

L.L.Bean Maine Land Trust Grant Program

L.L.Bean has teamed up with Maine Coast Heritage Trust to provide grant support to Maine's land trust community. Together, L.L.Bean and MCHT will work to enhance the capacity of Maine's land trusts in support of their land conservation activities and the protection of Maine's outdoor heritage and natural landscapes.

We're excited to announce that in 2023, L.L.Bean has significantly increased the total funds available to the L.L.Bean Maine Land Trust Grant Program. The total amount available to Maine land trusts this year is \$65,000, with a maximum grant request of \$10,000. Please note that the guidelines have changed slightly in response to this increase and may change further in 2024.

Eligible Grant Size: Applicants may request up to \$10,000

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a 501(c)3 non-profit
- Applicant must be a current member of the Maine Land Trust Network
- Applicant must have adopted LTA's Land Trust Standards & Practices
- More than one organization involved in a collaborative project may apply
- Organizations cannot receive an L.L.Bean Maine Land Trust Grant in two consecutive years

Purpose:

The purpose of the L.L.Bean Maine Land Trust Grant Program is to provide funding to Maine land trusts to enhance public access to conserved lands. Priorities include traditional stewardship projects, such as preserve management planning and trail improvements, as well as programming to promote outdoor activities, especially for underserved populations.

Projects that meet one of these priority goals and also involve collaboration between land trusts and/or other organizations (e.g., other non-profits, municipal governments, schools, etc.) may be given special consideration.

Application Process & Deadline:

Please answer the questions on the Grant Application Form, adhering to the following procedural requirements:

- **Please send completed application (required), project budget (required), and any supporting maps, documents, photos, or letters of support (optional) as one PDF.** Other accompanying documentation may be attached in a second PDF or as separate documents.
- **Applications must be submitted electronically to dbissett@mcht.org.** Contact us if that presents you with a challenge and we will make alternative arrangements.
- Applications must be emailed by **Friday, September 29, 2023**. We will respond to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Donna at (207) 607-4577.
- Applications by fax will NOT be considered.
- Limit your narrative to two (2) pages

Contact:

Questions about the L.L.Bean Land Trust Grant Program may be directed to Donna Bissett at (207) 607-4577 or dbissett@mcht.org.