

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY BUREAU OF PARKS & LANDS 22 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

PAUL R. LEPAGE GOVERNOR WALTER E. WHITCOMB COMMISSIONER

Dear Fellow Snowmobiler:

We are pleased to announce that the Capital Equipment Grant will be available to snowmobile clubs and municipalities for the 2018-2019 season. Grant awards are based on a scoring system and the percentage of reimbursement will be 40% this year. Carefully read the items below:

- Application must be fully completed and be received by the Bureau or postmarked on or before June 15th.
- The application review and score is based on the purchase of all the equipment stated in the application.
- The approved cost for a groomer has an upper limit of \$200,000. If the equipment costs more than \$200,000, the excess amount will be subtracted off the purchase price before any trade in, if applicable.
- Only <u>one piece of power equipment and <u>one</u> drag, per year, up to \$200,000.</u>
- Equipment wider than 10 feet is not eligible for the Capital Equipment Grant.
- Equipment older than 30 years is not eligible for the Capital Equipment Grant.
- Any money or value received for equipment that is traded in or sold will be deducted from purchase price and any other grants or funding for the new or used replacement equipment if that amount is not already reflected in the purchase agreement.
- It is strongly recommended that a complete description of why this particular piece of equipment is being purchased is included with the application. Applications that are not fully completed, will be disqualified.
- Purchases based on approved purchase orders must be completed by September 15th of the calendar year in which the purchase order was approved. Payouts will begin after the 15th deadline.
- Groomer operators must be certified postmarked by June 15th. The groomer operator training video is available online.

If you have any questions concerning the Capital Equipment Grant-In-Aid program, please do not hesitate to contact the Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Office at (207) 287-4957.

Sincerely,

Lana LaPlant-Ellis

Lana LaPlant-Ellis Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Office

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Capital Equipment Grant Package List

If you are missing any of the documents listed below, please log on to <u>www.parksandlands.com</u>. and select any online forms. You may also contact the Snowmobile Program to obtain copies at (207) 287-4957 or by emailing: joe.higgins@maine.gov.

- □ Announcement Letter
- □ Application postmarked by June 15, 2019 with price quote or purchase agreement
- □ Application Review and Scoring Sheet sample only
- □ Reimbursement Request (blue) postmarked by September 15, 2019
- Capital Equipment Grant Rules

Reminders to apply:

- Your club must be in good standing with the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions
- Clubs must have submitted a Club Information Form (also known as the officer update form) annually <u>after</u> officer elections/additionally anytime a change occurs during the year.
- Groomer operators must be certified postmarked by June 15, 2019. Snowmobile Trail Groomer: Operator Awareness Training DVD is available on request. Also, the video is available on YouTube.



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CAPITAL EQUIPMENT GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM

Application

Year to Snowmobile Club/Municipality Contact Person Phone Email Mailing Address Zip Total Trail Miles ITS Miles City 1a. Has this club participated in the Capital Equipment Grant before? Yes No If yes, what was the year of the clubs last approved grant? 1b. In the past 3 consecutive years, have you been denied a request for a **Capital Equipment Grant?** Yes No If yes, in what year(s)? 2a. How many pieces of power equipment /groomers did the club own and operate this last grooming season? How many drags? 2b. List all grooming equipment the club owns and operates? Was this unit purchased with CEG funds? Yes No Equipment Type Model Year Make Hours Miles (1)Yes No (2)Yes No (3) Yes No (4)Yes No Yes No (5) Yes No (6) 3. Will you be replacing any of this equipment? Yes No 3a. If yes, which one(s)? Please provide a description of the reasons why the club is replacing or adding to the fleet this piece(s) of equipment. (add more sheets as necessary)

4. How many total active groomer operators does the club have? How many active groomer operators are certified through DACF? PLEASE	PROVIDE	LIST		
5. How/where is the equipment stored during the summer? Underco Address of groomer(s) location:	over/garage		Outdoors	
6. Has this club provided the Maine Snowmobile Program with GPS data of all current trail locations?	Yes		No	
If yes, what year was this done?				
7. In the past 5 years on average, how many <u>days</u> does your club groom in a season?				
8. Describe the piece of equipment you seek to purchase (one power unit per Equipment Type	application):		
Make				
Year				
Serial Number				
НР				
Provide the hours/miles on any used equipment that you seek to purchase?				
Seller				
Purchase price (excluding sales tax)				
Purchase price: Minus trade in or grant funding:	Fina	l Pric	e:	
Why has the club decided on this piece of equipment?				
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Why do you think this is appropriate equipment for the club?				
9. Have you already purchased the new or used equipment?	Yes		No	
If yes, date of purchase?				
10. How much of the purchase was or will be financed?	\$		Years	

*Note: Any equipment wider than 10 feet or older than 30 years is **not** eligible for this grant program. Any money or value received for equipment that is traded in or sold will be deducted from purchase price and any other grants or funding for the new or used replacement equipment if that amount is not already reflected in the purchase agreement. Application must be complete. Any application not completed will be disqualified.

YOU MUST ATTACH A PRICE QUOTE or PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THIS APPLICATION By signing this application I am stating that the information provided is true and correct.

Date

Snowmobile Club Name or Municipality

Print Name and Title

Club President or Town Representative's Signature

Witness Signature

Contact Person's Signature

Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Capital Equipment Grant Review and Scoring Worksheet - 2019

	Applicant -			
	Reviewer			
TOTAL SCO	ORE :	0	Total score will self total	
Scoring Criteria	Value	Score	Comments / Notes	
1a Has your club participated in the CEG program before? If so, what was the mos recent year?	t			
Never 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 1 year ago or last year	12 10 8 6 4 2 0	Notes		
1b. In the past 3 consecutive years have you ever been denied a CEG?				
No Yes 1 time 2 times 3 or more times	0 2 4 6	Notes		
2a How many pieces of power equipment did you operate the last grooming sease	on?			
6 pieces or more 4-5 pieces 3 pieces 2 pieces 1 piece 0 pieces	0 2 4 6 8 10	Notes		
2b Not rated				
3 Are you applying to replace equipment? Replacing a machine/drag only Adding to fleet	5 0	Notes		
3a Power Equipment Owned:			Points area awarded based on the number of hours equipment has been used or the	
Groomer (Hours or Miles) Drag 4,000 or more hours/5,000 or more miles 5 years 3,000 to 3,999 hours/3,000 to 4,999 miles 4 years 2,000 to 2,999 hours/2,000 to 2,999 miles 3 years 1,000 to 1,999/1,000 to 1,999 miles 2 years 199 to 999 hours/799 to 999 miles 1 year	10 8 6 4 2	Notes		
4 How many of your active groomer operators are certified through DACF?			If this is 0, the club is disqualified by rule. They must have a certified groomer operator	
All operators certified Some None	5 3 0	Notes		

5	Where is your groomer stored?]
		Summer undercover Outside	10 0	Notes	
6	GPS Trail System				Has the club provided a GPS trail map of all of its current trail locations to the DACF?
		Yes No	15 0	Notes	
7	Days of grooming				In the past 5 years on average, how many days does your club groom in a season? The
		Greater than 78 days Greater than 64 days less than 77 days Greater than 50 days less than 63 days Greater than 36 days less than 49 days Greater than 22 days less than 35 days Less than 21 days	10 8 6 4 2 0	Notes	
8	Equipment		0 to 20	Notes	Has the club considered this piece to be the right equipment (size and capability) for trail
9	Already Purchased?				Equipment that has already been purchased results in lower points than those clubs with
		Purchased Not yet purchased	0 5	(1)	
10	Amount of the cost of equipment th	at is financed?			
		100% financed 75%-99% financed 50%-74% financed 25%-49% financed 0%-24% financed	0 2 4 6 8	Notes	

Additional comments if any:

-	STATE OF MAINE	
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Name of Snowmobile Club or Municipality		
Address		
City	Zip	р

Postmarked by September 15,

Title 12, M.R.S.A., Chapter 937, 13104-4 authorizes the Bureau's Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office to award grants to qualified snowmobile clubs or political subdivisions, to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail grooming contract with the Bureau, in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment to maintain snowmobile trails. The Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office may reimburse applicants for capital equipment purchases from the Snowmobile Program's special capital equipment allotment.

General Eligibility Requirements

The Program is available to any snowmobile club or any political subdivision, as conditioned below (here after "applicant" or "grantee").

To be eligible, the snowmobile club must be incorporated and registered with the Program. Registration requires providing the Bureau with a completed copy of the club's "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number" (IRS Form W-9) by December 1st to be eligible for Grants to be awarded during that winter season. The snowmobile club must also file an Snowmobile Club Information form with the Bureau each year. The snowmobile club must be legally incorporated with the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions and be in good standing.

Operators of capital grant supported equipment must successfully complete the Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office's "Maine Trail Groomer Operator Awareness Training" program prior to operating said equipment.

Amount of Grant and Application Process

To receive a Grant, the applicant must submit a complete application as supplied by the Bureau. In order to receive the maximum allowable grant or reimbursement, the application must be received by the Bureau or postmarked on or before June 15th of the fiscal year in which a purchase was made or a purchase order was secured with a vendor. Unless otherwise stated, a year means the State's fiscal year that begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. Applications postmarked after June 15th of the fiscal year in which the purchase was made or a purchase order was secured with a vendor will be denied.

		State Use Only		
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Number:		Approp. # 014-01A-8260-82-6401	Amount:	\$
	Approved By:			

A. Amount of Grant

- (1) The Bureau will reimburse 40% of the amount of the approved cost. Awards will be granted based on the results of the application review and scoring sheet. The first award will be given to the applicant that received the highest score. The second award will be given to the applicant with the next highest score. This process will continue by awarding grants to applicants with the next highest score until the amount of money available for reimbursement is depleted or when the Bureau determines in its best judgment that no further awards should be made. In the event of a tie in the scoring, applicants that received the same score will be treated the same to the greatest extent possible. Awards will continue to be based upon the percentage of reimbursement determined by the Bureau. An applicant may only submit one grant request per fiscal year. The disbursement of funds is always subject to the availability of sufficient moneys in the Fund for this purpose.
- (2) Equipment purchased under the program or equipment described in an approved purchase order must cost a minimum of \$1500 for a drag unit or \$3000 for a power unit. The approved cost for a groomer has an upper limit of \$200,000. Purchases based on approved purchase orders must be completed by September 15th of the calendar year in which the purchase order or purchase was approved. The Bureau will subtract the value of any previously sold equipment, trade-in and any other grants or funding received from the total cost before calculating the amount of the Grant.
- B. Application and Reimbursement Process
- (1) The Bureau's Off Road RecreationalVehicle Office administers the Program. All correspondence and applications forms must be submitted to:

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Bureau of Parks and Lands Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office Capital Equipment Grant Program SHS # 22 Augusta, ME 04333-0022

- (2) The applicant must complete and submit the following documents:
 - (a) Capital Equipment Grant Application form (supplied by Bureau);
 - (b) A purchase order or the receipt for the proposed purchase of the equipment with buyer's and seller's names; description of equipment; purchase price, date of purchase if sale is complete, and amount credited for a trade-in of grooming equipment; paid receipt for purchase order postmarked by September 15.
 - (c) A photograph of the equipment;
 - (d) The amount, if any, of any other grants or funding, or sale obtained from previously paid for grant equipment awarded for the purchase of the equipment.
- (3) The Snowmobile Advisory Council's Review Committee will score the grant applications. The Committee then will submit its scores to the Director of the Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office.
- (4) The Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office will review the scores, determine which applications will receive grants (based on the capital equipment allotment), calculate the appropriate grant amount and reimburse the approved grantees under the terms of the agreement.

Terms and Conditions of Application/Agreement

By applying for the Capital Equipment Grant, the applicant agrees to the following conditions:

- A. The applicant and any associated officer or elected official ensure, and will continue to ensure, that the equipment purchased is maintained in a safe condition, in good repair, stored at a protected site and used for the sole purpose of winter grooming of snowmobile trails that are open to the general public at no cost.
- B. Landowners and tenants who give permission to use the land have been notified the trails must be open at no cost to the general public for snowmobile use.
- C. The Bureau has the sole discretion to determine if expenditures are reasonable and prudent, and whether the grantee has complied with the terms of the agreement and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- D. The State shall have no responsibility for the use, maintenance, or fitness of the equipment. The applicant agrees not to assign, transfer, lease or encumber its rights or obligations under the agreement, without the Bureau's prior written consent. The applicant shall indemnify, defend, save and hold the State and its employees harmless from and against any claims, losses, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages or other obligations of any nature in any way arising out of the use, operation, maintenance, or repair of equipment.
- E. The State may inspect any facilities or equipment used in connection with the agreement at any time.
- F. Grantee must retain ownership and use the equipment for trail maintenance for periods covering six years for equipment valued at \$100,000 or more and four years for equipment valued under \$100,000 from the date on the purchase receipt. The grantee must notify the Bureau in writing within 30 days of any sale, trade, destruction or abandonment of equipment purchased under the grant program.
- G. If a grantee ceases to participate in one of the Bureau's Snowmobile Club or Municipal Trail Grant Programs, or the grantee's organization disbands without forming, or being absorbed into another participating organization, or the equipment is sold, traded, abandoned or destroyed, the grantee must reimburse the Bureau twenty-five percent of the grant for each year, or portion of a year, remaining in the grant period for equipment valued under \$100,000 and seventeen percent per year for equipment valued at \$100,000 or more. If the grantee otherwise violates the terms of the grant agreement, these rules or other applicable laws, the grantee shall repay the Bureau upon its demand the entire amount granted together with interest thereon at 6% per annum. No new grants will be issued until the grantee repays the grant amount as required by this paragraph.
- H. If a piece of equipment is replaced within the grant period, the new replacement is not eligible for a grant. However, reimbursement provisions under section G applies to the replacement equipment until the original four or six year grant period expires.
- I. All Grant recipients will purchase and maintain insurance to cover the value of the equipment from loss by fire during the grant period.

Be sure to return all pages of this document.

Please complete the following information:

Equipment 1 (Power Equipment/Drag)		
Type machine:	Date of purchase:	
Make:	Model number:	
Year:	Serial number:	
Price:		
Equipment 2 (Power Equipment/Drag)		
Type machine:	Date of purchase:	
Make:	Model number:	
Year:	Serial number:	
Price:		
		State Use Only
		Suite Use Only
Equipment 1 – Purchase Price	S	Suite Ose Only
Equipment 1 – Purchase Price Equipment 2 – Purchase Price	\$ \$	
	\$ \$ \$	
Equipment 2 – Purchase Price	\$	
Equipment 2 – Purchase Price Less Trade In	\$ \$	

Be sure to enclose copies of receipts or sales agreements and photographs of all equipment. Retain all supporting materials for these expenditures to permit us to substantiate, should it become necessary.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the costs reported on this form are true and accurate expenditures incurred by this organization and are in compliance with the terms of the Capital Equipment Reimbursement Grant-In-Aid Program.

Date	Name of Organization (Club/Municipality)		
Club President / Project Director Signature	Trailmaster /Town Official Signature		
President / Project Director	Witness Signature		

Telephone Numbers

01 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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Chapter 9: RULES FOR SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT GRANT IN AID PROGRAM

SECTION 1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Title 12, M.R.S.A., Chapter 937, 13104-4 authorizes the Bureau's Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office to award grants to qualified snowmobile clubs or political subdivisions to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail-grooming contract with the Bureau in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment to maintain snowmobile trails. The purpose of this rule is to establish the Bureau's Snowmobile Capital Equipment Grant in Aid Program ("Program") and its associated Capital Equipment Fund ("Fund"), identify the application and scoring process for qualified snowmobile clubs or political subdivisions seeking Capital Equipment Grants ("Grants"), and to define the terms and the conditions of these Grants.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. General Eligibility Requirements

The Program is available to any political subdivision or a snowmobile club, as conditioned below. (Hereafter "applicant" or "grantee").

To be eligible, a snowmobile club must be incorporated and registered with the Program. Registration requires providing the Bureau with a completed copy of the club's "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number" (IRS Form W-9) by December 1st to be eligible for Grants to be awarded during that winter season. The snowmobile club must also file a Snowmobile Club Information form with the Bureau each year. The club must be legally incorporated with the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions and in good standing.

Operators of capital grant supported equipment must successfully complete the Off-Road Vehicle Division's "Maine Trail Groomer Operator Awareness Training" program prior to operating said equipment.

2. Amount of Grant and Application Process

To receive a Grant, the applicant must submit a complete application, as supplied by the Bureau. In order to receive the maximum allowable grant or reimbursement, the application must be received by the Bureau or postmarked on or before June 15th of the fiscal year in which a purchase was made or the applicant entered into a purchase order with a vendor. For the purposes of these rules, unless otherwise stated, a year means the State's fiscal year that begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. Applications postmarked after June 15th of the fiscal year in which the purchase was made or the applicant entered into a purchase order with a vendor.

A. Amount of Grant

- (1) The Bureau will, on an annual basis, determine the reimbursement percentage. Awards will be granted based on the results of the application review and scoring sheet. The first award will be given to the applicant that received the highest score. The second award will be given to the applicant with the next highest score. This process will continue by awarding grants to applicants with the next highest score until the amount of money available for reimbursement is depleted or when the Bureau determines in its best judgment that no further awards should be made. In the event of a tie in the scoring, applicants that received the same score will be treated the same to the greatest extent possible. A wards will continue to be based upon the percentage of reimbursement determined by the Bureau. An applicant may only submit one grant request per fiscal year. The disbursement of funds is always subject to the availability of sufficient moneys in the Fund for this purpose.
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B. Application and Reimbursement Process

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- (2) The applicant must complete and submit the following documents:
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 - (c) A photograph of the equipment;

- (d) The amount, if any, of any other grants or funding, or sale obtained from previously paid for grant equipment awarded for the purchase of the equipment.
- (3) The Snowmobile Advisory Council's Review Committee will review applications for grants. The Committee then will submit its recommendation of award or denial to the Director of the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office, and reimburse the grantee using the procedure set for in Section 2(2)(A)(l).

SECTION 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION/AGREEMENT

- 1. By applying for the Capital Equipment Grant, the applicant agrees to the following conditions:
 - A. The applicant and any associated officer or elected official ensure, and will continue to ensure, that the equipment purchased is maintained in a safe condition, in good repair, stored at a protected site and used for the sole purpose of winter grooming of snowmobile trails that are open to the general public at no cost.
 - B. Landowners and tenants who give permission to use the land have been notified the trails must be open at no cost to the general public for snowmobile use.
 - C. The Bureau has the sole discretion to determine if expenditures are reasonable and prudent, and whether the grantee has complied with the terms of the agreement and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
 - D. The State shall have no responsibility for the use, maintenance, or fitness of the equipment. The applicant agrees not to assign, transfer, lease or encumber its rights or obligations under the agreement, without the Bureau's prior written consent. The applicant shall indemnify, defend, save and hold the State and its employees harmless from and against any claims, losses, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages or other obligations of any nature in any way arising out of the use, operation, maintenance, or repair of equipment.
 - E. The State may inspect any facilities or equipment used in connection with the agreement at any time.
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- I. All Grant recipients will purchase and maintain insurance to cover the value of the equipment from loss by fire during the grant period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 12, M.R.S.A. Chapter 937, §13104-4

EFFECTIVE DATE:

October 30, 2002

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