

MAINE GRAIN ALLIANCE

Preserving and promoting grain traditions

Request for Proposals

Maine Grain Alliance
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Technical Assistance Grant Program

For immediate release
February 1, 2016

The Maine Grain Alliance seeks applications to award mini-grants of \$250 - \$1,000 to fund need-based technical assistance (TA) and equipment that will help grain-based business owners secure economic opportunities in Maine. \$12,000 is available in this round of grants.

Examples of technical assistance might include, but are not limited to: hiring someone to help with business planning, hiring a consultant, advisor or expert, marketing/logo/brand development, website creation, attending a course or mentoring opportunity, hiring an architect, engineer, mechanical specialist, buying a needed piece of machinery or getting legal support. Please specify one area of technical assistance for which you are seeking grant support.

Grain-based business owners and entrepreneurs demonstrating financial need are welcome to apply. The Maine Grain Alliance is especially interested in assisting participants, presenters, panelists, work-study students, and scholarship recipients of the Kneading Conference which has been held annually in Skowhegan since 2007.

For more information about the Maine Grain Alliance and its other programs, please visit www.maine Grain Alliance.com The Maine Grain Alliance is a 501c3 non-profit organization. This technical assistance grant program is made possible by the Quimby Family Foundation and the Allagash Community Grant Program.

Please email completed proposals to: amber@mainegrainalliance.com

Application Deadline: February 26th 5:00 pm

Awards Announcement: late March

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

Brief Business Overview

Brief description of TA/Equipment need

Identified TA provider, scope of work and timeline

TA provider hourly rate

Total cost of TA (if a grant from MGA will not cover the full cost of the TA, please indicate how the balance of the cost will be covered)