Maine Community Foundation Competitive Grant Programs

The Maine Community Foundation manages 20 competitive grant programs, which are listed below. More information about all these programs can be found at the community foundation's website, www.mainecf.org.

The Belvedere Animal Welfare Fund supports organizations and programs that address population control for cats and dogs.

The Belvedere Historic Preservation Grant Program supports the preservation or restoration of historic buildings in rural Maine communities.

The COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM (including the County & Regional Grant Program) supports projects that help to build and strengthen Maine communities.

The EDWARD H. DAVEIS BENEVOLENT FUND supports early childhood and youth leadership programs in the greater Portland area.

JOHN & ELLEN EMERY SCIENCE GRANTS encourage AOS #91 teachers to promote the study of science in their classrooms. These grants should increase opportunities for students to understand science and its relevance to their daily lives and, perhaps, inspire some of them to pursue careers in science and related fields.

The EQUITY FUND supports organizations that serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community of Maine.

The FUND FOR MAINE LAND CONSERVATION seeks to support projects that advance land conservation and strengthen the ability of land conservation organizations and entities to conserve land

The HOSPICE FUND awards grants to programs that support end-of-life volunteer and bereavement services in Cumberland and York Counties.

The MAINE CHARITY FOUNDATION FUND makes grants for a wide array of charitable purposes across the state.

The MAINE EXPANSION ARTS FUND supports indigenous, ethnic, or rural arts programs or projects.

The MAINE STEEPLES PROJECT funds the preservation of church steeples of historic, cultural, and community significance.

The MAINE THEATER FUND supports professional and community theaters in the production and presentation of live theater.

The LEONARD AND RENEE MINSKY FUND FOR ARTS EDUCATION helps elementary school teachers in Washington and Penobscot Counties to bring art into the classroom.

The PEAKS ISLAND FUND supports the work of local nonprofits that bring residents together to improve life on Peaks.

The PEOPLE OF COLOR FUND provides grants for organizations that serve communities of color across Maine.

The PF FUND FOR THE BALDWIN AREA funds projects that focus on efforts to bring residents together and improve life in the community.

The RAM ISLAND CONSERVATION FUND 25/25 ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE is a one-to-one matching opportunity in which land trusts must raise \$25,000 in new funds to secure a \$25,000 grant.

The RINES/THOMPSON FUND focuses its grantmaking on improving the welfare of the citizens of greater Portland.

The ROSE AND SAMUEL RUDMAN LIBRARY TRUST provides grants to libraries serving communities in northern and eastern Maine with populations of less than 10,000.

The VINCENT B. AND BARBARA G. WELCH SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION supports organizations in the greater Portland area with preference given to nonprofits working with youth, in education, health care, alcoholic rehabilitation, and arts and culture.