

LD 1844 An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

The following text replaces the original text for LD 1844.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4766 is enacted to read:

§4766. Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program

1. Program established. The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority.

2. Purpose. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to homeless program providers for the construction, renovation, or acquisition of a new or existing building to house the homeless programs.

3. Recipient criteria. A recipient of a grant under the program must:

A. Agree to provide emergency housing in accordance with the Maine State Housing Authority's Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program (ESHAP)

B. Provide 24/7 emergency housing and housing navigation in the building constructed, renovated, or acquired with the grant, and

C. Match the grant on a one-to-one ratio with funds from a source other than state funding.

4. Request for proposals; amount of grant. The Maine State Housing Authority shall provide grants on an annual basis and issue a request for proposals to award grants under the program no later than January 1st of the year in which a grant will be issued. The RFP rules shall be developed by the Housing Authority and include a maximum of \$500,000 per recipient.

5. Fund. The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund, referred to in this subsection as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority to fund grants under the program. The fund may receive money from appropriations, allocations, donations, and other sources, public and private. The fund is interest-bearing, and interest earned by the fund is credited to the fund. Funds in the fund do not lapse but carry over to the next fiscal year.

6. Rules. The Maine State Housing Authority may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in 21 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Request for proposals. No later than January 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall issue a request for proposals for grants under the Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4766, for the 2024 grant year under the program.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program N430

Initiative: Establishes ongoing base allocations to allow for the expenditure of funds if money is received from donations and other public or private sources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program N430

Initiative: Provides ongoing appropriations for grants to homeless service providers to construct, renovate or acquire new or existing buildings to house the homeless services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$5,000,500</u>	<u>\$5,000,500</u>

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program to issue grants to homeless program providers to construct, renovate or acquire new or existing buildings to house the homeless services, including emergency housing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and housing navigation in the building. Recipients must match the grants on a one-to-one basis from a source other than state funding. The bill also includes an appropriations and allocations section.