



# The Giving Project

a program of Maine Initiatives



Are you interested in **expanding your role** in social justice movements in the state of Maine (unceded Wabanaki territory)? Do you want to **build transformative relationships** across race and class and **deepen your political understanding**? Do you want to embrace a **professional development opportunity** to learn more about mutual aid, grassroots organizing, and democratic grantmaking? Do you want to serve on the **grantmaking committee** for a first-of-its-kind donor organizing experience resourcing **community organizing** in Maine?

**If so, we want you to be part of our inaugural cohort for**  
**The Giving Project at Maine Initiatives,**  
**launching fall 2024**

# MAINE INITIATIVES HAS JOINED THE GIVING PROJECT NETWORK,

a collaboration of nine progressive funders across the country dedicated to moving money and power to their local grassroots organizing infrastructure. This exciting first year pilot will engage 20-25 dedicated community members to participate in a transformative learning cohort and serve as grantmaking committee for grants resourcing community organizing efforts in Maine.

All Giving Projects across the country utilize the same proven model:

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- Inviting a group of people from diverse racial and economic backgrounds to form a cohort that comes together approximately 8-10 times, over a 6 month period.

## POLITICAL EDUCATION

- Through workshops, training, and peer support, the cohort deeply explores the impacts of racial capitalism and develops a shared understanding of how race, class, and power intersect in our society.

## RESOURCING MOVEMENTS

- Each person makes a meaningful financial gift, whatever that may mean to them, before mobilizing resources within their communities.
- The cohort selects the slate of recipients, granting significant financial resources to inspiring and effective grassroots organizations in our community.

## SKILL BUILDING & COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- Each person commits to organizing their community to give - family, friends, neighbors, and more – to support the financial goal of the cohort. This process is heavily supported by staff and designed to be accessible to those with all levels of fundraising experience.

## DEMOCRATIC DECISION-MAKING

- The cohort is trained in the process of democratic grantmaking, including reading and scoring proposals, interviewing applicants, and equitable group decision making.



JOIN A GROUP OF LOCAL PEOPLE WHO ARE DRIVEN TO ADDRESS THE HARMS OF RACIAL CAPITALISM

as it relates to traditional philanthropy and work towards a shared vision of well-resourced liberation movements.



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