



## Guidelines for Grant Applications Colorectal Cancer Screenings in Maine

### ABOUT US

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#### OUR MISSION

Maine Cancer Foundation is dedicated to reducing cancer incidence and mortality rates in Maine. 100% of funds raised by the Foundation are used to benefit the people of Maine.

#### OUR GOALS

**Foster Prevention Practices:** The best cancer is the one that never occurs. Prevention strategies have a proven impact on cancer incidence rates. The Foundation supports statewide prevention efforts, focusing on smoking, healthy lifestyles and preventative care.

**Increase Cancer Screening:** Early detection saves lives. Cancer screening tests can detect cancers in its earliest stages, when it is most treatable. The Foundation supports programs that improve and increase early detection and screening efforts.

**Improve Patient Outcomes:** Maine Cancer Foundation supports efforts to improve patient outcomes by increasing access to care and ensuring the best treatments are available for all Mainers.

### FUNDING CRITERIA

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Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of new cancer cases and cancer-related death in Maine (Maine CDC). Screening for colorectal cancer can help prevent the disease by detecting precancerous cells or growths (polyps) in the colon and rectum so they can be removed. Colorectal cancer screenings can also detect colorectal cancer at an early stage, when treatment is most successful in lowering the risk of dying from colon cancer.

**Maine Cancer Foundation is now accepting applications for evidence-based interventions to increase the number of and improve the quality of colorectal cancer screening in our state.**

Proposals should utilize evidence-based practices endorsed by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We encourage you to visit The Community Guide ([www.thecommunityguide.org](http://www.thecommunityguide.org)) website and [What Works fact sheet](#) as a reference. Additionally, the [National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's Resource Center](#) may be helpful as you plan your project.

#### AREAS OF FOCUS

The Foundation is most interested in providing funds for programs that do one or more of the following:

- Implement policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) changes (ex. The creation of patient reminder system)
- Include clearly defined goals and measurable results
- Implement best practices (as defined by The Community Guide) related to increasing colorectal cancer screenings
- Increase the number and quality of colon cancer screenings in geographically underserved regions of Maine and with underserved populations
- Demonstrate collaboration among Maine organizations
- Pilot a new idea (using evidence-based guidelines)

- Include interventions implemented in the primary care setting

If you have received past MCF grant support for a colorectal cancer screening project and you plan to request funds for an additional project, please describe the outcomes of your prior project in your application.

**We recommend that you contact Maine Cancer Foundation to discuss your proposal prior to submission or if you have any questions about your eligibility. MCF is willing to discuss project concepts and review draft applications up until one week ahead of the deadline. Please contact Aysha Sheikh, Director of Programming at [aysha@mainecancer.org](mailto:aysha@mainecancer.org) or 207-773-2533.**

## GRANT TERM

**Grant Term:** 1-2 years

**Request amounts:** \$10,000 to \$50,000 per year. Maximum request over two years is \$100,000. Please note, requests do not have to meet the maximum amount. Smaller, pilot projects are also encouraged.

## WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Organizations that are not a 501(c)3
- Direct support to individuals for cancer prevention, detection or treatment services, equipment or supplies
- Business investments or loans
- Programs that do not benefit the people of Maine
- Capital campaigns

## APPLICATION PROCESS

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### DEADLINES

Applications must be completed by 5pm on Friday, March 13, 2020. Awards will be announced by April 31, 2020. Funds are distributed upon receipt of a signed contract provided by Maine Cancer Foundation.

Please note, all applicants that receive awards will be required to report on their grant results to Maine Cancer Foundation during the grant period.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted online at <http://mainecancer.communityforce.com>. Completed applications will be reviewed by our grant committee and applicants may be contacted for additional information.

Please contact Aysha Sheikh, Director of Programming, at [aysha@mainecancer.org](mailto:aysha@mainecancer.org) or 207-773-2533 with any questions regarding the application process.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Geographic distribution of grants will be considered and multiple grants to the same institution may be limited.
- Maine Cancer Foundation will not knowingly support projects that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.
- A grant recipient's work must support MCF's mission. Funds may not be diverted to benefit any individual. The results or benefits of any Foundation supported initiative or program are required to remain in the public domain for the benefit of Maine people.