



Problem Gambling Prevention for Maine Funding Opportunity

Overview

With support from Maine CDC, and funds from Maine's Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund, ADEPT Educational Institute of Maine is seeking proposals for mini grants to improve community level strategies advancing problem gambling awareness, prevention and recovery. Proposals may request up to \$5,000 for projects to be completed March 1 – August 31, 2026.

A total of \$30,000 will be awarded to serve Mainers.

Additionally, grant recipients will be eligible for training and technical assistance from ADEPT Educational Institute of Maine staff at no cost.

Scope

Eligible projects may feature a varying scope, but should be in alignment with your organizational mission, vision, and values.

Examples of qualifying projects could be, but are not limited to:

- Sharing information about the harms of problem gambling and available resources in Maine at a local health fair, or civic event. A request for funds could pay for registration costs, printed materials, etc.
- Capacity building by having staff attend a training, conference, or event to enhance problem gambling awareness in your organization.
- Increasing the scope of an existing community coalition strategy to also address problem gambling.



- Promoting recovery supports in your community, or screening for problem gambling issues within existing recovery communities.

Please be prepared to cite the need for your project through the use of data, if available. Applicants may find the following sources helpful but are also free to draw from outside sources.

- [2025 Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey](#)
The Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) is a biennial survey of Maine students in grades 5 through 12 that monitors health behaviors and attitudes regarding tobacco, alcohol, substance use, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and protective factors.
- [National Survey on Gambling Attitudes and Gambling Experiences 3.0](#)
The National Council on Problem Gambling has completed its third national survey on gambling attitudes, experiences and public opinion includes state-level data.

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities for the project include coalitions and prevention providers, 501(c)3 nonprofits, public health entities, and educational institutions serving communities (culturally specific, faith-based, geographic, etc.) in Maine. An eligible organization does not need a demonstrated history addressing problem gambling, but should have a history of working to reduce risk, and promote protective factors in your community.

Questions Period

Applicants are encouraged, though not required, to attend one of the Q&A sessions relating to this project. Each Q&A session will include an explanation



of the application process, a brief presentation on using CSAP prevention strategies to address problem gambling, and a chance to ask questions about eligible projects and expenses. Links to register may be found in the Key Dates section of this document.

Key Dates

RFP Announced	Tuesday, December 9 th at 9:00am
Q&A Session	Friday, December 12th at 10:00am
Q&A Session	Tuesday, December 17th at 2:00pm
Q&A Session	Monday, December 29th at 10:00am
Question Period Closes	Friday, January 9 th at 4:00pm
Application Deadline	Friday, January 30 th at 4:00pm
Notifications Made	Monday, February 16 th by 4:00pm
Recipient Webinar & Presentation	Monday, March 2 nd at 11:00am
Technical Assistance & Check-in	Monday, June 15 th at 11:00am
Outcomes Reported	Thursday, September 10 th by 4:00pm

Application Process

[Applicants are required to submit their proposal through SurveyMonkey, referencing the documents and resources provided here.](#) If you are unable to use SurveyMonkey, or need technical support completing the application please email problemgambling@adeptme.org.

Before beginning your application, it is suggested to have the following necessary pieces of information ready.

- Name and contact information for the person submitting the application, and the name and contact information for the point of contact if different.



- Organizational information such as name, address, website, and socials; as well as a brief description of the work you have done in the past may qualify you for these funds.
- A description of the work you would like to do if funded (provide any data to demonstrate the problem you'd like to address, or the population you'd like to serve)
- Any work you've done to address problem gambling harms in the past. It's okay if there aren't any.
- The capacity your organization possesses to complete this work, such as staff and their credentials.
- Any possible barriers you might face to complete this work.

Additionally, you will need to complete a simple budget template explaining how these funds will be used. This may be done by using broad categories, and written narrative. [A template has been provided on the website for this project.](#)

Each applicant must also include a completed W9. If you are unsure how to complete this please consult with your organization's fiscal officer. [A blank W9 may be found here.](#)



Scoring Rubric

Each request will be scored using the following rubric:

Measure	Points Possible
All attachments are submitted with the application.	1
A budget template with breakdown and narrative was included.	2
Completed W9 attached.	1
Contact information for applicant and organization is complete.	1
The application clearly defines the population or community that will be served, and the need this work will meet.	5
Proposed strategies are based in prevention science or best practices in the recovery community.	5
The application includes a SMART Goal, or other timeline for the work.	5
The application describes the intended outcome, and what data will be used to measure success	5