



PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Truro Awarded \$257,500 in MVP Action Grant Funds from the Healey-Driscoll Administration to Create a Truro Resilience Hub

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2025 – Truro, MA is thrilled to announce it has received a \$257,500 Climate Resilience Grant to plan and design one or two Resilience Hubs at the Truro Public Library/Community Center and/or Truro Central School.

Awarded by the Healey-Driscoll Administration’s Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, which is administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), these competitive grants support communities in identifying climate hazards, developing strategies to improve resilience, and implementing priority actions to adapt to climate change. The Town of Truro’s project is one of 54 projects to have received MVP Action Grant funding in the latest round of applications.

A Resilience Hub is a pre-existing community-serving facility that is upgraded to have two main functions. First to act as an emergency shelter, with solar and batteries to provide power, heating, cooling, etc. during an outage, as well as other emergency support. The closest shelter to Truro is currently Nauset High School in Eastham, MA, which may be difficult to reach in an emergency.

Second, the hub will provide everyday resiliency during the 99.9% of time there is not an emergency. What this means exactly will emerge from a thorough community engagement process to identify what the Truro community needs. It will likely build on the resources already offered by the library, community center, school and could focus on food resiliency, for example by creating a community garden, food forest, and/or community commercial kitchen. It could include resources to improve access to healthcare, childcare, laundry services, and/or other community needs.

“The Outer Cape is a vulnerable place in a world increasingly impacted by the climate crisis. A hurricane could cut us off not only from electricity but also access for emergency services and things as simple as food deliveries. Truro is planning ahead by building local resilience that supports us in times of emergency, but also benefits the community year-round.” - Chris Palmer, Truro Climate Action Coordinator

There will be opportunities for community engagement through the winter 2025 and spring 2026. To make sure community members hear about these opportunities, they can email Chris Palmer at cpalmer@truro-ma.gov.



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The MVP program, created in 2017, provides funding for community-driven climate resilience planning and action. Ninety-nine percent, or 349 out of 351 of the Commonwealth's cities and towns, are participating in the program and over \$210 million has been awarded for local climate resilience planning and projects. Communities originally enrolled in the program by completing the MVP Planning Grant process (MVP 1.0), which then opened up access to apply for an MVP Action Grant, or implementation funding.