



The Maine Community Foundation has 27 competitive grant programs. Details about these programs, including deadlines and criteria can be found at:

<https://www.mainecef.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/>

- Community Building Grant Program – Deadline February 15, maximum grant \$10,000 supports projects and organizations that help to build and strengthen Maine communities.
- Start Up Scale Up Grant Program – Deadline April 1, maximum grant \$25,000 supports organizations and programs supporting entrepreneurs, new startups and existing businesses to help them start and grow their businesses.
- Belvedere Historic Preservation & Energy Efficiency Grant Program – Deadline June 1, maximum grant \$20,000 supports the restoration and retrofitting of historic buildings.
- Belvedere Traditional Handcrafts Grant Program – Deadline June 1 supports projects and organizations that promote traditional handcrafts throughout Maine.
- Community Broadband Grant Program – Deadline October 15, maximum grant \$15,000 supports projects and organizations that help to build and strengthen Maine communities.
- Downeast Innovation Grant Program – Deadline October 15, maximum grant \$10,000 supports projects and organizations that are focused on supporting entrepreneurs and innovators in the local economy in Hancock and Washington counties.
- \*New\* Conservation Grant Program – Deadline likely Sep or Oct 15, range of grant sizes and types.
- Community Downtown Revitalization/Ecosystem Building Pilot Program – TBD!

This grant program will be managed by the Maine Downtown Center. We are currently planning to have funds for 3 pilot communities, with small planning grants \$5-\$10K in early 2020 and implementation grants of up to \$25K in both 2020 and 2021.

#### Timeline of the Downtown Revitalization/Ecosystem Building Pilot Program

##### 2020- Year One

RFP Released by Jan 15

RFP Responses due by Feb 28 – This gives communities 6 weeks to identify and recruit team members and prepare RFP response

Pilot Communities Notified by March 20 – This gives us 3 weeks to review and decide on the three pilot communities, award community stipends of \$5,000-\$10,000.

March 20- April 17: Pilot Communities have four weeks to convene the local team, plan & prepare for the first technical assistance visit

April 20 – May 8: Pilot communities have first technical assistance visits with Matt Wagner, National Main Street Center

June – September: Communities/teams continue to convene and prioritize implementation plans based on the audit results

October: Second technical assistance visits with Matt Wagner, National Main Street Center. Focus on specific implementation plans.

November, December: Communities finalize implementation grant requests, first round implementation grants awarded up to \$25,000

##### 2021- Year Two

May: Members of pilot community teams attend Kauffman ESHIP Summit in Kansas City

June: MDC and MaineCF Convene pilot communities for shared learning and support, program feedback

October, November: Second round of implementation grant requests prepared and considered

December: Second round implementation grants awarded

2022- Convene pilot communities for shared learning and support, evaluation