



## 2025 Survey of Maine Nonprofit-Government Funding Preparation Worksheet

We suggest gathering the following information before beginning the survey.

Please note that the survey uses skip logic, and *you will skip over most questions that are not relevant to you*

The deadline to complete the survey is 5:00PM on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

### General Information

- ☐ Organization Name (*confidential*)
- ☐ County of headquarters (*choose from multi-select list*)
- ☐ Counties you serve (*choose from multi-select list*)
- ☐ Population you serve (*open-ended*)
- ☐ Year founded (*open ended*)
- ☐ # full-time employees and # part-time employees (*enter numbers*)
- ☐ Annual operating expenses for last completed fiscal year (*Round/estimate as needed*)
- ☐ Whether your funding from or contract with government agencies (*yes/no - answer yes if ANY of the following are true.*)
  - Your organization holds a **direct grant or contract** with a government agency (*federal, state, county, or local*);
  - Your organization is a **subrecipient of a government-funded contract or grant** (e.g., passed through another nonprofit or university, or passed through from the federal government to Maine state government); or
  - Your organization **receives government funds through a fiscal sponsor** who holds the grant or contract.

If you answer YES, you will go to the next section to input details. If you select No, you will be skipped to a later section of the survey and asked to share more about why you have not pursued/receive government grants/contracts to help us understand the barriers.

### Details of Your Grant/Contracting Experience

- ☐ # government grants/contracts in the last completed fiscal year. *Note: federal funding passed through a state entity should be reported in the federal section.*

State	Federal

- ☐ Which state government departments/agencies have funded your work. (*choose from multi-select list*)
- ☐ Which federal government departments/agencies have funded your work. (*choose from multi-select list*)
- ☐ How frequently you have experienced **cost & payment challenges** with state and federal contracts, such as:  
(Scale: *Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Very Often, Always*)

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	State	Federal
Contracts/agreements do not pay living wages for staff		
Contract/agreement rates do not rise with cost increases overtime		
Contract/agreement rates do not cover adequate administrative/indirect costs		
Requirement for matching funds		
Challenging to finance projects on a reimbursement model (in contrast to upfront payments)		
Short-term contracts/agreements make planning and staffing difficult		
State does not consistently honor negotiated contract rates		
Burdensome insurance requirements		

- ☐ How frequently you have experienced **administrative and compliance challenges** with state and federal contracts, such as:

(Scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Very Often, Always)

	State	Federal
Difficult or duplicative application procedures or timelines		
Difficult or duplicative auditing requirements		
Lack of consistency in required information between departments/agencies		
Different departments/agencies require the same information		
Overly complicated or restrictive budgeting or invoicing requirements		
Burdensome reporting requirements		
Mid-project changes to contracts/grants by government agencies		

- ☐ How frequently you have experienced **transparency and consistency challenges** with state and federal contracts, such as:

(Scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Very Often, Always)

	State	Federal
Failure to disclose the use of federal funds in RFP/RFA		
Lack of transparency in the procurement process		
Lack of communication from contract management staff		
Duplicative applications across level of government		
Inconsistent or inaccurate RFP/RFA scoring		

- ☐ How frequently you have experienced **timeliness challenges** with state and federal contracts, such as:

(Scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Very Often, Always)

	State	Federal
Late delivery of contract/agreement		
Late payments (beyond contract specifications)		
Extended contract negotiations		

- ☐ Examples/insights of challenges and positive experiences with state and federal contracting practices.  
(open-ended, optional)

- ☐ How much of your budget is made up of state and/or federal contracts (\$ or %, estimate as needed)

State	Federal

## Federal Executive Actions

- ☐ Has your organization experienced delays, reductions, or cancellations in funding due to federal executive actions made in 2025? *(yes/no)*
  - *If yes, stage of contracting process at which this occurred. (multi-select list)*
  - *If yes, amount of funding permanently cancelled or remaining frozen/inaccessible (number)*
  - *If yes, (Optional, open-ended) Please tell us more about how your government funding was permanently cancelled or remains frozen or otherwise inaccessible due to federal executive action after services had already begun. This might include details about the level of funding your organization was anticipating, how much you have spent, how much you are waiting to be reimbursed, how much you will have to fundraise to complete the project, etc.*
- ☐ Impacts experienced due to executive actions *(multi-select list)*
  - *(Optional, open-ended, if indicate programs/services have been delayed/cancelled) Please tell us more about programs and services that have been delayed or canceled by these federal executive actions. What are the direct impacts of reduced services on recipients or communities? Which of your recipients or communities are most impacted?*
- ☐ Concerns, if any, about current federal executive actions *(multi-select list)*
- ☐ Please share insights about the impacts of the recent federal executive actions on your work and the people and communities you serve. *(Optional, open-ended)*
- ☐ What resources or support would be most useful to help your organization navigate federal executive actions? *(Optional, open-ended)*

## Questions About the Survey?

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