

10.2 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

5 – 30 Points

Objective

Collaborate with and support community partners in implementing [Community Match Fund \(CMF\)](#) projects that closely align with, or meet the objectives of, any Sustainable CT action.

What to Do

If a CMF project *aligns directly with the steps of an action* (i.e., the project fulfills the steps to completing an action, as detailed under the “What To Do” section of the action), then the project is eligible for points under the normal submission process for the relevant action. As with all other actions that involve partnerships, you must describe the municipality’s role in implementation as described under the [Municipal Partner Guidance](#). *You should not submit for points under 10.2 therefore.*

If a CMF project does not align directly, but rather *aligns with the objectives of an action* (see “Objective” section for the related action), and you successfully complete the steps listed below, *then you should submit for points under 10.2.*

Any municipalities that work collaboratively to complete this Action will each receive points as part of the collaborative. **5 points for CMF projects involving one municipality; 10 points for CMF projects involving more than one municipality; 3 projects maximum eligible for points (up to 30 points)**

1. Complete or support a fully implemented Community Match Fund project in your municipality that aligns directly with the objective of a Sustainable CT action.

All elements must be completed to receive credit:

- a. The project must meet all of the [CMF eligibility criteria](#).
- b. The project idea must have been determined eligible by the Sustainable CT [Community Outreach Manager](#).
- c. The fundraising campaign must be posted to www.ioby.org/sustainablect.
- d. A municipal representative or member(s) of your Sustainability Team must have had a conversation with the project’s leader or the organization implementing the project. The Sustainable CT Community Outreach Manager will facilitate connections between municipal contacts and project leaders, and the topics below must have been discussed during that conversation(s):
 - Clear identification of the Sustainable CT action objective that the project idea aligns with
 - Alignment with your municipality’s Sustainable CT certification strategy
 - Potential permitting requirements for the project idea
 - Other potential project funding sources, which should be accessed prior to the Community Match Fund
 - Other stakeholders in your community who might serve as potential partners
 - The potential to collaborate with other towns

Submit: A completed 10.2 action submission ([template provided](#)) and at least 3 photos documenting CMF project progress and completion. You may include any additional information on collaboration and support for the project that you would like to provide.

Credit for Past Action

For spring certification, count back from February 1st of the current year. For fall certification, count back from August 1st of the current year. For further clarification on determining if your prior work is eligible to earn points, [click here](#).

- The CMF project can have been successfully implemented any time to receive credit under this action. However, your municipality may only receive points for a given CMF project once.

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Municipal planners, economic development representatives, representatives from local environmental, conservation, inland wetland, historic preservation and land use and zoning commissions, and any municipal committees are potentially important stakeholders in facilitating Community Match Fund projects and implementing this action. Other relevant parties include local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and residents who may be interested in pursuing projects aligned with this action or supporting others' projects.

Why this Matters

By facilitating collaboration between residents, municipal staff, and elected officials, municipalities become more inclusive and representative of the populations they serve. Empowering residents to identify and address needs in their communities enables them to play an active role in shaping their town.

Benefits

Projects which fall under Action 10.2 and utilize the Community Match Fund are eligible to receive up to 50% of their budget through this program, thereby enabling towns, organizations, and individuals to take on projects that might otherwise have been unaffordable. Apart from the matching funds, projects that align with this action will foster community engagement by encouraging residents to take a leading role in creating change in their communities and by facilitating collaboration with local government officials.