



Maine Hunger Dialogue Project 2017 Mini-Grant Application

The goal of the Maine Hunger Dialogue is to inspire students to take action to address hunger on their campuses and in their communities. To help in that effort, participants and campus teams whom attend the 2017 Maine Hunger Dialogue are eligible to apply for a mini-grant of up to \$500 in start-up funds to implement a new project, or expand/strengthen/build sustainability for an already existing hunger-related project. Projects could include, but are not limited to, activities such as creating a campus food pantry, developing of a community garden to provide fresh vegetables for food insecure students or community members, initiating a food waste and recovery program, or developing and hosting a public/campus hunger awareness event.

Non-eligible activities include: projects funded in past years by the Maine Hunger Dialogue, scholarships, indirect/overhead expenses and political/lobbying activities.

*To apply, please answer the following questions and return your application **no later than Friday, December 8, 2017** via email to katie@mainecompact.org. Applications should not exceed four pages. For more information, please contact Katie Kracht, Maine Hunger Dialogue VISTA at katie@mainecompact.org or Tel: 207-786-8386*

1. Name of the project:
2. Team member names, institution(s), and major focus of project:
3. Contact information for the lead person:
4. Is this a new project or a continuation of one currently occurring at your institution?
 - i. ☐ New project ☐ Existing project
5. If an existing project, how do you plan to expand/strengthen/build sustainability for your project? Note: Existing projects which have received Maine Hunger Dialogue funding in past years will be considered a lower priority (as the goals of the mini grants are to create new hunger alleviation initiatives).

6. In 500 words or less, provide an overall description of your project; include the target audience, what you hope to achieve and any outside organizations that might be involved in your effort.

7. Please describe your goals and/or milestones for the project/what you hope to achieve, and how you plan to evaluate the project?

8. How will the project continue after this year and be sustainable in the long term?

9. Provide/list a detailed project budget here:

Hunger Dialogue Grant Acceptance Agreement

The Hunger Dialogue is co-sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension and Maine Campus Compact. This Memorandum of Agreement is intended to establish the shared expectations for the Hunger Dialogue \$500 mini-grant Program between UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Campus Compact and _____.

Name of your institution

To receive a \$500 mini-grant, applicants must:

- Have a university/college sponsor (faculty or staff) sign this form thereby endorsing the project.
- List the fiscal sponsor of the project (the sponsor must be a 501c3, or school entity with non-profit status). Checks cannot be made out to individuals.
- Obtain receipts for all purchases listed in the budget and send a copy of these receipts to Katie Kracht, katie@mainecompact.org or mail to: Maine Hunger Dialogue VISTA, University of Southern Maine LAC, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston, ME 04240
- Agree to expend all funds by December 31st, 2018.
- Submit at least one photograph and provide a one-page report summarizing your project to Frank Wertheim @ frank.wertheim@maine.edu, or mail to: Maine Hunger Dialogue VISTA, University of Southern Maine LAC, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston, ME 04240 by December 31st, 2018.
- Agree to have at least one project representative attend the Maine Hunger Dialogue in 2018 and present your project in poster form. A Call for Posters will be sent out to all successful applicants at prior to the next Maine Hunger Dialogue.

I agree to the above terms: _____
Signature of Project Leader

Name and mailing address of fiscal sponsor:

Project Endorsement:

I, _____ endorse the above stated project and agree to oversee grant fiscal disbursement.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____