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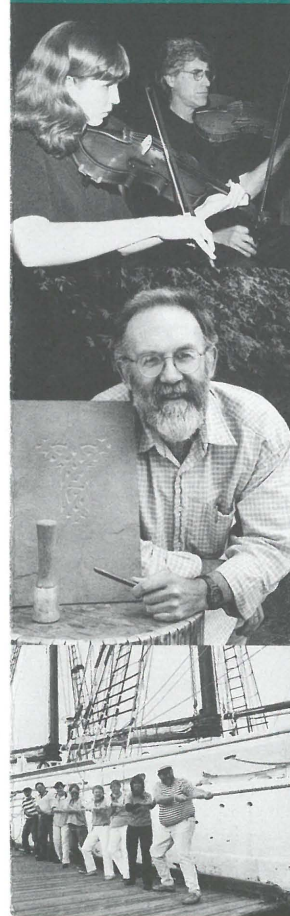
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An Invitation to Every Maine Community!



The New Century Community Program

**Matching Grants and
Technical Assistance for
Statewide Cultural
Revitalization**

**An Initiative of the Maine Cultural
Affairs Council supported by the
Maine Community Cultural Alliance**

Participating Agencies:
Maine Arts Commission
Maine Historic Preservation
Commission
Maine State Library
Maine State Museum
Maine Historical Society
Maine State Archives
Maine Humanities Council

THE NEW CENTURY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Maine's communities depend on their arts and cultural institutions to ensure a rewarding quality of life for their residents.

They look to these institutions to preserve their priceless historic properties, artifacts and documents; enrich educational opportunities for their residents; and provide a basis for their further economic and social development.

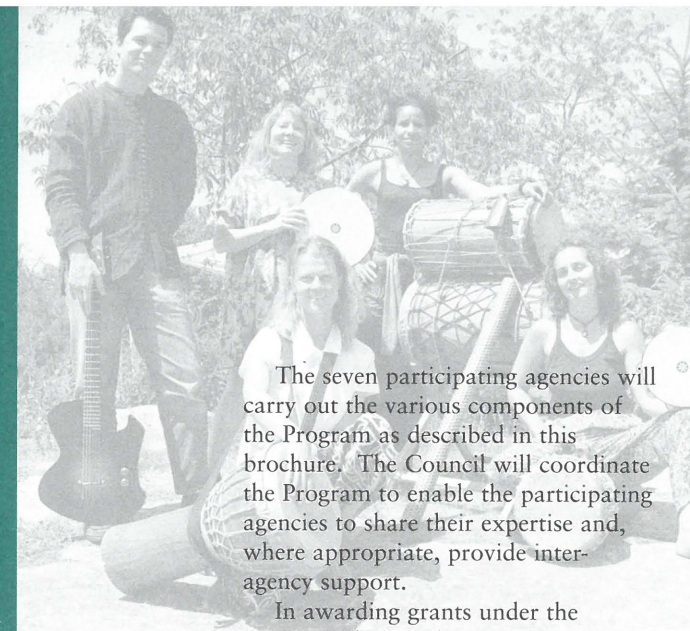
The 1999 Maine State Legislature approved the New Century Community Program to assist our communities in preserving and strengthening their cultural and educational resources and increasing access to them.

To implement the Program, the Legislature also approved state funding of \$3.2 million for matching grants and technical assistance for fiscal year 1999-2000.

The Program is open to all Maine communities. They may apply through a nonprofit organization incorporated in Maine or a unit of local or county government.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND GUIDELINES

The New Century Community Program was developed by the Maine Cultural Affairs Council, a joint planning body of seven Maine arts and cultural agencies, with the support of the Maine Community Cultural Alliance, a private nonprofit membership organization.



The seven participating agencies will carry out the various components of the Program as described in this brochure. The Council will coordinate the Program to enable the participating agencies to share their expertise and, where appropriate, provide inter-agency support.

In awarding grants under the Program, the member agencies will seek projects that:

- incorporate a planned strategy for implementation and evaluation
- involve local residents and key members of local community organizations
- relate their goals to the community's social and economic needs
- meet matching criteria: cash or in-kind services at a minimum ratio of 1:1.

MODEL COMMUNITIES

Priority will be given to "Model Communities" — communities planning collaborative efforts by two or more organizations, such as historical societies, museums, libraries, arts groups, social service agencies, or town offices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- about any of the component programs, contact the indicated staff member of the sponsoring agency
- about the Program as a whole, or where your project might fit, call Anne Ball, Cultural Resources Information Center (CRIC), at 287-7591, FAX 287-5739, e-mail to maine.cric@state.me.us, or mail to 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084.

How Your Community May Benefit

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STRENGTHENED CULTURAL RESOURCES

Matching grants and technical assistance to broaden the understanding of Maine residents about their communities and the world.

The Maine Humanities Council will expand its current support for interpretative programs in cultural heritage, literature, and literacy. These projects may include exhibits, conferences, seminars, school-based programs, media, oral histories, workshops, walking tours, family literacy, and reading and discussion programs for persons of all ages and reading levels.

Contact: Victoria Bonebakker (reading programs) or Erik Jorgensen (heritage programs), telephone 773-5051, FAX 773-2416, e-mail to info@mainehumanities.org, or mail to P. O. Box 7202, Portland, ME 04112.

Matching grants and technical assistance to help Maine communities assess their cultural resources as the basis for economic and social development.

The Maine Arts Commission will expand programs to stimulate community awareness of and support for culture and the arts, including:

Discovery Research, which covers the costs of inventorying, assessing, and planning cultural resources and related folklife field research; and

Local Cultural Initiatives, which funds locally-based programs or services that develop out of Discovery Research or a similar community-wide inventory/assessment process.

Contact: Alden Wilson, telephone 287-2720, FAX 287-2335, e-mail to alden.wilson@state.me.us, or mail to 25 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0025.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

District grants for improved library services.

The Maine Library Commission will fund programs, projects and services that improve citizen access to libraries and have an impact on one or more of the state's three library districts. This support will be coordinated through the Area Reference and Resource Centers located in the Maine State Library and the Portland and Bangor Libraries. The deadline for applications is December 20.

Matching grants to public libraries for improved services.

The Maine Library Commission will award grants for expanded library services to the underserved; new information technology, including both software and hardware; enhanced or extended hours of service; and improved access to library and information services. Special consideration will be given to projects involving resource sharing among two or more libraries if one is a public library and the applicant for the grant. The deadline for applications is December 20.

Matching grants to public libraries for construction and renovation projects.

The Maine Library Commission will provide up to 50 percent of project expenditures, and anticipates supporting several projects within a total availability of \$500,000. Eligible projects may include new construction,

expansion of existing building, remodeling, renovation to be ADA compliant, and renovation for energy improvements. Matching funds must be assured at the time of application, and priority will be given to applicants with available matching funds and those with projects planned for completion by May 2001. The deadline for applications is October 15.

Contact: Linda Lord, telephone 287-5620, FAX 287-5624, e-mail to linda.lord@state.me.us, or mail to State House Station 64, Augusta, ME 04333.

MAINE MEMORY NETWORK

A web-based virtual museum and educational resource for libraries, schools, museums, historical societies, and individual users.

Now under development, the Maine Memory Network, is a project of the Maine Historical Society, in cooperation with the Maine State Archives and Maine State Museum. The network will make the primary records of Maine's history — including images, interviews, maps, photographs, and documents — available over the Internet. Modeled in concept after the American Memory Site of the Library of Congress, the network will provide links to digitized historical materials throughout Maine and will assist communities and cultural organizations in digitizing significant collections. The Society would appreciate hearing from communities or organizations that would like to participate.

Contact: Maine Memory Network, Maine Historical Society, FAX 775-4301, e-mail to info@mainehistory.org, or mail to 485 Congress, Portland, ME 04101.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Matching grants and technical assistance to preserve historical artifacts and records.

Recipients may include historical societies, museums, town or county offices, libraries and other institutions responsible for historical materials, including town records, newspapers, furniture, tools, clothing, archaeological objects, paintings, photographs, motion pictures, and other items of historical significance.

Grants, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, will be made for assessment and management of collections, planning for disasters, conservation and microfilming. Application deadlines are October 15, 1999, February 15, 2000, and June 1, 2000.

Technical assistance, training and reference material will be provided by the Cultural Resources Information Center (CRIC) at the Maine State Museum.

These two programs are joint projects of the Maine State Archives and Museum and will be administered by CRIC. Contact: Anne Ball, telephone 287-7591, FAX 287-5739, e-mail to maine.cric@state.me.us, or mail to 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084.

Matching grants for the restoration of historic buildings and sites.

This program of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission has already been announced. The deadline for applications was August 20, 1999.

For information about funded projects, contact: Amy Cole Ives, telephone 287-2132, FAX 287-2335, e-mail to amy.coleives@state.me.us, or mail to 65 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0065.