

Maine Government Funding Sources for Resiliency

September 3, 2021

Plan ahead and schedule your work with the timing of these grant and loan programs.

Combine complementary grants to address your needs.

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<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/land_water_conservation_fund.html Grants and Community Recreation Bureau of Parks and Lands 124 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 207-624-6090 Douglas Beck, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor E-mail address: Doug.Beck@maine.gov</p>	<p>Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Community and non-profit non-community public water systems</p>	<p>Ongoing. Deadline - annually in November</p>	<p>Purpose: Protection of a drinking-water systems source of drinking water Eligible activities: Projects that demonstrate a commitment to the ongoing protection of a system's drinking water source, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing or updating watershed management plans • Establishing local protective ordinances or legal agreements in the source protection area • Developing or implementing drinking water education and public outreach programs Developing and/or implementing lake monitoring programs.

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<p>Maine Coastal Community Grants https://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/index.shtml Municipal Planning Assistance Program 22 SHS/Harlow Building Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 Ruta Dzenis, ruta.dzenis@maine.gov 207-287-2851 Tom Miragliuolo, tom.miragliuolo@maine.gov 207-287-3860</p>	<p>Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Coastal municipalities, coastal unorganized township, groups of coastal municipalities, townships and coastal Regional Planning Organizations</p>	<p>Ongoing. Typically, applications open in Spring. Subject to available funding.</p>	<p>Purpose: Improve water quality, conserve coastal habitat, promote sustainable development, enhance the coastal-dependent economy while preserving natural coastal resources, and increase resiliency/adaptation to erosion and flooding.</p> <p>Fundable activities: Vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning, community education, and strategy development).</p> <p>Please note: Each project involves regional or local-level partnerships and each grantee provides a minimum of 25% in matching funds or services. An updated comprehensive plan is required.</p>

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<p>Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program</p> <p>https://www.nbrc.gov/content/economic-infrastructure-development-investments</p> <p>Charlotte Mace, Program Manager Northern Border Regional Commission Maine Department of Economic and Community Development</p> <p>207-624-7448 charlotte.mace@maine.gov</p>	<p>Economic and Community Development</p> <p>Northern Border Regional Commission</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>State; county; municipal; tribal nations; public and non-profit organizations. Eligible counties: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalize and modernize essential infrastructure • Increase access, affordability, and use of high-speed telecommunications • Stabilize and reduce electric and thermal energy costs • Retain, expand, and diversify business enterprise that capitalizes on the region's natural, cultural, and economic assets • Position the Northern Border region counties as an attractive and supportive place for creative and entrepreneurial people • Support and expand a highly productive workforce with skills suited to existing and future business needs • Foster entrepreneurial leadership and capacity for community economic development • Inform and align local, state, and regional economic development decision making with regional data and perspectives. <p>Eligible activities: Comprehensive economic and infrastructure development plans done in collaboration with local development districts, local governments, higher-education centers, and the general public.</p>

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<p>Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Program</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/decd/business-development/tax-incentives-credit/brownfield</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/brownfields/index.html</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p> <p>Economic and Community Development</p>	<p>Grants and Loans</p>	<p>For grants: Municipalities and qualifying non-profits</p> <p>For loans: Any qualifying entity (public or private)</p>	<p>Ongoing as funds are available.</p>	<p>Purpose: Encourage redevelopment of properties that are complicated by the presence of hazardous substances, pollutant or contaminants.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Investigations and remediation where necessary to allow for productive re-use of brownfields sites.</p>
<p>Clean Water State Revolving Fund</p> <p>https://mmbb.com/Programs.aspx</p> <p>John True, Engineering Services Manager Division of Water Quality Management 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017</p> <p>207 287-7808 john.n.true@maine.gov</p> <p>Maine Municipal Bond Bank P.O. Bo 2268 127 Community Drive Augusta, ME 04330</p> <p>800-821-1113 toll-free 207-622-9386</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p> <p>Maine Municipal Bond Bank</p>	<p>Loan</p>	<p>All publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities</p>	<p>Applications are accepted continuously during the year.</p> <p>The Municipal Bond Bank issues bonds once in the spring and once in the fall.</p> <p>The bond bank's website specifies deadlines for the funding cycles.</p>	<p>Purpose: provide municipalities, school systems, water and sewer districts, and other governmental entities access to low-cost funds through sale of the bond bank's tax-exempt bonds.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • secondary & advanced treatment facilities • infiltration & inflow correction • interceptors • pumping stations • force mains • combined sewer overflow abatement • certain sewer extensions in designated areas and areas of failing septic systems.

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<p>Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/nrpa/ILF_and_NRCP/index.html</p> <p>Dawn Hallowell, Maine DEP, dawn.hallowell@maine.gov</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p> <p>U.S.Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>The Nature Conservancy</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, municipalities and tribal nations</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Purpose: Restore and protect highpriority aquatic resources.</p> <p>Eligible: Projects that encompass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removal of fill or structures from wetlands and streams • salt-marsh restoration • preservation of high-quality wetlands and associated upland buffers • aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement, e.g., through removal of small dams or undersized culverts <p>Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program funding rounds are announced in June. A joint federal and state committee makes funding decisions in the fall.</p>
<p>Municipal Stream Crossing Upgrade Grant Program</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/grants/stream-crossing-upgrade.html</p> <p>John Maclaine, john.maclaine@maine.gov, 207-615-3279</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Local governments, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts and private non-profit organizations</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Purpose: Improve public safety, minimize impacts to water quality and improve habitat for fish and wildlife.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Projects that achieve improvements, modifications, repairs or upgrades to existing stream crossing culverts. Projects must be located on a municipal road to be eligible. Private Landowners and state and federal agencies are not eligible recipients.</p>

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<p>Small Community Grant Program Brandy Piers, P.E. Senior Environmental Engineer Division of Water Quality Management 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/scgp.html brandy.m.piers@maine.gov 207-287-6093</p>	Environmental Protection	Grant	Municipalities	Annual, winter application	<p>Purpose: Enable municipalities to help replace malfunctioning septic systems that are polluting a waterbody or causing a public nuisance.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Replace systems that are: (1) contaminating a public drinking water supply, (2) polluting a shellfishing area, (3) discharging into a body of water, or (4) creating a public nuisance condition.</p>
<p>Waste Diversion https://www.maine.gov/dep/sustainability/compost/grant.html Mark King, mark.a.king@maine.gov, 207-592-0455</p>	Environmental Protection	Grant	Municipalities, regional associations, counties and Maine businesses	Spring and Fall announcements	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase organics management and recycling infrastructure in underserved areas of the state • Reduce waste through reuse, repair and sharing-economy initiatives • Expand the types of materials managed through composting and recycling. <p>Eligible activities: Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of regional composting facilities • Expansion of municipal reuse programs • Recycling polyvinylchloride fencing and siding.

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<p>Wastewater State Revolving Loan Fund https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/srfparag.html John True, Engineering Services Manager Division of Water Quality Management 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017</p> <p>207 287-7808 john.n.true@maine.gov</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p>	<p>Principal-forgiveness loans</p>	<p>Municipalities, Wastewater Districts, Quasi-Municipalities</p>	<p>Temporary incentive offered annually pending federal allotment for “green” projects.</p>	<p>Purpose: Assess adequacy of wastewater systems Eligible activities: Develop climate action plans and fiscal sustainability plans Through Maine’s State’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Maine DEP has made available up to \$20,000 per project in loan-principal forgiveness for wastewater utilities to assess their systems and develop climate adaptation plans for them. Additionally, through loan principal forgiveness, up to \$50,000 per project is available for wastewater utilities to create fiscal sustainability plans.</p>
<p>Invasive Aquatic Plant Removal https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/invasive/index.html Karen Hahnel, Karen.A.Hahnel@maine.gov, 207-215-9270</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Lakes Environmental Association</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Municipal and county governments, quasi- municipal organizations (including water districts) and 501(c)(3)-eligible organizations</p>	<p>As announced</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and manage the removal of known invasive aquatic plant infestations • Reduce the likelihood of invasive aquatic plants spreading to other waters • Limit the impact on natural habitat and on human use of water bodies • Maintain property values in lake-water areas. <p>Eligible activities: Support lake organizations that are removing infestations of invasive aquatic plants.</p>

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<p>Local Source Water Protection Grant Program https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/imt/documents/SWPgrantApplication.pdf</p> <p>Ashley Hodge, Ashley.hodge@maine.gov, 207-822-2341</p>	Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Grant	Municipalities, water districts, water utilities, community and non-profit, non-community public water systems	Ongoing. Available annually.	<p>Purpose: Protect surface-water sources</p> <p>Eligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing or updating Watershed Management Plans • Establishing local protective ordinances or legal agreements in the source protection area • Developing or implementing drinking water education and public outreach programs • Developing and/or implementing lake monitoring programs.
<p>Drinking Water Capacity Development Grants https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/partners/capacityDevelopment.shtml</p> <p>Sarah Flanagan, sara.m.flanagan@maine.gov</p>	Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Grant	Community, non-profit, and noncommunity public water systems	Ongoing.	<p>Purpose: sustain and protect publicly available drinking water</p> <p>Eligible activities: public water system projects that, among other objectives, seek to bolster resilience to drought and flooding through infrastructure upgrades.</p>
<p>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/pws/srf.shtml</p> <p>Nate Saunders, nathan.saunders@maine.gov, 207-287-5685</p> <p>William Dawson, William.Dawson@Maine.gov, 207-287-6196.</p>	Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Loan	Public water systems		<p>Purpose: bolster resilience to drought and flooding through infrastructure upgrades funded by low interest loans for capital improvement</p> <p>Eligible activities: Public water system capital improvements</p>

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<p>Land Acquisition Loans https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/imt/documents/LandAcquisitionLoanFactSheet.pdf</p> <p>Ashley Hodge, Ashley.hodge@maine.gov, 207-822-2341</p>	<p>Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	<p>Loan</p>	<p>Community water systems, both privately and publicly owned, and non-profit non-community water systems</p>	<p>Ongoing. No deadline for Land Acquisition Loan applications. Whenever there are land and/or conservation easements available for purchase, a water system may apply for a loan.</p>	<p>Purpose: protect drinking water supplies through ownership, easements, or other legal control of the land around a drinking water source.</p> <p>Eligible activities: purchase of land and/or conservation easement that protect sources of drinking water.</p> <p>Land Acquisition Loans are administered by the Maine CDC's Drinking Water Program and serviced through the Municipal Bond Bank.</p> <p>There is no project limit, and funding amount is based on available funds at the time of loan application.</p>
<p>Outdoor Heritage Fund https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/grants/outdoor-heritage-fund.html</p> <p>Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Bethany Atkins 207-287-5878 Bethany.Atkins@maine.gov</p>	<p>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Qualified sponsoring agencies</p>	<p>Semiannual.</p>	<p>Purpose: Conserve wildlife and open spaces.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Projects that promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservation of Maine's fish and wildlife habitat • acquisition and management of special places • protect endangered species • conservation law enforcement.

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<p>Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Disaster Loan Program</p>	<p>Maine Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>Loan</p>	<p>Municipalities</p>	<p>Ongoing. Upon declaration of a major disaster, one may apply for assistance through the Governor's authorized representative.</p>	<p>Purpose: Offset the loss of local tax revenues or other revenues as a result of a major disaster</p> <p>Fundable activities: Maintenance of local governmental functions such as police and fire protection, or water and sewer services.</p> <p>Please note: Loans are not to exceed 25% of the local government's annual operating budget for the fiscal year in which the major disaster occurs, up to a maximum of \$5 million.</p>
<p>Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods</p> <p>Maine Emergency Management Agency 72 State House Station 45 Commerce Drive Augusta, ME 04333</p> <p>800-452-8735 toll-free</p>	<p>Maine Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Local communities that sponsor applications on behalf of property owners.</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Purpose: Reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Projects and planning that reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.</p> <p>This program is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.</p> <p>Local communities sponsor applications on behalf of property owners and then submit the applications to the state. All grant applications must be submitted to FEMA by a state, U.S. territory, or federally-recognized tribal nation.</p>

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<p>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants</p> <p>Maine Emergency Management Agency 72 State House Station 45 Commerce Drive Augusta, ME 04333</p> <p>800-452-8735 toll-free</p>	<p>Maine Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>Local government, state agency, tribe or tribal agency, or private nonprofit.</p>	<p>Available following federal declaration of a disaster in Maine or relevant counties.</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce future, long-term risk from natural hazards • Increase resilience to natural hazard events that may have been exacerbated by climate change. <p>Eligible activities: Risk-reduction projects that have been identified in local hazard mitigation plans prior to the occurrence of a federally-declared disaster.</p> <p>Individuals and businesses may apply through their local government if their local government agrees to serve as the sub-applicant to the state's application for funding.</p>
<p>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants</p> <p>Maine Emergency Management Agency 72 State House Station 45 Commerce Drive Augusta, ME 04333</p> <p>800-452-8735 toll-free</p>	<p>Maine Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>States, territories, federally-recognized tribes and local governments are eligible to serve as sub-applicants for pre-disaster mitigation grants.</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events • Reduce reliance on federal funding in future disasters. <p>Eligible activities:</p> <p>Planning and project grants that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage • raise public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes. <p>Applicants must be participating in a county hazard mitigation plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.</p>

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<p>Severe Repetitive Loss https://www.fema.gov/pdf/nfip/manual201205/content/20_srl.pdf Maine Emergency Management Agency 72 State House Staton 45 Commerce Drive Augusta, ME 04333</p> <p>800-452-8735 toll-free, in-state only 207-624-4400</p>	<p>Maine Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>Grant</p>	<p>National Floodplain Insurance Program participants.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Purpose: Reduce flood damages to insured properties that have had one or more claims to the National Flood Insurance Program.</p> <p>Eligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition or relocation of at-risk structures and conversion of the property to open space; • Elevation of existing structures; <i>or</i> • Dry floodproofing of historic properties.
<p>Maine Municipal Bond Bank -Drinking Water Program https://mmbb.com/Programs.aspx</p> <p>Maine Municipal Bond Bank P.O. Bo 2268 127 Community Drive Augusta, ME 04330</p> <p>800-821-1113 toll-free 207-622-9386</p>	<p>Maine Municipal Bond Bank</p>	<p>Loan</p>	<p>All public and private water systems.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted continuously during the year.</p>	<p>Purpose: provide municipalities, school systems, water and sewer districts, and other governmental entities access to low-cost funds through sale of the bond bank's tax-exempt bonds.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public health projects • treatment facilities • aging infrastructure • main replacement • federal Safe Drinking Water Act compliance • land acquisition. <p>Although applications are accepted throughout the year, the Municipal Bond Bank issues bonds once in the spring and once in the fall. The bond bank's website specifies deadlines for the funding cycles.</p>

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<p>Right-of-Way Discovery Grants</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/grants/right-of-way-discovery.html</p>	Marine Resources	Grant	Municipalities, land trusts	Annually.	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help communities find and assert public rights-of-way to the shore, which may be lost over time and changing land ownership patterns. • Enable commercial fishing and other marine industries to continue as a viable component of Maine's economy. • Ensure opportunities for recreational use of the water by year-round and seasonal residents, as well as tourists. <p>Eligible activities:</p> <p>Deed research, title searches, archival analysis</p>

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<p>Shore and Harbor Grants https://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/grants/shore-and-harbor-planning-grants.html</p> <p>Allison Potter, allison.potter@maine.gov</p>	Marine Resources	Grant	<p>Towns and unorganized townships in Maine's coastal zone</p> <p>Groups of towns /townships in Maine's coastal zone</p> <p>Coastal Regional Planning Commissions; and coastal Councils of Government.</p>	Ongoing. Subject to available funding.	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote sound waterfront planning and harbor management, Promote balanced development of shore and harbor areas. Advance planning for waterfront infrastructure improvements and access to the shore. <p>Eligible activities: Development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plans for waterfront, harbor and mooring areas regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to waterfront conservation and improvement planning studies for public and working access plans and designs for harbor improvements management plans for municipal waterfront facilities.
<p>Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pgs/</p> <p>Matthew Burns 207-624-3409 matthew.burns@maine.gov</p>	Transportation	Grant	Public and private entities	Maine DOT sends out an announcement each year, typically in the summer	<p>Purpose: Funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service enables Maine DOT to benefit all users in a harbor or coastal tidewater facility.</p> <p>Eligible activities: Waterfront infrastructure projects that benefit recreational transient boats 26 feet or longer.</p>

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<p>Small Harbor Improvement Program https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/ship/</p> <p>Matthew Burns 207-624-3409 matthew.burns@maine.gov</p>	Transportation	Grant	Municipalities - coastal and tidewater	Ongoing application process	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote economic development, public access, improved commercial fishing opportunities • preserve, and create infrastructure at facilities in tidewater and coastal municipalities <p>Eligible activities: protection and enhancement of harbor infrastructure, including commercial and municipal pier and wharf improvements, hoists, ramps, and pilings.</p> <p>The SHIP program can provide up to \$250,000 in assistance towards eligible projects. The SHIP program requires a 50% local share.</p>

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