

## About Maine Cancer Foundation

### 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 reducing cancer incidence rates.

**Increase Cancer Screening:** Early detection saves lives. Cancer screening tests can detect cancer in its earliest stages, when it is most treatable.

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

## Funding Criteria

**In addition to publishing topic-specific Requests for Proposals, discretionary grant opportunities are available for projects that contribute to one or more of Maine Cancer Foundation's three goals listed above.**

### Health Equity

To achieve health equity, we need to reduce the differences in health due to systematic social or economic disadvantage. Health equity is the “attainment of the highest level of health for all people.”<sup>1</sup> Maine Cancer Foundation is committed to addressing health inequities, ensuring all Mainers have access to critical cancer prevention, screening, and treatment resources. Proposals that address social determinants of health will be prioritized.

### Areas of Focus

Discretionary grant projects must support Maine Cancer Foundation’s mission to reduce cancer incidence and mortality in Maine and contribute to one or more of Maine Cancer Foundation’s three goals (cancer prevention, screening, and improve patient outcomes).

### What We Will Not Fund

- Organizations that are not a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization, educational institution, government entity or other public, non-profit entity (e.g. health department, university);
- Direct support to individuals;
- Business investments or loans;
- Programs that do not benefit the people of Maine;
- Capital campaigns or contributions to endowments.

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<sup>1</sup> The Way Health Should Be: Social Determinants of Health in Maine 2019. Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/phdata/MaineCHNA/documents/SDOH-Report-11-15-2019.pdf>

## Application Process

### Step One – Letter of Interest

If you are interested in submitting a discretionary grant application, please submit a **one-page Letter of Interest (LOI)** to introduce us to your project. The LOI serves as a brief overview of your organization and project idea and allows us to assess its alignment with MCF's funding priorities.

Letters of Interest may be submitted on a rolling basis throughout the year and discretionary applications are considered based on available funds. If discretionary grant funds are no longer available, we will post a notification on our website at [www.mainecancer.org/apply-for-a-grant](http://www.mainecancer.org/apply-for-a-grant).

#### A Letter of Interest must include:

1. **Organization Overview:**
  - Provide a brief introduction to your organization, including its mission, vision, and a brief description of its history.
2. **Project Summary:**
  - Outline the project for which you are seeking funding and share why there is a need for your project. In a few sentences, explain the project's goals and anticipated outcomes.
3. **Estimated Project Budget:**
  - Estimate the request amount. If there are other funders and/or institutional support for the project, please include as well.

Please ensure that your LOI is no longer than one page and includes the above information. We encourage you to be clear and concise. Letters of Interest may be submitted via email to Tricia Jamiol, Administrative Associate, at [tricia@mainecancer.org](mailto:tricia@mainecancer.org).

### Step Two – Invitation to Complete Full Application

**If a Letter of Interest meets MCF's criteria and aligns with our priorities, your organization may be invited to submit a full discretionary grant application online.** Thank you for considering this funding opportunity, and we look forward to learning more about your organization and project.

## Additional Information

Geographic distribution of grants will be considered and multiple grants to the same institution or system 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. 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.