Equity Fund Grant Program

Information Session
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Program Overview

• Equity is the goal!
• Application due date: September 15, 2023 at 11:59pm
• New in 2023:
  • new criteria for general support grants.
  • UPDATE- Max award: $10,000
  • Event support grants for $500
Grand Celebration of MaineCF's First Three County Funds

What Matters Most?

Why give with us
2022 Grants

- 18 applications, asking for $113,000
- 8 grants awarded, totaling $50,687
- 2 grants funded by donors
Program Criteria

Projects or organizations need to be at least one of the following:

• In leadership positions on board and staff of the organization
• Involved in the design, delivery, and evaluation of the programs and services
• Most of the participants or intended recipients.
Equity Fund Priorities

Priority will be given to organizations or projects that focus on:

• Increase access to health care or reduce health disparities
• Reduce race-based disparities or barriers to opportunities
• Reduce violence and/or harassment
• Promote respect and understanding.
Types of Funding

Project grants for new or expanding projects

General support grants (new criteria in 2023) to use for ongoing programming and operational needs.
- NEW – must have received a previous grant
  - must be a LGTBQ+ Led and Focused organization

Event Support (new in 2023!)
- Events that meet fund criteria can apply for $500 grant
Best Practice!

- **Changes to the application** (instructions next to each question)
  - Total project budget
  - One sentence proposal description
  - Specific activities
  - Proposal Funding
• How are grant decisions made?

• General Support - Reviewers will:
  • Focus on Mission
Help for Applicants

AVAILABLE GRANTS & DEADLINES

HELP FOR APPLICANTS

HELP FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

RECENT GRANTS
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Online Application

1. Maine Community Foundation

2. Online Grant Applications
   - For MaineCF Grant Applicants
   - For MaineCF Scholarship Applicants

3. Maine Community Foundation
   - MCF Online Grant System
   - Foundation's Online Grant Application System. Click here for step-by-step new grant application.
Questions? Feedback?

Thank you for joining us today.