



Maine Arts Commission Assisting Artists

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Who We Are

State Arts Agency who primarily acts as a funder for arts and culture.

Our Mission

The Maine Arts Commission shall **encourage and stimulate public interest and participation** in the **cultural heritage** and programs of our state; shall **expand** the state's **cultural resources**; and shall encourage and assist **freedom of artistic expression** for the well being of the arts, to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons **in all parts of the state.**

Our Funding

- Approximately 1.75 Million
- Approximately 40% from NEA
- Approximately 60% State Budget



Individual Artists Funding

GRANT	DEADLINE and AMOUNT
Project Grant for Artists	April 20, 2017 - \$2,500
Maine Artist Fellowship (several different categories)	May 4, 2017- \$5,000
Percent for Arts	Depends on project
Craft Apprentices Program	Generally in November

Project Grants

- The Project Grant for Artists supports creative projects throughout Maine, assisting artists with the creation of new work and the continuation of existing arts programs. Projects can be in any artistic discipline and on any scale.
- No match or nonprofit affiliation is required.



Grant Review **Criteria**

Project Grant for Artists

Quality of the project plan, components and outcomes (25%)

Artistic *strength* and creative practice (25%)

Community impact (20%)

Capacity to complete the project (20%)

Application completeness (10%)



Grant Review Process

Project Grant for Artists

Reviewers are selected as **peers**, knowledge of the field

Reviewers meet in person to adjudicate applications

Applicants/public is invited to reviews

Funding is based on how applications are rated

Process of grant reviews is approved by our Commission

Applicants are notified by MAC

Artist Fellowships

- Maine Artist Fellowships are awarded annually to recognize artistic excellence and advance the careers of Maine artists. Fellowships are merit-based awards that are primarily informed by an applicant's work.
- No funding match is required.



Grant Review **Criteria**

Artist Fellowships

Artistic Excellence (100%)

Grant Review **Process**

By three national (outside of Maine) arts professionals

Recommended artists are presented to our Commission for acceptance of process

Artists are notified by MAC

What are the standard required materials?

- Artist resume (CV)
- Images (5-10 depending on grant)
- Works list
- Artist statement
- Answer questions (if provided)
- Create a budget (if provided)
- Think about the community involvement/impact of your project. These are public funds!





Grantmaking Tips

- Provide a complete application. Pay close attention to the required materials.
- **MEET THE DEADLINE!**
- Let your art work speak for itself. QUALITY IMAGES!
- Read the guidelines.
- Make a compelling case.
- **Contact your MAC program director.** We are your friends!
- Just answer the questions. Use basic language. Remember reviewers have many to read. They will appreciate you!
- Use spell check.
- Use or develop a check list.
- Use a second or third “pair of eyes”.

Applying through the GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GMS)

Create and account
mainearts-grants.maine.gov



GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Maine Craft Apprentice Program

The Maine Craft Association's Craft Apprentice Program (MaineCAP) offers Maine-based master craft artists and apprentices the opportunity to learn, create, and celebrate. A seven month program, a lifetime of connections.

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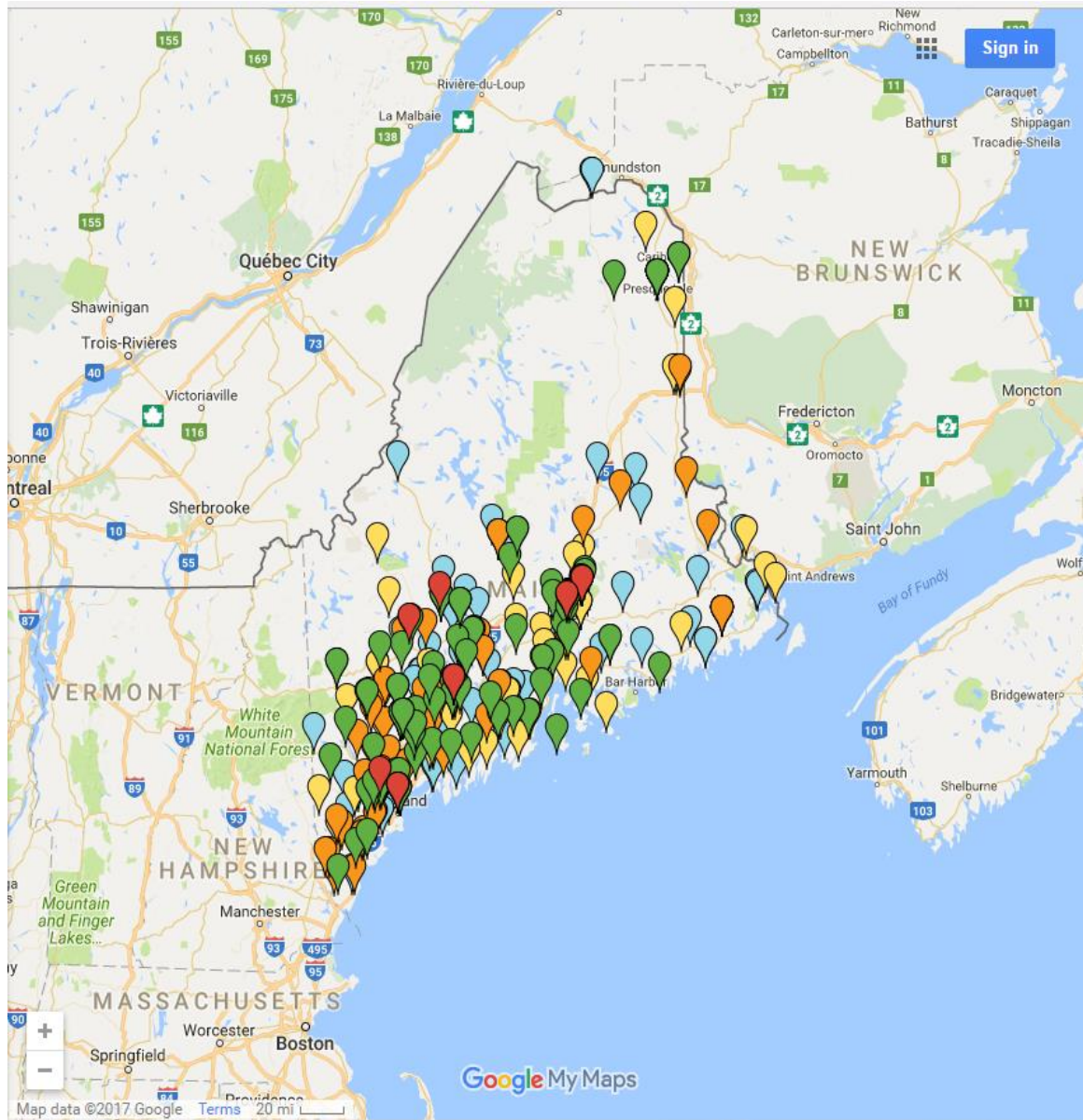




Craft Apprentices Program

In partnership with the Maine Craft Association

- For Maine fine craft artists
- 7-month customized training for apprentices in a Master's studio
- Applicants apply jointly creating agreed upon goals
- Both apprentice and master are provided a stipend
- Competitive process. Application is through MCA
- Please visit **maineCAP.org** for more info



Percent for Art



Percent for Arts Program

Sponsors public art for publicly-financed buildings. The law decrees that **1% minimum of the budget for construction or renovation costs of buildings funded through taxpayer dollars is appropriated for acquiring works of art.**

- Since 1982, Maine's Percent for Art Program **has generated approximately \$7,824,373 in funds for public art in Maine**
- **More than 400 projects**
- It has **employed approximately 816 artists**
- Percent for Art is truly represented state-wide, **placed in 175 communities across all 16 counties**
- Approximately **824 works of art**
- **Currently 22 projects listed from now – 2018. Always new opportunities posted on our website!**

Alternative funding/resources for Artists

- Creative Capitol – Webinars/workshops for artist's professional development

Creative-capital.org

- Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+)- For artists working in craft disciplines. Assistance in safeguards and emergency resources (business related).

cerf+.org

- Maine Expansion Arts Fund – Serving art projects in rural communities. Part of the Maine Community Foundation

Mainecf.org



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