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## MaineCF invites grant proposals from Waldo County nonprofits

**PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH** — Nonprofit organizations in Waldo County may be eligible for grants from the Maine Community Foundation’s (MaineCF) Community Building Grant Program.

The grant program invests in local projects and organizations that help build strong communities. Last year five Waldo County nonprofit organizations were awarded grants totaling \$44,900.

The Community Building Grant Program supports efforts that strengthen community resources, promote well-being and help residents acquire skills and knowledge. These community resources include organizations, partnerships and natural and built environments. The program also requires that applicants engage the people they serve in design, delivery and/or evaluation of the grant-funded work.

Last year’s grantees included:

- **Belfast Curling Club**, to support socialization, physical, and mental fitness during the winter
- **Coastal Mountains Land Trust**, to supply teachers with outdoor educational backpacks to facilitate outdoor learning
- **Winterport Free Library Association**, to provide safe and equitable access to its library building for all members of the community.

For a full list of 2022 Community Building grants by county, visit [www.mainecef.org/recentgrants](http://www.mainecef.org/recentgrants).

The Community Building Grant Program is MaineCF's largest grant program. It is one of the only grant programs in the state that supports a broad range of interest areas, including arts, education, environment, economic development and human services.

The grant program offers two types of funding: project grants and general support. Project grants are for new or expanding projects. General support is geared towards operational needs for smaller organizations that meet certain criteria.

Learn more about Community Building Grant Program qualifications and the application process at [www.mainecef.org/communitybuilding](http://www.mainecef.org/communitybuilding). The deadline to submit proposals is Feb. 15.

*The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).*

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2022 Grants from the Waldo County Committee

- **Belfast Curling Club**, to support socialization, physical, and mental fitness during the winter: \$10,000
- **Belfast Flying Shoes**, for music and dance performances for students, incarcerated men, older adults in congregate care, and the public: \$7,500
- **Coastal Mountains Land Trust**, to supply teachers with outdoor educational backpacks to facilitate outdoor learning: \$7,400
- **Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County**, to upgrade its website to provide content on caregiving, end-of-life care, and bereavement support: \$10,000
- **Winterport Free Library Association**, to provide safe and equitable access to its library building for all members of the community: \$10,000