



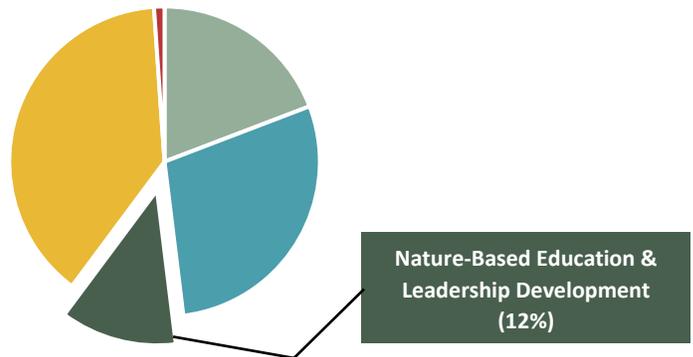
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation
Healthy People Healthy Places
Integration of Environment and Human Well-Being

2015-2017 Nature-Based Education & Leadership Development Grant Decisions

Grants Awarded: 49 grants totaling \$2,146,120
12% of Integrated funding

Grant Size: \$5,000 to \$290,000

- 82% were under \$50,000
- 10% were between \$50,000 - \$99,000
- 0% were between \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 8% were between \$200,000 - \$290,000



Since 2015, we have funded projects that demonstrate the value of an education deeply rooted in the environment, the outdoors, and experiential learning. Many of these projects work directly with public schools to reach the broadest cross-section of the community and to identify and remove barriers to participation and success. Increasingly, organizations address the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in their work and are sharing resources and collaborating to increase impact at various levels of the educational system.

We provided considerable support for organizations working throughout the state with the goal of having all youth in Maine participate in nature-based educational and leadership development experiences that are grounded in the concepts of humane treatment for all (people, animals, environment).

This program area is represented by a robust field of organizations. Because our guidance and strategies were broad and lacked a clear niche, we made many small grants and declined 61% of requests.

Most grant awards (82%) were for amounts under \$50,000. There were five awards between \$50,000 and \$100,000 that focused on innovative approaches to delivering education. The largest awards, as noted above, supported state-wide strategy, evaluation, and network-building work.

For 2018 Applications

In 2018, we will focus on two tiers of impact in this program area:

1. **Policy Change** efforts that are working to impact statewide, regional, and local policies and practices that will result in long-term, institutionalized resourcing and support for the field; and
2. **Field-Building Activities** that increase capacity and skills, strengthen social networks, support data collection and resource sharing, and other actions with broad impact and benefit to the sector.