



Maine
Community Foundation

**2024 Maine Expansion Arts
Grant Program**
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About Maine Community Foundation

Founded in 1983, the Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine.

Values

Integrity: We earn trust by being honest and open in everything that we do.

Respect: We treat everyone with dignity and civility.

Stewardship: We manage the resources entrusted to us responsibly.

Equity: We promote just and fair access to opportunities for all people.

Collaboration: We work with others to achieve common goals.

To learn more about the foundation, visit mainecf.org.



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Maine Expansion Arts Grant Program

Purpose:

to support arts organizations and arts-based programs in Maine serving rural communities and/or Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, particularly in areas with limited access

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Maine Expansion Arts 2023 Stats

Proposals received: 51

Total amount requested: \$431,225

Grants awarded: 23

Total amount awarded: \$176,975

Percentage of applicants that received
funding: 45%

Average award \$7,695



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Overview

Two Separate Tracks:

- For orgs serving rural communities
- For orgs led by or serving BIPOC

Two Types of Funding:

- General Support grants
- Project grants

Maximum award amount: \$10,000



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What we will not fund, without exception...

All applicants must meet the Maine Community Foundation's grant eligibility requirements. Please read our **eligibility and grant guidelines** before submitting a proposal.

What we will not fund without exception includes:

- Expenses already incurred
- Regranting to a secondary grantee through a competitive process
- Political campaigns
- Lobbying in the form of calls to action on a specific vote
- Religious activities, including, but not limited to, religious services, promotion of religious beliefs, or activities that are restricted to church or religious group membership.

Rural Criteria

Projects or organizations must...

1. Provide access to the arts in rural communities in Maine
2. Have an annual operating budget below \$250,000

Note: Schools and school districts are not eligible



Rural Priorities

- Develop and promote the arts of their own communities, using local artists and other resources rather than importing art and artists from outside the region or state
- Serve artistically underserved geographic areas or people
- Cooperate and coordinate with other organizations and programs
- Demonstrate community support, financial or in-kind donations

Rural Types of Funding

NOTE: Organizations must have an annual operating budget below \$250,000 to apply.

General Support Grants

- only to arts organizations whose exclusive mission is to expand access to the arts in rural communities to support ongoing programming and operational needs

Project Grants

- For new or expanding arts-based projects or programs serving rural communities

BIPOC Criteria

Projects or organizations must...

1. Serve BIPOC people and communities in Maine
2. Involve BIPOC (**all** for general and **at least one** for project):
 - in leadership positions on board and staff of the organization
 - in the design, delivery, and evaluation of the programs and services
 - as most of the participants or intended recipients
3. Provide expanded access to the arts



BIPOC Priorities

- Develop and promote the arts of their own communities and traditions, involving artists and other resources from within or outside the region
- Cooperate and coordinate with other organizations and programs
- Demonstrate community support, financial or in-kind donations

BIPOC Types of Funding

General Support Grants

- only to BIPOC-led organizations whose exclusive mission is to expand access to the arts to support ongoing programming and operational needs

Project Grants

- to other BIPOC-led organizations and BIPOC-focused art projects promoting BIPOC arts and artists

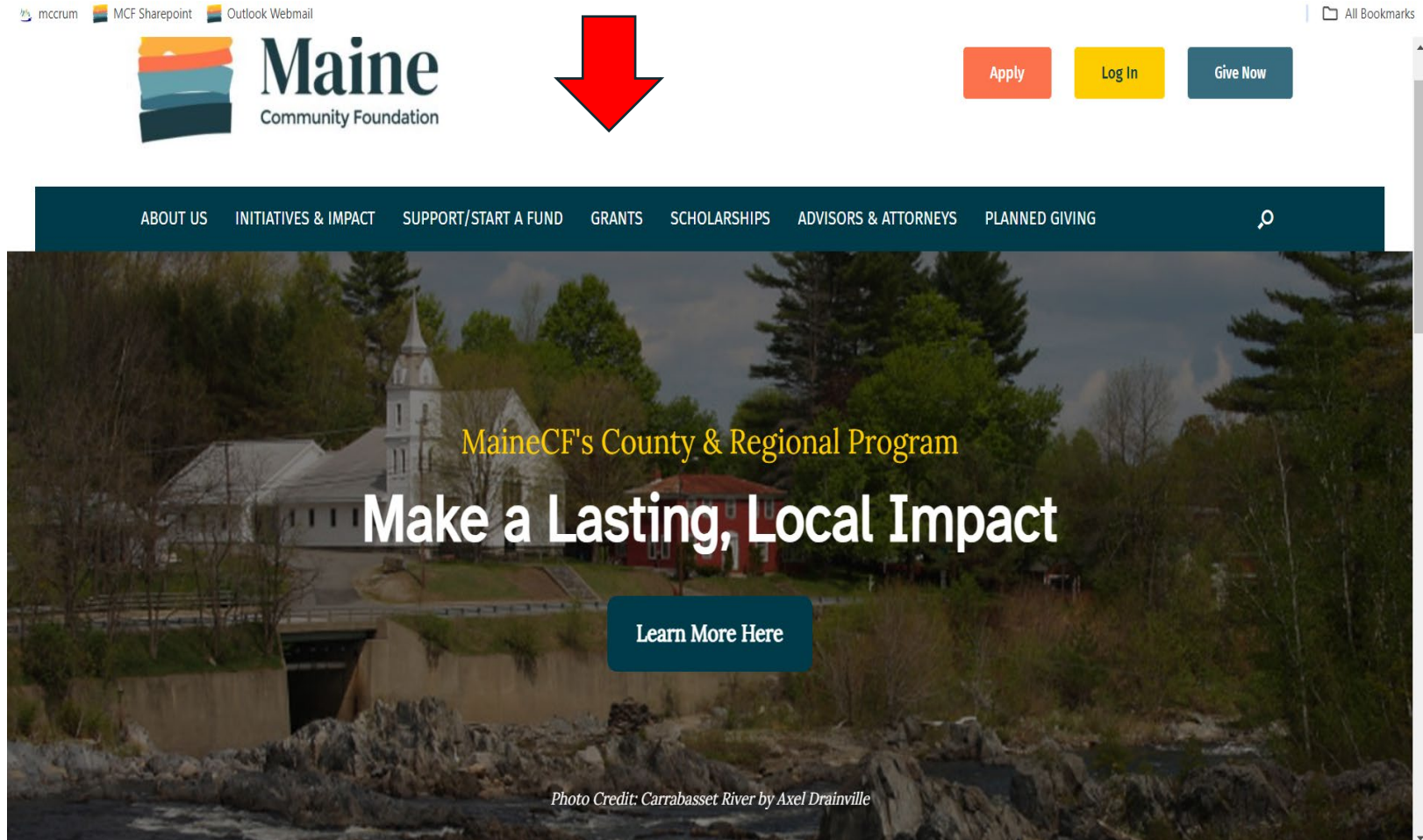
Maine Expansion Arts Timeline

Date	Activity
September 16	Application deadline
Late September	Due diligence
Early October	Eligibility reviews, assignments
October	External reviewers read and score proposals
Mid November	Grant decision meeting
Late November	Process decisions
December 15	Notifications go out

Proposal Reviewers Needed

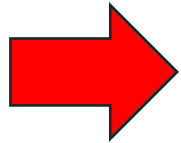
- We need engaged, knowledgeable, and connected people to help review applications.
- Reviewers will be expected to read and score 5-10 applications online.
We offer a \$350 stipend to each reviewer.
- Interested in participating? Register online before September 12 using the link:
 - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XItkoByJMUSnX XuGpCdiGlF1_gcAB71Goai1uUtiLf5UQ0ZMNVBNNDNJRDFHRFY0MEIXTkVIU0RWVS4u
- Reviewer orientation and training online October 1 from 12 – 1 pm.

Online Resources



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Maine Community Foundation website. At the top left, there are links for 'mccrum', 'MCF Sharepoint', and 'Outlook Webmail'. The main logo features a stylized sun and water graphic next to the text 'Maine Community Foundation'. To the right of the logo is a large red arrow pointing downwards. Further right are three buttons: 'Apply' (orange), 'Log In' (yellow), and 'Give Now' (teal). Below these is a dark teal navigation bar with white text links: 'ABOUT US', 'INITIATIVES & IMPACT', 'SUPPORT/START A FUND', 'GRANTS', 'SCHOLARSHIPS', 'ADVISORS & ATTORNEYS', and 'PLANNED GIVING', followed by a search icon. The main content area features a large background image of a river with a dam and a church in the background. Overlaid on this image is the text 'MaineCF's County & Regional Program' in yellow, 'Make a Lasting, Local Impact' in large white font, and a teal button with the text 'Learn More Here'. At the bottom of the image, there is a small caption: 'Photo Credit: Carrabasset River by Axel Drainville'.

Online Resources



ABOUT US INITIATIVES & IMPACT SUPPORT/START A FUND GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS ADVISORS & ATTORNEYS PLANNED GIVING

Investing in Leaders of Color focuses on building the field of people and organizations working to promote and increase racial equity in Maine.

Leonard and Renee Minsky Fund for Arts Education supports artists in residence to work with teachers to bring arts into the classrooms of grades three through five in the public schools of Penobscot and Washington counties.

Maine Charity supports community-based transportation programs and efforts for people with limited or no access to transportation.

Maine Expansion Arts supports arts organizations and arts-based programs in Maine serving rural communities and/or Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.

Maine Land Protection provides grants for land acquisition or land conservation easement projects that build strong connections between people in Maine and our land and water.

Maine Theater supports professional and community theaters in the production and presentation of live theater.

Peaks Island Fund is now a separate nonprofit organization that administers its own grant program. For contact information or to apply, please visit the [Peaks Island Fund website](#).

PF Fund for the Baldwin Area supports projects that focus on efforts to bring residents together and improve life in the community.

Rines Thompson Fund supports organizations in Greater Portland working in the areas of environment and conservation, early childhood and youth programming, and arts and culture.

Welch Charitable Fund supports organizations in the Greater Portland area with preference given to nonprofits working with youth, education, health care, alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation, and/or arts and culture.

Online Resources & Application System



Apply

Log In

Give Now

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Grants

Competitive Grant Programs & Deadlines

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Quick Overview

Max Award: \$10,000

Interest Areas: Arts/Culture/Humanities

Geographic Area: Statewide

Types of Funding: General Support, Project

Application Opens: July 15

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Online Application System



Online Grant Applications



For MaineCF Grant Applicants

To apply for a grant at MaineCF.

[Apply Here](#)

Online Scholarship Applications



For MaineCF Scholarship Applicants

To apply for a scholarship at MaineCF.

[Apply Here](#)

Online Application System


Log In

Register



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 We made some updates to our Privacy Notice and other terms. For more information, we encourage you to read the policies in our [Legal Center](#). 

Welcome to the Maine Community Foundation's Online Grant System.

[Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions on How to Start a New Grant Application.

[Click here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.

[Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions on Completing a Grant Report.

Important Information

- MaineCF will only accept one application per organization per grant program. Check with other personnel at your organization about collaborating on a single application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their organization does not make duplicate applications.
- We strongly recommend that you start by accessing the online application form. You will be able to save your work and exit at any time.
- You can invite other participants (aka "collaborators") to view and edit the application
- You may copy/paste information from other sources into the online application form (use the keys CTL + C to copy selected text and CTL + V to



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