



EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

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Request for Proposals

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For immediate release
May 21, 2020

The Maine Grain Alliance (MGA) is seeking applications to award up to \$2000 grants as part of its newly established Emergency Relief Fund. The fund supports business owners that purchase, grow or process locally sourced grains with unexpected expenses relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and aids in costs associated with reopening businesses. These costs may include payroll expenses, acquiring of supplies (including personal protective equipment), transitions to online sales, curbside or delivery of products, and other unexpected costs.

Northeast business owners and entrepreneurs demonstrating financial need are welcome to apply. The MGA is especially interested in assisting participants, presenters, panelists, work-study students, vendors, members and scholarship recipients of the Kneading Conference and Maine Artisan Bread Fair.

The MGA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. After our first round of awarding grants, we were fortunate to have received more funds for this outstanding opportunity. This emergency relief fund program is made possible by the generous support of the Bill and Joan Alfond Foundation, Maine Grains, the Elimina B. Sewall Foundation, Redington Fairview General Hospital, Slow Money Maine, the Lisa Stern Memorial Scholarship Fund, Maine Farmland Trust, as well as contributions from the Maine Grain Alliance Board of Directors, and friends of the organization.

Please email completed proposals to:
tristan@mainegrainalliance.com

Application Deadline: June 5, 2020 5:00 pm
Awards Announcement: June 12, 2020

Your Application should not exceed 2 pages in length. Please include information on the following:

- **Brief Business Overview**
- **Requested Amount**
- **Describe your situation. How has the pandemic affected your daily operations?**
- **How will you use the funds?**
- **How do you use local grains or support your regional grain economy?**
- **How many staff do you employ and how many are at risk?**