

STEP Financial Assistance Awards

Are you a Maine-based small business?

Have you been in business at least 1 year?

Are you seeking new international sales?

If you answered “yes” to the three questions above, keep reading to learn how a **STEP Financial Assistance Award** could be part of a winning strategy for export growth.

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- Eligibility
- Application Process
- Funding Categories & Eligible Expenses
- Application Review
- Reimbursement Requirements & Timeline

STEP Financial Assistance Awards may be used to support activities for **International Business Development** (International Market Entry) or **Export Skills Development** (Capacity Building).

Awards are reimbursements, which means that **you must cover 100% of activity costs up front**. There is a 25% match required from your company, and the reimbursement payment covers 75% of eligible activity costs.

Applications Open: November 16, 2026

Project Activity Period: Dec. 15, 2026 – Aug. 30, 2027

Award Amounts: \$3,000 – \$8,000



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