Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency
ENERGY AUDIT GRANTS

Purpose
The Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Grant Program invests in the preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings in Maine. Energy audit grants are specifically for the cost of an energy audit of a historic building.

Criteria
All applicants must meet the Maine Community Foundation’s grant eligibility requirements. Please read our eligibility and grant guidelines before submitting an application.
https://www.mainecf.org/apply-for-a-grant/help-for-applicants/grant-guidelines/

To receive a grant for an energy audit, the building must:

- Be owned by a nonprofit organization or municipality or quasi-municipal entity.
- Be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, be determined eligible for listing on the Register, or be a contributing building in a nationally designated historic district. If you are not sure of the status of your building, please contact the Maine Historic Preservation Commission - https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/home

Proposals must include a written cost estimate from an auditor. The energy audit should include a comprehensive review of all building systems and a prioritized list of suggested energy efficiency upgrades with calculated energy and cost savings. The report should also note Efficiency Maine incentives that proposed upgrades could be eligible for. The maximum amount awarded for an energy audit is $5,000. A list of vendors can be found here https://www.efficiencymaine.com/at-work/qualified-partners/

Priorities
Priority will be given to proposals that most meet the following priorities:

- Properties with historical significance at the local, state, or national level
- Buildings that are utilized by and provide value to the community, or a compelling vision for the revitalization and reuse if the building has been vacant or underutilized
- Organizations that will be using an energy audit to guide future energy efficiency implementation projects.

Timeline - Energy Audit Grant applications may be submitted at any time up until June 1, 2023. Requests will be considered as they are received and decisions will be made within 4 weeks of submission. After June 1, 2023, this grant program will no longer be available.

How to Apply - Applications must be submitted online. To start the online application, go to www.mainecf.org and click on the gold “Apply” button.

Questions
For assistance with all energy audit and efficiency-related proposals, please email or call Anne Ball at the Maine Development Foundation’s Maine Downtown Center at (207) 512-4906 or aball@mdf.org

For questions about the application or review process or the eligibility of proposed projects, please contact Katie Howard at the Maine Community Foundation at (207) 412-0832 or khoward@mainecf.org