

## **Broad Reach Fund**

**Purpose:** The Broad Reach Fund supports non-profit organizations across Maine aligned with our broad interests in social justice, economic opportunity, environmental health, and sustainable food systems. The Broad Reach Fund is interested in projects that improve the quality of life for all Maine residents and are inclusive in both their design and implementation. We seek forward-thinking solutions to social, environmental, and economic problems. We favor constituency-led organizations and place a high priority on safeguarding fundamental human rights and democratic practices. Applications are by invitation only.

**Geographic Focus:** Maine – statewide

**We will fund projects that address the following:**

- Cooperative activities including formal and informal collaboration
- Coalition-building and multi-sector approaches
- Research and outreach in our issue areas
- Public policy formation
- Advocacy and community organizing to achieve any of the above

**Type and Size of Grants:**

The fund will support capacity building, program and project grants. As a general rule, we do not make grants for land acquisition, conservation, capital projects or endowment campaigns. We do not fund direct services or education unless they are part of a larger social change agenda.

Grants to established organizations generally fall in the \$15,000-\$25,000 range. Grants to new organizations or organizations new to Broad Reach are smaller. We expect all applicants to show other sources of support. The Fund will give priority to projects and organizations that are led by, foster the participation of, and benefit low- and moderate-income people in Maine. Organizations or programs with the potential to achieve long-term systemic change and/or address clearly measurable economic impacts may apply for grants larger than \$25,000. The Fund will consider multi-year funding to eligible grantees to help achieve those objectives.

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