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## News Release

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### **Presque Isle Historical Society and NMCC partner to offer “Grant Writing Basics” workshop**

*Presque Isle* - Northern Maine Community College and the Presque Isle Historical Society are partnering to offer a “Grant Writing Basics” workshop to be presented in the Edmunds Conference Center on the NMCC campus in Presque Isle on Friday, October 29, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon.

The workshop will cover such topics as what to do in advance of the writing process, the writing process itself and what information should be included in a grant proposal, the evaluation process, the grant budget, sources for grant searches, what to do once you get the grant, what to do if you don’t get the grant, and more.

“In today’s economy, good grant writing skills can be essential in the non-profit arena,” said Kimberly Smith, MSB, workshop presenter. “Non-profit organizations can extend their programs and services through acquisition of grant funding. With competition tougher than ever before, solid grant writing skills can make the difference in obtaining those funds. Participants will be guided through the grant-writing process with examples and tips for success.”

According to Smith, grantors have seen losses of as much as 30% of their assets and approximately 62% of grant-makers have cut back on grants made. Many grantors have also narrowed their focus to serve only the most basic of community’s needs. All of this is problematic when grant applications have almost doubled.

Smith is an experienced grant writer and grant-maker, having served as the executive director of several non-profit organizations. In addition, she has served as a consultant for non-profits in Maine, New York, and Illinois.

Smith is currently an adjunct instructor for the graduate program at Husson University, teaching Law and Ethics for the Non-Profit, and is the resource developer for the Aroostook County Action Program. She has presented on various non-profit topics at the Virginia State Conference of the Virginia Events Association and at the Augusta County Community Forum in Virginia.

The cost of the workshop, including hand-outs, is \$20 per person. Advance reservations are required. The workshop fee should be sent to the Presque Isle Historical Society at PO Box 285, Presque Isle, ME 04769. For more information, please contact the Historical Society by e-mail at [pihistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pihistoricalsociety@hotmail.com) or by voice mail at (207) 762-1151.

Immediately following the workshop, NMCC and the Presque Isle Historical Society are inviting participants to join in a networking lunch that will provide representatives of the various non-profit organizations in attendance the opportunity to continue the workshop discussion and share other information. The luncheon will be held in the Keegan Room of the Reed Dining Commons at the College. Cost for the meal will be an additional \$6 payable at the door.

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