

# Join our Climate Resilience Team

## HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SOUTH HADLEY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE?

We need your voice and lived experience (no need to be a climate expert!) to help our community plan for challenges that may come our way. We are looking for people who are connected to under-represented communities—join a committee to help guide South Hadley's work!



**When:**  
Jan. - Aug. 2024

**Time:**  
5-8 hours/  
month

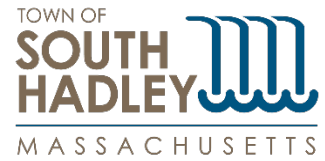
**Pay:**  
\$50/hour

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# MVP 2.0 Community Liaison “Job Description”



## Overview:

We are seeking passionate individuals to join our team as Community Liaisons for an exciting municipal climate resilience project. As a Community Liaison, you will play a crucial role in connecting our project with the diverse voices and needs of the community. This is an excellent opportunity to make a meaningful impact on local climate initiatives.

## About the Project:

The MVP 2.0 program is a state-funded grant program which provides resources to communities throughout Massachusetts to identify climate vulnerabilities and invest in resilience. The MVP 2.0 program expands on the work South Hadley has done to date and engages the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to facilitate translating priorities into action.

The MVP Core Team will lead the MVP 2.0 work in the community. The Core Team will focus on ways to make South Hadley more resilient to climate change impacts such as flooding and extreme heat, including ways to support community needs for a stronger and healthier community day-to-day. The Core Team will lead conversations to understand community needs and to help develop a seed project that will address those needs and support community resilience.

## Responsibilities:

- Work closely with the other members of the Core Team (other Community Liaisons and South Hadley staff);
- Participate in training focused on climate and equity (approximately 8 hours over the course of several weeks);
- Attend and participate in regular team meetings (may be virtual or in-person);
- Organize, promote, and facilitate community engagement activities to gather insight about community needs and factors that contribute to social vulnerability (e.g., creating and distributing surveys, hosting community events to gather input, sharing information via social media and listservs);
- Work with other Core Team members to identify, develop, and implement a project that supports community resilience in South Hadley;
- Develop and maintain trusting relationships in the community.

## Qualifications:

- Plays a role in the community, whether informal or formal, such as someone who is well-connected and respected within their neighborhood or an outreach coordinator for a community-based organization.
- Individuals who can work individually and as a team to make an impact for their community.

## Time Commitment:

- From January to August of 2024, we hope to work with you 5-8 hours/month.
- From September 2024 to June 2025, the seed project will be implemented. The role of the Core Team will likely be limited until June when we will pull everyone together to reflect on the process and identify next steps.

## Compensation:

- \$50/hour

**If you are interested or would like more information, reach out to Leela or Anne by December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

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**Join us in building a resilient and sustainable future for South Hadley!**