



## Healthy People Healthy Places *Keystone Focus Area*

*The health and well-being of people, animals, and the environment are inextricably linked. The Sewall Foundation seeks to support and make more visible these connections and support shifts from extractive, harmful ways of being to those in which all people, animals and environment thrive. Sewall's approach to systems change is informed by [Waters of System Change](#).*

**Available funding in 2024:** Up to \$368,000

**Special note on 2024 funding:** Because of the limited funding available this year, our grantmaking will be by invitation only. We will either invite new applications (for new work or for organizations that aren't current grantees) or make amendments to existing grants. If you have work that you would like to have considered for invitation, please contact Megan Shore [mshore@sewallfoundation.org](mailto:mshore@sewallfoundation.org) to discuss. Our general Focus Area approach remains unchanged and is outlined below.

### **General description of Focus Area**

The Keystone focus area seeks to connect and support policy, advocacy, accurate narratives, and field and movement building efforts that are contributing to a culture of interconnected well-being that will be reflected in narratives, structures, policies, and the ways in which organizations and communities operate.

Keystone work is viewed through a climate justice lens. This calls for racial justice, regenerative and inclusive economies, and humane ecosystems. It calls for Tribal Sovereignty. It calls for free and fair elections and equitable access to broadband and other essential infrastructure as a means of inclusion. Keystone work is further guided by the [Just Transition Principles](#) and focuses at the regional or statewide level.

Work in Keystone is supported through grants, capacity-building and technical assistance, convening, shared learning and impact investment.

### **Program Priorities**

Keystone Focus Area will support organizations and efforts that:

- Demonstrate a clear commitment to climate justice;
- Demonstrate a clear commitment to advance a culture in which the interconnectedness of human, environmental, and animal well-being are recognized;
- Work to create conditions necessary for a just, healthy, sustainable future; with a primary focus on policy, advocacy, [narrative change](#), and/or field and movement building efforts; **and**
- Work statewide or regionally (in Maine or New England, with clear impact in Maine)

Funding will be prioritized for applicants:

- Led by Black, Indigenous, People of Color, rural Mainers, and women;
- Working collaboratively across sectors; *and/or*
- Whose work will leverage and enhance public frameworks, funding, or collaborative efforts (e.g. [Maine Won't Wait](#); [Ending Hunger in Maine by 2030](#); [Working Communities Challenge](#); [Justice 40](#).) infusing a focus on climate justice

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