

MEHAF

MAINE HEALTH ACCESS FOUNDATION

Accessibility Expense Policy

Applicant organizations whose project focuses significantly on a specific community facing disproportionate barriers to inclusion/participation in the project may request funds in addition to the maximum grant award to cover costs associated with addressing such barriers. The goal of this approach is to address barriers to equitable participation, such as language or physical accessibility. Project costs related to items such as:

- Translation of written project materials;
- Interpretation services at project-related meetings or gatherings;
- Costs related to ensuring physical accessibility of project-related activities; and/or
- Transportation to project-related activities

may be requested in addition to the maximum grant award under this Accessibility Expense Policy. Funds requested under this policy may **not** be used to cover the costs of any accessibility accommodations that applicants are required to provide under state or federal law.

Applicants requesting additional funding under this policy should list accessibility-related expenses in the worksheet provided on the MeHAF budget form and indicate the total amount requested for accessibility expenses in the field provided in the online application.

The intended use(s) of these funds should be detailed in the applicant's budget narrative. Budget narratives should also include a brief description of the specific community or communities of focus for the expense and the disproportionate barriers to be addressed.

Accessibility expense funding is provided in addition to the total grant amount requested and may be up to 20% of the total grant request.