



Awarded Projects - Maine

Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: BANGOR YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Bangor YMCA has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to support the construction of a new \$57.8 million facility. The project will double childcare capacity, expand health services, and provide free mental health and workforce programs for teens. It aims to improve regional health outcomes, support working families, and revitalize downtown Bangor.

Location of Project: ME - Penobscot

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$4,373,278.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Caribou Utilities District has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to construct a second water main crossing the Aroostook River, eliminating a single point of failure in the city's water system. This project will ensure reliable service, improve fire protection, and support regional interconnection with the Loring Commerce Centre. It enhances infrastructure resilience and supports economic development in northern Maine.

Location of Project: ME - Aroostook

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,555,745.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: Center for Entrepreneurial Studies

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies in Farmington, Maine has been awarded \$499,869.76 to expand its Changemaker program, which provides youth with career training in agriculture, retail, and entrepreneurship. The project includes micro-credentials, mentorship, and business incubation to prepare high school students for employment or self-employment. It supports workforce development and economic opportunity for rural youth.

Location of Project: ME - Franklin

Grant Amount: \$499,869.76

Total Project Amount: \$624,869.76

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: EASTERN MAINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: Northern Light Health has been awarded \$100,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study for a regional clinical training simulation center in Bangor or Brewer, Maine. The study will assess the viability, location, and economic impact of expanding simulation-based healthcare training for local providers, students, and emergency personnel. This project supports workforce development and healthcare infrastructure in underserved rural areas.

Location of Project: ME - Penobscot

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$164,568.22

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: FRIENDS OF VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: Friends of Veterans Memorial Library has been awarded \$606,691.00 to construct a new 8,400-square-foot library and community center in Patten, Maine. The facility will serve 12 rural towns with broadband access, workforce training, and public programming. This project supports infrastructure, education, and rural revitalization.

Location of Project: ME - Penobscot

Grant Amount: \$606,691.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,376,208.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: Hancock County Planning Commission

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Hancock County Planning Commission has been awarded \$35,162.00 to conduct a feasibility study to improve public transportation access and infrastructure in Hancock County, Maine. The project will include community outreach, transit gap analysis, and architectural plans for ADA-compliant bus stops using local wood products. This initiative supports workforce transportation, rural mobility, and infrastructure planning.

Location of Project: ME - Hancock

Grant Amount: \$35,162.00

Total Project Amount: \$52,821.66

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Maine Development Foundation has been awarded \$500,000.00 to launch a three-year pilot program supporting economic revitalization in communities impacted by biomass mill closures. The initiative will provide technical assistance, community assessments, and direct investments to four rural towns, helping them diversify their economies and improve service delivery. This project aligns with NBRC priorities by addressing workforce development, business growth, and long-term resilience in distressed areas.

Location of Project: ME - Aroostook; ME - Franklin; ME - Oxford; ME - Penobscot; ME - Piscataquis; ME - Somerset; ME - Waldo; ME - Washington

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$651,449.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: Monmouth Water Association

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Monmouth Water Association has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to extend public water service to North Monmouth, where private wells are contaminated with PFAS. The project includes installing 14,700 feet of water main, service connections, and a new storage tank to ensure safe drinking water and fire protection. This infrastructure upgrade will protect public health and support future development in the area.

Location of Project: ME - Kennebec

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$10,154,999.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: Outdoor Sport Institute

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Outdoor Sport Institute has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to complete three trail systems in the Katahdin Region of Maine, supporting the area's growing outdoor recreation economy. The project will create seasonal and full-time jobs, attract private investment, and enhance tourism infrastructure. It builds on extensive planning and community engagement to position the region as a premier trail destination.

Location of Project: ME - Aroostook

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,276,480.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Fall 2025

Organization: TOWN OF JONESPORT

Congressional District: ME-2

Project Summary: The Town of Jonesport has been awarded \$799,615.00 to construct a commercial working waterfront facility at Henry Point, including a boat launch, parking, and floating docks. The project will support 250 fishers and 20–50 marine businesses, enhancing economic resilience and access to deep water. This initiative supports infrastructure, fisheries, and rural economic development.

Location of Project: ME - Washington

Grant Amount: \$799,615.00

Total Project Amount: \$999,520.00

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Program: Timber for Transit Program Fall 2025

Organization: Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Congressional District: VT-

Project Summary: The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has been awarded \$1,940,715.00 to lead a multistate demonstration of nanocellulose-enhanced concrete in transportation infrastructure. The project will construct eight pilot installations across the Northern Border region, showcasing the environmental and economic benefits of using timber-derived materials. It aims to catalyze commercialization of nanocellulose, support regional forestry jobs, and reduce the carbon footprint of infrastructure projects.

Location of Project: ME - Penobscot; NH - Coös; NY - Essex; NY - St. Lawrence; VT - Rutland

Grant Amount: \$1,940,715.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,499,535.00

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