

# Maine



# Community Foundation

2022 Community Building  
Grant Program

Information Session  
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# Community Building Grant Program

Purpose: To supports projects and organizations focused on making communities stronger

*Who is eligible to apply?*

*Nonprofit, charitable organizations tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code*



*Photo: Waldo Theater*



# Community Building Grant Program

## 2021 Grant Cycle Statistics

- 422 applications received
- \$3,769,506 requested
- 267 grants
  - 178 from committees
  - 89 from donors
- \$7,286 average award
- 47% of applicants received grants
- \$1,829,995 awarded
  - \$1,320,323 from committees
  - \$509,672 from donors



# Community Building Grant Program

We heard you and we responded.

- Core Criteria
- General Support
- Simplified Application
- Application Guidance Document & FAQ



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## Criteria

Projects or organizations must . . .

- **Invest in people** by increasing skills, knowledge, abilities, and/or well-being
- **Engage the people you serve** in the design, delivery, and/or evaluation of the work
- **Strengthen community resources** including organizations, partnerships, and built and natural environments



*Photo: Sail Kids for Free Program (photo by Sail Power & Steam Museum)*



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## Types of Funding

### Project Grants

- For new or expanding projects

### General Support Grants

- For ongoing programs and operational needs

Primary work must meet the criteria AND your organization must:

- Be located in Maine
- Have had an operating budget below \$500,000 in your most recent fiscal year
- NOT be a municipality, government agency, public-school, faith-based organization, or fiscally sponsored applicant



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## **Important Note!**

Municipalities, government agencies, public-schools, faith-based organizations, or fiscally sponsored applicants may still be eligible to apply for project grants.



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## Primary County Served

### For Project Grants

- Choose ONE county that will most directly benefit
- If 3 or more counties will benefit, then choose “Statewide” committee

### For General Support Grants

- Choose the county where the organization is located



*Photo: 2021  
Kneading  
Conference  
(photo by  
Tristan Noyes)*





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## **For Project Grants Only – Ineligible Expenses**

- General operating expenses (up to 20% “indirect costs” allowed)
- Major capital expenses: buildings, land, vehicles
- Camperships
- Endowments
- Capital campaigns
- Annual appeals



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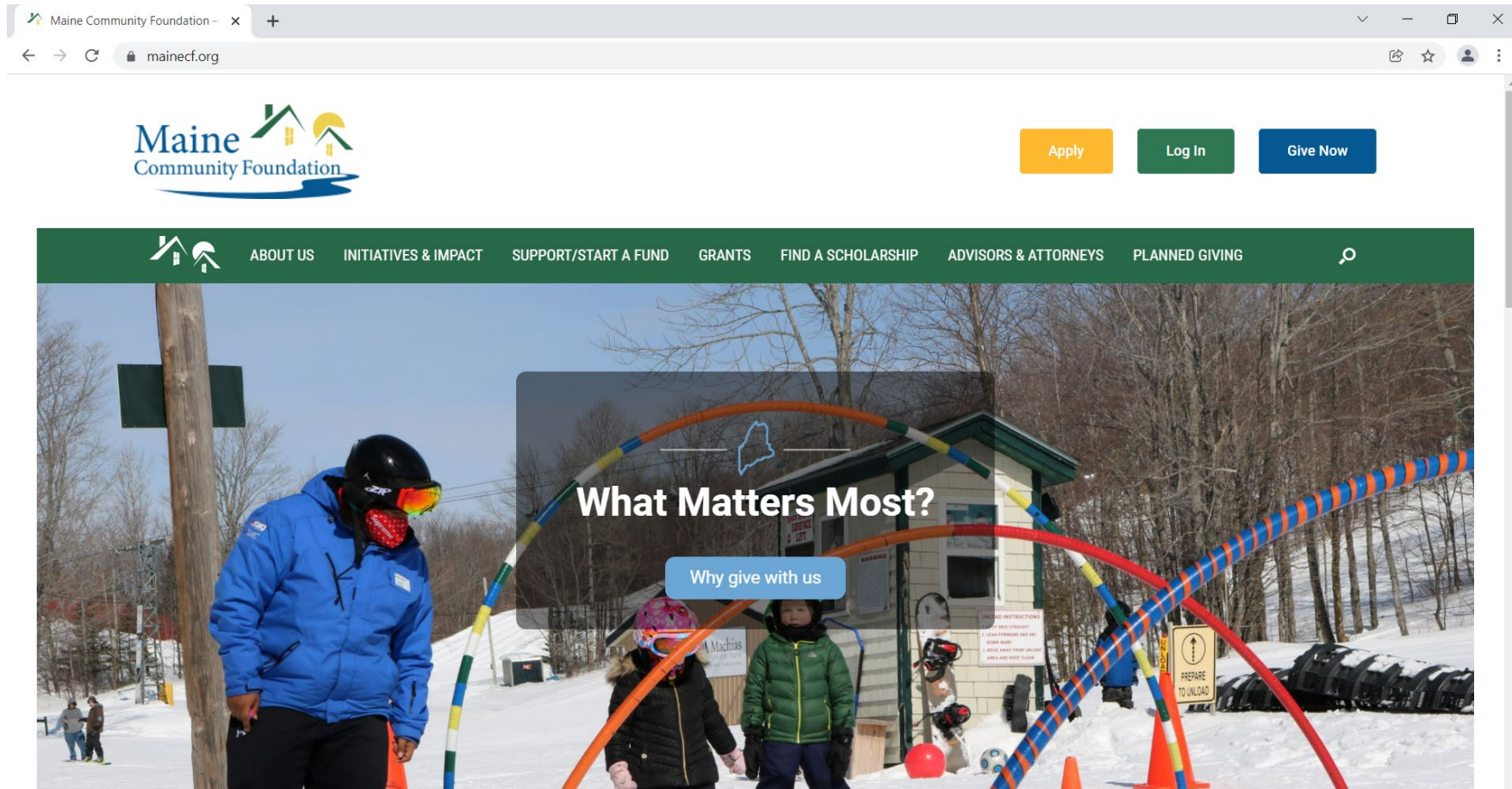
| Date                          | Activity   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Feb 15                        | Application deadline                             |
| Late Feb to Early Mar         | Due diligence                                    |
| Early Mar to Mid Mar          | Eligibility review, assignments, donor referrals |
| Mid March until April meeting | Proposal review by county advisors               |
| Apr                           | Grant decision meetings                          |
| Early May                     | Process decisions                                |
| Mid to Late May               | Notifications go out                             |



*Photo:  
Eagle Rock  
Trail*



# Online Application






# Online Application

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### 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](#)

Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Form: PDF



# Online Application

Log In

Register



Maine Community Foundation

MCF Online Grant System

ty Foundation's Online Grant Application System [Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to start a new

there is no need to log on to a previous record or organization. You will be able to invite other participants to  
s on the application.

**ill only accept one application per organization per grant program. Check with other personnel at your  
g on a single proposal. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their organization does not make duplicate**



# Online Resources

Grants

Available Grants & Deadlines

Community Building

## Community Building

Register [here](#) for our webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 14, noon-1 p.m., to discuss the new criteria and types of support.

Click [here](#) to view and download the 2022 Community Building application questions and additional guidance

Click [here](#) to view and download the 2022 Community Building Frequently Asked Questions

### Quick Overview

**Max Award:** \$10,000

**Interest Areas:** Community Improvement/Capacity Building

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Types of Funding:** General support, Project

**Application Opens:** December 1

**Deadline:** February 15, 11:59 p.m.

**Notification:** By June 1

**Staff Contact:** **Varies by county.**

**Apply:** Click on the gold "Apply" button at the top right of this page.

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**Additional Grants by donors:** 89 totaling \$509,672

**Recent grants:** Click [here](#) to view the last three years of grants.



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## Future Webinars

**Applying for Grants at MaineCF**  
**Thursday, January 13 from 12:00-1:00 PM**





# Questions and Answers

**Thank you for joining us today.**