



Guidelines for Grant Applications: 2021 Cancer Screenings in Maine

About Us

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. 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

In Maine, cancer is the leading cause of death. Each year, more than 8,000 adults are newly diagnosed with cancer and more than 3,000 die from the disease in our state.

Screening is a cornerstone of cancer control. Cancer screening tests increase the chance of finding cancer early, when treatment is likely to work best. With some cancers, including colorectal and cervical, screening can even prevent the occurrence of cancer.

Nationwide and in Maine, many cancer screenings were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The full impact of these delays is yet to be determined, but in order to reduce the impact of cancer in our state, we know the importance of getting Mainers screened is vital.

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

Screenings that will be considered in this Request for Proposals include breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, prostate, and skin cancer screenings.

Proposals should utilize evidence-based practices endorsed by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. We encourage you to visit The Community Guide (www.thecommunityguide.org) website and [What Works fact sheet](#) as a reference.

Several professional groups have developed evidence-based cancer screening guidelines defining the types of screening, the best age to start, and the frequency. Apart from the requirement of being

evidence-based, Maine Cancer Foundation does not recommend specific screening guidelines and it is up to the applying institution's discretion to determine preferred screening guidelines.

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.”¹ 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

Maine Cancer 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 related to cancer screenings
- Increase the number and quality of cancer screenings in geographically underserved regions of Maine and with underserved populations. Such populations can include, but are not limited to, uninsured or underinsured individuals, rural populations, racial and ethnic minorities, and/or the LGBTQ+ community.
- 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 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 highly 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 Katelyn Michaud, Program Manager at katelyn@mainecancer.org or 207-773-2533.

Grant Term

Grant Term: 1-2 years. You are not required to apply for two years of funding.

Request amounts: Maximum request amount is \$20,000 per year for two years (\$40,000 total).

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 or contributions to endowments

¹ 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

Deadlines

Applications must be completed by 5pm on Friday, April 2, 2021. Awards will be announced by May 15, 2021. 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 a grant review committee and applicants may be contacted for additional information.

Please contact Katelyn Michaud, Program Manager, at katelyn@mainecancer.org or 207-773-2533 with any questions regarding the application process.

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. 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.