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Southern NH Planning Commission Media Blast

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What to Expect in 2024

Google "what to expect in 2024" and you can spend hours reading about improvements with the economy including better interest rates, global democracy and voting around the world, the impacts of a reduced workforce, and some notions on autonomous vehicles including freight just to name a few.

Keeping it at a regional level, you can expect that in 2024 SNHPC will continue to serve our 14 communities with professionalism and efficiency as we work on hazard mitigation plan updates, Brownfields coordination, complete streets model policy, climate adaptation action plan, freight parking needs, mobility coordination, bike/ped and vehicle traffic counting, assistance with grants, developing and embracing partnerships, and the many other important aspects of planning that we engage in with our community and agency partners.

As always, it's a privilege to work with our communities, our Commissioners, our partnering agencies, and many stakeholders in the region and the state. We thank you for a successful year! May 2024 be another year of collaboration, productivity, and success.

Sylvia

SNHPC seeks Associate or Regional Planner

The successful candidate should be confident, well-rounded, and a communicative individual to complement our professional planning staff. The Commission is looking for a person who has a good understanding of planning principles and practices, can successfully conduct research and analytics, be able to multi-task, skilled in writing and presenting materials, creating and conducting education and outreach programs, have a familiarity with common office computer applications, and an ability to work both independently and in a team environment. For more information go to: https://www.snhpc.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5006/f/uploads/23-0601_planner_listing.pdf

Commission Representatives Needed!

Our volunteers often come from Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, or other land use boards. We currently need regular members and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives.

Need information on what a Commissioner/MPO representative does? Look no further! We have a Commissioner factsheet available to anyone wanting more information: [click here!](#)

SNHPC is currently seeking Commissioners from **Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Hooksett, New Boston, Weare and Windham.**

To learn more, visit <https://www.snhpc.org/about-snhpc/pages/commission>, and if you want to volunteer, contact your local community planning office or governing officials.

New Year's Day

- **January 1, 2024** - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.

Executive Committee Meetings

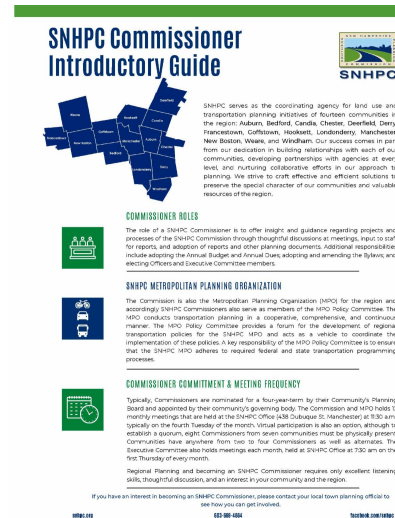
- **January 4, 2024** - CANCELLED!
- **February 1, 2024** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place in person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- **January 15, 2024** - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- **January 18, 2024** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.



- **February 15, 2024** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meetings

- **January 18, 2024** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.
- **February 15, 2024** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.

MPO/SNHPC Monthly Meeting

- **January 23, 2024** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.
- **February 27, 2024** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.



Help shape New Hampshire's next Climate Action Plan!

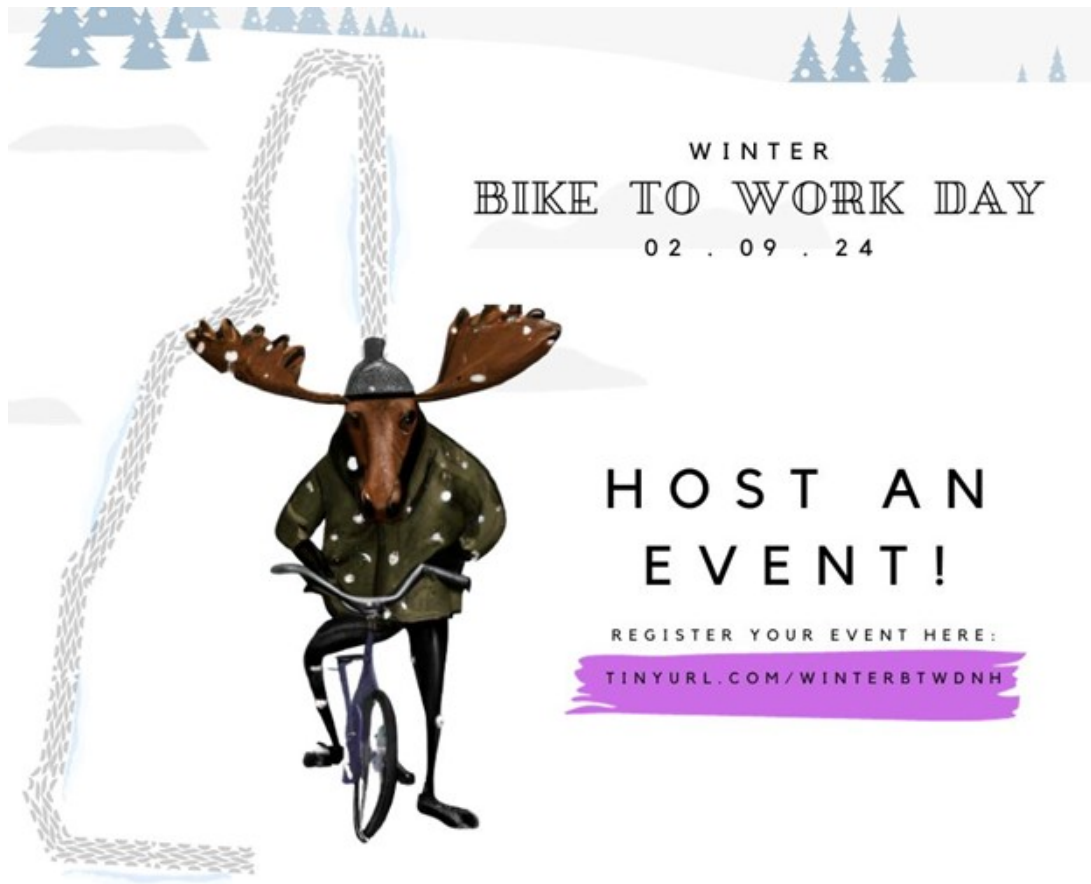
New Hampshire has received federal grant funding to update its Climate Action Plan through the US Environmental Protection Agency's [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program](#). This winter, a series of collaborative community conversations will help identify priority strategies for reducing harmful air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, while also supporting good jobs and lower energy costs.

Make sure your voice is heard! [Register to attend](#) an in-person or online event hosted by **New Hampshire Listens**.

- We particularly encourage you to **attend a dynamic in-person event for the greater Manchester region**, which will take place at the [SEE Science Center on Thursday, February 1 at 5pm](#).

- Alternatively, register to participate in a virtual cross-sector stakeholder gathering (**Jan 11 or Feb 8**), or other community-focused conversations taking place online and throughout the state.

Key Partners in this effort include the NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Listens, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Insights gathered at certain sessions will also help inform the Climate Action Plan for Greater Boston.



Support your community's cyclists on February 9

On Friday, February 9th, cyclists will brave the elements to celebrate international **Winter Bike to Work Day**. Municipalities, businesses, and non-profit organizations across New Hampshire will be hosting breakfast stations, evening celebrations, and educational events to encourage riders to give winter commuting a try.

If you'd like to organize an event in your community, please fill out [this form](#).

The [pledge to ride](#) will open up on **January 8**, so please have your event details ready before the big public launch!

Presidents' Day

- **February 19, 2024** - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.

Grant /Funding Opportunities \$\$\$

All Federal grants can be found at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). This list is not exhaustive of all federal grant opportunities, rather this list highlights selected federal grants applicable to rural and Tribal communities.

[Solid Waste Management Grants](#) January 2, 2024, \$4,000,000, USDA

[Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants](#) closing January 2, 2024, \$37,500,000, USDA

[Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials and Products Program](#) closing January 8, 2024, \$100,000,000, EPA

[Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program](#) closing January 10, 2023, \$18,200,000, FEMA

[Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund \(TTPSF\)](#) closing January 15, 2024, \$24,098,400, FHWA

[Accelerating Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems Program](#) closing February 12, 2024, \$5,000,093, FTA

[Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) Program](#) closing February 29, 2024, \$1,000,000,000, FEMA

[Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\) Grant Program](#) closing February 29, 2024, \$800,000,000, FEMA

[Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#) closing March 4, 2024, \$256,000,000, HUD

[Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \(CPRG\) Implementation Program](#) closing April 1, 2024, \$4,300,000,000, EPA

[Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants](#) closing when funds are exhausted, \$50,000,000, USDA

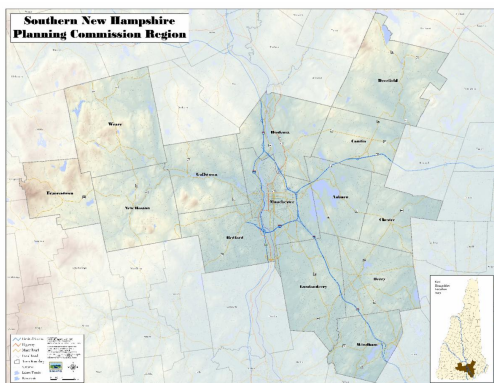
The following funding opportunities emerged during SNHPC's [Pathways to Play](#) pilot project with the Town of New Boston, and may be of interest to other communities in our region. We also encourage you to check out the new [Pathways to Play GIS map](#) to learn more about the abundance of recreation opportunities in our region!



Funder	Funding Opportunity	Key Dates
American Trails - Trails Capacity Program	Grants from \$5,000 - \$10,000. Stewardship training & trail maintenance are funding priorities.	Application link Application Deadline: January 15, 2024
AARP Community Challenge	Grants to undertake immediate improvements or jump-start long-term projects to support residents of all ages. Average grant is \$11,900.	Application cycle opens January 2024. Register for Q&A Webinar (January 31).
NH Children's Health Foundation	General operating support for 1 year, \$10,000 - \$20,000.	Call for Applications to open in February 2024. Submit a letter of inquiry Feb 1 - Feb 15.
NH Charitable Foundation	Community Grants Program offers unrestricted grants to non-profits. Updated, streamlined approach anticipated for 2024.	Anticipated announcement early 2024. Join mailing list here.
Points32 Health Foundation	Supports community organizations across New England. Healthy aging is a funding priority.	"Our process starts with a conversation." Schedule a meeting to explore possibilities.
T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program	Up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects in small towns. For projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades,	Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis.

	outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers.	
NH Council on Developmental Disabilities	\$1,000 for Community Projects & Educational Programs: inclusive playgrounds and equipment; inclusive trails; communication boards.	Grant application can be found here.

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the Towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham.

The main functions of SNHPC are to increase communication; promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination between planning boards and local officials; promote coordinated development of the region; prepare and adopt regional plans, including policies and strategies for the region; and perform other acts or functions as deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.

SNHPC is governed by a Board of Commissioners, approximately 48 local representatives from our 14 member communities. The Commissioners are appointed by the governing bodies of the member municipalities upon the recommendation of their respective planning boards, as outlined in RSA 36:46. An Executive Committee, consisting of 14 commissioners, is elected from the membership of the full Board of Commissioners to provide overall policy directions and guidance, and to administer the Commissions' financial and operational affairs. An Executive Director is appointed by the Commission to manage and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Commission and its staff under the general direction provided by the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

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