



Applications due by
February 10th, 2023

application



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PART 1: GROUP/TRIBE/ORGANIZATION

This first section asks for general information. Please share the following:

Groups whose work advances outdoor equity as defined by the goals of the Outdoor Equity Fund (OEF) and groups doing work in one or more of the following areas are welcome to apply. See Goals of OEF on page 2 of the Request for Proposals

1. Group name _____

2. Share your group's Mission Statement (in three sentences or less)

3. What year was your group founded:

4. From the list below, check **up to three 3 boxes** that represent top programmatic priorities for your group. *Please select only three even if your work involves more of the options.*

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

5. Budget - A general sense of your budget will help the Grantmaking Advisory Committee better understand your funding model and financial needs. Operating income may include in-kind contributions.

- Operating income for the past 12 months \$
- Operating expenses for the past 12 months \$
- Anticipated operating income for the next 12 months \$
- Anticipated operating expenses for the next 12 months \$

6. What is your group's primary email address? _____

7. What is your group's website address _____

(If none, please share your group's Facebook or Instagram address): _____

8. What is your group/organization's mailing address?

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

Cumberland County

Summerset County

Aroostook County

Franklin County

Lincoln County

Penobscot County

Piscataquis County

Knox County

Statewide

Oxford County

Hancock County

Outside of Maine - New England

Androscoggin County

Waldo County

Outside of Maine - Canada

Kennebec County

Washington County

Sagadahoc County

York County

10. Who is the contact person for your group? _____

11. What is the email for the group's contact? _____

12. What is the phone number for the organization contact? _____

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):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 (optional): _____

2. To be eligible for 2023 OEF funding, applicants need to meet two-out-of-three of the following for the past two years:

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| • Does your group have BIPOC leaders (executive and/or program) - 50% or more (leadership roles)? | Yes | No |
| • Does your group have BIPOC board members - 50% or more (or governing decision making roles)? | Yes | No |
| • Does your group have BIPOC activists - 50% or more (on the ground community change makers)? | Yes | No |

Please add any qualifying comments for the above questions here (optional) _____

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

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

5. Please provide names of leaders in your group:

Name (A): _____

Title: _____

Name (B): _____

Title: _____

Name (C): _____

Title: _____

6. What groups are you working in partnership with? Please list up to three of those groups you are actively working with on significant projects or programs.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Of these partners you are actively working with now, please list any important achievements.

PART 4: NARRATIVE

This proposal narrative is your opportunity to share with the Grantmaking Committee information about your organization and the community work you have been doing and are planning to do in Maine.

We expect your complete narrative to be between 2 and 4 pages / under 10,000 characters (including spaces).

What is your Why?

Please include discussion of the foundational passions, goals, and/or beliefs of your group and please describe how outdoor equity is important to making your vision possible, as well as why you believe your group is a good fit based on the OEF-specific criteria.

Who are you?

Please describe the structure of your group: who is involved, who helps make your work possible, who makes up your community, and who you are trying to reach with your work.

What are your actions?

Please describe the work you do and the actions you are taking to achieve your vision.

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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