



Tender Table, 2023 Outdoor Equity Fund Grantee (photo: Stacey Tran)



Applications due by
April 26, 2024

application



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Groups whose work advance outdoor equity as outlined by the goals of the Outdoor Equity Fund (OEF) and who meet our eligibility requirements are welcome to apply. Please review the Funding Opportunity Announcement prior to beginning your application.

PART 1: GROUP/TRIBE/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

This first section asks for general information about your group. The term 'group' is used throughout and is used synonymously for organization and/or tribe affiliated effort. Please share the following:

1. Group or organization name

2. Please share your group's Mission Statement (in three sentences or less):

3. What year was your group founded:

4. From the list below, please select **up to three** of the top programmatic priorities for your group. Please use Other and summarize below if a relevant programmatic priority is not listed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land-based cultural continuation & preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor expeditions, such as hunting, fishing, and hiking trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land-back and land return projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor learning or environmental education, including school-based experiences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership development and mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic and trauma-informed nature programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming, gardening and farmworker justice programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor accessibility development | |

5. Please share your operating budget for the most recent completed fiscal year. Operating income may include in-kind contributions.

- a. Operating income for the most recent completed fiscal year \$
- b. Operating expenses for the most recent completed fiscal year \$

6. Please share your group's website address (If none, please share your group's Facebook or Instagram address):

7. What is your group's primary mailing address?

8. Where does your group conduct the bulk of its work (*check as many as apply*)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Androscoggin County | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aroostook County | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford County | <input type="checkbox"/> York County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland County | <input type="checkbox"/> Penobscot County | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin County | <input type="checkbox"/> Piscataquis County | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hancock County | <input type="checkbox"/> Sagadahoc County | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of Maine - New England |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kennebec County | <input type="checkbox"/> Summerset County | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of Maine - Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knox County | <input type="checkbox"/> Waldo County | |

9. Who is the contact person for your **organization**? (This might be the Executive Director, Board President, or other most prominent public spokesperson.)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

10. Who is the contact person for this **proposal**? (if different from the person named above)

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

PART 2: LEGAL/FISCAL INFORMATION

This section is needed for the fiscal administration of any grants made by Maine Initiatives. Maine Initiatives does fund groups who do not have official 501(c)(3) status, but any such applicants that are selected to receive funding will need to obtain a Fiscal Sponsor or sponsorship by a tribal entity prior to receiving the grant funds.

- Is this application presented on behalf of a tribal government or tribal entity? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the tribal government or other entity:

- Does your group have 501(c)(3) status? Yes No

If you do not have your 501(c)(3) status, please name your Fiscal Sponsor (if you have one)?

Who is the contact person and what is the address of your Fiscal Sponsor (if you have one)?

- What is your group's EIN or the EIN of your Fiscal Sponsor? (if you have one)

PART 3: LEADERSHIP, STAFFING, AND PARTNERSHIPS

1. Does your (BIPOC) group identify as **led by** (select all that apply, and please use space provided at end to describe or specify):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian-American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wabanaki | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Native American or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latine, or Central/ South American origin |

Prefer to self-describe or not listed above: _____

Please describe or specify identifications above if needed (optional): _____

2. To be eligible for 2024 OEF funding, **applicants are required to meet at least two out of three of the following for at least the past two years.** Please select Yes or No for each question below:

- Does your organization have BIPOC key staff leaders of the organization - 50% or more of the total in leadership roles?
Yes No
- Does your organization have BIPOC members on the Board of Directors - 50% or more in governing decision-making roles?
Yes No
- Does your organization have BIPOC organizers - 50% or more of on-the-ground, community interfacing staff/volunteers?
Yes No

If your organization does not meet all three because of intentional strategic or equity considerations made by BIPOC decision-makers within the organization, please explain briefly below:

3. Please provide a full listing of your current Board Members and/or primary advisory council members or governing body members (first and last names):

4. Does your group have paid staff? Yes No *how many?* _____

5. Does your group have volunteer staff? Yes No *how many?* _____

6. Please provide names of staff or volunteer in your group:

Name (A): _____

Title: _____

Name (B): _____

Title: _____

Name (C): _____

Title: _____

7. **Partnerships.** Please list up to three (3) organizations or groups that are consistent and significant partners in the work you do.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What work (learning or action) are you doing in collaboration or solidarity with these partners? Please describe these efforts in a few sentences:

PART 4: NARRATIVE

This proposal narrative is your opportunity to share with the Outdoor Equity Fund Grantmaking Advisory Committee information about your organization and the community-based efforts you do to advance outdoor equity in Maine.

Please write a maximum of four (4) pages, single spaced, addressing the following four (4) questions. Please note, the word counts are only suggested. We include them to help guide you in dividing up your proposal narrative, but again, they are provided only as suggestions. If you have questions or concerns about any of the following questions, please contact oef@maineinitiatives.org.

1. Your Organization (approximately 250 Words)

Please explain what your organization seeks to achieve in Maine. Why is your mission important, especially in the context of Maine in 2024?

2. Your Work (approximately 300 Words)

What programs and activities does your organization implement to achieve its mission?

3. Advancing Outdoor Equity (approximately 350 words)

Please explain how your organization works to advance outdoor equity in Maine.

4. Success (approximately 300 words)

How do you know that your organization is being successful addressing outdoor equity in Maine? Please provide an example from your work that illustrates this impact.

PART 5: NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES (OPTIONAL)

Please list up to 5 needs, resources, tools you need to do your work better in addition to funding. Responding to this question is optional.

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2)

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4)

5)

PART 6: ANYTHING ELSE? (OPTIONAL)

On *no more than* one (1) additional page, please share with us anything you wish we would have asked about but didn't.