



## **Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund**

### **Project Rating Criteria**

MaineDOT and State partners will review and award funding for projects that align with the goals of the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund.

Projects will be reviewed by an interagency group using a competitive process which will result in a prioritized list of projects for funding. The qualitative scoring process will identify whether projects fully align, primarily align, partially align, or do not align with the goals of the program.

#### **Fully Aligned**

A project that is considered fully aligned will meet all program and funding goals as described in the Request for Applications (RFA) and will clearly identify and document the damage from climate change to the existing infrastructure and directly respond to future climate conditions utilizing the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund Resiliency Guidelines.

#### **Primarily Aligned**

A project that is considered primarily aligned will meet most of the program and funding goals as described in the Request for Applications (RFA) and will identify and document the damage from climate change or future damage to the infrastructure and respond to future climate conditions utilizing the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund Resiliency Guidelines.

#### **Partially Aligned**

A project that is considered partially aligned will meet some of the program and funding goals as described in the Request for Applications (RFA) and may identify and document damage from climate change or future damage to the infrastructure and attempts to respond to future climate conditions utilizing the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund Resiliency Guidelines.

#### **Not Aligned**

A project that is considered not aligned will fail to meet the program and funding goals as described in the Request for Applications (RFA) and does not identify and document damage from climate change or future damage to the

infrastructure or does not directly respond to future climate conditions utilizing the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund Resiliency Guidelines.

Projects will be rated on the following program goals:

### **Project Information**

A project should clearly identify and describe the location of the existing project, existing conditions, and need for the proposed improvements. The project should demonstrate readiness and provide a clear schedule.

### **Infrastructure Resiliency**

A project should demonstrate existing or anticipated impacts from climate change, such as sea level rise or increased precipitation impacts to the infrastructure, and how the proposed resiliency efforts respond to future climate conditions. A successful project will document a history of flooding or past infrastructure failure or be at risk of failure due to condition or ability to be resilient to climate stressors. Infrastructure should be sized to mitigate hazards that may be caused or exacerbated by future climate conditions. See the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund Resiliency Guidelines for more information.

### **Property Description**

A project should clearly demonstrate that the existing infrastructure is publicly or tribally owned and provides access to support the conduct of commercial fishing, aquaculture, or other commercial marine activities.

### **Community Benefits**

A project should demonstrate a significant and compelling community benefit, as well as capture broader co-benefits such as improved public access, mitigation of possible pollution/negative impacts to water quality, etc. This may be shown by describing the types of activities that occur on the property, including whether uses are year-round or seasonal. Consideration will be given to the numbers of commercial fishermen, aquaculturists, other commercial marine users, and vessels that use the property, and their reliance on the facility.

### **Budget**

A successful project will provide a feasible and realistic budget.