



## 2026 GIVING PROJECT FUND APPLICATION: HOW-TO

This document was created to support groups applying to the 2026 Giving Project Fund for Community Organizing through [Maine Initiatives' application portal](#). It includes recommendations and application how-tos. Please contact [frankie@maineinitiatives.org](mailto:frankie@maineinitiatives.org) if you have any additional questions about your online application.

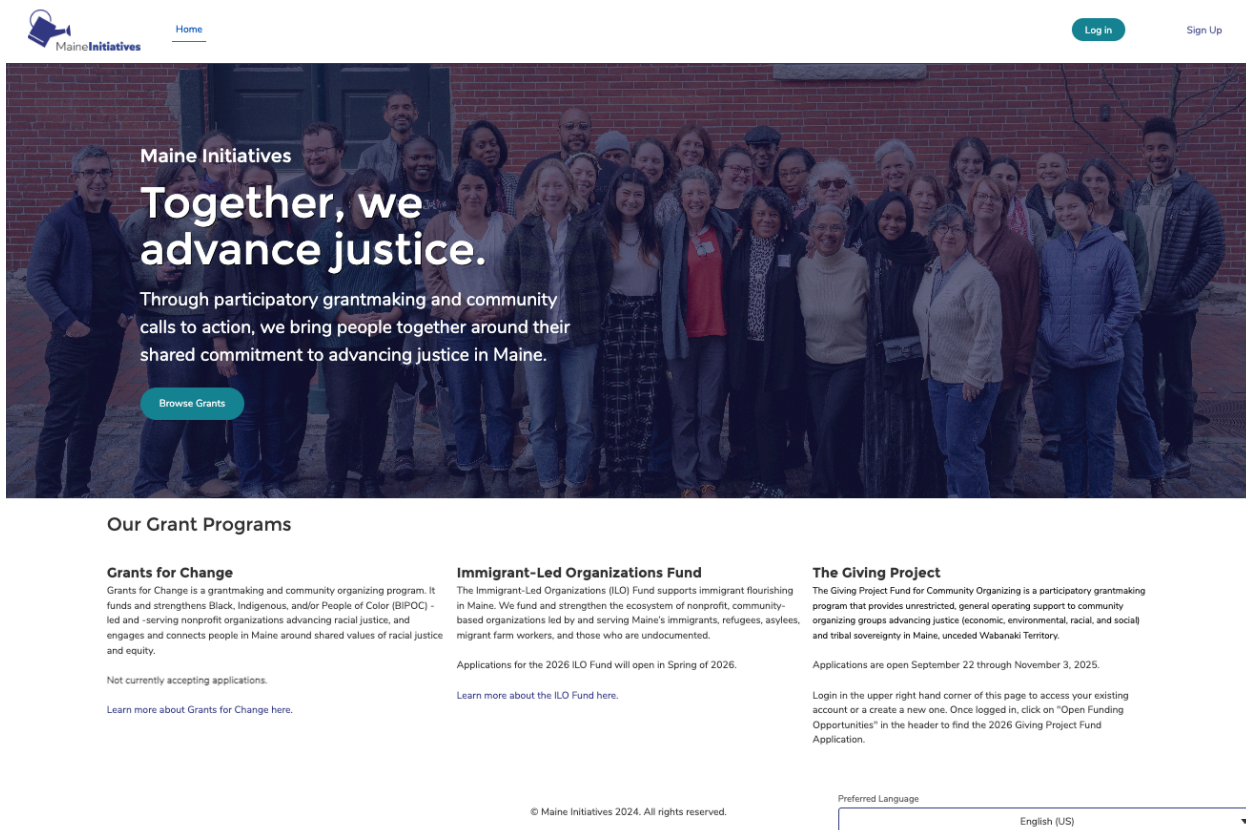
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### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- We highly recommend completing this application on a computer or tablet for the optimal user experience.
- We also recommend [reviewing the application questions](#) and preparing your answers in advance. You will need to submit your application in one sitting. Applications are due November 3, 2025 by 11:59pm ET.
- You will need to include your organization's financial information. Please be prepared to provide specific information such as your annual operating expenses from the most recently completed fiscal year and proof of your 501c3 status (EIN), fiscal sponsorship, or Tribal government or entity.
- The term 'organization' will be used throughout the application to refer to all applicant groups.

## 2. HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT

1. From the home page, select 'Sign Up' in the upper right corner.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maine Initiatives website. At the top left is the 'Maine Initiatives' logo. In the top right corner, there are 'Log in' and 'Sign Up' buttons. The main banner features a large group photo of diverse people standing in front of a brick building. Overlaid on the photo is the text: 'Maine Initiatives Together, we advance justice. Through participatory grantmaking and community calls to action, we bring people together around their shared commitment to advancing justice in Maine.' Below this text is a 'Browse Grants' button. Under the banner, the section 'Our Grant Programs' is displayed, containing three columns of information:

- Grants for Change**: Grants for Change is a grantmaking and community organizing program. It funds and strengthens Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC) - led and -serving nonprofit organizations advancing racial justice, and engages and connects people in Maine around shared values of racial justice and equity. Not currently accepting applications. Learn more about Grants for Change here.
- Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund**: The Immigrant-Led Organizations (ILO) Fund supports immigrant flourishing in Maine. We fund and strengthen the ecosystem of nonprofit, community-based organizations led by and serving Maine's immigrants, refugees, asylees, migrant farm workers, and those who are undocumented. Applications for the 2026 ILO Fund will open in Spring of 2026. Learn more about the ILO Fund here.
- The Giving Project**: The Giving Project Fund for Community Organizing is a participatory grantmaking program that provides unrestricted, general operating support to community organizing groups advancing justice (economic, environmental, racial, and social) and tribal sovereignty in Maine, unceded Wabanaki Territory. Applications are open September 22 through November 3, 2025. Login in the upper right hand corner of this page to access your existing account or a create a new one. Once logged in, click on "Open Funding Opportunities" in the header to find the 2026 Giving Project Fund Application.

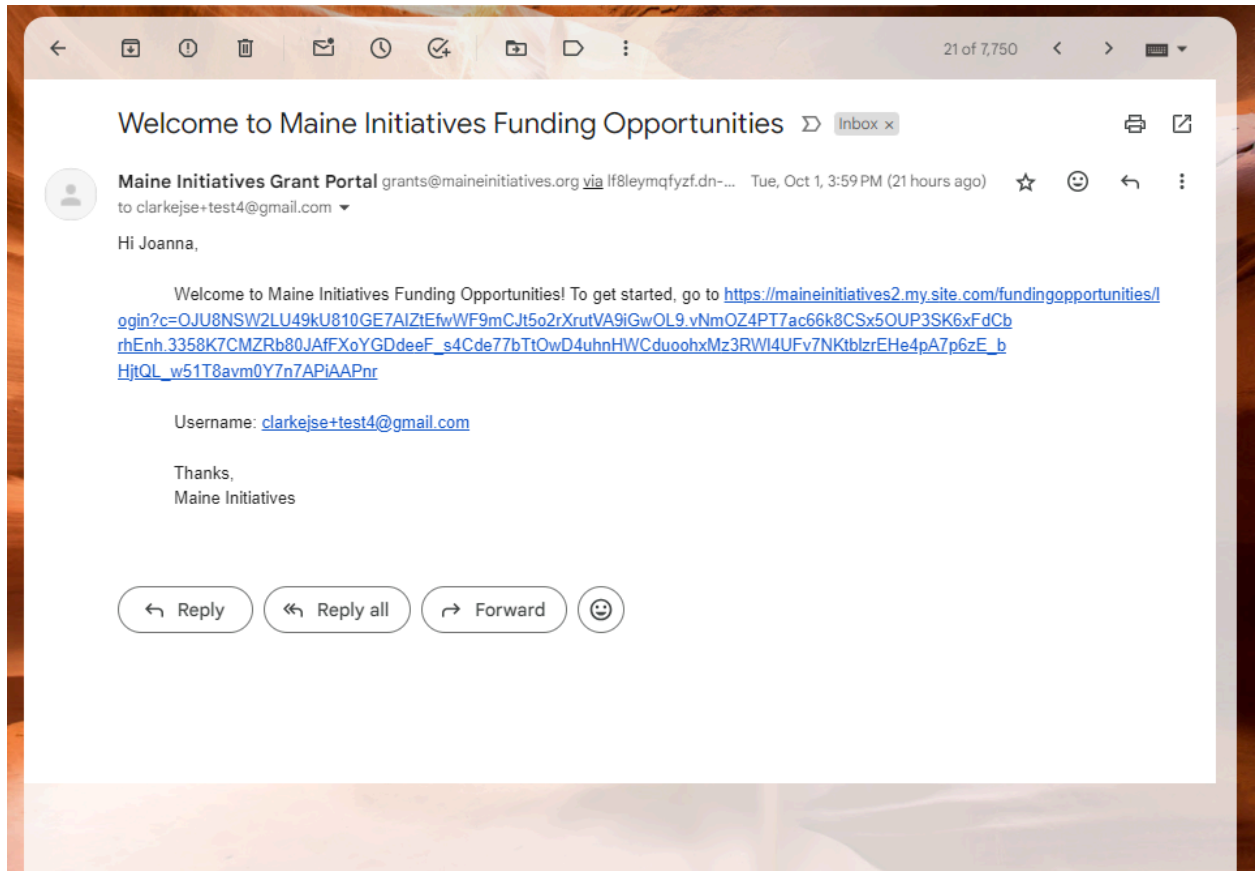
At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '© Maine Initiatives 2024. All rights reserved.' and a 'Preferred Language' dropdown menu set to 'English (US)'.

2. Fill in your first name, last name, and email address.
  - a. We recommend using an email address associated with your organization.



The image shows a 'Sign Up for an Account' form for Maine Initiatives. The form is centered on a light purple background. At the top of the form is the Maine Initiatives logo, which consists of a blue watering can icon and the text 'MaineInitiatives'. Below the logo is the title 'Sign Up for an Account' in bold. Underneath the title is a line of text: 'Register for an account to apply for open Funding Opportunities.' This is followed by another line of text: 'When you click \'Sign Up\', a password reset email will be sent to the email address provided. Follow the link in that email to finalize your account setup.' Below this text are three input fields, each with a small icon to its left: a person icon for 'First Name', a person icon for 'Last Name', and an envelope icon for 'Email'. Below these fields is a teal button with the text 'Sign Up' in white. Under the button is a paragraph of text: 'You can only have one account associated with your email address. Please reach out to grants@maineinitiatives.org if you will be regularly submitting applications on behalf of multiple organizations.' At the bottom of the form is a link that says 'Already have an account?'.

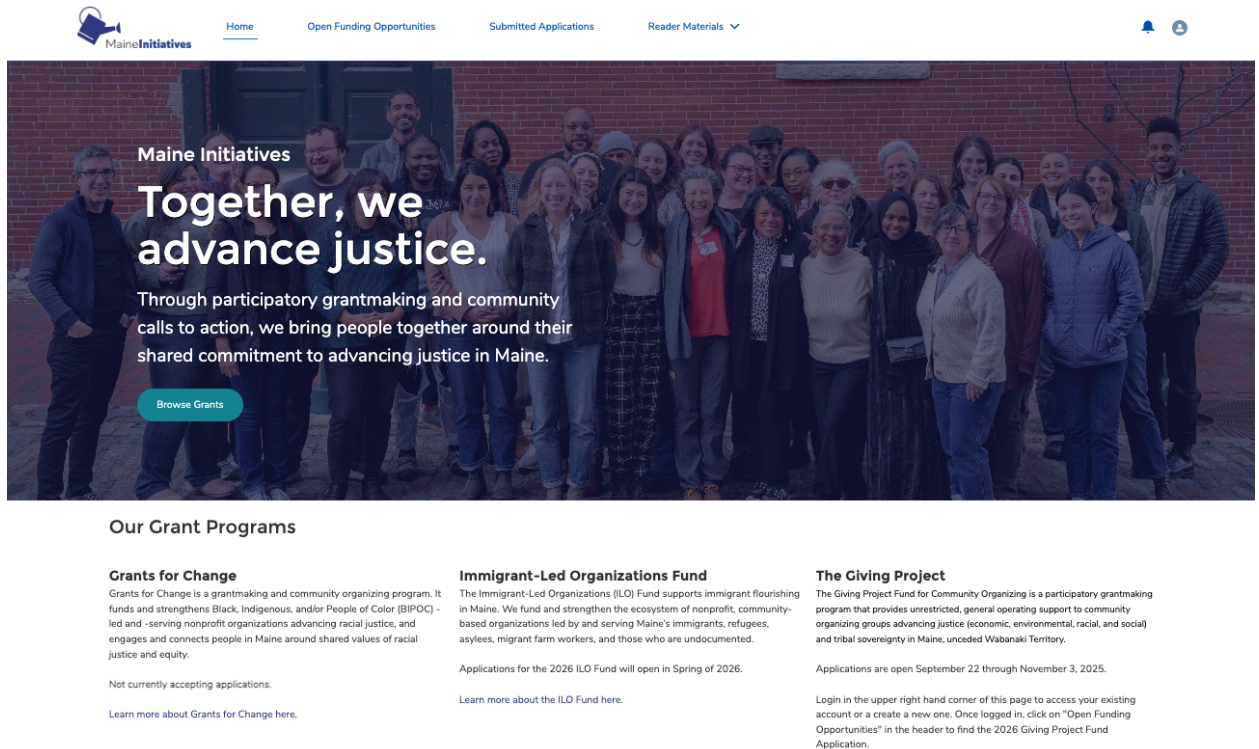
3. Upon clicking the 'Sign Up' button, you will receive a password reset email at the email address you entered. Follow the link in that email to set your password.




4. Congratulations. You can now login to the grant portal at any time.
  - a. After your first application submission your profile will automatically add basic information about your organization to future applications. You can also update your organization's information at any time.

### 3. HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

1. Once registered and logged in, your home page will look a little different.
  - a. You will now have an option in the top menu bar to view Open Funding Opportunities.
  - b. You will also have access, via the user icon in the top right corner, to view your information.



- From the Open Funding Opportunities list select the program you want to apply to.



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## Funding Programs


### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Funding Program Name	Status	Description
2026 Giving Project for Community Organizing	Accepting Applications	The 2025-2026 Giving Project Fund for Community Organizing at Maine Initiatives is a participatory grantmaking program that provides one (1) year of unrestricted, general operating support of \$20,000 to at least five (5) community organizing groups advancing social, economic, environmental, and racial justice & tribal sovereignty in Maine, unceded Wabanaki Territory. Grants will be awarded and announced in March 2026.

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- Click the 'Apply' button beneath the 2026 Giving Project for Community Organizing overview to start your application.



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Funding Program  
**2026 Giving Project for Community Organizing**

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Status Accepting Applications	Start Date 9/17/2025	End Date 11/3/2025
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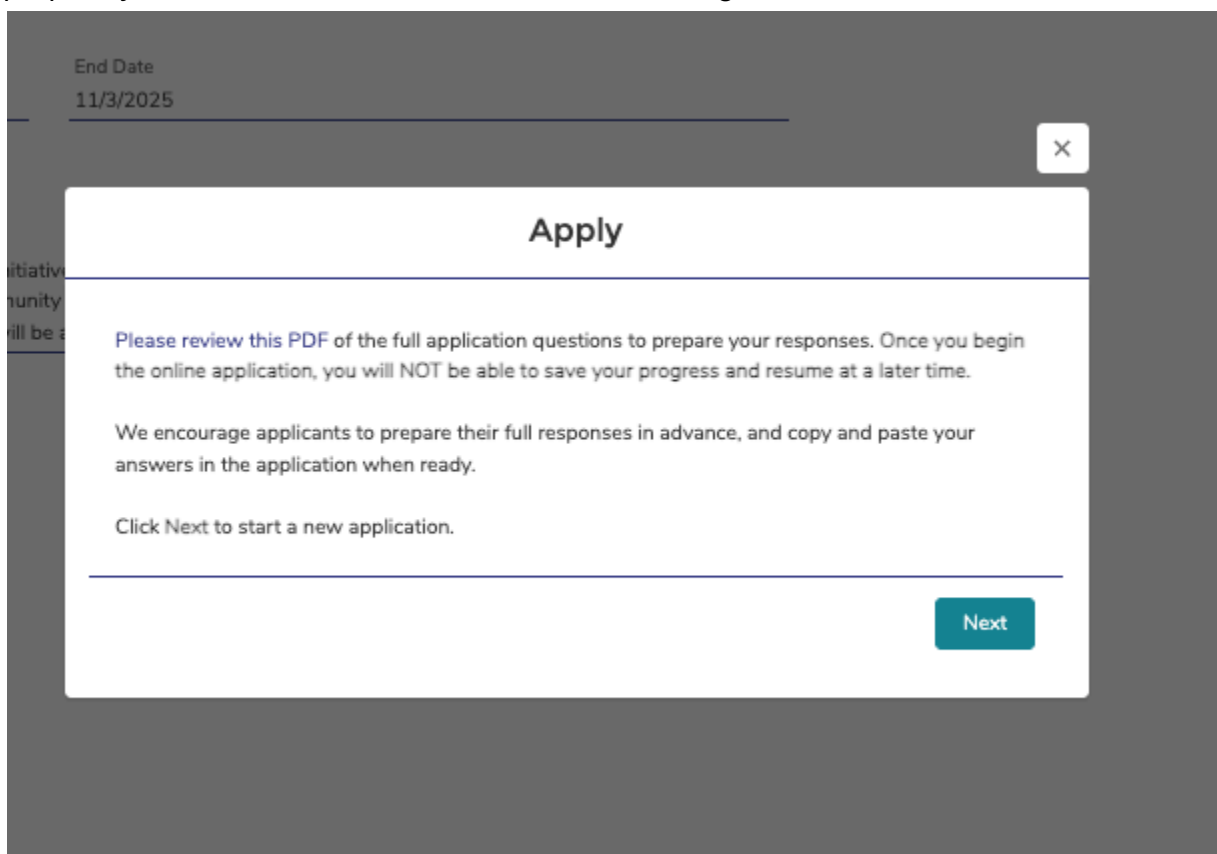
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4. A pop-up window with the application will appear. Review the pdf of questions and prepare your answers in advance. Click 'Next' to begin!



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**Apply**

Please review [this PDF](#) of the full application questions to prepare your responses. Once you begin the online application, you will NOT be able to save your progress and resume at a later time.

We encourage applicants to prepare their full responses in advance, and copy and paste your answers in the application when ready.

Click Next to start a new application.

Next

5. Complete the 4 application pages: Organization Information; Legal/ Fiscal Information; Leadership, Staffing and Partnerships; and Narrative Questions. You can use the 'Next' or 'Previous' buttons to go back and forth as needed.
6. When you complete the 4th page and click 'Next', you will see a preview of all of your answers for final review. If everything looks correct, click 'Submit your Application'.

#### Legal/Fiscal Information

- Does your group have 501(c)(3) status? Yes
- What is your organization's EIN or the EIN of your Fiscal Sponsor? 123
- Is this application presented on behalf of a Tribal government or Tribal entity? No
- Please indicate the Tribal government or Tribal entity:
- Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:
- Fiscal Sponsor Mailing Address: , ,
- Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name:
- Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email:

#### Leadership, Staffing, and Partnerships Information

- Does your organization identify as being led by: Other
- Please share your organization's leadership identity here if you selected "Other" and/or if you would like to further explain identities selected above: test
- Does your organization have paid staff? Yes
- How many paid staff does your organization have? 2
- Does your organization have volunteer staff? Yes
- How many volunteer staff does your organization have? 2
- Partner Organization 1: test
- Partner Organization 2: test
- Partner Organization 3: test
- Partner Organization 4: test
- What work (learning or action) are you doing in collaboration with these partners? Please describe these efforts in a few sentences.: test

#### Narrative Questions

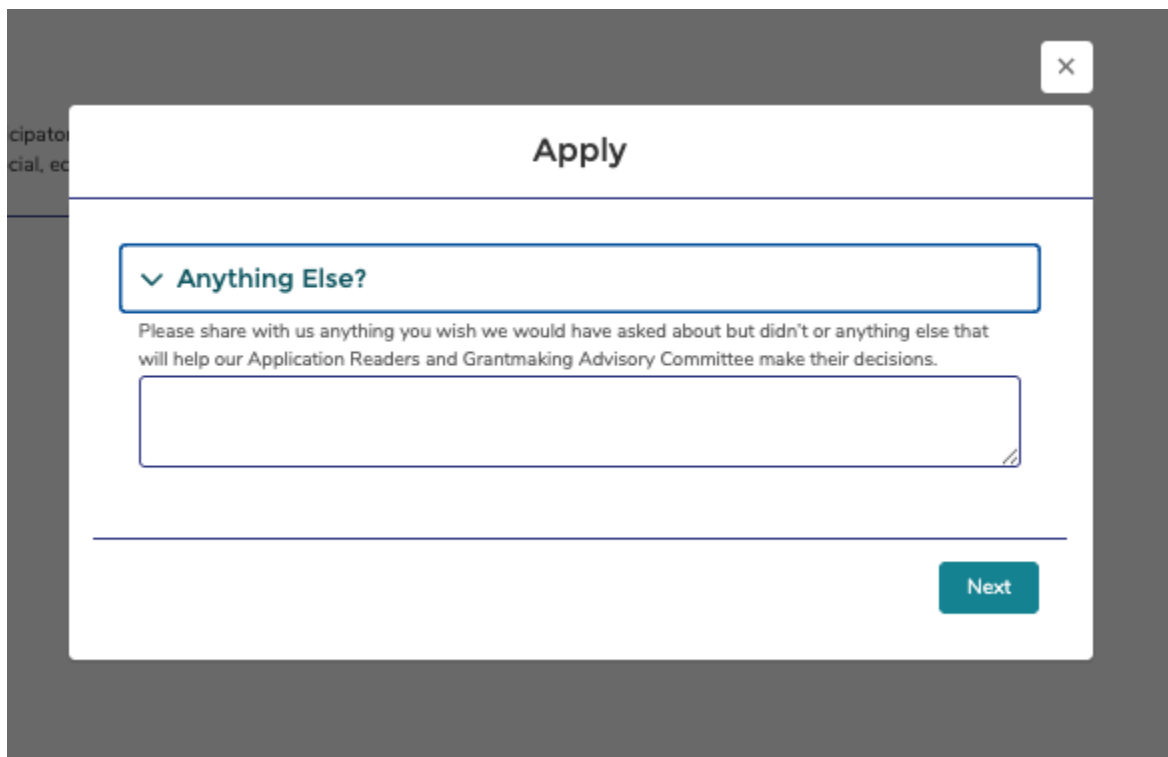
- Please explain what your organization seeks to achieve in Maine. Why is your mission important, especially in the context of Maine in 2025?
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- What programs and activities does your organization implement to achieve its mission?
  - test
- How does your organization use community organizing to bring affected people together to use their collective power to win improvements in the community and change the power structure to advance social justice? How does your work align with each of the 5 components of community organizing?
  - test
- How do you know that your organization is advancing community organizing in Maine? Please provide a story that will illustrate this impact.
  - test

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[Submit your Application](#)






7. After submitting, you have an optional section titled 'Anything Else?' where you can share final thoughts you would like us to know when reviewing your application.




The screenshot shows a web form titled "Apply" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a section header "✓ Anything Else?" followed by a text prompt: "Please share with us anything you wish we would have asked about but didn't or anything else that will help our Application Readers and Grantmaking Advisory Committee make their decisions." Below this is a large text input field. At the bottom right of the form is a teal "Next" button.

8. Congratulations! You have now successfully submitted your application. Thank you for your time and consideration in putting these materials together for the Giving Project donor organizing cohort to learn more about your organization.


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**Funding Request**  
**JCTest - 2024/10/3**

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<b>Funding Request Name</b> JCTest - 2024/10/3	<b>Funding Program</b> <a href="#">JCTest</a>
	<b>Application Date</b> 
<b>Organization Information</b>	
<b>Applying Organization</b> <a href="#">Funding Opportunity Registrant</a>	<b>Year Founded</b> 
<b>Applying Contact</b> <a href="#">Alana Dao</a>	<b>Organizational Budget</b> \$1 - \$1.5 million
<b>Contact Email</b> 	<b>Where you work</b> 
<b>Organization Mission Statement</b> Through participatory grantmaking and community calls to action, we bring people together around their shared commitment to advancing justice in Maine.	<b>Have 501(c)(3) status?</b> Yes
<b>Organization Website</b> 	<b>EIN</b> 01-0484310
<b>Organization Mailing Address</b> 	<b>Tribal Government/Entity</b> No
	<b>Fiscal Sponsor</b> 
	<b>Fiscal Sponsor EIN</b> 
<b>Partners and Staff</b>	

9. You can login in to Maine Initiatives' Application Portal anytime, click on Submitted Applications', and see your Giving Project application for reference. Maine Initiatives' staff will be in touch with you if needed. Grant awards will be announced in March 2026.