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IGNITE PRESQUE ISLE RECEIVES MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT

Presque Isle, ME, May 26, 2021 — Ignite Presque Isle received Maine Community Foundation's Community Building grant for \$10,000 towards its co-workspace. The grant funds will be used towards Wi-Fi upgrades, new access controls, and technology for a new co-workspace and business center in The Northeastland Hotel that is owned and operated by Ignite Presque Isle.

"The Aroostook County Committee was happy to support Ignite Presque Isle and all the great work nonprofits are doing to strengthen Maine communities. This Community Building grant was made from the Aroostook County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation." Erica McCrum - Foundation Officer for Aroostook County for the Maine Community Foundation

"The grant marks the beginning of transforming our lobby area in The Northeastland for Ignite PI's vision of supporting entrepreneurship in the City," said Jan Lucas, Community Manager of Ignite PI. "Not only will this be a benefit to our members, but it will provide a one-of-a-kind experience for business travelers staying in The Hotel."

Ignite PI is working with local contractors, a design firm, and the City of Presque Isle to implement the new co-workspace. A lot of work and planning is on-going, and the goal is to open the co-workspace in the fall of 2021." Director of Community Innovation Clint Deschene stated, "In the short-term we are working with some individuals and businesses for membership in our co-workspace. But the larger plan is to have a grand opening in the fall for everyone to come and see the co-workspace and services."

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Ignite PI (IGNITE PI) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization registered with the State of Maine. Federal accreditation is pending and is expected in mid-2021. Ignite PI owns and operates The Northeastland Hotel consistent with the history and tradition and it is the future location of premier co-workspace and a business center. Ignite PI envisions itself as the compliment to all organizations dedicated to make the City of Presque Isle succeed. It is the goal of Ignite PI to use fundraising revenues, donations, membership fees, and grant proceeds to build the structure of an economic development agency that prioritizes the City of Presque Isle. Ignite PI is a place for aspiring entrepreneurs to work and network as they establish a new business to create a synergy that will be contagious in the City.

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