

## REALTORS® Foundation 2024 Competitive Grant Program

In June 2024, the Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation awarded \$140,000 through its 2024 Competitive Grant Program to sixteen organizations to address a variety of housing needs across Maine.

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

- **Bangor Area Homeless Shelter** (Bangor) to assist with shelter operations to address the growing issue of homelessness.
- **Boothbay Region Housing Trust** (West Boothbay Harbor) to insulate the workforce homes being built in the area.
- **Caring Unlimited** (Sanford) to expand emergency domestic violence shelter capacity and provide emergency assistance to help clients avoid homelessness.
- **Community Care** (Bangor) to provide rental assistance for youth experiencing homelessness to secure both temporary and permanent housing.
- **Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers** (Bath) for materials and job site costs for critical home repairs for income-eligible homeowners.
- **H.O.M.E., Inc.** (Orland) to renovate an apartment to expand transitional housing available at the Sister Barbara Hance House.
- **Homeworthy (formerly Knox County Homeless Coalition)** (Rockland) for the final construction phase of Talbot Avenue community housing development providing affordable housing for families.
- **Mission at the Eastward** (Farmington) to purchase building tools and materials to conduct critical home repairs for low-income individuals and families.
- **New Beginnings** (Lewiston) to maintain safe, suitable 24-hour emergency shelter for low-income youth experiencing homelessness.
- **Preble Street** (Portland) to support Teen Housing Services, helping youth experiencing homelessness find safety and stability.
- **Rural Community Action Ministry** (Leeds) to provide support services for low-income rural families: Homeless prevention, Housing First priorities.
- **The Northern Lighthouse** (Presque Isle) to provide emergency shelter and transitional living program services to homeless youths ages 10-21.

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

- **Community Housing Improvement Project (CHiP)** (Newcastle) for materials to repair homes and roofs as part of their home repair program.
- **Deborah Lincoln House** (Belfast) to upgrade the heating system to include heat pumps for residents' rooms.
- **Safe Voices** (Auburn) to assist with paying initial security and utility deposits for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking and sexual exploitation to transition to stable housing.
- **The Opportunity Alliance** (South Portland) to provide rent and security deposits to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through its Cumberland County Homeless Prevention program.

*Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.6 million in Competitive Program Grants to address affordable housing needs.*