

Partnership Funding Options

Maine Downtown Center (MDF) – Anne Ball- Senior Program Director, Sylvie Piquet – Program Director

- MDF does not fund grants on its own. They are a leveraging partner when applying for grants.
- Annual Membership (D-F is already an affiliate)
 - Membership includes: educational opportunities, free or discounted opportunities
 - Connect members from different regions, sectors and public and private entities to address common challenges and opportunities.
 - Cultivate creative partnerships
 - Leadership Development programs provide training and learning opportunities and technical assistance.
 - Goal session review every three years
- Previous experience with D-F: Columns under Center Theatre 2020, registered as a historic district (makes D-F eligible for historic tax credits)

Bureau of Parks and Lands – Speaker Doug Beck – Outdoor Recreation Supervisor

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund – \$2.5M/year - \$500,000 Grant cap**
 - Established in 1964 to assist federal, state, and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities.
 - Funding for recreational activities as long as it's on public lands. It must be accessible to the public. Does not fund indoor recreation.
 - Reimbursement grant, with 50:50 match.
 - Grant timeline 18-24 months from application to project kickoff. Site inspection of previously funded projects would need to be done before application.
- **Recreation Trails Program - \$1.4M/year**
 - Funded through Federal Highway
 - Can use an easement or use permit, do not have to own the land
 - 80:20 match, and can be paired with LWCF funds

Both are reimbursement grants. Atlantic Salmon Federation and The Nature Conservancy can assist with upfront funds if they are project partners.

NOAA Habitat Restoration Center – Matt Bernier – Professional Engineer and Habitat Resource Specialist

- Grant officer for the D-F Dam Feasibility Study
- Maine is one of the last Atlantic Salmon Refuges in the Nation
- Multiple fish passage funding opportunities
 - 3 more rounds of funding expected
 - \$400M funding opportunities for fish passage
- Funding Priorities: large technically challenging projects, protection of endangered species, improving climate resilience by reducing flooding and improving public safety