



Shore Up Maine **Technical Assistance Fund for Communities Addressing Sea Level Rise**

Communities along the Maine Coast are taking steps to address coastal flooding exacerbated by sea level rise. Each community faces unique challenges particular to their working waterfront, existing infrastructure and citizen engagement. Because of that, each community is taking a different approach to mitigating and planning for the impacts of rising seas. The Island Institute's Sea Level Rise Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) is set up to provide flexible funding for communities to plan for the assistance they need and start taking the steps that are right for their communities. **Grant requests can range from \$500-\$10,000.**

Examples of Who is Eligible?

- Non-profit organizations and community associations
- Municipalities
- Municipal Committees
- Businesses
- Schools
- Other organizations not explicitly listed here on a case by case basis

The TAF is designed to support information gathering, planning, education or infrastructure projects.

Example eligible projects (including, but not limited to):

- Floodmap corrections/updates
- Assessing the vulnerability of working waterfront infrastructure (including, fuel tanks, bait coolers, and other infrastructure related to handling lobsters)
- Incorporating SLR into comp plans, permitting, or disaster preparedness plans
- Modeling future SLR impacts
- Walking a community through the [Maine Flood Resilience Checklist](#)
- Preparing federal or other grant applications
- Regionalizing national data sets
- Community exchanges to learn from elsewhere
- Bringing in experts for presentations

The Island Institute's Sea Level Rise Team is available to assist communities with project development.

Application Deadline: Rolling. Responses will be provided within 30 days of receipt.

Guidelines for Applying:

Project proposals should:

1. describe a compelling need around impacts of sea level rise
2. show how receiving grant funds will benefit the broader community
3. demonstrate community engagement in and support for the project
4. provide short-term and long-term impacts
5. include a budget with any matching funds and/or in-kind support
6. provide a project timeline highlighting an appropriate completion date

Reporting Expectations: Funded projects will be expected to provide a one-page summary report within 30 days of project completion, or a project update report by Jan. 1, 2020.

Questions? Please contact:

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APPLICATION

Date:

Project Title:

Applicant Name:

Mailing Address:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Project Duration:

Total Budget:

Application Narrative

Please answer the questions below. **Maximum length: three pages.**

1. Describe the proposed project. What are the goals, strategies, specific activities, and timeline?
2. How has the community shown support for this project? Or how do you plan to build community support?
3. Who else will be collaborating on this project? Please include community partners and experts you plan to consult.
4. What is the compelling community need that will be met by this project?
5. Please describe the anticipated short term and long-term impacts of the project.

Additional Documents

Please include the following documents along with this form and the application narrative

- Detailed budget including any anticipated in-kind donations, volunteer time, or other funding sources being used to support the project.
- Letter(s) of support from community partners

Certification

I attest that the information provided within this application is complete and accurate.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Budget Template (Example template – feel free to use your own)

	Island Institute Grant Funding	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Other Funding Sources	Total
Personnel					
Contractual Services					
Supplies and Materials					
Travel					
Other costs					
Total					

The Island Institute reserves the right to request additional information deemed necessary to properly evaluate the application.

For questions or support for completing this application or participating in our sea level rise programming, please contact Sam Belknap sbelknap@islandinstitute.org or Susie Arnold sarnold@islandinstitute.org