



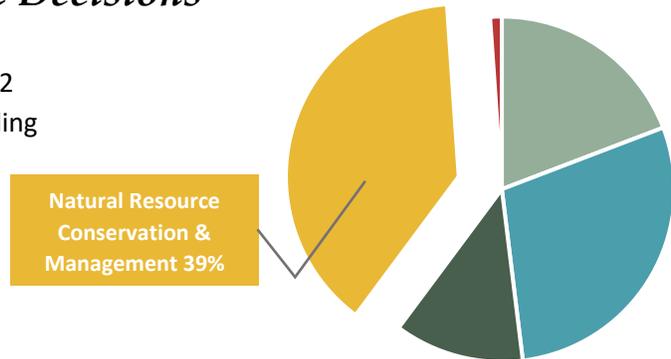
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation  
**Healthy People Healthy Places**  
*Integration of Environment and Human Well-Being*

**2015-2017 Natural Resource Conservation & Management  
Grant Decisions**

**Grants Awarded:** 75 grants totaling \$6,862,482  
39% of total Integrated funding

**Grant Size:** \$5,000 to \$500,000

- 42 % were under \$50,000
- 28% were between \$50,000 - \$99,000
- 17% were between \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 13% were between \$200,000 - \$500,000



This program area is a hallmark of the Foundation and is fundamental to each of the focus areas within the Integrated program. We have a long history of supporting land and water conservation efforts, improved forest management practices, and complex watershed and fisheries restoration initiatives. More recently we have increased funding related to public health and climate change.

Our strategy is to support the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of Maine’s natural resources that result in expanded access or opportunity – particularly for marginalized or underserved communities and populations.

Successful proposals clearly articulated:

- How the integration of environment and human well-being and equity-informed approaches to your work are reflected throughout the organization in its mission, values, programs, and planning.
- How deeply an organization’s staff and volunteers reflect the communities they serve and how they involve diverse community members in leadership roles, decision-making, planning, and priority-setting.
- If the project is done for the community or with the community, how the community is engaged in the process, and who will experience the benefits of the proposed work and outcomes.

**For 2018 Applications**

We will continue supporting land and water conservation, watershed and fisheries management, climate change, and public health initiatives. However, there are simply too many opportunities in Maine for us to be able to support each individual project or organization. We will consider requests that closely align with the Healthy People Healthy Places program strategies and review considerations as well as the elements of successful proposals shared above. In our review of proposals, the intentionality around the “how” and the “why” of the work will be equally – if not more – important than the “what”.

Recognizing that this shift toward more equity-informed work takes significant time and resources, we will consider requests from lead organizations or partnerships working to increase the collective knowledge, capacity and skills of the field; deepen learning (equity, bias, poverty, etc.); expand and strengthen social networks; increase information and resource sharing, offer convening opportunities, and other actions to impact and benefit the sector.