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 if you have any additional questions about your online application.
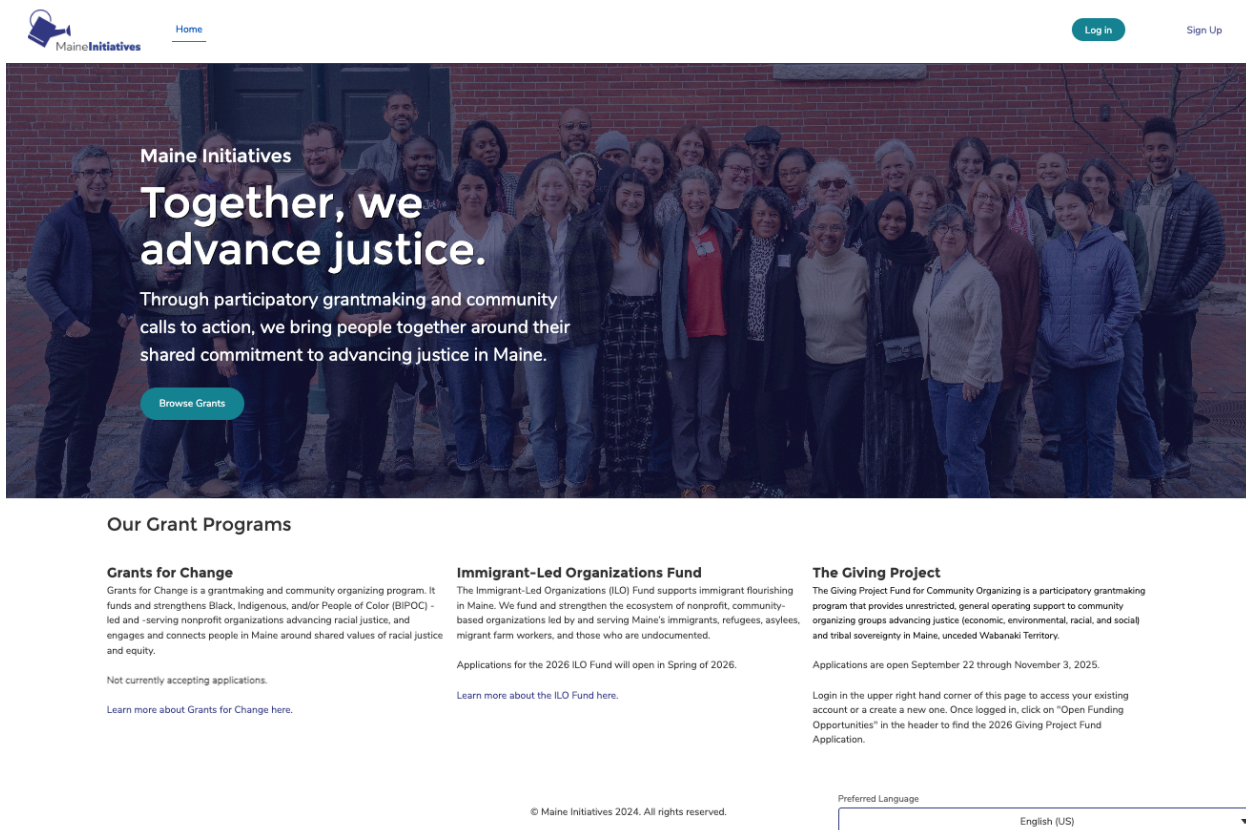
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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.

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

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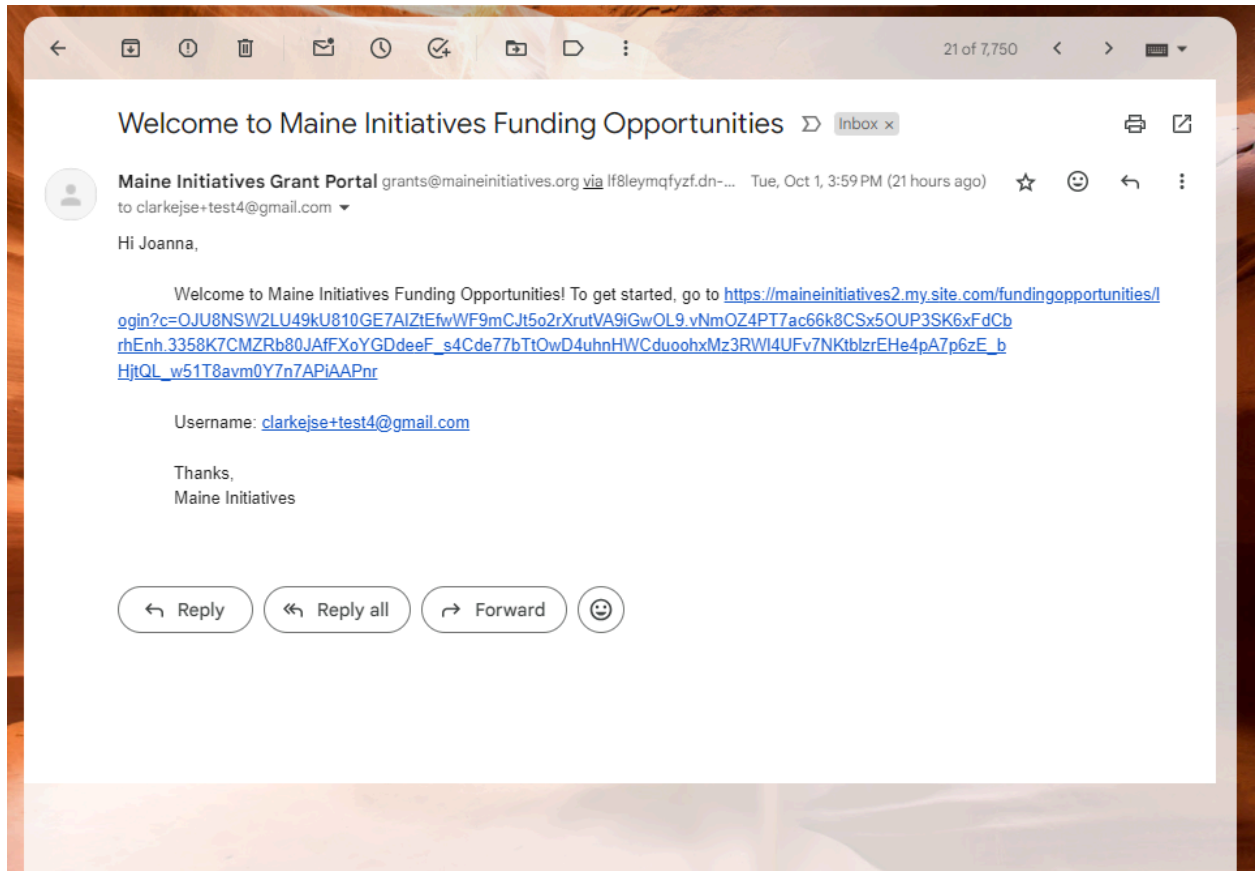
4. Congratulations. You can now login to the grant portal at any time.
   a. After your first application submission your profile will automatically add basic information about your organization to future applications. You can also update your organization's information at any time.

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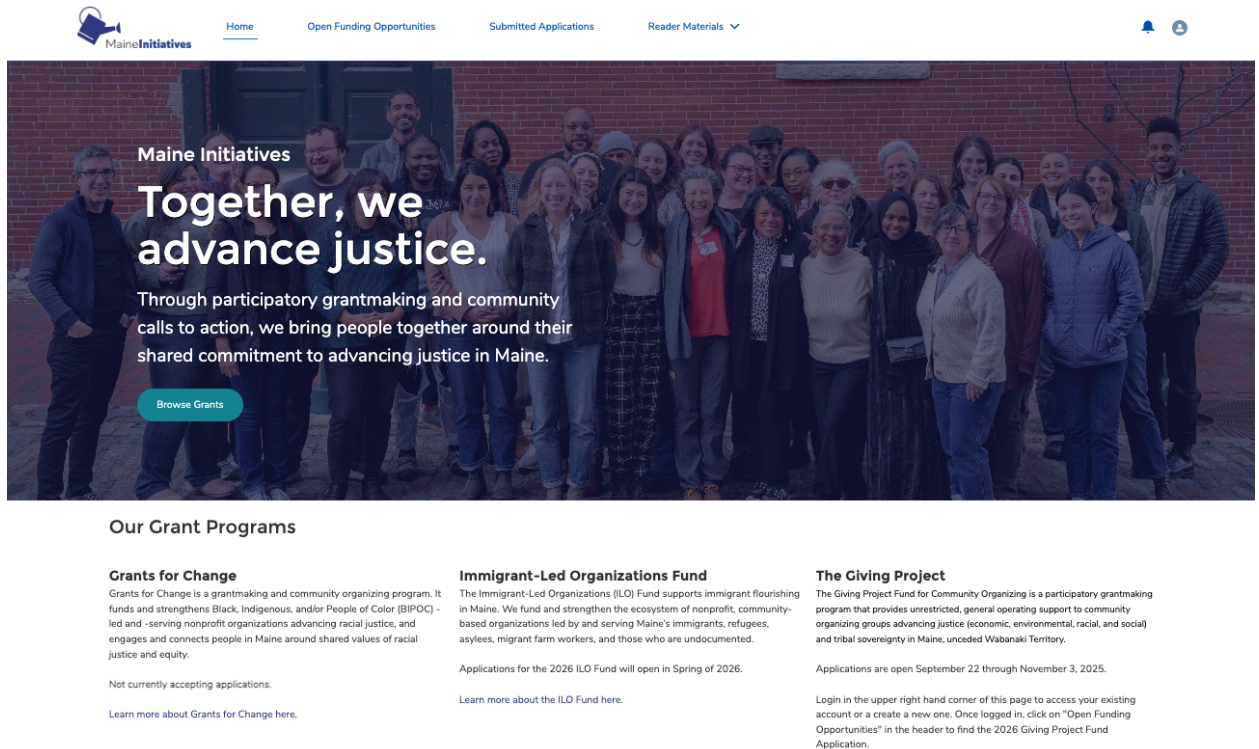
2. From the Open Funding Opportunities list select the program you want to apply to.

3. Click the 'Apply' button beneath the 2026 Giving Project for Community Organizing overview to start your application.
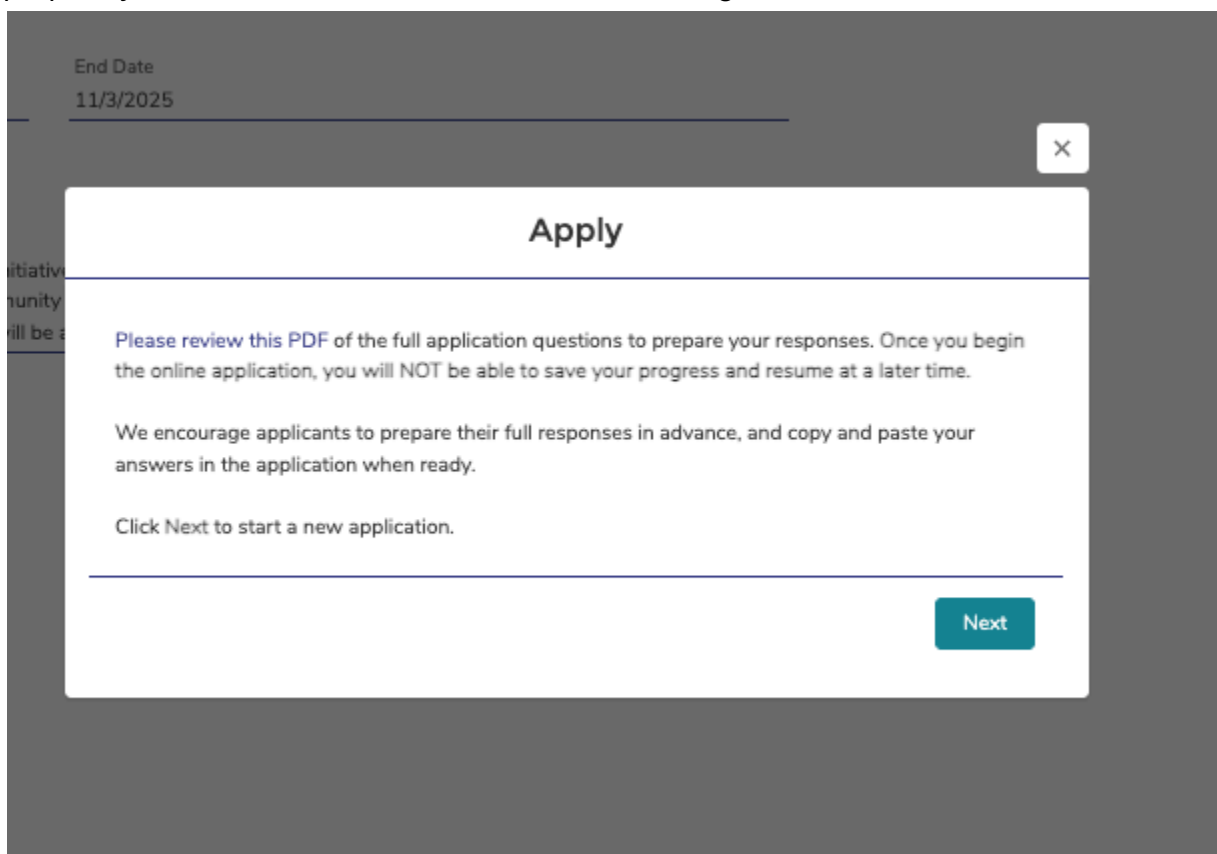
4. A pop-up window with the application will appear. Review the pdf of questions and prepare your answers in advance. Click 'Next' to begin!

End Date
11/3/2025

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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.

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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
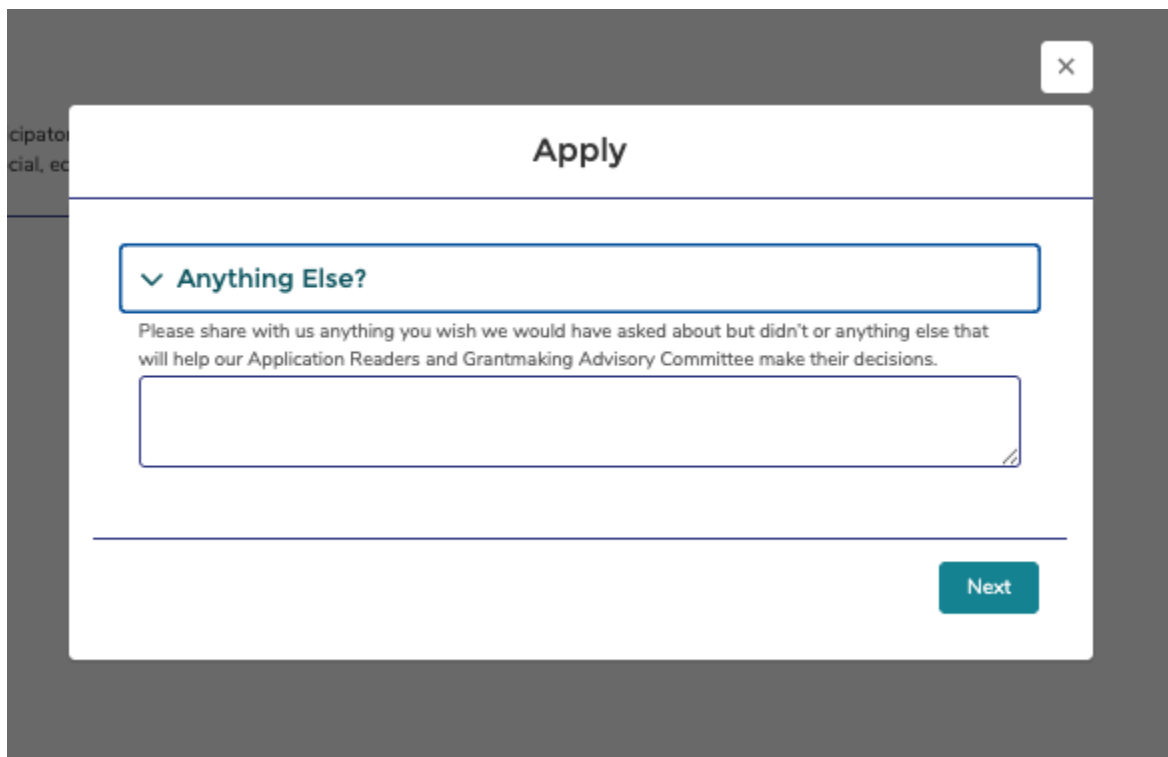
Narrative Questions
- Please explain what your organization seeks to achieve in Maine. Why is your mission important, especially in the context of Maine in 2025?
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- What programs and activities does your organization implement to achieve its mission?
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- 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?
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- How do you know that your organization is advancing community organizing in Maine? Please provide a story that will illustrate this impact.
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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.

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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	Application Date

∨ Organization Information

Applying Organization	Year Founded
Funding Opportunity Registrant	
Applying Contact	Organizational Budget
Alana Dao	$1 - $1.5 million
Contact Email	Where you work
Organization Mission Statement	Have 501(c)(3) status?
Through participatory grantmaking and community calls to action, we bring people together around their shared commitment to advancing justice in Maine.	Yes
Organization Website	EIN
	01-0484310
Organization Mailing Address	Tribal Government/Entity
	No
	Fiscal Sponsor
	Fiscal Sponsor EIN

∨ Partners and Staff

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.