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## **Two Community Organizations to Receive \$30,000 Each Through Kennebec Savings Bank's Catalyst Grant Program**

*Grant program accepting applications through August 31*

Augusta, ME –Kennebec Savings Bank is accepting applications for the 2019 Catalyst Grant program, which will award \$30,000 each to two local nonprofits. The program is designed to benefit communities and organizations that seek to strengthen and broaden their ability to positively impact the communities they serve.

Created in 2016, Kennebec Savings Bank has awarded over \$100,000 to [seven organizations](#) through the Catalyst Grant Program. A committee comprised of ten Kennebec Savings Bank employees from different areas of the Bank will choose the organizations that will receive the grants through a competitive [application process](#).

“Being a part of the Catalyst Grant program has made me more aware of the needs of our community and the nonprofits that work to meet those needs,” said Vice President & Commercial Services Manager Katie Vickers. “Seeing deserving organizations turn their big ideas into reality through these funds is a truly rewarding experience.”

The Catalyst Grant program financially supports organizations looking to launch new initiatives which otherwise may not have been realized without initial funding. “Receiving this grant has made a major impact on our services by providing the funds to equip an up to date oral surgery room,” said Dr. Barbara Covey, 2018 Catalyst Grant recipient and chairperson of the board of Waterville Community Dental Center. “It has allowed us to expand on-site oral surgical services for our patients.”

The Catalyst Grant program is part of the Bank's Community Dividends program, which is slated to contribute nearly \$1 million in 2019 to local nonprofits and causes within the Bank's service areas.

“As a community bank, we are steadfast in our commitment to leveraging our success to benefit the people and places that make the Kennebec region a wonderful place to live and do business,” said Andrew Silsby, Kennebec Savings Bank's President and CEO. “The Catalyst Grant program is one way we can broaden our impact and directly involve our employees in our culture of giving.”



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Eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may submit an application through August 31. For more information on the Catalyst Grant program and [application process](#), visit [www.KennebecSavings.Bank/catalyst-grant](http://www.KennebecSavings.Bank/catalyst-grant).

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