We align funders and nonprofits in a dynamic network, resulting in more effective philanthropy for all of Maine.

Maine Philanthropy Center (MPC) is the keystone for Maine’s philanthropic community: an organization that connects and strengthens the vital network of funders and supports their relationships with each other and the community organizations in which they invest. We achieve this by partnering with over 300 nonprofit members and more than 70 of Maine’s funding stakeholders—family and private foundations, community foundations, public charity grantmakers, donor advisors, corporate foundations and giving programs, and individual philanthropists—who engage with one another. Those relationships help each individual organization achieve optimal effectiveness. Through our programs and affinity groups, funders and nonprofits explore new avenues, share best practices, and strategize together.

We are Maine’s only association for this network, dedicated to increasing the awareness and effectiveness of philanthropy. Central to our work is the belief that the integration of diversity, equity, and inclusivity practices is imperative to success. MPC promotes broad awareness of philanthropy through the publication of our annual Giving in Maine report and a public website with local and national data about charitable foundations. Our “Get on the Map” project helps improve the accuracy and availability of up-to-date, detailed grantmaking information across our region.

MPC convenes, educates, and challenges our members: we bolster relationships that guide the direction of philanthropy in Maine. We take a leadership role in facilitating conversations among funders and nonprofits about critical issues facing our communities, thereby amplifying the impact of everyone’s work. Our nonprofit partners also rely on us for access to valuable resources that inform and advance their grantseeking. Through our partnership with Candid, we provide on-site, free public access to the national funder database Foundation Directory Online. MPC members can also access the Online Directory of Maine Grantmakers, a database of funders active in Maine—the most comprehensive source of information on Maine funders.

Invest in Sector Leadership

Membership dollars alone aren’t enough to support MPC’s growing work. Philanthropy Circle gifts catalyze our work by serving as initial investments in new strategies and supporting the human power that makes MPC so special. An additional investment ensures our ability to deliver high quality data products, responsive and timely programming, and much more. Investments this year will deepen our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion programming, expand our advocacy efforts, and broaden accessibility of our work during a time when access to a community and information is critical.

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Membership Benefits 2021
An overview of benefits grantmakers receive as part of Maine Philanthropy Center’s dynamic community

At the Maine Philanthropy Center, we believe in collective impact. Everything we do is focused on creating a strong community invested in enhancing the effectiveness of funders, bringing together foundation and nonprofit leaders to deepen the impact of grants made in Maine, and expanding philanthropy throughout the state. Grantmaker membership is open to grantmaking foundations, donor advisors, DAFs, grantmaking public charities, and philanthropic individuals.

By investing in our community, your organization, including all staff and trustees, will receive the following benefits. For full details, visit mainephilanthropy.org.

Community
Members are not only part of a statewide network of grantmakers, but also are connected to over 7,000 funders nationwide.

We intentionally connect funders with shared interests such as corporate giving, education, the environment, and oral health.

Additionally, we advocate for the issues Maine philanthropy cares about from the halls of Augusta to the Capitol in D.C.

Programs
We offer an array of programs for grantmakers to come together to learn from each other, build grantmaking skills and expertise, keep informed about legal and financial issues, and hear about local and national grantmaking trends.

We also offer programs designed to support your grantees. All members receive discounts to all MPC-sponsored programs.

Resources and Research
Members have access to the members-only section of the MPC website, which includes the Directory of Maine Grantmakers, MPC’s online, searchable database, as well as the Get on the Map portal.

Through the Directory and Get on the Map data, members can identify other grantmakers who share areas of interest and help grantees find additional resources.

Publication and Product Discounts
In addition to online access to MPC’s Directory of Maine Grantmakers, members receive discounts on the printed Directory. Members also receive discounts on products like:

- Foundation Legal Help Desk
- The Chronicle of Philanthropy
- PhilanTrak
- RingCentral
- Cureo
- Stanford Social Innovation Review
- The Foundation Review
- Alliance magazine

One-on-One Consultations
MPC is available to help you establish or evaluate your priorities and overall grantmaking processes, suggest local or national organizations or consultants to assist you, and connect you with other grantmakers.

Members also have access to complimentary job postings featured on our website and in our newsletters.

Additional Guest Memberships
As part of our affiliation with 80+ regional and national grantmaker associations throughout the country, MPC members are eligible for the Guest Membership Program. This benefit mutually extends member rates on programs to board members of grantmaking institutions that are members of one regional association but live in an area served by a different regional association.