

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Possible Funding Opportunities for Maine Food Pantries
September 2021

The following organizations periodically offer grant opportunities that may be suited for food pantries, soup kitchens, and other food access programs. Please follow up with the individual organizations using the links provided to find out more about program eligibility, deadlines, etc.

- **Bangor Savings Bank Community Fund**
 - Considers applications for grants ranging from \$2,000 dollars to \$25,000
 - \$2-5k Grants: Awarded for program development and expanded facilities/equipment. Also supports general operating expenses.
 - \$5-25k Grants: Program development as well as new expanded facilities and equipment. Cannot be used for operating budgets.
 - <https://www.bangor.com/community/foundation/grant-guidelines>
- **Camden National Bank Community Philanthropic Fund**
 - Leaders and Luminaries Fund
 - 2021 Nominations being accepted now, deadline of September 24th 2021
 - Nominees must be on the board of directors of the given organization.
 - 4 winners receive \$5,000 grants on behalf of their organizations.
 - <https://www.camdenational.com/leadersandluminaries>
- **Feed Kids Maine Full Plates Grants**
 - Provides regionally specific grants for initiatives to provide meals to area children.
 - <https://www.fullplates.org/feed-kids-grants/>
- **Feeding America**
 - Organization provides grants, page is not publicly accessible.
 - Linked is the online grants management system page for current member food pantries/banks. There are several current/upcoming feeding America grant opportunities that a pantry will be able to view.
 - https://feedingamerica.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp
- **Good Shepherd Food Bank**
 - Offers Community Redistribution Fund Grants – targeted specifically to indigenous/BIPOC/immigrant focused organizations.
 - <https://www.gsfb.org/blog/2020/07/27/community-redistribution-fund-grants-awards/>
 - 10% of grant funds can be used for general operating expenses.
 - Grants of up to \$10k.
 - Application deadline was March 31st, 2021.
 - <https://www.gsfb.org/crf/>
- **Hannaford Foundation**
 - Central focus of foundation on food pantries and emergency food provisioning.
 - <https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/charitable-foundation>
- **Maine Community Foundation**
 - Community Building Grant
 - Maximum award of 10k.

- 2021 cycle completed; applications will open in 2022.
 - Awards capacity building grants and project grants.
 - 178 grants awarded, average award of 7k.
 - 47% of applicants receive grants.
 - Deadline of April 1st.
 - <https://www.maineef.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/community-building-grants/>
 - Frances Hollis Brain Foundation Fund
 - 2021 cycle already completed; applications reopen in 2022.
 - Only applies to the geographic area of Auburn, Bath, Biddeford, Brunswick, Greater Portland, Lewiston, Saco, and Sanford.
 - 33 Grants awarded, maximum award of 10k. Average award of 5k.
 - 49% of applicants receive grants.
 - Deadline of April 1st.
 - <https://www.maineef.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/frances-hollis-brain-foundation-fund/>
- **Maine Health Access Foundation**
 - Community Responsive Grants Program
 - Deadline passed to send Letters of interest 2021
 - Can apply for a one-year planning grant of \$10-30k or a project grant for up to two years at \$25-50k a year.
 - Intended to respond to community needs or implement programs based on experiences of communities to broaden health equity.
 - Focus on healthcare
 - Can't be used for general operation costs.
 - <https://mehaf.org/grants-center/copy-responsive-grant-opportunities-crg>
- **Sewall Foundation**
 - Healthy People Healthy Places Grant
 - Basic Human needs, capacity building activities, and integrated wellbeing.
 - Focuses on community serving things such as food systems.
 - <https://www.sewallfoundation.org/health-people-healthy-places-learn-more>
- **Shaw's Nourishing Neighbors**
 - Grants for food pantries.
 - <http://shawsfoundation.org/get-funded/>
- **TD Bank Charitable Foundation**
 - Grant Portal on website, application for grants greater than 5k.
 - Cannot be used to fund general operating expenses.
 - https://www.tdbank.com/exc/pdf/TDCF_Eligibility_Guidelines.pdf
 - https://www.tdbank.com/exc/pdf/Grant_Application_Checklist.pdf
 - <https://www.tdbank.com/corporate-responsibility/the-ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/>
- **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture**
 - Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program
 - Food projects which increase sufficiency of low-income communities, whole food system-based approaches.

- 18% reward rate, 10k-400k awards, 1-4 years of funding
- <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program>
- **Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program**
 - Minimum grant of \$250, maximum of \$5k.
 - Deadline of December 31st, 2021.
 - Serving communities of Walmart and Sam's Club locations.
 - <https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>