

Funding Sources: All Things Downtown Planning

Preservation

Maine Historic Preservation Commission - Historic Preservation Fund, CLG grants
<https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/programs/grants>

Historic rehabilitation tax credits for income-producing properties
<https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/programs/tax-incentives>

Belvedere Grant Program, Maine Community Foundation - grants for historic preservation
<https://www.mainecef.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/belvedere-historic-preservation-and-energy-efficiency/>

Maine Preservation -1772 Foundation Grants for Maine Historic Preservation Projects
<https://www.maine Preservation.org/grant-programs-2020/2019/9/23/1772-foundation-grants-for-maine-historic-preservation-projects>

MHPC - list of other grant opportunities
<https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/index.php/programs/grants/other-granting-organizations>

Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust (has historic preservation as a program area)
<https://www.morton-kelly.org/>

Coastal/Water

Maine Coastal Communities
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/financial_assistance.shtml

Shore and Harbor Planning Grants
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/programs/maine-coastal-program/grants-and-rfps/shore-and-harbor-planning-grants>

Boating Facilities Fund
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/boating_facilities_fund.html

319 Grants

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/319.html>

Arts, Culture, & Food

Maine Arts Commission

<https://mainearts.maine.gov/Pages/Funding/Grants-Home>

Sustainability, Environment, and Land

Maine GOPIF Community Action Grants

<https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/grants>

Land for Maine's Future

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf/index.shtml>

Project Canopy

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/project_canopy/index.html

Brownfields

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/business-development/financial-incentives-resources/resources/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund>

Maine Wabanaki Land Protection

<https://www.maineecf.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/maine-land-protection/>

Onion Foundation

<https://www.onionfoundation.org/grants>

Environmental Justice small grants

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program>

Outdoor Recreation

Maine BPL Grants and Community Recreation - parks, trails, recreation organizations, land conservation

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/about/grants.shtml>

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/grants/outdoor-heritage-fund.html#who>

Recreational Trails Program

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/recreational_trails_program.shtml

Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pgs/>

MaineDOT sends out announcement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for projects that may benefit 26 feet or larger recreational transient boats. These improvements are eligible for both public or private facilities.

Recreation Economy Resource Guide

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/highlight/usda-recreation-economy-resource-guide>

Developed by USDA as a resource.

Community Outdoor Recreation Assistance Program, **watch for this in late 2023**

This will be a limited period grant program, administered by the Office of Outdoor Recreation and is funded through the US Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation State Grant Program.

EPA's Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) in partnership with USFS and NBRC. <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities>

Helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their Main Streets.

Northern Border Regional Commission (See Economy below)

Economy

Coworking Space Development Fund

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/business-development/financial-incentives-resources/resources/coworking-development-fund-program>

Connect Maine Broadband Grants

<https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants>

CDBG

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/community-development/cdbg-program>

Assistance to eligible Maine communities for projects in areas such as infrastructure, housing, downtown revitalization, and economic development

CDBG (Cumberland County)

https://www.cumberlandcountyme.gov/departments/community_development/cdbg_program/index.php

Rural Redevelopment

<https://www.mainerda.org/laws-rules/rural-manufacturing-industrial-site-redevelopment-program/>

Many more on DECD's website

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/business-development/financial-incentives-resources/resources>

Northern Border Commission

<https://www.nbrc.gov/content/program-areas>

Matching grants from federal-state partnership for economic and community development in Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington counties. Focus on infrastructure. For-profit businesses not eligible.

Office of Tourism Marketing Grants

<https://motpartners.com/programs-services/marketing-grants/>

Maine Communities Grant - Provides support to tourism focused, community-oriented marketing projects and events. Grants will be awarded each cycle for amounts up to \$5,000.

Enterprise Marketing Grant - Supports tourism marketing initiatives that will increase visitation to the applying destination. Goal is to support marketing efforts that help move organizations toward sustainable growth that contributes to the overall advancement of the tourism economy in Maine. Tourism Enterprise Marketing Grant Applications are accepted for a minimum amount of \$5,000 and a maximum amount of \$30,000.

Transportation

Small Harbor Improvement Program

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/ship/>

MDOT Bike/Ped Program Funding

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/funding/>

MDOT VPI, MPI, BPI, PPI

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/cbi/>

Other sources

CEI Tastemakers

<https://www.ceimaine.org/advising/business/agriculture/tastemakers/>

Community Building Project Grants

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

Rural Arts

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

Onion Foundation

<https://www.onionfoundation.org/grants>