



Northern Forest Community Recreation Grants Spring 2024

The Northern Forest Center seeks proposals from **volunteer-led organizations within the geographic area mapped below** working to increase local participation by youth in outdoor recreation. This program is made possible by a grant from L.L. Bean.

Goal: The primary program goal is to reduce physical, financial, and/or social barriers to youth participation in outdoor recreation. Special consideration will be given to projects that engage youth in natural resource stewardship.

Criteria: Preference will be given to projects that will be significantly impacted by the scale of funding available and meet the following criteria:

- Alignment with program goals
- Visible or quantifiable outcomes within six months of award
- Clear implementation plan
- Demonstrated community support

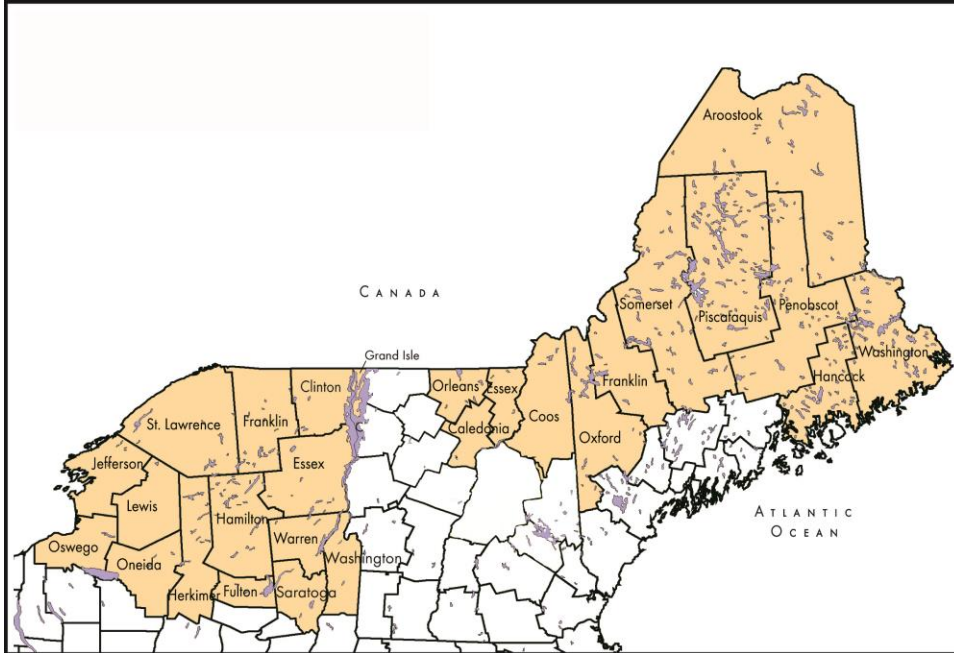
Funding Available: Requests should range between \$1,000 and \$3,000. We anticipate making up to 15 awards.

Sample Projects: This list is illustrative only; proposals for additional project types are welcome.

- Trail maintenance, hand tools for youth stewardship corps
- Tuition offset of volunteer-led summer outdoor programs for youth
- Transportation to outdoor recreation locations

Eligibility: Volunteer-led non-profits and municipal groups such as town conservation committees within this mapped area are eligible for funding. Generally, organizations with paid staff are ineligible for funding through this program. Contact us with any questions about eligibility.

Eligible Locations: See map on next page



Contact: Outdoor Recreation Manager [Joe Fox](#).

Deadline: 5 pm, May 1, 2024. Anticipated announcement of awards in early June.

Review Process: Northern Forest Center staff will review proposals and may reach out for additional information. Decisions will be announced in early June.

To Apply:

- [Complete this online application form](#) by 5 pm, May 1, 2024.
- Application questions are included below for your information and are included in the application form.
- If you have any problems using the application form, contact Outdoor Recreation Manager [Joe Fox](#).

**Northern Forest Community Recreation Grants
Application Questions**

Please [answer these question online](#).

1. Lead Organization
2. Project Name
3. Contact Person (name, title, email, mailing address, and phone number)
4. Project Description Narrative
Explain how this project meets Community Recreation Grants goals.

5. Participants

Tell us who is participating in making this project happen and what their roles are.

6. Project Partners and Supporters

Letters of support are not necessary. Please list individuals whom we could contact to learn more about the project, including contact information, if relevant.

7. Expected Timeline and Implementation Plan

8. Requested Amount

9. Project Budget and Narrative

Briefly explain how our funds will offset your total project expenses. Detailed line-item budget is not necessary, but please include the total budget amount.

10. Other Funding Sources

List other secured or pending resources, including donations of material and/or time.