Grant opportunities for Maine Food Pantries:

* **Bangor Savings Bank Community Fund**
  + <https://www.bangor.com/community/foundation/grant-guidelines>
  + Considers applications for grants ranging from $2,000 dollars to $25,000
    - $2-5k Grants: Awarded for program development and expanded facilities/equipment. Also supports general operating expenses.
    - $5-25k Grants: Program development as well as new expanded facilities and equipment. Cannot be used for operating budgets.
* **Camden National Bank Community Philanthropic Fund**
  + <https://www.camdennational.com/leadersandluminaries>
  + Leaders and Luminaries Fund
  + 2021 Nominations being accepted now, deadline of September 24th, 2021
    - Nominees must be on the board of directors of the given organization.
  + 4 winners receive $5,000 grants on behalf of their organizations.
* **Feed Kids Maine Full Plates Grants**
  + Provides regionally specific grants for initiatives to provide meals to area children.
  + <https://www.fullplates.org/feed-kids-grants/>
* **Feeding America**
  + Organization provides grants, page is not publicly accessible.
  + Linked is the online grants management system page for current member food pantries/banks. There are several current/upcoming feeding America grant opportunities that a pantry will be able to view.
  + <https://feedingamerica.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp>
* **Good Shepherd Food Bank**
  + Offers Community Redistribution Fund Grants – targeted specifically to indigenous/BIPOC/immigrant focused organizations.
  + <https://www.gsfb.org/blog/2020/07/27/community-redistribution-fund-grants-awards/>
  + 10% of grant funds can be used for general operating expenses.
  + Grants of up to $10k.
  + ‘Application info will be posted in early 2022’
  + <https://www.gsfb.org/crf/>
* **Hannaford Foundation**
  + <https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/charitable-foundation>
  + Central focus of foundation on food pantries and emergency food provisioning.
* **Maine Community Foundation** 
  + Community Building Grant
  + Deadline was February 15th
    - <https://www.mainecf.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/community-building-grants/>
    - Maximum award of 10k.
    - 2021 cycle completed; applications will open in 2022.
    - Awards capacity building grants and project grants.
    - 178 grants awarded, average award of 7k.
    - 47% of applicants receive grants.
    - Deadline of April 1st.
  + Frances Hollis Brain Foundation Fund
    - <https://www.mainecf.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/frances-hollis-brain-foundation-fund/>
    - 2021 cycle already completed; applications reopen in 2022.
    - Only applies to the geographic area of Auburn, Bath, Biddeford, Brunswick, Greater Portland, Lewiston, Saco, and Sanford.
    - 33 Grants awarded, maximum award of 10k. Average award of 5k.
    - 49% of applicants receive grants.
    - Deadline of April 1st.
* **Maine Health Access Foundation** 
  + <https://mehaf.org/grants-center/copy-responsive-grant-opportunities-crg>
  + Community Responsive Grants Program
  + Deadline passed to send Letters of interest for 2022
  + Can apply for a one-year planning grant of $10-30k or a project grant for up to two years at $25-50k a year.
  + Intended to respond to community needs or implement programs based on experiences of communities to broaden health equity.
  + Focus on healthcare
  + Can’t be used for general operation costs.
* **Sewall Foundation**
  + Healthy People Healthy Places Grant
    - <https://www.sewallfoundation.org/health-people-healthy-places-learn-more>
    - Basic Human needs, capacity building activities, and integrated wellbeing.
    - Focuses on community serving things such as food systems.
* **Shaws Nourishing Neighbors**
  + <http://shawsfoundation.org/get-funded/>
  + Grants for food pantries.
* **TD Bank Charitable Foundation**
  + <https://www.tdbank.com/exc/pdf/TDCF_Eligibility_Guidelines.pdf>
  + <https://www.tdbank.com/exc/pdf/Grant_Application_Checklist.pdf>
  + <https://www.tdbank.com/corporate-responsibility/the-ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/>
  + Grant Portal on website, application for grants greater than 5k.
  + Cannot be used to fund general operating expenses.
* **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture**
  + Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program
    - <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/community-food-projects-competitive-grant-program-cfpcgp>
    - Food projects which increase sufficiency of low-income communities, whole food system-based approaches.
    - 18% reward rate, 10k-400k awards, 1-4 years of funding
  + Emergency Food Assistance Program (Administrative Costs)
    - To help supplement the diets of low-income persons by making funds available to States for storage and distribution costs incurred by State agencies and local organizations, such as soup kitchens, food banks, and food pantries, including faith-based organizations, in providing food assistance to needy persons.
    - <https://www.federalgrantswire.com/emergency-food-assistance-program-administrative-costs.html#.YhfPB9_MJPY>
* **Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program**
  + <https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>
  + Minimum grant of $250, maximum of $5k.
  + Deadline of December 31st, 2021.
  + Serving communities of Walmart and Sam’s Club locations.
* **Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition**
  + Rooted in Evidence Grants
  + Letter of interest due March 22nd, 2022
  + Final deadline for full grant proposal due April 16th, 2022
  + Amount of 25k
  + GSCN intends to fund innovative and dynamic programming and/or initiatives that seek to improve dietary quality among food pantry and food bank clients. These approaches could include existing or new/adapted programming.
  + Will also help in evaluating food pantries.
  + <https://www.instrumentl.com/grants/rooted-in-evidence>
* **RFED** 
  + Food Covid-19 Food Waste Solutions grant
  + Amount of 50k to fight food waste/fund food recovery projects, such as gleaning, and increase deliveries to vulnerable populations
  + <https://www.instrumentl.com/grants/the-refed-covid-19-food-waste-solutions-fund>
  + Rolling deadline
  + Your org must actively be preventing food waste
  + The current annual revenue or budget of your organization must be approximately $500,000 or more.
* **The Conservation Fund**
  + Grant Program for Transporting Healthy Food
  + <https://www.conservationfund.org/projects/transporting-healthy-food-grant-program>
  + Provides grants ranging from $2,500 to $10,000 to help alleviate the transportation and related operation gaps that organizations face in distributing fresh food to markets in vulnerable and underserved populations.
  + Deadline closed but keep in mind for next cycle
* **Tyson Foods**
  + Nonprofits that address social challenges that impact Tyson communities and address their corporate giving objectives. All initiatives are located within 20 miles of a Tyson Foods Production Facility, (one is in Portland Maine). They have defined outcome statements, and clearly demonstrate how the community and Tysons Foods' manufacturing workforce could be involved.
  + Unspecified grant amount, Deadline of April 1st, 2022.
  + <https://www.tysonfoods.com/who-we-are/giving-back/corporate-giving>
* **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**
  + Community Food Projects Grant
  + <https://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/grassrootsguide/local-food-systems-rural-development/community-food-project-grants/>
  + Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, outreach to increase participation in federally assisted nutrition programs, or improve access to food as part of a comprehensive service.
  + Increase the self-reliance of communities to meet their own food needs.
  + Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues.
  + Meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs, including equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project, planning for long-term solutions, or innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.
  + Total funding of 5 million available nationwide
  + Deadline unspecified
* **Lions Clubs International**
  + Hunger Action Grant Program
  + <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/hunger-pilot-grant>
  + Grants are available to Lions districts in amounts of US$10,000 to US$100,000.
  + Hunger Grants support infrastructure and equipment acquisition of Lions’ projects focused on alleviating hunger.
  + Funds can be used for a project’s capital needs and select project operational expenses during the start-up period.
  + The applications for Grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of the Board of Trustees meetings, which take place in January, May, and August.