

REALTORS® Foundation 2023 Competitive Grant Program

In May 2023, the Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation awarded \$80,000 through its 2023 Competitive Grant Program to eleven organizations to address a variety of housing needs across Maine.

The following organizations each received a \$10,000 grant:

- **MidCoast Habitat for Humanity** will use their funds to expand the operation of their Diversion Program and provide financial assistance to Hancock County individuals and families at risk of homelessness before they enter the shelter system.
- **Community Care** will use their funds to provide security deposits, first months' rent, and rental assistance to 20 youths experiencing homelessness.
- **Rural Community Action Ministry** will use their funds to support their homeless prevention activities including providing financial counseling and housing repairs/modifications for 75-100 people.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor** will use their funds to support building a new home in Penobscot County.
- **Through These Doors** will use their funds to support some of their operating costs (electric, water, storm water, natural gas, telephone, fire, cleaning) for a shelter expansion for survivors of domestic violence.

The following organizations each received a \$5,000 grant:

- **CHiP, Inc.** will use their funds to provide heating assistance to income-eligible households
- **A House for ME** will use their funds to support the offset of rent and utilities expenses for 3 residents.
- **Safe Voices** will use their funds to cover a portion of housing navigator expenses and also provide utility and security deposit assistance for 30-40 families.
- **Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine** will use their funds to support their Home Repair Program, which includes purchasing materials and covering job site costs for 4-6 families.
- **Mission at the Eastward** will use their funds to support their purchase of building supplies to make home repairs for very low-income families.
- **New Beginnings** will use their funds to support providing rent assistance and covering management staff costs associated with helping homeless youth navigate/transition from homelessness to stable housing.

Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.49 million in Competitive Program Grants to address affordable housing needs.