Council, checks should be made out to Treasurer, State of Maine, and mailed to: Sarah Curran, Senior Analyst, Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, 111 Sewall St., 3rd Floor, Augusta, ME 04330 and write “Maine Climate Council” on the memo line. The funds will be held in a specific “climate council” account with other grant funds received and not intermingled with state tax dollars, by budget office procedure.