



affordable housing, and a wide variety of other programs and services to assist with the source(s) of food insecurity in our communities.

While this region makes up almost half of the state's land mass (47%), it is only home to 22% of the state's population, making it extremely rural with an average population of 30 people per square mile and a low of 4.4 people per square mile in Piscataquis County. Increased volunteer engagement practices by organizations providing transportation resources will increase access for many people to healthcare, social services and supports, and social opportunities throughout Eastern Maine.

It is known that Maine is the oldest state in the nation, with 19% of the population over 65 years old, and expected to continue climbing to 28% by 2030. By working with senior-focused organizations, we currently partner with (Eastern Area Agency on Aging, University of Maine's Center on Aging and others) we can develop volunteer programs to support seniors to age in place and retain their independence longer, increasing quality of life and maintain the multigenerational fabric of our communities.

**Identified partners:**

- list partners identified by peer reviewers and task force reviewers

Eastern Area Agency on Aging, University of Maine's Center on Aging

Members of the Volunteer Coordinator's Network play an important role (ranging from Eastern Maine Healthcare, Penquis, Downeast Community Partners to the Brewer Food Pantry). Service Enterprise cohorts also play an important role.

**SCORING DETAIL**

**I. Summary of Reviewer Consensus Scores**

Sections	Consensus Assessment	Consensus Score
<b>Organization Qualifications and Experience (25%)</b>		
Current volunteer management practices	Strong	11
Management of Planned effort	Strong	14
<b>Program Design &amp; 18-month Work Plan (50%)</b>		
Focus Area(s) and Need	Strong	10
Current Effort	Strong	10
Planned Effort	Strong	10
Implementation - Work Plan	Strong	20
<b>Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25%)</b>		
Cost Effectiveness	Strong	12.5
Budget Adequacy	Adequate	8.375
<b>Reviewer Consensus TOTAL:</b>		<b>95.875 of 100 possible</b>

**Reviewer Recommendation:** Fund at Requested Level, following corrections

**Final Recommendation of Excellence and Expertise Task Force:**