



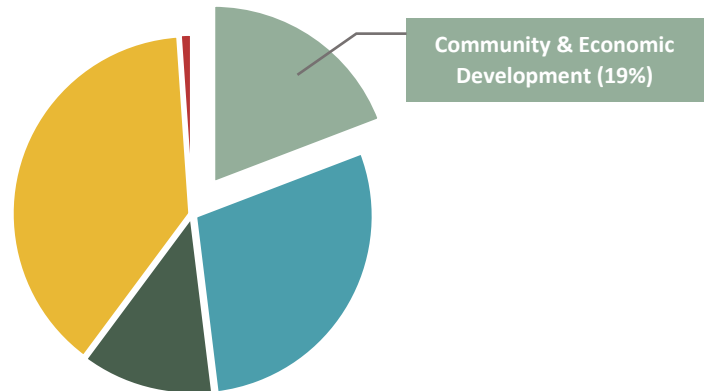
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation
Healthy People Healthy Places
Integration of Environment and Human Well-Being

2015-2017 Community & Economic Development Grant Decisions

Grants Awarded: 51 grants totaling \$3,399,911
19% of Integrated funding

Grant Size: \$10,000 to \$250,000

- 49% were under \$50,000
- 23.5% were between \$50,000 - \$99,000
- 23.5% were between \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 4% were between \$200,000 - \$250,000



Our 2015-2017 funding attempted to leverage energy and opportunity, and support community revitalization efforts in a manner that increased equity, economic advancement, and environmental health.

There are many inspiring and ambitious initiatives underway across Maine striving to achieve community improvement through sustainable, natural resource-based economic development. They employ cross-sector approaches and demonstrate cooperative relationships, activity and reciprocity that result in shared success among grantees, partners, and communities.

Many of the initiatives we've supported promote economic advancement for communities experiencing deep, intergenerational poverty – particularly marginalized or underserved communities – and involve community members in leadership roles, decision-making, planning, and priority-setting.

Successful proposals clearly articulated:

- The benefits to both the environment and human well-being;
- How the organizations and partnerships work in equity-informed and socially just ways;
- How deeply and authentically the community is engaged throughout the process; and
- How the community will experience the benefits of the proposed work and outcomes.

For 2018 Applications

Since 2015, the Sewall Foundation has engaged in several place-based, community-led partnerships in Oxford and Washington counties and in the Bethel, Katahdin and Moosehead Lake regions. At the same time, we have supported statewide and regional tourism and planning initiatives and infrastructure projects. ***We will continue this approach in 2018.***