

*The Maine Health Access Foundation's mission is to promote access to quality health care, especially for those who are uninsured and underserved, and improve the health of everyone in Maine.*

## 2022 Highlights

### **MeHAF provides about \$5 million in grant and program support annually**

*As a funder, leader, and partner, MeHAF helps to identify the issues that are challenges for Maine people to achieve and maintain good health, and promotes effective program and policy strategies to respond.*

In 2022, we recommitted to the priorities in our 2018 Strategic Framework, extending the timeframe through 2025. Goals focus on ensuring equitable access, supporting systemic changes, advancing efforts to improve health of specific populations, and promoting shared leadership.

We have made a four year, nearly \$1 million, commitment to funding Maine's network of six clinics, often referred to as "Free Clinics," that provide physical, dental, and behavioral health services at no cost to patients. Although in the past we had funded various projects of these organizations, this is the first multi-year funding to these clinics, and the first to the collective group.

We support a robust Health Advocacy program cohort that now includes 28 organizations - statewide, local, and issue-specific. In recognition of their vital role in promoting health access in the state, and the importance of their continued collaboration on broad-reaching policy needs, we are providing four-year grants that align with gubernatorial terms. This multi-year funding will foster their ability to work on long term, sustainable changes in health access in Maine.

We committed nearly \$2 million in 2022 in funding to Responsive Grants, which are designed to fund projects that place community leadership and involvement at the forefront. Community Responsive Grants (CRG) focus on health equity, recognizing those closest to a problem often identify the best solutions. Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grants (SIIRG) focus on creating change at system and organizational levels that is responsive to community-identified health needs. In 2022, the CRG program funded 11 organizations and SIIRG program funded 16 organizations.

Since our founding, we have supported access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including abortion services. In August, we formally recommitted to this position in response to the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade, and in October distributed \$200,000 in grants to eight organizations that provide either direct services, or advocacy, or both, to support access to comprehensive reproductive health services in Maine.

We received a \$9 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott in October of 2022. Planning for distribution of these funds will be done in 2023. To date, Scott has given away over \$14 billion to more than 1600 nonprofits.

## Our Values

*As Maine's largest independent health philanthropy, our work is driven by six core values:*

### **Integrity**

*We develop and share information and approaches to improve the health of Maine people. We use foundation resources strategically and efficiently.*

### **Transformation**

*We build advocacy and decision-making power among organizations and communities to ensure responsive and sustainable systems change.*

### **Equity**

*All Maine people have access to quality, affordable health care. Together we produce fair and just health outcomes for everyone.*

### **Community Engagement**

*We learn from people in communities across Maine, welcoming perspectives that encourage new ideas and enhance understanding.*

### **Collaboration**

*Our success is built on honest and respectful relationships and shared purpose with partners from all sectors.*

### **Creativity**

*We cultivate ideas by bringing people together to jointly address common goals.*

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