

From: [Nancy Perlson](#)
To: [Charlie Woodworth](#)
Cc: [Sandy Wilber](#)
Subject: MHS Final TIF proposal
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 10:05:00 AM
Attachments: [MHS TIF Application Final May 2025.pdf](#)
[MHS TIF Project Final Budget 2025.xlsx](#)
[SFCF TIF LOS 2025.pdf](#)

Hi Charlie and Sandy,

I have attached a revised copy of the MHS TIF proposal and budget and included a Letter of Support from the Sargent Family Charitable Fund confirming their collaboration of the project and their financial commitment. I have not resent the other documents which were sent with the LOS which remain the same including Attachment A: Measurable Outcomes, photos, IRS determination, and cover letter.

After meeting with Sandy I considered the suggestions made by the TIF committee for our LOI proposal. One suggestion was that a 1/1 match is viewed more favorably. I have increased the matching numbers to achieve that. After conferring with the SFCF I realized that I had underestimated the contribution of donated and discounted labor and materials which are made possible because of their long standing relationship with contractors and vendors.

Another suggestion was to split the project into two phases, perhaps leaving the interpretive signage for a second phase. While we considered this, we decided to keep it as one project. My concerns were two fold. One - I was concerned that if we submitted Phase I without the signage it might not be seen as having as much scenic byway relevance and benefit. Two - I was concerned that if we had not completed Phase I by the time applications are submitted next year we would not be eligible to apply for additional funding. Hopefully this will make sense to the committee.

I did extend the time frame of the project to give us through the summer of 2026 to complete the project. In the guidance it says that the grant period for all TIF grants will be no less than one year from the time of receipt of an award so I assume that is acceptable.

Sandy also noted that you have a proposal from the ATV club for some bridge work in Madrid. She wondered if there could be some coordination between our projects. While I think there could be an opportunity to reactivate a recreational trail that might link the two projects in the future, there is just too much unknown at this time to propose that now.

We thank you and the committee for your work on this program and your guidance on our project.

Sincerely,

Nancy
207-491-1556

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application for Funding

General Project Information

Date: May 25, 2025

Project Title: Madrid Community and Scenic Byway Facilities Enhancement

Organization: Madrid Historical Society

Type of Organization: 501(c) 3 non-profit

This project is being pursued by:

- ☐ A single business or organization
☒ A collaboration including:

MHS is partnering with the Sargent Family Community Fund on the project. The Sargent family have deep roots in Madrid and are committed to supporting this project both financially and through their relationships with contractors and volunteers who have participated in community projects coordinated through the Just One Day program. The SFCF has completed over 30 projects bringing together dozens of skilled volunteers with discounted contracted labor and providing funds.

One line description of your project:

We will enhance the MHS property to benefit the community and byway travelers with facilities to gather, learn about, and explore historic and recreational assets in Madrid Township contributing to our quality of life and supporting our tourism based economy.

Dollar amount requested: 50,000

Total project budget: 100,000

Unorganized Territory(ies) in which project will occur:

Madrid Township

Have you applied for applicable licenses and permits for your project (LUPC, DEP, DHHS, etc.)? If so, please list:

We are working with LUPC on a permit

Applicant Information

Legal name of organization: Madrid Historical Society

Mailing address: P.O. 122 Phillips, ME 04966

Physical address: 1 Schoolhouse Rd. Madrid Township, ME 04966

Telephone: 207-491-1556

Email: perlson.nancy@gmail.com

Website: NA

Number of years business/agency has been in existence: 25

Federal Tax ID or EIN: 01-053279

Name of Executive Director or President: Virginia Robie

Phone: 207-639-2713

Email: vrobie@live.com

Number of paid staff related to the project (Note FT, PT, and/or seasonal):

0

Number of volunteers related to the project: 30

Project start date: July 1, 2025

Project completion date: September 1, 2026

A 200 word (maximum) description of your project:

Our proposal is to create facilities on a property owned by the Madrid Historical Society (MHS) prominently located just across the Sandy River from the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway (RLNSB). Madrid is the gateway to the RLNSB and the Sandy River scenic turnout, previously constructed with support from the TIF program, provides information about the history of Madrid. This project will encourage travelers to get off the highway and learn more about the community and explore the historic features and recreational opportunities which are available. We propose developing the area next to the schoolhouse museum, constructing a pavilion and cookshack, and removing the old Quonset hut.

The project would also involve grading, drainage, landscaping, parking, and interpretive signage. The facilities will provide opportunities for residents, visitors, and travelers to gather and learn about our community. It will provide connections to recreation through a short trail along the 320' on Saddleback Stream. Interpretive signs will encourage exploration providing info about MHS exhibits, the Fly Rod Crosby trail, the Perham Stream Birding Trail, the Perham Stream Settlement Museum, and the many historic cemeteries across the community dating back to the 1700's.

Plan for Evaluating Success of the Project

Financial Sustainability Plan:

When the Town of Madrid de-organized remaining community funds were used to improve the Madrid schoolhouse which is now the site of MHS and the location of this project. A fund of \$100,000 was created to generate funds for the support of MHS and associated community needs. This fund is invested, and although the principal must remain intact, the income derived from it can be used for the activities of MHS including the maintenance of these facilities. While this is a modest amount it should be sufficient for long-term maintenance. There will be no staffing required and no additional burden on local or county taxpayers. MHS will be responsible for the management and long-term maintenance of these facilities. They will be designed and constructed to allow for low maintenance. MHS also anticipates that the community members, contractors, and volunteers who have donated their time to assist with the project will continue to provide support and maintenance.

Measurable Outcomes:

See Attachment A: Measurable Outcomes

Potential Barriers to Success:

MHS is a small all volunteer organization with limited resources. This is a major project which will require significant outside financial support and effort. Our collaboration with the Sargent Family Community Fund will bring not only financial support but also construction experience and relationships with a dedicated core of contractors and volunteers. Funding from the Franklin County TIF fund will bring the additional financial support needed to undertake this project. We expect that the community will commit time and talents to the effort but without TIF funding the project will not be able to proceed.

Signatures

Signature of President/CEO/Board President:

Ginni Robie

Date: May 27, 2025

Print Name: Virginia Robie

Title: President

Fiscal Sponsor (If Applicable)

Signature of Fiscal Sponsor Organization:

Date:

Print Name:

Title:

Franklin County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application Checklist

- ☒ Complete contact information
- ☒ For nonprofits, include a copy of your IRS determination letter
- ☒ All sections completed on this form or, if typed on a separate sheet, so noted in the correct areas on the form ("Please see attachment A," etc.) and appropriately titled on the separate sheet
- ☒ The TIF Project Budget Excel sheet
- ☒ A cover letter from the leader of your organization
- ☐ If you have a fiscal sponsor, a letter from that sponsor
- ☒ Up to three letters of support (Optional)
- ☒ Signatures on application
- ☒ Remove and retain Appendix of the application before submittal

Madrid Community/Scenic Byway Enhancement Project Budget

	TIF	SFCF	Volunteers	Donated materials, s	Total
Materials	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000	\$ 40,000
Contracted labor	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			\$ 20,000
Donated labor			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Contracted equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			\$ 10,000
Donated equipment time				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Interpretive signage	\$ 10,000		\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 100,000



May 22, 2025

Franklin County TIF Review Committee
Franklin County Commissioners
140 Main St.
Farmington, ME 04938

Dear County Commissioners and TIF Review Committee,

I am writing in support of a proposal from the Madrid Historical Society to enhance their property in Madrid Township with facilities that will benefit the community and Byway travelers providing a space to gather, learn about, and explore historic and recreational assets in Madrid Township contributing to our quality of life and supporting our tourism-based economy.

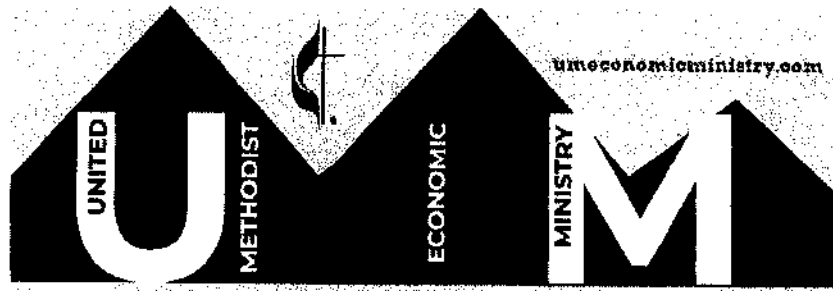
The Sargent Family Community Fund has committed to a partnership with Madrid Historical Society on this project and will bring both cash and a strong network of skilled contractors and dedicated volunteers to the work. Over the years the SFCF has participated in 30 projects contributing over \$1 million dollars and \$500,000 in labor and material donations across the greater Rangeley region. The Sargent family has deep roots in Madrid, and we are committed to bringing our resources and networks to match funds provided by the Franklin County TIF Program in support of this exciting project proposed by MHS.

We urge you to provide the funds which will allow this project to proceed. We have allocated \$25,000 to the project over the 2025/2026 construction seasons to match the \$50,000 request from the TIF. We will also assist the MHS with the mobilization of dozens of skilled and unskilled volunteers, local contractors, and materials suppliers who will provide in-kind contributions as additional match.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CRS", followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Craig Sargent
Founder, Sargent Family Community Fund



• Salem • Bowland, Maine •

United Methodist Economic Ministry: 1458 Salem Road, Salem, ME 04983
www.umeconomicministry.com 207-678-2611 umem@tdstelme.net

June 02, 2025

Franklin County TIF Administration,

Contact Information:

United Methodist Economic Ministry
1458 Salem Road, Salem TWP ME 04983

Helen Pinkham
Executive Director
United Methodist Economic Ministry
helen.pinkham.umem@gmail.com
207-678-2611

06/02/2025

Dear Franklin County Commissioners and others,

My name is Helen Pinkham, I am the Executive Director at The United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem Maine.

We have become aware that cuts made to the LIHEAP program will result in many families in Franklin County not having enough firewood to adequately heat their homes next year. We expect that nearly 150 -200 cords of additional firewood will be needed.

Our solution to helping our neighbors with this problem is to establish a wood Bank that could provide those additional needs. Under our proposal we will be looking for \$122,000 in Funding to provide 200 cord of firewood. Our proposal is to get a grant of \$50,000 from the commissioners, \$20,000 From Maine Masonic Organizations, and the remaining \$52,000 from Franklin County Corporate sponsors and United Methodist churches of New England (over 550 churches), as well as profits from selling the firewood.

Phase 1 of our plan is to purchase 200 cord of firewood and Wood processor, (about \$70,000) we have use of a tractor and truck for this summer, so we could start processing for next winter. We would sell our firewood to recipients with vouchers from WMCA for \$250.00 per cord.

Phase 2 would be to buy additional equipment (Truck, Grapple trailer, and tractor) Phase 3 would be building a pole barn, electricity, and fuel tanks to sustain the ongoing operations.

We would be creating at least one job for the equipment operator, with the potential for additional jobs in the future.

We feel this proposal could provide real benefits for the residents of the Unorganized territories, as they will be the first served, though we fully expect to be able to provide anyone in Franklin County with WMCA Vouchers.

I wish you well in your deliberations and am happy to provide any additional information on our plan.

Sincerely,

Helen Pinkham

Executive Director of UMEM, 207-678-2611

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Letter of Intent

General Project Information

Date: 06/02/2025

Project Title: Wood Bank

Organization: United Methodist Economic Ministry

Type of Organization: 170 (b) (1) (A)(vi) not for profit

This project is being pursued by:

☐ A single business or organization

☒ A collaboration including:

United Methodist Economic Ministry, Western Maine Community Action

One line description of your project:

Collaborate with WMCA to leverage and align their Weatherization (Wx) work with our targeted fuel assistance program.

Dollar amount requested: 50,000

Total Project Budget: 572,000

(\$122k UMEM; \$450k UCMA)

Unorganized Territory(ies) in which project will occur: All

Salem Township, Maine

Have you applied for applicable licenses and permits for your project (LUPC, DEP, DHHS, etc.)? If so, please list:

Not applicable

Applicant Information

Legal name of organization: United Methodist Economic Ministry

Mailing address: 11458 Salem Road, Salem Township Me 04983

Physical address: same

Telephone: (207-678-2611

Email: helen.pinkham.umem@gmail.com

Website: www.umeconomicministry.com

Number of years business/agency has been in existence: 55 plus

Number of paid staff (Note FT, PT, and/or seasonal): 7

Number of volunteers: 150

Federal Tax ID or EIN: 136-2167731

Name of Executive Director or President: Helen Pinkham

Phone: 207-678-2611

Email: helen.pinkham.umem@gmail.com

Project start date: 07/01/2025

Project completion date: 06/31/2027

A 200 word (maximum) description of your project:

Create a Wood Bank at UMEM facility to provide low-cost firewood to residents of Unorganized Territories, and potentially all of Franklin County residents who receives LIHEAP money from Western Mountain Community Action. Also to coordinate with UCMA to assess weatherization needs and provide upgrades where feasible (See attached MoU) with a goal of 30 homes per year. They are expecting cuts from the Federal Government and Maine State Housing which will affect 150 households, who will not having sufficient amount of wood for the winter months.

We want to create a wood processing program where we can sell firewood at a reduced rate to help fill the gap and collaborate with WCMA to weatherize the low income homes we service.

Project has 3 phases: (1) purchase wood processor, firewood, fuel, truck, electric, water and driveway; (2) purchase a tractor and a grapple, we have free access the 1st year; (3) build a pole barn with a cement pad to sell seasoned wood and have covered equipment.

Plan for Evaluating Success of the Project

Financial Sustainability Plan:

To purchase and sell 200 plus cords of firewood to LIHEAP recipients in Franklin County. Profits which would purchase firewood for upcoming years and implement phase 2.

Measurable Outcomes:

Providing affordable firewood prices to qualifying low-income, elderly and disabled individuals and weatherizing their homes through our collaboration with WMCA to reduce the total amount of fuel needed in future years.

Potential Barriers to Success:

Firewood availability to a low cost or staff shortages.

Signatures

Signature of President/CEO/Board _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Fiscal Sponsor (If Applicable)

Signature of Fiscal Sponsor Organization: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funding Request Form

UMEM 2025 TIF Grant Request Overview

Grants/Contributions			
Description	Dollars	%	Notes
TIF	50,000	8.7%	TIF Grant % of total \$572k Budget
Masons	20,000	3.5%	Coordinated with Masonic Charitable Organization via local Lodges
Corp sponsors & Churches	52,000	9.1%	TBD
Total UMEM	122,000	21.3%	UMEM portion of Total \$572K
WMCA collaboration	450,000	78.7%	30 dwellings per year @ \$15k per dwelling, funding sourced by WMCA
Total Budget	572,000	100.0%	UMEM & WMCA Collaboration

UMEM Phase 1 Costs

Description	Dollars	%
Wood Processor	20,000	16.4%
Firewood	30,000	24.6%
Truck Tractor	30,000	24.6%
Driveway/Groundwork	10,000	8.2%
Pole Barn	7,250	5.9%
Cement Pad	7,250	5.9%
Grapple	7,500	6.1%
Fuel/Oil	5,000	4.1%
Water and Electricity	5,000	4.1%
Total Phase 1 UMEM costs	122,000	100.0%

March 31, 2025

Helen Pinkham, Executive Director
Jim Webster, Housing Project Director
United Methodist Economic Ministry
1458 Salem Rd, Salem Twp., ME 04983

RE: Support of UMEM to Create a Working Community Wood Bank

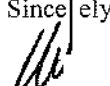
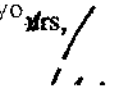

Dear Ms. Pinkham:

I would like to extend my full support of the efforts being made by the United Methodist Economic Ministry (UMEM) to create a fully operational "Wood Bank" for the residents of Franklin County. I was formerly the Housing Director of Housing and Energy at Western Maine Community Action (WMCA) where I had close to sixteen years of experience in dealing with low-income families in need, especially when it came to keeping families and older Mainers warm in their homes. I had also enjoyed partnering with UMEM during my time at WMCA to carry out low-cost home repairs and needed ramp projects to serve as many challenged households as possible with the limited funding available.

UMEM well aimed efforts at creating a phased in operational sized "Wood Bank" that could serve many families and older Mainers is a much-needed addition to the low-income safety net for our region. Over the last four years, many low-income programs across the state have been reduced in funding, including the heating "benefit" amounts in the traditional Low-Income Heating Emergency Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or "Fuel Assistance." There have also been LIHEAP rules and policy changes that have been a detriment to those that heat with wood. These continued program reductions and increased costs in all forms of heating energy have caused severe gaps in affordability for these low-income households, especially for firewood. Many wood dealers that used to serve the LIHEAP program have also gone out of business or have stopped partnering with the State's Grantee due to program constraints. Maine's minimum wages continue to increase while leaving those on fixed incomes in the wake of ever-increasing consumer prices on almost everything.

I believe that UMEM realistic and practical ideas for a phased in operational "Wood Bank" will enhance opportunities for our low-income communities to have availability to affordable firewood year-round. I fully support the UMEM proposed grant application to bring this concept to reality.

Since I rely on you,

  
William D. Reddall, Jr. Mrs. Reddall

120 Vipah Lane
Farmington, Maine 04938
(207) 491-5624

To: Franklin County Commissioners

From: Peter B. Farnsworth

Stratton, Maine

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of the firewood producing initiative proposed by Mr. Jim Webster in cooperation with the Salem Economic Ministry. Jim is a good friend of mine as well as a brother Freemason. I have recently worked with Jim on several projects he initiated within Franklin County, and I have worked with the Salem Economic Ministry as well as the Western Community Action group.

I applaud Brother Webster in this proposal to obtain grant money to help get this firewood production project started. Being able to provide firewood heating assistance to residents of Franklin County by directly providing them with firewood is one way to assist residents in a very real, practical and beneficial way.

The Masonic lodges in the area are very supportive of Brother Jim's efforts. Any help we can provide to those who depend on wood heat and have trouble obtaining it is important to us as community members. As Past Master of Mt. Bigelow #202 in Stratton, I will be encouraging my lodge to help in any way we can.

I am also a licensed Forester and am ready to assist Jim in any way I can to bring his idea to fruition.

I encourage you as Commissioners to give financial support to this beneficial project for Franklin County residents.

Respectfully yours:

Peter B. Farnsworth

Stratton Maine



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
C/O CHUCKY WEBSTER
157 HIGH ST
ELKTON, MD 21921

Date: 02/11/2022
Employer ID number: 36-2167731
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending: December 31
Public charity status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N required: Yes
Effective date of exemption: November 22, 2021
Contribution deductibility: Yes
Addendum applies: No
DLN: 26053728003711

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Our records show you were previously tax exempt as a subordinate under group exemption number 2573. Because you applied for and were granted your own individual tax-exempt status, you no longer rely on your affiliation with a parent organization for recognition of your tax exemption and you'll be listed individually in the Tax Exempt Organization Search (Pub. 78 data).

If, in the future, you choose to become a subordinate under a group ruling, you'll lose your individual recognition of tax-exempt status and you'll no longer appear in the Exempt Organizations Select Check (Pub. 78 data). Moreover, if you become a subordinate under a group ruling and your parent organization loses its tax-exempt status, you also will lose your exempt status. To reestablish your individual tax exemption after rejoining a group exemption, you'll be required to reapply and pay the appropriate user fee.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, thee-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 947 (Rev. 2-2020)
Catalog Number 35152P

WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Pinebluff United Methodist Mens Food Bank)

EIN: 36-2167731 | Pinebluff, North Carolina, United States

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice.
Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

Tax Period:

2007 (07/01/2007-06/30/2008)

EIN:

36-2167731

Organization Name (Doing Business as):

WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mailing Address:

305 West Baltimore Ave
Pinebluff, NC 28373
United States

Principal Officer's Name and Address:

Robert S Brundrett Jr
305 West Baltimore Ave
Pinebluff, NC 28373
United States

Gross receipts not greater than:

\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

Website URL:

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into on this day, June 3, 2025 by and between:

Party A: Western Maine Community Action (WMCA)

Address: 20 Church Street, East Wilton, ME 04234

Contact: Dustin Richards, 207-491-3357 / drichards@wmca.org

and

Party B: United Methodist Economic Ministry (UMEM)

Address: 1458 Salem Rd, Salem Twp., ME 04983

Contact: Jim Webster, jimwebster@roadrunner.com

Purpose:

(Briefly describe the purpose of the MOU, e.g., to collaborate on a project, share resources, etc.)

A collaboration to maximize resources (data, financial and labor) to reduce heating loads in targeted houses and to provide discounted fuel (firewood) to these households.

Scope of Cooperation:

(Describe the specific activities, responsibilities, and expectations of each party.)

In collaboration with UMEM, WMCA will prioritize income eligible households to weatherize within UMEM's catchment area in north Franklin County, Maine. They will strive to weatherize at least thirty (30) homes per year for a two-year period.

By investing in a wood processor, UMEM will provide discounted fuel (firewood) to these households throughout this period.

Each party will utilize federal, state and local funding sources to execute their responsibilities noted above and below.

Terms and Conditions:

- Project Area: North Franklin County is defined as north of Industry, Farmington, Temple and Weld.
- Duration of the agreement: Two years, 7/1/25 to 6/30/27.
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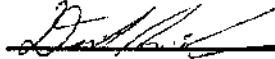
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- Funding or resources: Each party will utilize federal, state and local funding sources to execute their responsibilities
- Reporting and evaluation: Each agency will provide each other quarterly reports on their respective goals and use this information to adapt and/or improve delivery of services.

Miscellaneous:

- Amendments: Any changes to this MOU must be made in writing and signed by both parties.
- Termination: Either party may terminate this agreement by providing a written explanation.

Signatures:



Dustin Richards
Senior Energy Auditor
Western Maine Community Action
Date: 6/3/2025

Jim Webster
Project Manager
United Methodist Economic Ministry
Date: _____

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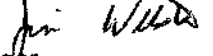
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Dustin Richards
Senior Energy Auditor
Western Mahe Community Action
Date: 11/3. 0:25

Jim Webster 
Project Manager
United Methodist Economic Ministry
Date: 6/3/2025

 Executive Director

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Pre-Application

General Project Information

Date: 5/23/2025

Project Title: Rangeley Childcare Center

Organization: Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund for Children

Type of Organization: 501(c)(3)

This project is being pursued by:

- ☒ A single business or organization
☐ A collaboration including:

The Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund for Children is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance learning for children in the Rangeley region. Our single project is the construction and operation of the Rangeley Childcare Center, a 5000 sf purpose built facility. Rangeley is a childcare "desert" without a childcare center within 40 miles. Construction is underway; completion scheduled for September 2025. The center will accommodste 48 pre-school children and up to 26 school-age.

One line description of your project:

We hope to secure funding to enable families from the UT to enroll children in the Rangeley Childcare Center without being discouraged by the cost to attend. As defined in the attached statement of assumptions, total need for UT families would be \$10,800 per child per year.

Dollar amount requested: \$70,000

Total project budget: \$3,500,000

Unorganized Territory(ies) in which project will occur:

Franklin County UT

Have you applied for applicable licenses and permits for your project (LUPC, DEP, DHHS, etc.)? If so, please list:

Yes. We have received all necessary permits for usage and construction. Final CO and operating licenses will be applied for upon completion of construction.

Applicant Information

Legal name of organization: Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund for Children

Mailing address: PO Box 7038, Rangeley, Maine 04970

Physical address: 85 Loon Lake Road, Rangeley Maine 04970

Telephone: 2039796909

Email: rangeleychildcare@gmail.com

Website: www.bethbrunswickmemorialfund.org

Number of years business/agency has been in existence: 2.75

Number of paid staff (Note FT, PT, and/or seasonal): 0

Number of volunteers: 8

Federal Tax ID or EIN: 92-2103220

Name of Executive Director or President: Ellen Oppenheim

Phone: 2039796909

Email: ellen.opp@gmail.com

Project start date: 12/2024

Project completion date: 9/2025

A 200 word (maximum) description of your project:

Construction of the Rangeley Childcare Center is underway. We have reached our capital funding goal of \$3,500,000 to build a 5000 square foot licensed childcare center to serve community needs. Construction will be complete in September 2025. The center will accommodate up to 74 children, aged 6-weeks through school age, and is adjacent to the local public school.

We are still in need of funding to cover enrollment subsidies for families from the Unorganized Territories. State subsidies (CCAP) have been exhausted, and families in need of childcare support are being waitlisted to receive benefits. We hope to provide replacement funds, thereby enabling families to enroll in childcare and return to the workforce until CCAP subsidies are available.

We are requesting TIF funds to support this effort with a grant request of \$70,000 (see attached explanation of assumptions to calculate this amount). Early enrollment in quality childcare enhances the education of our youth, and enables each child to reach their full social, emotional and cognitive potential. We believe all children, regardless of socio-economic status, deserve these privileges, and a fund to support enrollment fees in the absence of CCAP funding will allow families the benefits of outstanding childcare. Completion of the Center will allow workforce growth and economic development in the rural regions of Franklin County (including the Unorganized Territories) from which Rangeley draws its labor force. These subsidies will allow families to return to the workforce with confidence that their children are safe, nurtured and stimulated every day.

Plan for Evaluating Success of the Project

Financial Sustainability Plan:

Our financial model calls for a gradual ramp-up of enrollment over the first three years of operation. By year three, the Rangeley Childcare Center will be cash flow positive. We have provided working capital in our financial model to carry us through that time. Directors are actively fundraising to cover the state childcare subsidies until our enrollees move off the wait list of Maine CCAP. Full financial model is attached. Please note this project has been awarded grants from the State (\$250,000), Northern Borders Regional Commission (\$1,000,000), and Congressional Directed Spending (\$750,000).

To calculate the UT enrollment subsidy needed, see the attached explanation.

~~If awarded, we would NOT re-apply for TIE funding next year.~~

Measurable Outcomes:

There are many benefits for residents of the Unorganized Territories of a successful childcare center in Rangeley, including:

1. Access to Rangeley's ample job market
2. Financial stability for families whose parents could work while young children receive excellent care
3. Improved school readiness/achievement in Kindergarten and beyond
4. Increased tax rolls and services provided to residents with more parents working more hours

Potential Barriers to Success:

1. Maine Department of Health and Human Services reduces or eliminates subsidies for families in need of childcare.
2. Birth rate declines due to recession, pandemic, economic uncertainty or other external forces, reducing enrollment and cash flow
3. Staffing challenges

Signatures

Signature of President/CEO/Board President:

Date: 5/23/2025

Print Name: Ellen Oppenheim

Title: President

Fiscal Sponsor (If Applicable)

Signature of Fiscal Sponsor Organization:

Date:

Print Name:

Title:

Franklin County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete contact information
- ☐ For nonprofits, include a copy of your IRS determination letter
- ☐ All sections completed on this form or, if typed on a separate sheet, so noted in the correct areas on the form ("Please see attachment A," etc.) and appropriately titled on the separate sheet
- ☐ The TIF Project Budget Excel sheet
- ☐ A cover letter from the leader of your organization
- ☐ If you have a fiscal sponsor, a letter from that sponsor
- ☐ Up to three letters of support (Optional)
- ☐ Signatures on application
- ☐ Remove and retain Appendix of the application before submittal

Appendix A: Guidelines and Considerations for Franklin County TIF District Funding Applications

Note: The following appendix is for informational purpose. You do not need to return the appendix with your application.

For questions and/or assistance preparing an application, contact the Administrator via email at info@greaterfranklin.org

The Franklin County UT TIF Program has specific limitations regarding who may apply and what projects and costs are eligible for funding assistance. It is important to understand these guidelines prior to submitting an application. See below for details.

Public Program:

The Commissioners of Franklin County are entrusted by its citizens to be responsible stewards of the UT TIF program funds. Accountability and transparency are held in the highest regard. Applicants must be willing to make public all matters and materials provided as part of a UT TIF grant.

Eligibility to Apply:

Key considerations for TIF grant award determinations include:

- Project Location:
 - The proposed activity must take place within the Unorganized Territories of Franklin County.
- Opportunity for Economic Impact
 - Projects intended to create and/or retain jobs in the region and more specifically in the UT are more likely to receive support through this program.
- Level of Matching Funds Secured by Applicant
 - Grant requests can range between \$5,000 and \$50,000
 - The County will give priority to those applicants who provide at least half (50%) of any cash match required by the grantor (sometimes referred to as a 1:1 match).
- Collaborations/Partnerships
 - Projects proposing collaboration with additional partners and shared risk may also be viewed more favorably.
- Sustainability
 - TIF grant funds are not intended to be utilized as a long-term subsidy. Applicants need to show a plan and trends toward becoming self-supporting.

There is a total lifetime limit of \$100,000 per project.

Eligible Project Categories:

1. Scenic Byway (Improvements, Planning and Updates)
2. Tourism Branding and Marketing
3. Nature Based Tourism Plan
4. Unorganized Territories Employment and Training
5. Recreational Trail Improvements
6. GPS Plotline; Mapping of Trails

Special considerations for large scale investment and/or job creation:

In keeping with the original intent of this program, project proposals which offer substantial capital investment and/or the strong potential for significant job creation within the Unorganized Territories may be eligible for additional support through this program. These exceptional cases may be considered from time to time on an individual basis, but potential applicants must contact the TIF Administrator to discuss prior to submitting an application. Awards and funding levels will be at the sole discretion of the County Commissioners.

Grantee Obligations:

Successful applicants are not required to accept grant funds awarded to them. The county allows applicants up to six months from time of notice of award to accept that award. If the award is not accepted within that time frame, the application and award notice will be considered void. Those who do choose to accept a grant award will be required to first agree to specific terms outlined in a grant contract/special conditions agreement with the county. Each grant contract is unique to the project funded, but several requirements are inclusive to all grant contracts.

Please consider the following:

- Grant Period
 - The grant period for all TIF grants will be no less than one year from the time of receipt of an award.
- Reporting
 - All grantees will be required to maintain regular communication with the County. Grantees are typically required to submit progress reports and verification of expenditures at half way through (6 months) the grant period. The TIF Administrator will work closely with grantees to ensure this occurs.
- Verification of Employment
 - Grantees will be required to provide evidence of the creation and/or retention of any jobs proposed in the grant application materials. This should include details about the type of job, the frequency and duration (part-time, full-time, long term, temporary, seasonal) and wage levels or compensation package.
- Default and Repayment
 - Grantees who do not meet the requirements outlined in the grant contract will be required to repay all or a portion of the funds awarded to them. Each case will be considered on an individual basis, however: Upon the sale, transfer, or dissolution of a grant project prior to the end date of the grant period, the grantee will be held liable for up to the full amount of their initial award amount.

Final determination for distribution of any funds through the Franklin County Unorganized Territories Grant and Loan Program will be at the discretion of the County Commissioners.

CALCULATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR UT CHILDCARE ENROLLMENT NEED

In the absence of CCAP funding, we are requesting supplemental TIF funding so that children from the Unorganized Territories could afford to be enrolled in the Rangeley Childcare Center until such a time as CCAP funding is reinstated.

According to 2020 US Census data, there are 1,176 people living in the unorganized territories of Franklin County, Maine. If we only count the areas that abut Rangeley¹, from which Rangeley draws its workforce, the relevant UT population total is 928. The national percentage of people under age five in the US is 5.5%; so if that percent applies to families in the abutting UT then there would be 51 children under age 5. If only 10% of those kids enrolled in our childcare center, there would be 5 children enrolled from the unorganized territories. The average tuition (tuition varies by age²) is \$254/wk, and if we assume that these families qualify³ for 85% of tuition assistance⁴, they would require \$216/wk in tuition support. If each child was enrolled 50 wks/yr, they would need \$10,800 per child per year, or \$54,000 per year of tuition assistance for 5 children from the regional Unorganized Territories.

My TIF request of \$70,000 in funds would cover all UT enrolled children for over a year, based on these assumptions.

I would NOT reapply next year if granted the requested TIF award.

Additional restricted funds for tuition support have already been secured as follows:

\$100,000 Private philanthropy

\$115,000 Anonymous Foundation, for three years: 2025, 2026, 2027

¹ East Central (pop. 805) and North Franklin County (pop. 41) UT's, and Wyman (pop. 82) UT
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_unorganized_territories_in_Maine]

² 6 wks-12 mo= \$275/wk

12-30 mo= \$250/wk

30-42 mo= \$247/wk

3-5 yrs = \$244/wk

³ See eligibility table [<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/10192024%20income%20guidelines.pdf>]

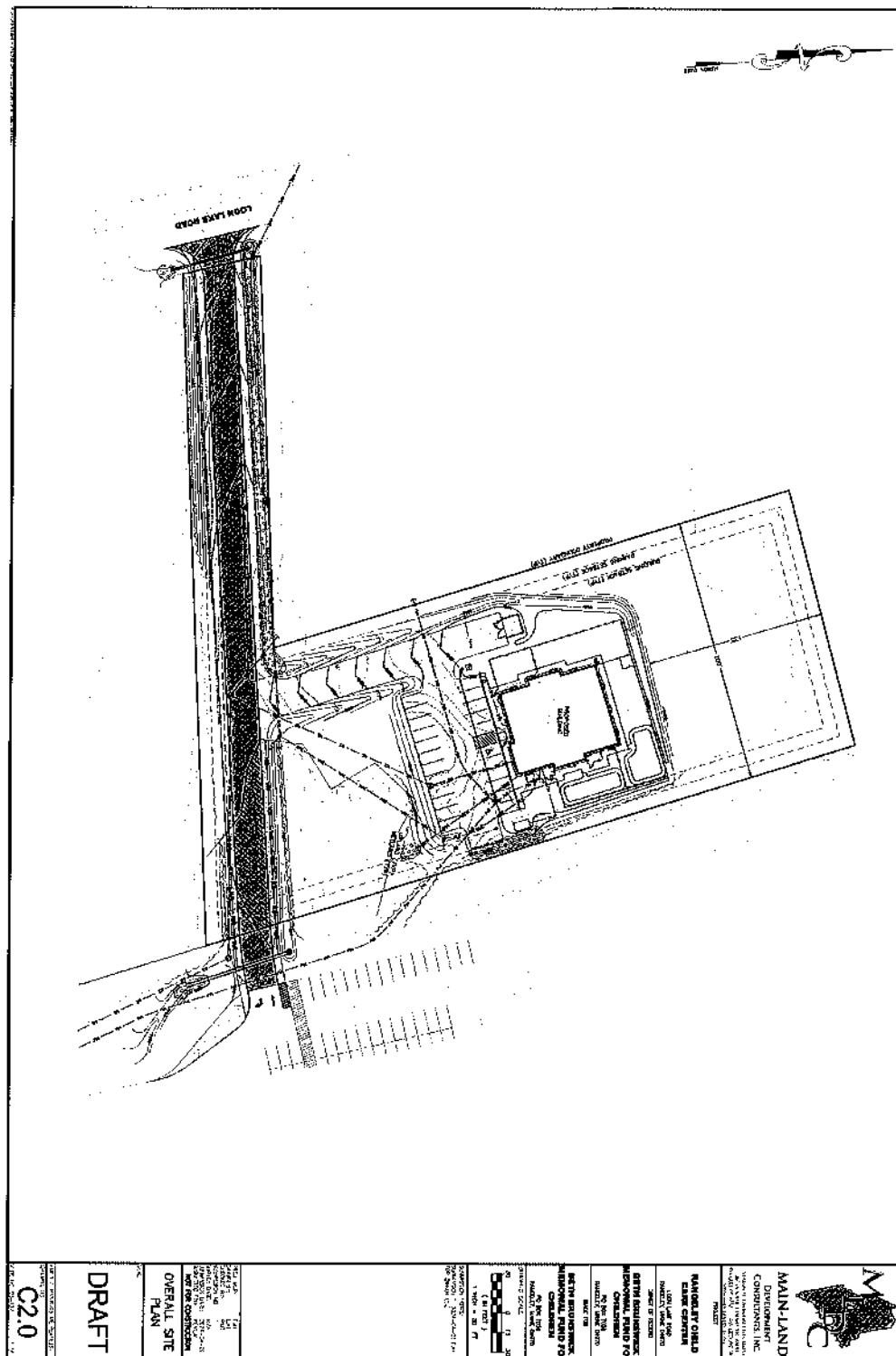
⁴ Tuition assistance is determined on a sliding scale, based on family size and household income (see above)

TIF Funding request Form

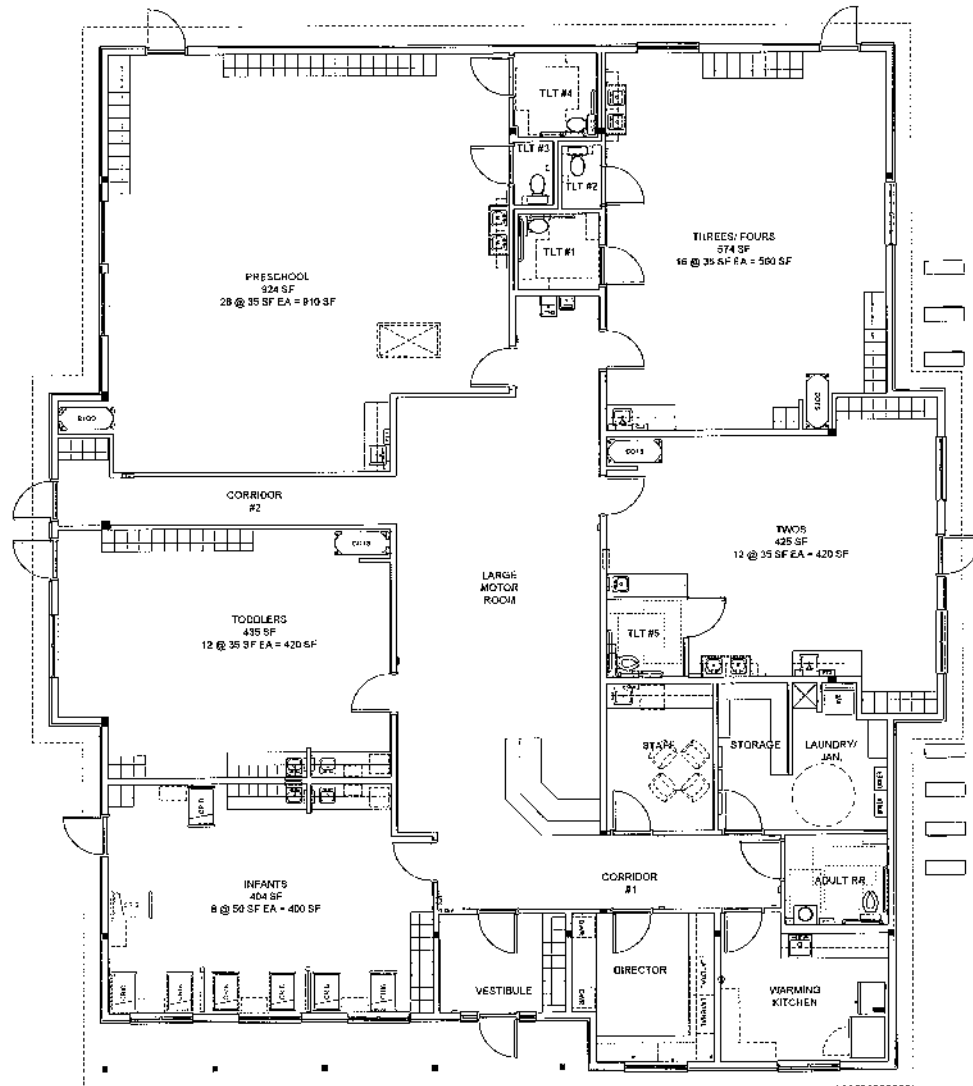
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Requested TIF Funds	70,000		
Total Project Cost-- CAPEX	3,500,000		FOR ENROLLMENT FEES, NOT FOR CAPEX
Restricted gift for enrollment fees	100,000		includes \$417,000 working capital
Other enrollment funding, pledged and received (restricted)	345,000		Private philanthropy
			Funding received and pledged over three
			years (2025, 2026, 2027)-
			INCLUDES GOVERNMENT
			GRANTS, PRIVATE
			PHILANTHROPY, FOUNDATION
			GIFTS AND PLEDGES
			INCLUDES PLEDGES
Estimated Income	3,500,000		
secured	3,500,000		
planned			
in kind			
	Power point generators	40,000	generator and switch
	Ceminarra Landscaping	5000	hydroseeding
	LL Bean	1200	lunchboxes and water bottles
Expenses/Uses:			
TIF Funds are intended for subsidies for low- and middle -			
income families' enrollment fees while awaiting state			
CCAP Funding to be granted			
Grants and contributions Summary:			
Northern Borders Regional Commission	1,000,000		
Congressionally Directed Spending Grant (USDA)	750,000		
State Child Care Infrastructure Grant (CEI)	250,000		
Private Philanthropy and Foundations*	1,500,000		

*See detailed spreadsheet

RANGELEY CHILDCARE CENTER SITE MAP



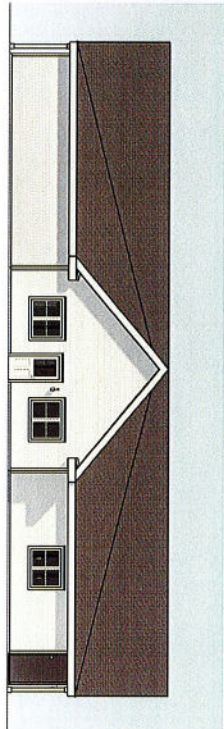
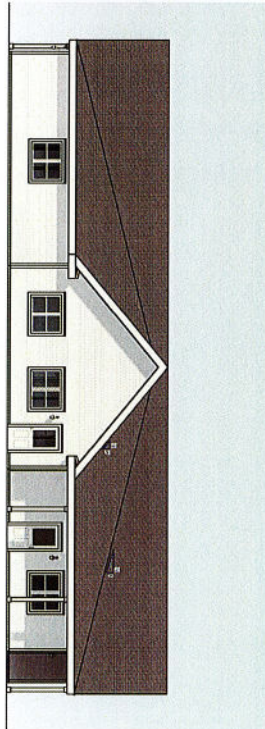
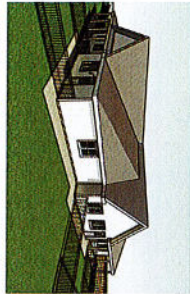
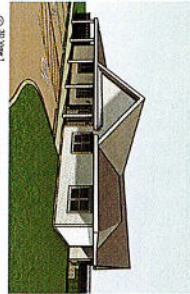
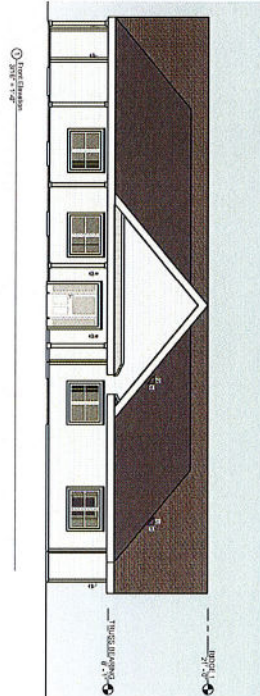
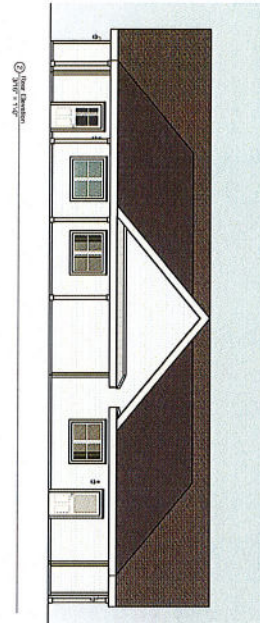
RANGELEY CHILDCARE CENTER



FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
DATE: 4/26/01

RANGELEY CHILDCARE CENTER



Front Elevation
30' x 10' 0"

Side Elevation
30' x 10' 0"

Architect

Drawn By: [Name]
Checked By: [Name]
Date: [Date]

NEW CHILD CARE CENTER
LOOK LAKE ROAD
RANGELEY, MAINE 04870

Children's Design Group
Mark D. Parry, AIA - Architect
P.O. Box 1346
Guttenberg, VT 05547
202-461-3624
info@childrensdesigngroup.com



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

BETH BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL FUND FOR
CHILDREN
PO BOX 7038
RANGELEY, ME 04970

Date:
March 13, 2023
Employer ID number:
92-2103220
Person to contact:
Name: Harold J Fodor
ID number: 31675
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
February 2, 2023
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053465011113

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Sara Gagné-Holmes
Commissioner



Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Child and Family Services
11 State House Station
2 Anthony Ave.
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011
Tel.: (207) 624-7900; Fax: (207) 287-5282
TTY: Dial 711 (Maine Relay)

MEMORANDUM

To: Child Care Providers, CCAP Families, and OCFS Stakeholders
From: Office of Child and Family Services
Date: November 25, 2024
Subject: Child Care Affordability Program (CCAP) Wait List

Growth in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program

The Department is proud to be serving over 4,000 young children in the program, including infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary school students receiving out of school time care. Over 500 new children have been enrolled in the Child Care Affordability Program (CCAP) since spring 2024. However, in order to stay within the available federal funding, the Office of Child and Family Services will have to implement a wait list for CCAP beginning November 30, 2024.

Eligibility & Wait List Process

- Families can continue to apply for the Child Care Affordability Program. CCAP Specialists will make eligibility determinations and notify families if their application is denied or approved and added to the waitlist.
- When there is space to move families off the wait list,
 - Per federal and state rules, the Department will prioritize children with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, and children under 85% of state median income.
 - Families are selected from the wait list on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the date the Department received the completed application or redetermination, serving priority populations first before moving to all other families.

If your children are currently enrolled in CCAP, the wait list will not affect your existing CCAP award. For more information, please email CCAP.DHHS@maine.gov.

Gina Forbes
Child Care Services Program Manager
Office of Child and Family Services

Greater Franklin

Economic and Community Development

May 22, 2025

TIF Committee for the Franklin County Commissioners
140 Main Street, Suite 3
Farmington, ME 04938

Re: Request for Matching Funds in the amount of \$141,000

Dear Committee Members,

You will notice that our request for county investment has increased by \$16,000. This is to make up for Farmington, Wilton, and Rangeley telling us to seek investment from the county, now that we have a new set of commissioners.

Successful community and economic development efforts such as Greater Franklin are charged with creating the ecosystem that allows for economic and community vitality. This requires taking a long view when considering return-on-investment, which is critical for creating the conditions for job and population growth. Our deliberate planning results in our attracting investment to benefit our towns and county. **Ultimately, we attract public and private investment to our towns and county.**

An example of our long view yielding a tremendous return-on-investment is our continuing success with our broadband work which has resulted in 96% of Franklin County being able to connect to a fiber network. This one initiative has already resulted in 5% growth across our county. This one metric affects three systemic challenges for our rural county: it broadens our tax base, populates our underpopulated schools and increases our workforce in the face of low 4.2% unemployment. As a bonus, all this work adds up to \$39.5M which has been invested in broadband infrastructure. This investment is TAXABLE allowing for additional tax base and economic growth into the future.

In addition to this and our Childcare and Housing initiatives, we are asked to advocate for our businesses at the state and federal level. Recent examples are an OSB mill in Jay, the owner of the former Pixelle mill, our two biomass generators, and our two ski resorts. This can be regarding permitting and/or investment.

Franklin county's unemployment is still low. We need to add to our workforce if our economy is to grow and it begins by investing in strategic community and economic development initiatives.

If these initiatives and our success in attracting investment resonates with you, **please request that the county invest \$141,000 in your Economic and Community development work.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, 

Charlie Woodworth, Executive Director

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
Application for Funding**

General Project Information

Date: May 22, 2025

Project Title: Invest in your Community

Organization: Greater Franklin Economic and Community Development

Type of Organization: 501c3

This project is being pursued by:

- ☐ A single business or organization
☒ A collaboration including:

Chambers x 4, towns x 22, businesses, Adult Education x 3, WMCA, Eastern Maine Development, CWM Workforce Development Board, Economic Development Authority (EDA), Rangeley Economic Committee, Franklin County Broadband Initiative, Maine Connectivity Authority, DECD, Northern Border Regional Commission, Child and Family Services (Childcare), Maine State Housing, Western Maine Workforce Housing, Rangeley Workforce Housing, CEI, Rangeley Childcare, Federal Delegation

One line description of your project:

Attracting investment to our communities to stimulate our regional economy.

Dollar amount requested: 141,000

Total project budget: 203,300

Unorganized Territory(ies) in which project will occur:

Entire County (22 towns, 15 townships)

Have you applied for applicable licenses and permits for your project (LUPC, DEP, DHHS, etc.)? If so, please list:

N/A

Applicant Information

Legal name of organization: Greater Franklin Development Council

Mailing address: PO Box 107, Farmington ME 04938

Physical address: 165 Front Street, Farmington ME 04938

Telephone: 207-232-1997

Email: cwoodworth@greaterfranklin.org

Website: www.greaterfranklin.org

Number of years business/agency has been in existence: 28

Federal Tax ID or EIN: 01-0524770

Name of Executive Director or President: Charlie Woodworth

Phone: 207-232-1997

Email: cwoodworth@greaterfranklin.org

Number of paid staff related to the project (Note FT, PT, and/or seasonal):

2

Number of volunteers related to the project: 15

Project start date: July 1, 2025

Project completion date: June 30, 2026

A 200 word (maximum) description of your project:

See attachment "A"

Plan for Evaluating Success of the Project

Financial Sustainability Plan:

Organizations invest in Greater Franklin because of our project designs and outcomes. A sustainability plan requires that Greater Franklin Economic and Community Development continues to provide evidence of a Return on Investment to the County and our other investors.

Measurable Outcomes:

Measurable outcomes will be:

- Upgrading municipal websites to better serve the communities and meet federal ADA compliance deadlines.
- Developing IT programming with two school districts to provide workforce skills through mentoring.
- Seeing that 98% of County residents can connect to a FIBER network resulting in a gig economy of attracting remote workers, local workers and families moving to our region.
- Quality jobs with quality employers that provide career opportunities for our citizens (Godfrey Forest Products, Saddleback, Origin, etc).
- Population growth (since 2020 Franklin County has grown 5%). More than half of the county went live with FIBER in December 2022.
- A citizenry that invests in itself for long-term gain.
- A growing workforce to allow our current and future businesses to grow and operate at peak efficiency.
- Enrollment in our schools will grow to match current built assets.

Potential Barriers to Success:

- 1) Leadership at municipalities embracing change for improved community outcomes.
- 2) County investment will allow us and our MANY collaborators to advance prosperity throughout our region.

Signatures

Signature of President/CEO/Board President:  Date: **May 22, 2025**

Print Name: **Charlie Woodworth** Title: **executive director**

Fiscal Sponsor (If Applicable)

Signature of Fiscal Sponsor Organization: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Greater Franklin

Economic and Community Development

ATTACHMENT "A" Project Narrative:

May 22, 2025

Franklin County TIF Committee

Re. Request for Matching Funds in the amount of \$141,000

What would you be willing to invest to attract \$52 million of strategic investment to Franklin County?

The mission of Greater Franklin is to work with our leaders to identify needs, recognize obstacles, devise solutions and secure federal and state funds to implement these solutions. **Ultimately, we attract investment to our towns and county.** We compete for these funds against the 15 other counties in the state. **We are the only entity in our county that addresses our larger issues while working towards solutions.**

- Developing a multi-town **initiative to upgrade websites to best serve towns and residents and to help meet pending ADA compliance deadlines.**
- Lack of affordable and quality **Childcare** is a significant factor in preventing parents from reentering the workforce. We need 760 additional slots. We have attracted investment to create 145 new slots in 2025. Rangeley's new 75-slot facility to open Fall 2025!
- **Workforce housing** solutions for year-round workers in both Rangeley and Carrabassett Valley. We need workers to allow businesses to grow. Rangeley has 18-single family homes underway!
- Working with the developer and advocating to the State to remove barriers to allow for an **Oriented Strand Board (OSB) mill to be built** on the former Pixelle site.
- CDS for Alden Hill Road rebuild.
- Working with the **owner of the former Pixelle site** to attract other compatible businesses.
- Developing an **Entrepreneurial Incubator** with the JLLF Chamber to prepare that region's workforce for the industries coming to the abandoned Pixelle mill site.

Other initiatives are:

- 96% of Franklin County can connect to a **FIBER network**. **By this fall, FIBER will cover 98%.** No other county in the state has achieved this success. Greater Franklin designs and executes.
- By this fall, we hope to see New Vineyard, Strong and Freeman Twp get upgraded.
- **Digital Literacy/Skills:** We are working with our two Adult Education programs and the state to educate our residents on efficient and safe use of the internet. We have attracted three years of **investment to allow them to hire staff**. Since we began in November 2022:
 - We have held 1035 classes at 11 libraries and 5 community orgs, including the Jail, upskilling 398 residents.
 - In response to survey results, we are launching a six-week QuickBooks class focused on businesses and entrepreneurs. This is in partnership with the JLLF Chamber, AVCOG and RSU73 Adult Education.

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- In September, we will be working with RSU9 and RSU73 high school students and faculty to launch Teens Teach Tech which is a partnership with Connected Nation. This is a workforce development initiative as well as mentoring and we will be working with their award-winning Robotics Club.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funding Request Form

Requested TIF Funds	141,000	69%	Total Project Cost	203,300
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<u>Estimated Income</u>	<u>Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>
secured	grants and contributions	62,300
planned		
In-Kind	project management	
TIF Request	69%	141,000
total		203,300

<u>Expenses / Use</u>		
Broadband Admin	On going	38,826
Workforce Admin	On going	23,000
Affordable Housing	On going	31,500
Childcare	On going	31,974
Business engagement/Outreach	On going	33,000
Municipal engagement/Outreach	On going	40,000
Events/promotional coordination	On going	5,000
total		203,300

Grants and Contributions itemized

Board Members	1,200	
Helix Wind	1,000	
Otis Federal Credit Union	1,500	
Franklin Savings Bank	10,000	
Skowhegan Savings Bank	5,000	
Town of Farmington	-	(7,000)
Town of Carrabassett Valley	8,600	
Town of Rangeley	-	(5,000)
Town of Wilton	-	(4,000)
Maine Community Foundation	10,000	(16,000) Towns want county to fund our work
Sewall Foundation	10,000	
Betterment Foundation	15,000	
	62,300	



On April 30, 2025, AVCOG awarded an Economic Development Achievement Award to the Franklin County Broadband Initiative, in recognition of the collaborative efforts led by the Greater Franklin Development Council for the successful initiative to bring reliable high-speed internet and fiber to Franklin County residents and businesses.

AVCOG's Economic Development Achievement Award recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which lead to increased business investment and associated job retention/creation and/or the creation of a suitable environment that can lead to business investment in traditional or a growth industry important to the local economy.

Launched in 2017 by the Greater Franklin Development Council (GFDC), the Franklin County Broadband Initiative is a comprehensive, community-led effort to bring high-speed, fiber-optic internet access to every home and business in Franklin County. Recognizing that connectivity is essential for education, healthcare, workforce participation, and economic opportunity, the initiative addresses long-standing gaps in service caused by the region's rural geography and low population density. GFDC not only focused on building broadband infrastructure but also prioritized digital literacy by partnering with local adult education providers to offer free technology classes and one-on-one support, ensuring residents could fully benefit from improved access.

What distinguishes this initiative is its commitment to digital equity and its regional, customized approach. Rather than applying a one-size-fits-all solution, GFDC worked closely with municipalities, internet service providers, and organizations like the Maine Connectivity Authority to attract \$34 million in investment. By integrating infrastructure development with community engagement and digital skill-building, the Franklin County Broadband Initiative has become a scalable and sustainable model for rural broadband planning, positioning the county for long-term economic growth and resilience in the digital age.

As a regional planning organization and partner in broadband and digital equity work in the AVCOG region, we support the broadband efforts of the Franklin County Broadband Initiative.

Sincerely,

Amy M Landry
Executive Director

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 19 2004

GREATER FRANKLIN DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL
PO BOX 107
FARMINGTON, ME 04938-0107

Employer Identification Number:
01-0524770
DLN:
17053010789004
Contact Person:
L. WAYNE BOTHE ID# 31462
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated March 2000, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity during an advance ruling period.

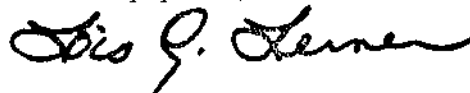
Based on our records and on the information you submitted, we are pleased to confirm that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading between 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

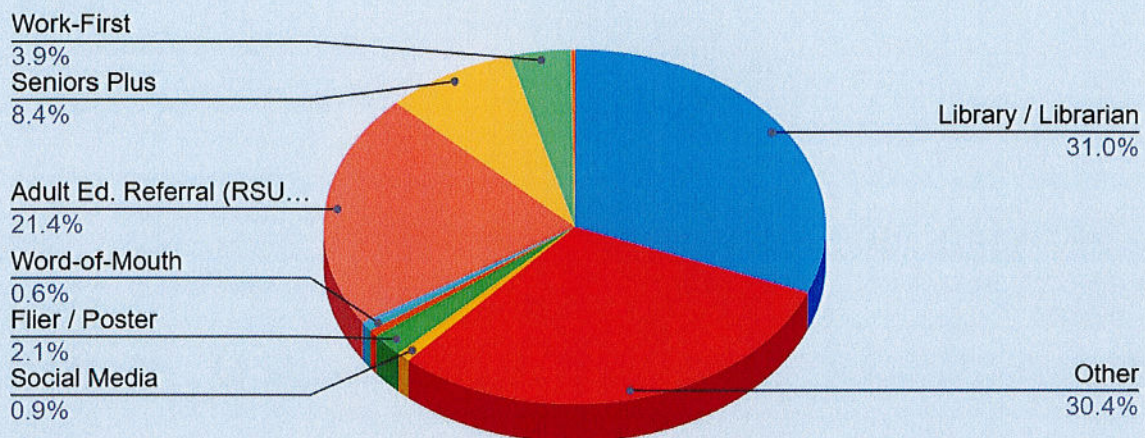


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Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

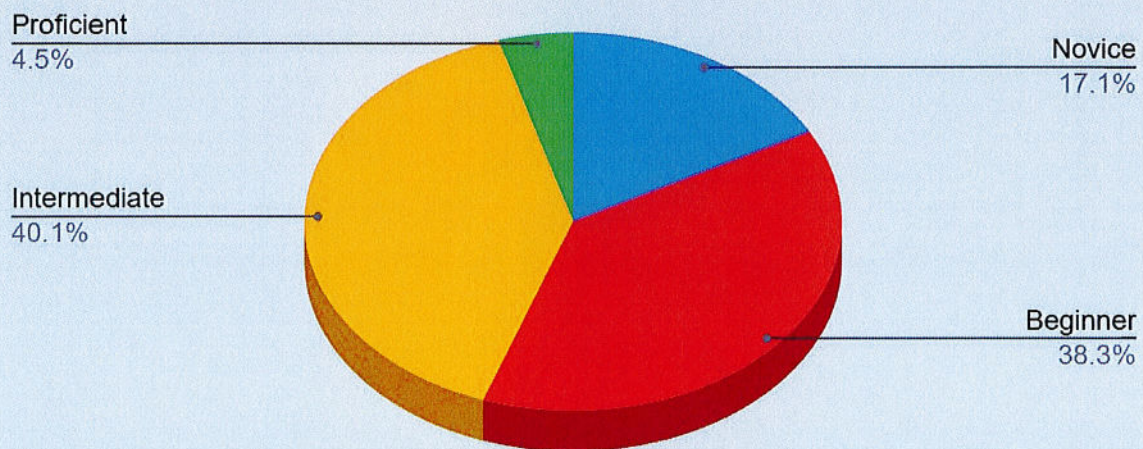
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Total Students	398
Repeat Students	153

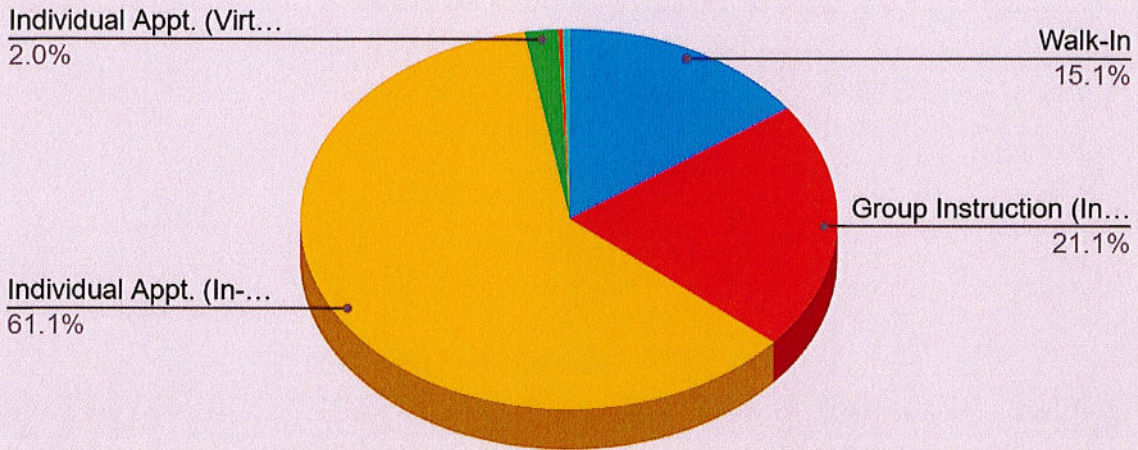
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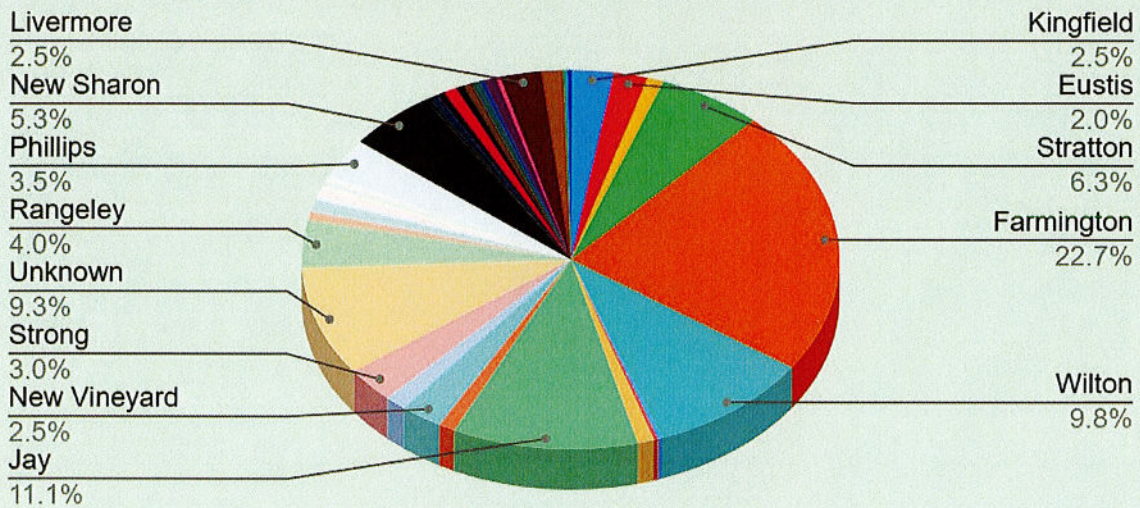
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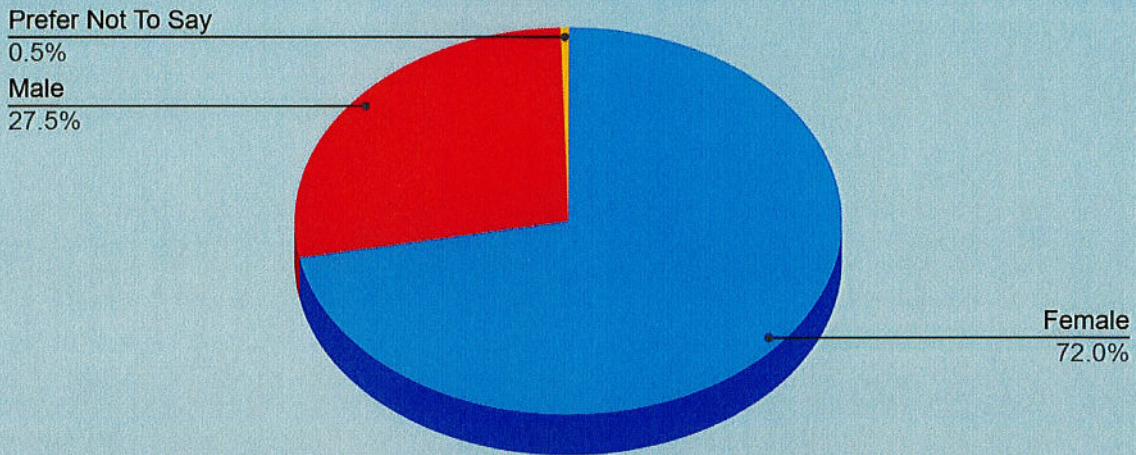
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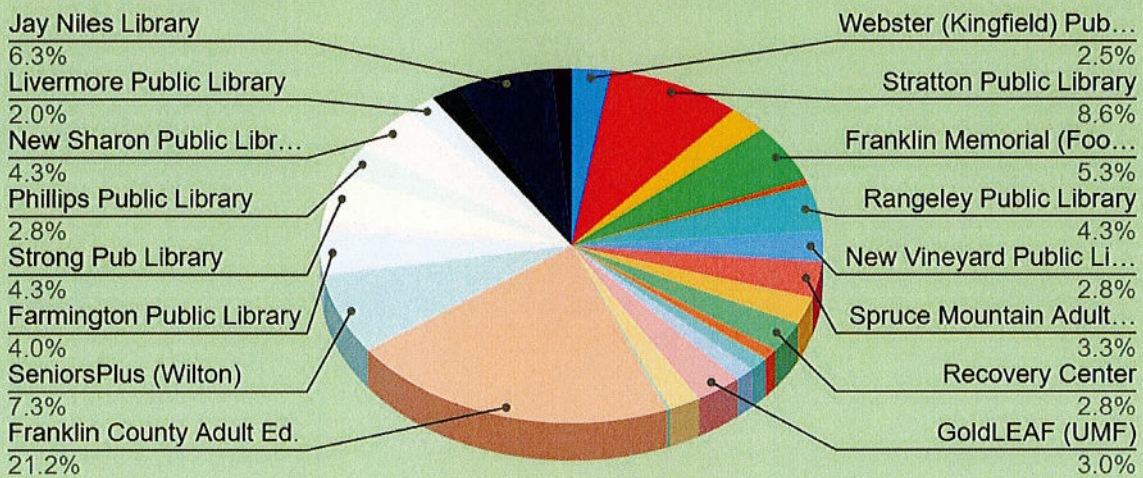
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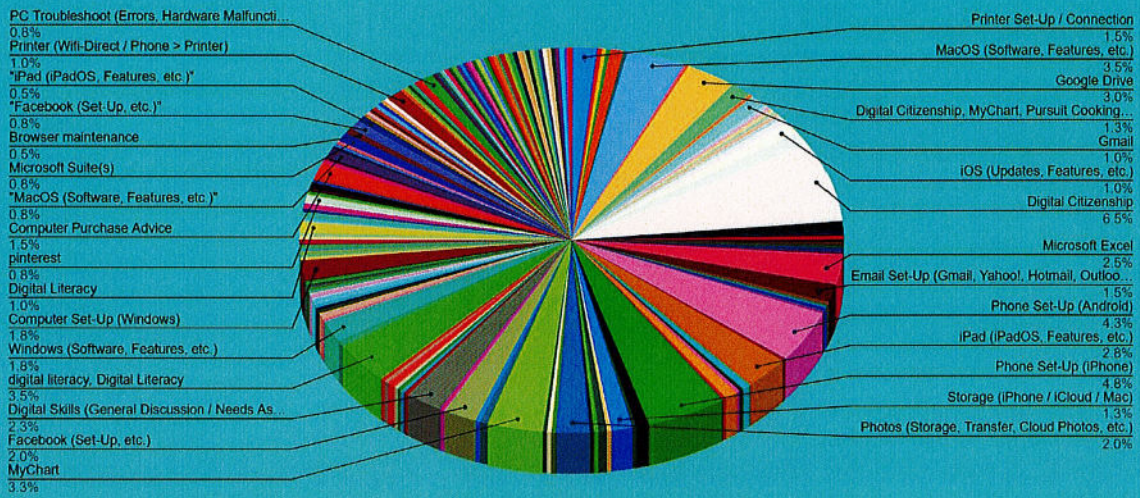
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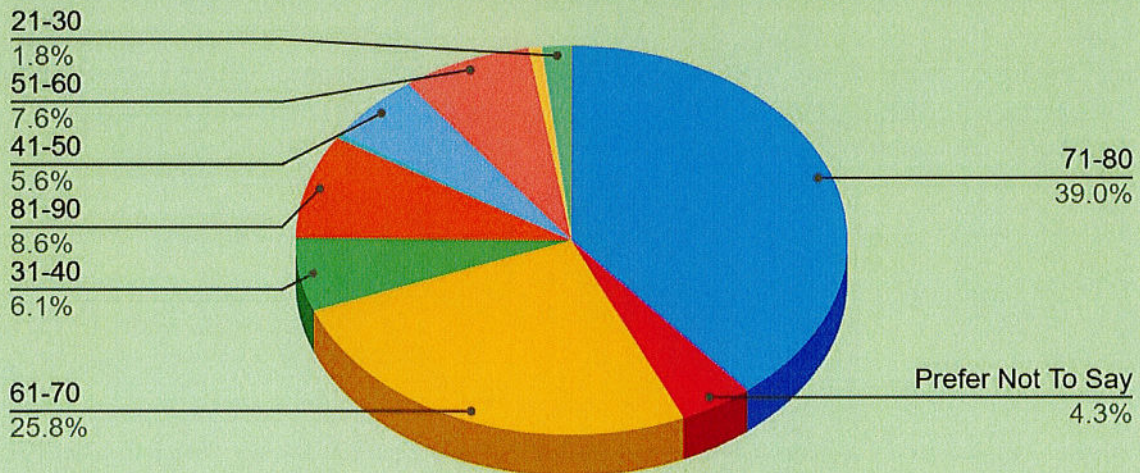
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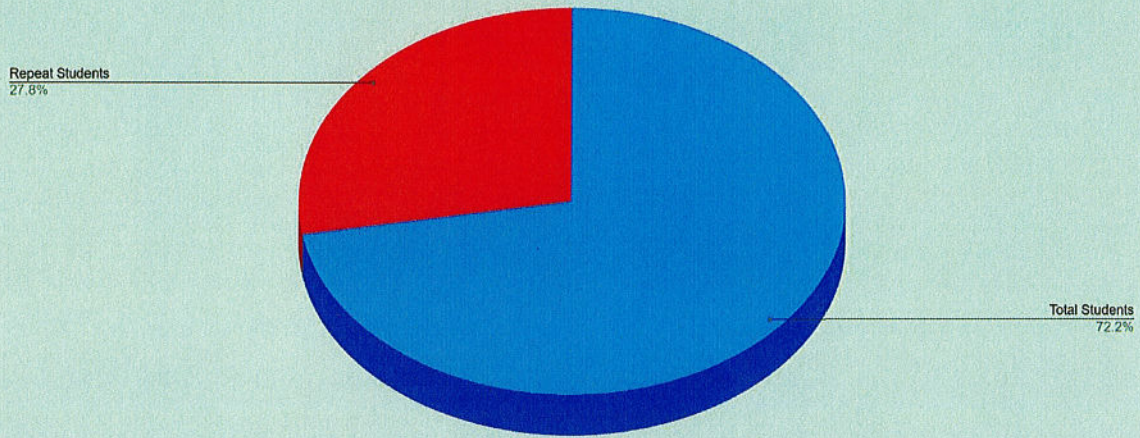
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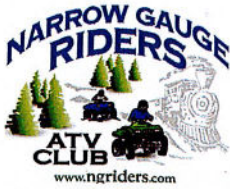


Age (Range)



Totals / Percentages (Students / Repeat Students)





Ryan Bachelder President
Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club
PO Box J Phillips, ME 04966
ryanwbachelder@gmail.com
(207) 670-8659

May 1, 2025

Franklin County TIF

Dear TIF Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club to submit our Letter of Intent for the Franklin County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) grant program. Our proposed project, the Madrid Motorized Trail Bridge, aims to replace and upgrade a critical bridge over Crossman Stream in Madrid, which was destroyed during the December 2023 flood. We are requesting \$50,000 to support this initiative, which aligns with the TIF program's focus on recreational trail improvements and economic development in Franklin County's Unorganized Territories.

The Narrow Gauge Riders, a nonprofit with 22 years of service and 20 dedicated volunteers, are committed to maintaining and enhancing trail connectivity in the region. This project will restore a vital ATV and snowmobile trail linking Madrid to Byron, fostering tourism and local economic activity. In collaboration with the High Peaks Alliance, we are securing a permanent trail easement from the landowner, ensuring long-term access. The North Franklin Snowmobile Club is also expanding the trail for snowmobiling, amplifying the project's impact.

Our plan includes replacing the washed-out bridge with a longer, more resilient structure, upgrading culverts, and improving the trail surface along Mud Pond Road to enable contractor access. We are consulting a licensed forester for permitting and oversight, anticipating a permit-by-rule for the stream crossing. The project, with a start date of July 2025 and completion by December 2025, will be sustained through our robust membership, state ORV program grants, and High Peaks Alliance's technical support..

Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this project further and contribute to Franklin County's economic vitality.

Sincerely, Ryan Bachelder President, Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Pre-Application

General Project Information

Date: 6/10/2025

Project Title: Madrid Motorized Trail Bridge

Organization: Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club

Type of Organization: Nonprofit

This project is being pursued by:

- ☐ A single business or organization
☒ A collaboration including:

The Narrow Gauge Riders are the lead organization that will be responsible for implementation of Project. The High Peaks Alliance is assisting with the grant application and the access easement that the landowner will be donating to permanently conserve access on this parcel.

One line description of your project:

Replacement and upgrade of the bridge that was washed out in the December 2023 flood that spans Crossman Stream.

Dollar amount requested: \$35,000

Total project budget: 70,000

Unorganized Territory(ies) in which project will occur:

Madrid

Have you applied for applicable licenses and permits for your project (LUPC, DEP, DHHS, etc.)? If so, please list:

Not yet but anticipate a permit by rule for stream crossing replacement. We are working with a licensed Forester.

Applicant Information

Legal name of organization: **Narrow Gauge Riders**

Mailing address: **PO Box J, Phillips, ME 04966**

Physical address: **250 Salem Rd, Phillips RD, ME 04966**

Telephone: **207-491-8798 (Dana Bowman)**

Email: **dbowman3397@yahoo.com**

Website: **<https://www.facebook.com/NarrowGaugeRidersAtvClub/>**

Number of years business/agency has been in existence: **22**

Number of paid staff (Note FT, PT, and/or seasonal): **0**

Number of volunteers: **20**

Federal Tax ID or EIN: **NA**

Name of Executive Director or President: **Ryan Bachelder**

Phone: **207-670-8659**

Email: **ryanwbachelder@gmail.com**

Project start date: **July**

Project completion date: **December, 2025**

A 200 word (maximum) description of your project:

During the historic flood in December of 2023 the bridge that spanned Crossman stream in Madrid was washed out. This bridge washout has resulted in the closure of this regionally important ATV connection. This trail connects the Madrid area to the Bryon region. The Narrow Gauge Riders ATV club approached the landowner who cannot afford to replace the bridge. If we are able to replace the bridge will grant the ATV club a permanent trail easement for both ATV and Snowmobile. The High Peaks Alliance will assist the club is securing this trail easement. The North Franklin Snowmobile club is in the process of opening this trail for snowmobiling too. The project consists of fixing multiple culverts and the trail surface that will enable a contractor to reach the stream crossing and replace the bridge. This bridge is planned to be longer than the original bridge which will make it less likely to wash out again. We are consulting a licensed forester to help us with the permitting and contractor oversight.

Plan for Evaluating Success of the Project

Financial Sustainability Plan:

The ATV club has a robust membership that volunteers time to help maintain the clubs trail. The state of Maine ORV program gives annual grants to the club to keep up maintenance. Additionally, The High Peaks Alliance is offering technical support in writing grants and leading us through developing an access easement that will be placed on the trail.

Measurable Outcomes:

We will replace the bridge the crosses the Crossman stream which will allow the Narrow Gauge Riders to reopen this regional and critical connection from Madrid to the Byron area. We will also be fixing a section of trail to get it to a standard that trucks and materials can reach the site on the Mud Pond road. This project will also result in a permanent easement across the landowner where the bridge is located.

Potential Barriers to Success:

We are currently working to secure beams from either Wyman Simpson or the state ORV program. New steel beams are prohibitively expensive so the club is working creatively to source proper beams that have come from other projects. We expect this to resolve soon as we have leads on two potential sources that have the proper beams.

Signatures

Signature of President/CEO/Board President:

Date:

Print Name:

Title:

Fiscal Sponsor (If Applicable)

Signature of Fiscal Sponsor Organization:

Date:

Print Name:

Title:

Franklin County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete contact information
- ☐ For nonprofits, include a copy of your IRS determination letter
- ☐ All sections completed on this form or, if typed on a separate sheet, so noted in the correct areas on the form ("Please see attachment A," etc.) and appropriately titled on the separate sheet
- ☐ The TIF Project Budget Excel sheet
- ☐ A cover letter from the leader of your organization
- ☐ If you have a fiscal sponsor, a letter from that sponsor
- ☐ Up to three letters of support (Optional)
- ☐ Signatures on application
- ☐ Remove and retain Appendix of the application before submittal

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funding Request Form

Narrow Gauge Riders bridge over Crossman Stream

6/10/2025

Requested TIF Funds 35,000 50% Total Project Cost 70,000

<u>Estimated Income</u>	<u>Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Secured		
Planned	ATV Club	29,500
In-Kind	ATV Club + Snowmobile + HPA	5,500
TIF Request	50%	35,000
Total Project Cost		70,000

<u>Expenses / Uses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Materials (culverts/gravel/abutments)	21,500
Skilled Labor and Contractors	24,000
Bridge Beams	20,000
Volunteer Labor	1,000
Grant Writing and Easement (in Kind HPA)	3,500
Total	70,000

<u>Grants and Contributions itemized</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ATV Club Grant (applied)	29500
ATV Volunteer Labor	1000
Snowmobile Club Labor	1000
High Peaks Alliance Technical Support	3500

person contacted alexander
1-866-816-2065

Form **SS-4**

Application for Employer Identification Number

(Rev. December 2001)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

(For use by employers, corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, churches, government agencies, Indian tribal entities, certain individuals, and others.)
▶ See separate instructions for each line. ▶ Keep a copy for your records.

EIN **81-0611715**

OMB No. 1545-0003

Type or print clearly.	1 Legal name of entity (individual for whom the EIN is being requested) Narwin Boat Riders	
	2 Trade name of business (if different from name on line 1) BM J	3 Executor, trustee, "care of" name Linda Haines
	4a Mailing address (room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. box) Box J	4a Street address (if different) (Do not enter a P.O. box.) Phillips Me 04966
	4b City, state, and ZIP code Phillips Me 04966	4b City, state, and ZIP code Phillips Me 04966
	6 County and state where principal business is located Franklin County Me	
	7a Name of principal officer, general partner, grantor, owner, or trustee Linda Haines	
7b SSN, ITIN, or EIN 005-543360		
8a Type of entity (check only one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietor (SSN) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (enter form number to be filed) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Personal service corp. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Church or church-controlled organization _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other nonprofit organization (specify) ▶ ATV Club <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ Boat recreation		<input type="checkbox"/> Estate (SSN of decedent) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Plan administrator (SSN) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Trust (SSN of grantor) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard <input type="checkbox"/> State/local government <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Federal government/military <input type="checkbox"/> REMIC <input type="checkbox"/> Indian tribal governments/enterprises Group Exemption Number (GEN) ▶ _____
8b If a corporation, name the state or foreign country (if applicable) where incorporated State _____ Foreign country _____		
9 Reason for applying (check only one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Started new business (specify type) ▶ ATV Club <input type="checkbox"/> Hired employees (Check the box and see line 12.) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with IRS withholding regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Banking purpose (specify purpose) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Changed type of organization (specify new type) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Purchased going business <input type="checkbox"/> Created a trust (specify type) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Created a pension plan (specify type) ▶ _____
10 Date business started or acquired (month, day, year) May 8 - 2003		11 Closing month of accounting year _____
12 First date wages or annuities were paid or will be paid (month, day, year). Note: If applicant is a withholding agent, enter date income will first be paid to nonresident alien. (month, day, year) _____		
13 Highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to have any employees during the period, enter "0." 0		Agricultural _____ Household _____ Other 0
14 Check one box that best describes the principal activity of your business. <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Rental & leasing <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & warehousing <input type="checkbox"/> Health care & social assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale-agent/broker <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Finance & insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation & food service <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale-other <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ATV Club		
15 Indicate principal line of merchandise sold; specific construction work done; products produced; or services provided.		
16a Has the applicant ever applied for an employer identification number for this or any other business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Note: If "Yes," please complete lines 16b and 16c.		
16b If you checked "Yes" on line 16a, give applicant's legal name and trade name shown on prior application if different from line 1 or 2 above. Legal name ▶ _____ Trade name ▶ _____		
16c Approximate date when, and city and state where, the application was filed. Enter previous employer identification number if known. Approximate date when filed (mo., day, year) _____ City and state where filed _____ Previous EIN _____		
Third Party Designee	Complete this section only if you want to authorize the named individual to receive the entity's EIN and answer questions about the completion of this form.	
	Designee's name Linda Haines Address and ZIP code 190 Park St. Phillips Me 04966	Designee's telephone number (include area code) () Designee's fax number (include area code) ()
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.		
Name and title (type or print clearly) ▶ Linda Haines Club President		Applicant's telephone number (include area code) (207) 639-3188 Applicant's fax number (include area code) ()
Signature ▶ Linda Haines		Date ▶ May 12-03

Filing Fee:
\$35.00

Make check payable to:
Secretary of State

Please file by
April 1, 2024

STATE OF MAINE
2024 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ON FILE AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Pursuant to 13-B MRSA §1301.2, the information on the
report must be current as of the date signed.

Filing by April 1, 2024 will allow
us to provide better service. The
legal filing deadline is still June
1, 2024. A \$25 late filing fee will
be assessed if the report is late.

Charter Number:
20040139ND

Jurisdiction:
ME

NARROW GAUGE RIDERS ATV CLUB
KATHERINE M. ABBOTT, REGISTERED AGENT
PO BOX J
PHILLIPS, ME 04966 US

Principal Home Office Address:

250
250 SALEM RD
PHILLIPS, ME 04966 US

1. A brief statement of the character of the business in which the nonprofit corporation is actually engaged in the State of
Maine; if none, so indicate: (13-B MRSA §1301.1.D)

THIS IS A NON-PROFIT ATV CLUB WITH OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND MEMBERS.

2. Name and physical address of the President, Treasurer and Secretary or Clerk (or equivalent title). (13-B MRSA §1301.1.C)

Pres:	<u>RYAN BACHELDER</u> Type or Print Name	<u>PRESIDENT</u> President or Equivalent	<u>962 RANGELEY RD, AVON, ME 04966</u> Physical Street Address (City, State, Zip - Not PO Box)
Treas:	<u>SARA SPEAR</u> Type or Print Name	<u>TREASURER</u> Treasurer or Equivalent	<u>250 SALEM RD, PHILLIPS, ME 04966</u> Physical Street Address (City, State, Zip - Not PO Box)
Sec or Clerk:	<u>JOANNE BACHELDER</u> Type or Print Name	<u>SECRETARY</u> Secretary, Clerk or Equivalent	<u>962 RANGELEY RD, AVON, ME 04966</u> Physical Street Address (City, State, Zip - Not PO Box)

3. Must provide 3 to 3 Directors:
(13-B MRSA §1301.1.C & §702.1)

Street address of each (not P.O. Box):
(physical location (not P.O.Box) - street, town/city, zip)

<u>TERRY HAINES</u> Type or Print Name	<u>29 MT BLUE RD, AVON, ME 04966</u> Physical Street Address (City, State, Zip - Not PO Box)
<u>DENNIS RICHARDS</u> Type or Print Name	<u>SAWYER ST, PHILLIPS, ME 04966</u> Physical Street Address (City, State, Zip - Not PO Box)
<u>MELINDA BICKFORD</u> Type or Print Name	<u>172 ARCHER RD, CHESTERVILLE, ME 04938</u> Physical Street Address (City, Street, Zip - Not PO Box)

Dated: 03/20/2024

SARA SPEAR
(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

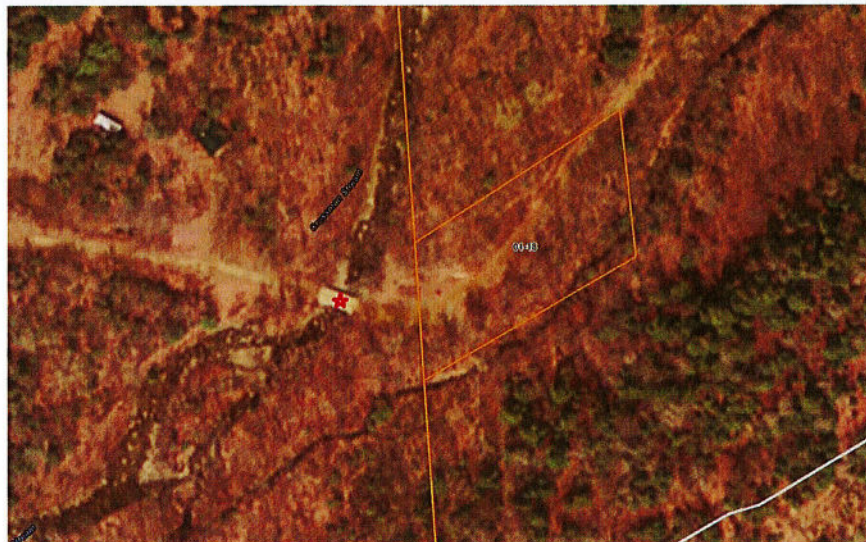
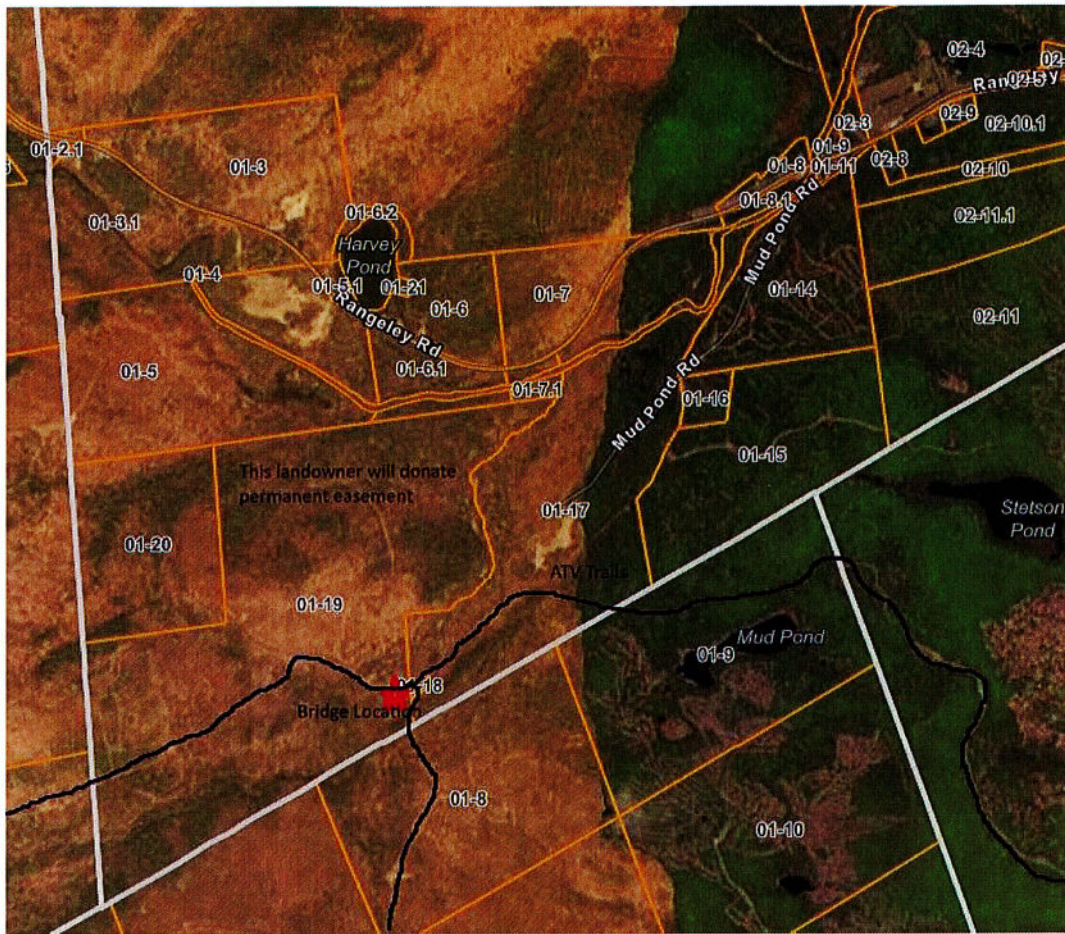
TREASURER
(CAPACITY/TITLE)

(Execution - 13-B MRSA §1301.3. Penalty for untrue or omitted material facts - 13-B MRSA §1303)

SUBMIT TO: Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101
For questions, please contact 207-624-7752 or e-mail cec.corporations@maine.gov

**Maps and Photos of Crossman Stream Bridge Replacement
TIF Grant 2025 - Narrow Gauge Riders Phillips**





TIF Project Scoring Summary - June 11, 2025

<u>Project</u>	<u>Scorer</u>	<u>Match%</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>comments</u>
Madrid Historical Society <i>Pavillion</i> <i>Community Hub,</i> <i>Trail connector</i>	GP	50%	50,000	50,000	65		Support from Sargent Family Foundation and community hours and materials
	VB				65		A Community Connector
	SW				65		
	BG				65		
	RF				65	65	
UMEM (Salem Economic Ministry) <i>Reducing heating load and</i> <i>providing discounted fuel.</i>		0.087%	50,000	50,000			\$572,000 total budget.
	GP				65		The committee got WMCA and UMEM
	VB				65		to sign MOU to Wx homes and
	SW				65		establish a firewood production
	BG				65		process to reduce fuel costs
Greater Franklin ECD <i>marketing, infrastructure,</i> <i>Employment training, housing,</i> <i>Childcare, economic developer</i>	RF				65	65	for targeted residents.
		31%	141,000	141,000			Benefits all UTs within the county as well as
	GP				65		businesses in the organized towns.
	VB				65		ROI is times 376! (\$53M:\$141,000)
	SW				65		
Rangeley Childcare <i>providing a critical service</i> <i>for the entire region while</i> <i>nurturing and educating infants.</i> <i>Allowing parents to reenter the</i> <i>workforce.</i>	BG				65		
	RF				65	65	
		0.075	70,000	70,000			Serving entire region, including UT parents ar
	GP				60		workforce
	VB				60		
Narrow Gauge Riders (ATV) <i>bridge over Crossman Stream</i>	SW				60		
	BG				60		
	RF				60	60	
		50%	35,000				Recommended pending:
	GP				60		proof of state grant, Landowner
	VB				50		permission and signed.

BG
RF

34 Snowmobile Club was approached but did not

Totals 346,000 311,000

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