



Somerset County Community Benefit Matching Grant Program Fall 2024

The Matching Grant Program is a county-wide funding program designed to support projects that have a wide range of impact to residents and visitors to Somerset County. Using funds from the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with First Wind Maine Holdings, the program provides matching funds to projects that align with at least one of the following categories:

- Property Tax Reduction
- Economic/Community Development
- Land/Natural Resource Conservation
- Tourism
- Energy Cost Savings
- Health/Wellness

Funding will be available two (2) times per year to allow projects to align with budgets. Projects will NOT be funded retroactively. Projects must start after the award date.

Each grant is a 50/50 match up to a maximum award of \$15,000. Eligible entities can only receive one grant during the program calendar year. This program does not restrict the County Commissioners from allocating CBA funds to benefit other projects they deem to be in the best interest of the County.

Application Process

The next open application period begins October 1, 2024 and ends November 22, 2024. Completed applications must be received at the County Administrator's Office by 4pm on Friday November 22, 2024 at 4:00pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.

Applications are reviewed and scored by committee. Recommended proposals are then brought to the County Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting on Wednesday December 4, 2024 for review and final approval. Businesses will be notified of the results by 4pm Friday December 6, 2024.

Funding Process

Approved recipients must accept the award in writing within 30 days.

Invoices for work performed must be submitted for reimbursement.

Grant funding for approved applicants will be paid out upon completion of the project. Please allow up to 60 days for payment.

Projects not completed within 1 year of approval date will not be funded.

I have read and understand the terms of this application: _____

Somerset County Community Benefit
 Matching Grant Application
**Due to County Administrator's Office by 4:00pm
 Friday November 15, 2024**

Legal Name of Business:			
Legal Address of Business where project will be completed:			
Town/City:	State: ME	Zip Code:	County: Somerset
Property Owner:		Project Contact Person:	
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:		Website:	

Brief Project Description:

Funding sources for project:

			Comments
Owner Capital:	\$		
Lending institution:	\$		
Matching Grant:	\$		
Other:			
Total Project Cost	\$		

Estimated date of project completion: _____

Attach quotes for estimated costs associated with this project. To ensure best use of grant monies multiple, competitive quotes are strongly recommended.

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide clear answers to the following questions.

1. To help us understand who you are, and what you do, please provide your mission/vision statement. (10 points)

2. Please provide details of your project. (40 Points)

- Describe how this project will better help you accomplish your mission/vision.
- Explain how your project aligns with one or more of the following objectives.

Property Tax Reduction
Economic/Community Development
Land/Natural Resource Conservation
Tourism
Energy Cost Savings

- Please describe how your project will positively impact a wide range of Somerset County residents and/or visitors

3. Please identify the barriers to the success of the project and how you plan to address those barriers. Describe how or why the project could not be done if not for the matching grant. (25 points)

4. Please provide a brief description of how your business or agency plans to ensure the continuation of this project/business and to secure funding in the future. Please list at least two strategies for sustainability. (25 points)