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Seeking Comments on REvitalizeME Subgrant Applications

The Maine Development Center (MDF) and its partner, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission are administering a new grant program in for historic preservation and economic development entitled REvitalizeME. REvitalizeME is supported through a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program as administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The following is a summary of all the complete applications to the REvitalizeME program received by the March 1, 2020 deadline. The public is invited to comment on the proposed projects. **Comments received by March 19, 2020** will be forwarded to the members of the grant review team in advance of their March 20, 2020 meeting during which applications will be evaluated for grant selection. To request a copy of one or more of the applications please contact Christi Chapman-Mitchell at (207) 287-1453 or at christi.chapman-mitchell@maine.gov. For more information on the program, or to obtain a copy of the grant manual, which includes funding priorities and selection criteria, please go to <https://www.mdf.org/program-partnerships/maine-downtown-center/revitalizeme-grant-program/>.

Project Name Colonial Theater
Property Name Colonial Theater
Location Augusta, Kennebec County
Applicant Colonial Theater, Inc.

The Colonial Theater, Inc. Board of Directors is seeking funds to rehabilitate the exterior windows of the Colonial Theater and rehabilitate the exterior doors. This project is part of a larger effort to rehabilitate the 1913/1926 theater building. The project will follow the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Properties.

Amount requested	\$86,240	Total Project Cost	\$107,800
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Project Name Hubbard Free Library - Insulation
Property Name Hubbard Free Library
Location Hallowell, Kennebec County
Applicant Hubbard Free Library

To reduce the use of heating oil and natural gas by insulating the ceiling and exterior walls and the basement walls and crawl spaces. To reduce moisture in the basement by installing an impervious membrane over existing dirt floors. To re-point deteriorating granite basement foundation.

Amount requested	\$62,601	Total Project Cost	\$69,577
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Project Name Johnson Hall Redevelopment
Property Name Johnson Hall
Location Gardiner, Kennebec County
Applicant Johnson Hall Redevelopment, LLC

The Johnson Hall Redevelopment, LLC, located in Gardiner, Maine, is requesting support to repair the Hall's exterior masonry, replace seven windows, restore 21 historic windows and five additional windows, and repair and repaint the Hall's galvanized tin cornice.

Amount requested	\$250,000	Total Project Cost	\$297,041.7
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Project Name Lemont Hall Revitalization
Property Name Lemont Block
Location Brunswick, Cumberland County
Applicant Hermitage Lemont LLC

The Lemont Block Building, owned by Hermitage Lemont Block is requesting support to bring the second floor Lemont Hall up to code in order to create flagship office space through: renovating the building's ingress/egress, installing bathrooms and a kitchen, and increasing the energy efficiency of the building with updates to the windows as well as heating and cooling systems.

Amount requested	\$250,000	Total Project Cost	\$727,395.97
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Project Name Lincoln-Church Block
Property Name Lincoln-Church Block
Location Bath, Sagadahoc County
Applicant Lincoln-Church, LLC

Lincoln-Church Block, consisting of two buildings on Front Street in Bath, Maine requests pre-development support to identify the highest and best use of the property and provide a plan of execution for a comprehensive historic redevelopment. Pre-development work will also provide much needed life-safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency upgrades and plans.

Amount requested	\$50,000	Total Project Cost	\$96,775
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Project Name Transforming the Masonic Building, Transforming a Region
Property Name Masonic Building
Location Eastport, Washington County
Applicant Quoddy Tides Foundation d/b/a Tides Institute & Museum of Art

Project involves the next step in the restoration and transformation of the vacant historic 1887 Masonic Building located in downtown Eastport, Maine, specifically the repair of the upper front masonry wall. The overall project will transform the building and the Tides Institute to become a significantly expanded attraction, anchor and catalyst for the downtown and surrounding region.

Amount requested	\$225,000	Total Project Cost	\$252,500
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Project Name	Norway Opera House
Property Name	Norway Opera House
Location	Norway, Oxford County
Applicant	Norway Maine Opera House Corporation

This grant will be used for design fees to design replacement roof trusses and structural assessment for the Norway Opera House. Existing temporary structural shoring fills the Opera Hall and prohibits any use of the space. With new roof trusses, the Hall once again host concerts and events to kickstart fundraising for the full rehabilitation of the entire Opera House.

Amount requested	\$50,000	Total Project Cost	\$67,370
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Project Name	Peavey Memorial Library Preservation Project
Property Name	Peavey Memorial Library
Location	Eastport, Washington County
Applicant	Eastport Public Library Association

As part of a larger preservation effort, the Peavey Memorial Library Preservation Project seeks to repair and restore the masonry, roof, and gutters surrounding the entry arch, and the cupola and selected exterior masonry on Eastport's 127-year-old Romanesque Revival library. The Eastport Public Library Association, the building's owner, requests funds for historic preservation-aligned masonry, roofing, gutter, and cupola work.

Amount requested	\$248,266	Total Project Cost	\$275,852
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Project Name	Former Skowhegan Grange Renovation
Property Name	Former Skowhegan Grange
Location	Skowhegan, Somerset County
Applicant	Oak Pond Associates

This pre-development project will complete architectural and engineering studies and complete National Registry documentation for the former Skowhegan Grange preparing Oak Pond Associates for the next phase of building renovation to meet all code and historic registry compliance. The building is in downtown Skowhegan and has already been approved as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Amount requested	\$16,270	Total Project Cost	\$20,270
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Project Name	Island Ave LLC
Property Name	Former Maine Spinning Company Building
Location	Skowhegan, Somerset County

Applicant Island Ave LLC

The first floor of 7 Island Avenue will be retrofitted to house Bigelow's brewhouse and labeling equipment, a small tap room and two-to-three other small businesses will be on the first floor. Residential living on the second and third floor. We will place our restaurant on the fourth. Parking will be made available in the basement for residents.

Amount requested	\$50,000	Total Project Cost	\$74,590
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Project Name City of Belfast – Belfast Opera House

Property Name Hayford Block

Location Belfast, Waldo County

Applicant City of Belfast

This grant will improve energy efficiency of the 4-story, fully occupied 'Hayford Block' side of the building by replacing 30+ year-old oil furnaces. It will also bring back into use the ~12,000 square-foot (and 27 feet high) auditorium by installing life safety improvements, insulation, heat, ceiling repairs, bathroom, and electrical services. This represents the first phase of an auditorium rehabilitation.

Amount requested	\$250,000	Total Project Cost	\$321,254.64
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Project Name Center Theatre Column Repair

Property Name Center Theatre

Location Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis

Applicant Center Theatre, Inc.

The Center Theatre, built in 1940, is owned and operated by Center Theatre, Inc. a 501(c)3non-profit located in Dover-Foxcroft. We are requesting support for a pre-development project to conduct an engineering study on the columns supporting the Center Theatre and determine what repairs and stabilization efforts are required.

Amount requested	\$19,400	Total Project Cost	\$22,000
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Project Name Architectural and Engineering Plans for the Chocolate Church Arts Center

Property Name Chocolate Church

Location Bath, Sagadahoc

Applicant The Chocolate Church Arts Center

The Chocolate Church Arts Center seeks grant funding to hire architectural and engineering firms to assess conditions and develop plans for renovation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the facility, and to hire a cost consultant to put a price on the architects and engineers' plans.

Amount requested	\$46,372.50	Total Project Cost	\$52,978.25
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Project Name Hall at 37 Main
Property Name Former First Baptist Church
Location Skowhegan, Somerset County
Applicant Todd Smith

Obtain grant funding to properly document the existing conditions and design repairs to this historic building that are consistent with ACHP/SHPO/MEH standards to address leaking at the steeple, roofing, exterior elements (brick, granite, wood) and HVAC issues. The goal is to bring the building back to its roots as a community gathering space.

Amount requested	\$50,000	Total Project Cost	\$76,000
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Project Name Union Block
Property Name Union Block
Location Bath, Sagadahoc County
Applicant Three Acorns, LLC

Predevelopment work is requested for 96 – 100 Front St, Bath, ME. Alo known as Union Block, is necessary to identify the highest and best use of the Union Block to provide a plan of execution for a comprehensive historic redevelopment. Furthermore, predevelopment work is necessary to provide much needed life safety and accessibility plans and upgrades.

Amount requested	\$45,000	Total Project Cost	\$64,095
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Project Name Eaton Block
Property Name Eaton Block
Location Waterville, Kennebec County
Applicant Kennebec Realty Partners

Kennebec Realty Partners requests support for the historical rehabilitation of Eaton Block’s Main Street 1,925 sq ft facing façade which will stimulate 25,000 sq ft of new total project development, resulting in \$5M in downtown investment, new business growth, creation of 30 jobs, enhancing the vibrancy of Waterville Main Street, and significantly contributing to the momentum of Waterville’s \$100M downtown revitalization initiative.

Amount requested	\$236,904.80	Total Project Cost	\$296,131.00
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Project Name Edith Block
Property Name Edith Block
Location Waterville, Kennebec County
Applicant Kennebec Realty Partners, LLC

Kennebec Realty Partners requests support for the historical rehabilitation of Edith Block’s Main Street 2,565 sq ft facing façade which will stimulate 30,000 sq ft of new total project development, resulting in \$6M in downtown investment, new business growth, creation of 40 jobs, enhancing the vibrancy of

Waterville Main Street, and significantly contributing to the momentum of Waterville's \$100M downtown revitalization initiative.

Amount requested	\$216,460.38	Total Project Cost	\$270,575.48
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Project Name	Milliken Block Windows
Property Name	Milliken Block
Location	Gardiner, Kennebec County
Applicant	Cattywampus LLC

The Milliken Block, located in Gardiner Maine and owned by Cattywampus LLC requests funding to help replace existing deteriorating vinyl windows with ones which will meet historic preservation standards.

Amount requested	\$51,584.13	Total Project Cost	\$ 71,584.13
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Project Name	Marble Block Stabilization
Property Name	Marble Block
Location	Biddeford, York County
Applicant	Marble block Redevelopment Corp.

The Marble Block, circa 1880, owned by the Marble Block Redevelopment Corp. in Biddeford, Maine, is requesting support for critical building envelope stabilization masonry work and the creation of a white box leading to the activation of the commercial space.

Amount requested	\$250,000	Total Project Cost	\$ 562,484.00
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