

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.

2023 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.

Ongoing Programmatic Work

- MeHAF has been supporting a robust cohort of both grassroots and statewide organizations who do health policy work at both the state and federal level. The 2023 cohort of 28 organizations completed the second of their current four-year funding cycle. The group, overall, achieved a number of successes including progress on both health workforce and dental health access in Maine.
- MeHAF's Health Equity Capacity Building Grants program provides multi-year general operating support to community-led organizations that support and are led by Maine's most underserved populations, including BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities. In 2023 this group continued an exploration of collaborative grantmaking, in which grantees developed criteria for funding of joint projects and served as peer reviewers for proposals submitted from within the cohort. This is one element of shared leadership of the program by grantees and MeHAF.
- MeHAF's two Responsive Grants programs, Community Responsive Grants (CRG) and Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grants (SIIRG), put impacted communities front and center, with both programs requiring meaningful community input and engagement. New 2023 CRG grants include 6 two-year implementation and 1 one-year planning grant; new 2023 SIIRG grants include 4 one-year planning grants and 6 two-year implementation grants.

In addition to our long-standing programmatic work we:

- Provided \$330,000 in grants to 21 organizations to assist people affected by rollbacks in MaineCare eligibility resulting from the "unwinding" of Medicaid continuous coverage established during the official COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;
- Distributed, in response to the Lewiston mass shooting, over \$200,000 to a combination of behavioral health agencies, community-based organizations, and contributions to pooled funds supporting those impacted;
- Established the Nova Fund at MeHAF thanks to a \$9 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. Over \$2 million was granted to current activities addressing health access, equity, and policy. Planning for another Nova Fund priority gathered nearly 100 people from 39 grantee organizations to begin developing recommendations to build infrastructure to support a health justice movement in Maine.

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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