Kennebec County Digital Equity Stipend 2024
A program of GrowSmart Maine, with funding from the
Maine Connectivity Authority

Please read through the entire application before you begin.
Online application is available.

A. Criteria

This stipend program provides funds to libraries, tribal organizations, and nonprofit organizations in Kennebec County. The funds support programs that increase digital literacy, provide device access, and promote online safety.

Stipends can be used:

- To pay salaries or stipends for additional staff time needed to administer or present digital equity programs or help people one-on-one.
- To purchase devices for public use such as laptops, tablets, ebooks, loanable hotspots, large screen TVs for group classes, or other IT needs (e.g. commercial grade router).
- For furniture or other equipment needed to outfit a remote workspace.
- For public outreach and communications to advertise training/help sessions.
- Other training specific to the target population. For example, navigating government benefit websites or online employment sites.

The project must focus on at least one of the following covered populations:

- Low-income (< 150% FPL)
- Seniors (> 60)
- Rural residents
- Persons with disabilities
- Members of a racial or ethnic minority group
- Veterans
- Individuals with a language barrier, including those who are English learners or have low literacy levels
- Incarcerated individuals

B. Application or apply online:

1. In a few sentences, please describe the amount requested (up to a maximum of $5,000), how the funds will be used, the goal(s) you are working toward, and your timeline for using the funds.

2. Targeted populations for this project or program (check all that apply):
☐ Low Income (< 150% FPL)
☐ Seniors (> 60)
☐ Rural residents
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C. Summary Report Requirements

A summary of your project (completed or ongoing), results, and data submission is required by **December 13, 2024**. No more than a page or two is required.

Due to the origins of funding for these stipends, **data collection is required** and included in your Summary Report. Please copy and paste [this link](#) (or the URL below) into your browser to see the types of data we are looking for your program or project to collect:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K63kzG-6yQgmmMf3LO-lhU_adRGYMG_jWB0HRJgTUXk/edit#gid=0

☐ Please check this box if you agree to collect data in exchange for these funds.

D. Submission Process

Rolling applications will be accepted until September 30, 2024, or until funds are expended. Projects approved for funding after that date will receive checks in early January 2025.

Please mail a Word or PDF application to Hildie Lipson, hlipson@growsmartmaine.org. Or apply online using this [Google Form](#).

Please provide the address and contact information, including where to mail the check:

- Organization:
- Organization mailing address:
- Contact Person and title:
- Contact Person email address:
- Contact Person Phone:
- Executive Director (or Board Chair, if no ED):
- ED or Board Chair email address:

- ED or Board Chair Phone:
- Mailing Address where the check should be mailed:

Authorized Signature and Position:

Date: