



Somerset County Community Benefit Matching Grant Program 2023

The Matching Grant Program is a county-wide assistance program for private businesses and non-profits. Using funds from the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with First Wind Maine Holdings, the program seeks to provide matching funds to projects within Somerset County that contribute to the well-being of the County.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate development by businesses, non-profits, municipalities, schools and other local groups. 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 2, 2023 and ends November 20, 2023. Completed applications must be received at the County Administrator's Office by 4pm on Monday November 20, 2023 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 on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 for review and final approval. Businesses will be notified of the results by 4pm Friday December 8, 2023.

Funding Process

Approved recipients must accept the award in writing within 30 days. Unaccepted funds will be added to the pool for the next application period.

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.

Businesses that receive monies for completed projects but do not open or go out of business will be subject to repayment of funds at a rate of 75% for the first 12 months, and 50% within the first 24 months of receiving the funds.

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
November 20, 2023**

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. (15 points)

2. Please provide details of your project and describe how this project will better help you accomplish your mission/vision. Please note how this project will work toward the overall well-being of Somerset County. Use specific examples regarding improved services, job creation, etc. (30 Points)

3. The Matching Grant Program is designed to assist businesses and agencies by stretching project budgets. Describe how the matching grant will help meet a financial need. Describe how or why the project could not be done if not for the matching grant. What are other barriers to the success of the project and how do you plan to address those barriers. (30 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)

