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 COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
 Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Joe Baldacci, Senate Chair *JMB*
 Representative Suzanne Salisbury, House Chair *SSB*
 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

DATE: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Recommendations

We are writing to provide the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government regarding the initiatives under the committee's policy jurisdiction included in the Governor's Biennial Budget Bill (LD 210). The following items were reviewed in a joint public hearing on February 28, 2025 and the Committee held four work sessions to review and discuss these initiatives on March 3, March 5, March 10 and March 12.

The Committee voted on the following recommendations on Monday, March 10, 2025. Members who were unable to attend all or part of the work session were provided the opportunity to submit absent votes in accordance with the deadline established by the Chairs. The total number of members voting either in favor or in opposition to moving the following initiatives or language parts into the budget is noted below; each member's individual vote can be found on the OFPR Worksheet attached.¹

The State and Local Government Committee would like to make the following recommendations:

Initiative: Administration - Human Resources 0038 (Ref. #: 51)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

¹ Not all members of the Committee recorded a vote on each initiative or language part.

Initiative: Administration - Human Resources 0038 (Ref. #: 52)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Administration - Human Resources 0038 (Ref. #: 53)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Administration - Human Resources 0038 (Ref. #: 54)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302 (Ref. #: 240)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302 (Ref. #: 241)

- **Recommendation:** The Committee received a memo from Commissioner Figueroa noting that this was included for the Committee's review in error. The Committee members voting on this initiative **voted unanimously 11 - 0 to move this initiative out of the budget** per the Commissioner's request.

Initiative: Budget - Bureau of the 0055 (Ref. #: 57)

- **Recommendation: 10 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **1 member voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Budget - Bureau of the 0055 (Ref. #: 58)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 85)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 86)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 87)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 88)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 89)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 90)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 91)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 92)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080 (Ref. #: 93)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883 (Ref. #: 175)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883 (Ref. #: 176)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059 (Ref. #: 76)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Central Administrative Applications Z234 (Ref. #: 213)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Central Administrative Applications Z234 (Ref. #: 214)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Central Fleet Management 0703 (Ref. #: 147)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Central Fleet Management 0703 (Ref. #: 148)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Central Fleet Management 0703 (Ref. #: 149)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893 (Ref. #: 184)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition. This vote includes the associated Language Parts J-3 and J-4.

Initiative: Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893 (Ref. #: 185)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition. This vote includes the associated Language Parts J-1 and J-2.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 153)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 154)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 155)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 156)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 157)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 158)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713 (Ref. #: 159)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 104)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 105)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 106)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 107)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 108)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 109)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 110)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 111)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 112)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 113)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 114)

- **Recommendation: 6 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **5 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Information Services 0155 (Ref. #: 117)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Lead by Example Z426 (Ref. #: 250)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition. Commissioner Figueroa provided the Committee with a memo that included the following associated language parts to accompany the Committee's consideration of this initiative. This vote includes the associated language part provided.

PART ?

Sec. ?-1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§20-B is enacted to read:

20-A. Renewable Energy Credits. To purchase, retire, and sell Renewable Energy Credits. Proceeds must first be applied to achieve the State's obligation to supply electricity used in State owned buildings by 100% renewable energy. If the State generates more Renewable Energy Credits than needed to achieve 100% renewable energy for State buildings, the Credits may be sold and placed in a "Lead by Example" Other Special Revenue Account established in section 1742-H.

Mechanisms for Renewable Energy Credit sales and purchases, administration of sale proceeds, the allocation/distribution of State and federal credits and reimbursements, including IRS Elective Pay reimbursements, and administration of the Other Special Revenue account, must be established by the Bureau of General Services by routine technical rulemaking.

Sec. D-1. 5 MRSA §1742-H is enacted to read:

§1742-H. Bureau of General Services; Lead by Example program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in 35-A MRSA §3210 (2)(B-2).
- B. "Program" means the Lead by Example program created under subsection 2.

2. The Lead by Example program is established to focus on statewide energy data, strategic energy purchases and development of renewable energy and building efficiency projects, and serve as a competitive, revolving grant program for State agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations, and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

3. Assistance and funding. The program shall receive direct reimbursements, including under the IRS Elective Pay reimbursement program established under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Funds must be placed in the same Other Special Revenue Account.

Initiative: Lead by Example Z426 (Ref. #: 251)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition. Commissioner Figueroa provided the Committee with a memo that included the following associated language parts to accompany the Committee's consideration of this initiative. This vote includes the associated language part provided.

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Sec. ?-1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§20-B is enacted to read:

20-A. Renewable Energy Credits. To purchase, retire, and sell Renewable Energy Credits. Proceeds must first be applied to achieve the State's obligation to supply electricity used in State owned buildings by 100% renewable energy. If the State generates more Renewable Energy Credits than needed to achieve 100% renewable energy for State buildings, the Credits may be sold and placed in a "Lead by Example" Other Special Revenue Account established in section 1742-H.

Mechanisms for Renewable Energy Credit sales and purchases, administration of sale proceeds, the allocation/distribution of State and federal credits and reimbursements, including IRS Elective Pay reimbursements, and administration of the Other Special Revenue account, must be established by the Bureau of General Services by routine technical rulemaking.

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§1742-H. Bureau of General Services; Lead by Example program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in 35-A MRSA §3210 (2)(B-2).

B. "Program" means the Lead by Example program created under subsection 2.

2. The Lead by Example program is established to focus on statewide energy data, strategic energy purchases and development of renewable energy and building efficiency projects, and serve as a competitive, revolving grant program for State agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations, and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

3. Assistance and funding. The program shall receive direct reimbursements, including under the IRS Elective Pay reimbursement program established under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Funds must be placed in the same Other Special Revenue Account.

Initiative: Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718
(Ref. #: 163)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718
(Ref. #: 164)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057 (Ref. #: 71)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Purchases - Division of 0007 (Ref. #: 21)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Purchases - Division of 0007 (Ref. #: 22)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Purchases - Division of 0007 (Ref. #: 23)

- **Recommendation:** 7 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 4 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Purchases - Division of 0007 (Ref. #: 24)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Purchases - Division of 0007 (Ref. #: 25)

- **Recommendation:** The Committee received a memo from Commissioner Figueroa noting that this was included for the Committee's review in error. The Committee members voting on this initiative **voted unanimously 11 - 0 to move this initiative out of the budget** per the Commissioner's request.

Initiative: Risk Management - Claims 0008 (Ref. #: 31)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Risk Management - Claims 0008 (Ref. #: 32)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: State Controller - Office of the 0056 (Ref. #: 63)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: State Controller - Office of the 0056 (Ref. #: 64)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: State Controller - Office of the 0056 (Ref. #: 65)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: State Controller - Office of the 0056 (Ref. #: 66)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 5 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: State Controller - Office of the 0056 (Ref. #: 67)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802 (Ref. #: 168)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802 (Ref. #: 169)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Audit Bureau 0067 (Ref. #: 640)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Audit Bureau 0067 (Ref. #: 641)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Audit Bureau 0067 (Ref. #: 642)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Unorganized Territory 0075 (Ref. #: 646)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165 (Ref. #: 1403)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165 (Ref. #: 1404)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Blaine House 0072 (Ref. #: 1393)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Blaine House 0072 (Ref. #: 1394)

- **Recommendation: 9 members of the Committee voted in favor** of including the initiative in the biennial budget and **2 members voted in opposition.**

Initiative: Blaine House 0072 (Ref. #: 1395)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1452)

- **Recommendation:** 9 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 2 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1453)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1454)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1456)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1459)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1460)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1462)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1463)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1465)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135 (Ref. #: 1467)

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Initiative: Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319 (Ref. #: 3090)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319 (Ref. #: 3091)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319 (Ref. #: 3092)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Administration - Archives 0050 (Ref. #: 3106)

- **Recommendation:** The Committee members voting on this initiative voted unanimously 9 - 0 in favor of including this initiative in the biennial budget.

Initiative: Administration - Archives 0050 (Ref. #: 3107)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Administration - Archives 0050 (Ref. #: 3108)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Initiative: Administration - Treasury 0022 (Ref. #: 3171)

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including the initiative in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Language Part K: Sec. K-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization.

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including this language part in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Language Part L: Sec. L -1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization.

- **Recommendation:** The Committee members voting on this initiative voted unanimously 9 - 0 in favor of including this language part in the biennial budget.

Language Part M: Sec. ??-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization.

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including this language part in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Language Part N: Sec. N-1, N-2, N-3, N-4.

- **Recommendation:** 6 members of the Committee voted in favor of including this language part in the biennial budget and 3 members voted in opposition.

Language Part BBBB: Sec. BBBB-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services-Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund. N

- **Recommendation:** 8 members of the Committee voted in favor of including this language part in the biennial budget and 1 member voted in opposition.

Item for Consideration

Concerns Regarding Creation of New Positions

Members voting in opposition to initiatives that include the creation of new position cite concerns around creating new positions in a tight budget situation. Those voting in opposition cited their greatest concern as filling the positions that are currently vacant rather than creating new positions.

Optional Invitation for Recommendation

Initiative: Transfer of the Community Resilience Partnership program to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. (Ref. #'s #: 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478 and associated Language Part D).

The State and Local Government Committee was invited to weigh in on the transfer of the Community Resilience Partnership program to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The Committee was provided with initiatives **Ref. #: 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478** and the **associated Language Part D** in the OFPR Worksheet for consideration.

A motion to provide a vote of approval on the transfer of the Community Resilience Partnership program to the Maine Office of Community Affairs and the associated Language Part D was made.

- **Recommendation: 8 members of the Committee voted in favor** of the motion of approval and **1 member voted in opposition.**

Attached is the OFPR Worksheet indicating the Committee's votes on these initiatives. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with the budget items described above.

Enc. (1)

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 52 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$7,436	\$9,848
	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$7,436	\$9,848
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Provides funding for the marketing and advertising of State of Maine job recruitment.

Ref. #: 53 Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	\$12,000	\$12,000
		\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the marketing and advertising of State of Maine job recruitment. Recruitment and hiring in the public sector continues to present challenges at a national level. According to a 2024 report by NeoGov, applications are down 9.5% overall since 2019, and 50% of agencies surveyed agencies cannot find enough qualified candidates to fill their roles. As part of a multifaceted approach to recruitment and retention, the Talent Management Division is requesting allotment to create a marketing campaign for state careers to raise the visibility and awareness of state careers, the variety of opportunities offered, and highlight the benefits of working in Maine state government that will appeal to job seekers.

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position in the Human Resources account.

Ref. #: 54 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$9,370	\$15,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$9,370</u>	<u>\$15,220</u>

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

Justification:

Provides funding for the approved employee initiated reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position.

**ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES 0038
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000	28.000	28.000
Personal Services	\$3,336,560	\$3,491,809	\$4,023,059	\$4,244,468
All Other	\$403,330	\$403,330	\$423,995	\$426,407
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,739,890</u>	<u>\$3,895,139</u>	<u>\$4,447,054</u>	<u>\$4,670,875</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$7,451,175	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$7,451,175	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

Justification:

Provides funding for ARP auditing and program management established after passage of the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 Staff Accountant positions, and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial & Personnel Service Fund on January 1, 2027.

Ref. #: 240 Committee Vote: **IN: 6 - 5** AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		4.000	0.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$367,545	\$193,169
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL		\$367,545	\$193,169

Justification:

This initiative continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 staff accountant positions, and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial & Personnel Service Fund on January 1, 2027.

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position, continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Bureau of Purchases General Fund on January 1, 2027.

Ref. #: 241 Committee Vote: **OUT: 11 - 0** AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	OUT: Senators Baldacci, Martin, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1.000	0.000

Personal Services	\$177,775	\$93,395
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$177,775	\$93,395

Justification:

This initiative Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position, continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Bureau of Purchases General Fund on January 1, 2027.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AUDIT, CONTROLLER AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT Z302
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	5.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$545,320	\$286,564
All Other	\$7,451,175	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$7,451,175	\$1,000	\$546,320	\$287,564

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,514,873	\$1,566,870	\$1,765,475	\$1,847,809
All Other	\$109,583	\$110,083	\$110,083	\$110,083
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,624,456	\$1,676,953	\$1,875,558	\$1,957,892

Justification:

The purpose of the Bureau of the Budget is to provide central budget and position planning and control in support of gubernatorial objectives and legislative intent. This purpose represents a balanced approach for carrying out the initiatives of the Executive Department within the limits of legislative oversight to achieve the most effective outcomes within available budget resources. The Bureau has four primary responsibilities which include the following: budget planning and control, revenue forecasting, position planning and control, organizational and management systems analysis. Biennial budgets are analyzed, planned, controlled and submitted to the Legislature for appropriation or allocation by three line categories: Personal Services, All Other and Capital Expenditures. Approved budgets are controlled on a fiscal year basis by quarterly allotments in accordance with the line category appropriation or allocation with allotment revisions by budget order or financial order. Expenditure and revenue forecasting is carried out through the State Budget Officer and as a result of analysis from budget staff. The position control unit is responsible for reviewing and implementing all position actions for all of State Government. Positions are controlled according to legislatively authorized head count , appropriations and allocations and limitations on the use of salary savings during a fiscal year.

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 57 Committee Vote: IN: 10 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$6,962	\$6,962
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$6,962	\$6,962

OUT: Senator Martin

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 58

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$202	\$1,544
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$202</u>	<u>\$1,544</u>

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

**BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,514,873	\$1,566,870	\$1,765,475	\$1,847,809
All Other	\$109,583	\$110,083	\$117,247	\$118,589
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,624,456</u>	<u>\$1,676,953</u>	<u>\$1,882,722</u>	<u>\$1,966,398</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000	90.000	90.000
Personal Services	\$6,497,100	\$6,768,467	\$7,705,104	\$8,096,677
All Other	\$8,168,650	\$8,868,650	\$8,168,650	\$8,168,650
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,665,750	\$15,637,117	\$15,873,754	\$16,265,327
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$996,277
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$996,277
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$342,323	\$360,418	\$372,385	\$400,687
All Other	\$30,085,877	\$30,076,711	\$30,076,711	\$30,076,711
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$30,428,200	\$30,437,129	\$30,449,096	\$30,477,398

Justification:

The Buildings and Grounds Program provides operations, maintenance, and repair of all State owned facilities in the Augusta area; the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations building and associated grounds in Hallowell; and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy buildings and grounds in Vassalboro (approximately 50 locations totaling 1.6 million SF). This includes day to day operations, preventative maintenance and repair, and response to service calls for all electrical systems, heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems, plumbing, paint and carpentry, grounds work and custodial services, which includes administration of the solid waste disposal contract and the recycling contract. Additionally, the Program provides oversight and management of the integrated pest management program; the fire alarm systems; elevator maintenance, inspection and certification; and the key control program for all State owned facilities in the Augusta area. the Buildings and Grounds Program's Building Control Center (BCC) has statewide responsibility for installation, maintenance, repairs, and monitoring of building security systems for all facilities housing State of Maine employees. The Program employs the personnel and/or administers the contracts for execution of above services, and manages the budget to support all facility needs. Energy consumption and systems/equipment operation is monitored so as to make the best decisions for expenditure of funds. All costs for maintenance, repair and utilities usage are accounted for by facility to allow for better, more effective long term planning.

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 85

Committee Vote:

IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding for annual roof inspections and chillers on three buildings.

Ref. #: 90	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		\$52,000	\$52,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives		<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$52,000</u>
	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell			

Justification:

Provides funding for annual roof inspections and chillers on three buildings.

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Ref. #: 91	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin,		<u>\$7,000,000</u>	<u>\$7,000,000</u>
	Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell			

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Establishes one Space Management Specialist position to assist with the increased workload associated with Title 5, section 1742-G, which requires property owners of buildings leased to the State of Maine to inventory their building to identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health and to implement the Governor's executive order requiring the division to develop Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Portfolio Manager scores into the development of leases.

Ref. #: 92	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____
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**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000	91.000	91.000
Personal Services	\$6,497,100	\$6,768,467	\$7,788,370	\$8,185,906
All Other	\$8,168,650	\$8,868,650	\$8,286,205	\$8,296,425
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,665,750	\$15,637,117	\$16,074,575	\$16,482,331
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$1,000,753	\$1,002,868
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$996,277	\$996,277	\$1,000,753	\$1,002,868
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$342,323	\$360,418	\$469,640	\$505,467
All Other	\$30,085,877	\$30,076,711	\$37,214,753	\$37,230,519
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$30,428,200	\$30,437,129	\$37,684,393	\$37,735,986

Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$310,587
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$310,587

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000
Capital Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,645,000	\$2,645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000

Justification:

The purpose of the fund is to maintain control and accountability over the receipt and expenditure of funds earmarked for major capital improvements, repairs, and renovation of state government owned facilities to include the cost of planning for these projects.

Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 175

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$39	\$39
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$39	\$39

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883

Initiative: Provides funding necessary to implement 5 MRSA ° 1742-G which requires the Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned buildings, identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health and associated remediation plans.

Ref. #: 176

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin,
Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack

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OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives
Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

Justification:

This initiative provides funding necessary to implement 5 MRSA§ 1742-G which requires the Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned buildings, identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health and associated remediation plans.

**BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES - CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND 0883
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$810,626	\$810,626
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,587	\$310,587	\$810,626	\$810,626

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000
Capital Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,645,000	\$2,645,000	\$645,000	\$645,000

Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$301,836
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$301,836

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359

Justification:

The Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements Account is used to maintain and upgrade various buildings and systems within State of Maine facilities. The capital improvements and repair program concentrates its efforts on conditions of high priority to meet codes, accessibility issues, and other life/safety issues.

Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 76

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$2,047	\$2,047
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$2,047	\$2,047

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION/REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS - ADMINISTRATION 0059

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$303,883	\$303,883
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,836	\$301,836	\$303,883	\$303,883
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359	\$948,359

Justification:

Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager I position previously continued by Financial Order 03595 F5 in fiscal year 2024-25 to oversee Central Applications personal service programs and reduces All Other to fund the position. This position was originally established in financial order 003137 F4 in fiscal year 2023-24. This position is responsible for directing and overseeing statewide personal services programs, providing assistance and guidance on the transition to the new Human Resources/Payroll Management System (HRMS), and directing and overseeing the payroll division in the manager's absence. All Other will be reduced to fund this position.

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS Z234
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$24,837,097	\$24,837,597	\$24,687,116	\$24,683,240
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$24,837,097	\$24,837,597	\$24,687,116	\$24,683,240

All Other	\$2,224	\$6,127
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	\$2,224	\$6,127

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Ref. #: 149	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26 2026-27
All Other		\$3,605,179 \$3,605,179
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$3,605,179 \$3,605,179

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources in the Central Fleet Management Internal Service Fund Account. The increased costs are due to the overall rising cost of operating and maintaining the states automotive fleet and will be fully reimbursed by corresponding agencies.

**CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT 0703
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,380,051	\$1,428,213	\$1,568,743	\$1,662,009
All Other	\$8,454,202	\$8,444,202	\$12,029,695	\$12,032,998
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	\$9,834,253	\$9,872,415	\$13,598,438	\$13,695,007

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$70,616	\$74,256	\$77,525
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262	\$98,262	\$98,262
Capital Expenditures	\$1,734,808	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,833,070	\$168,878	\$172,518	\$175,787

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	32.000	32.000	32.000	32.000
Personal Services	\$2,627,740	\$2,704,220	\$2,993,600	\$3,161,084
All Other	\$1,572,220	\$1,572,220	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,960	\$4,276,440	\$4,535,820	\$4,703,304

Justification:

Central Services is responsible for managing central services in the areas of Postal Services and Surplus Property. State Postal Center provides a wide range of mail services for State agencies, including interoffice mail. Mail is collected, distributed and processed daily using the latest automated equipment. The Postal Center offers a variety of vendors (USPS, FED-X, UPS) giving customers multiple speed and cost options. The Postal Center presorts and bar codes mail which enables it to receive discounted rates from the United States Postal Service. Multiple means of inserting integrity is available, including full file audit processing. Surplus Property provides various mechanisms for the disposition of state surplus materials and equipment that are no longer needed by the state department that purchased them. This includes daily sales, property offered for bid, public sales and public auctions. In addition, federal surplus property is obtained for donation to qualifying state, public or non-profit organizations throughout Maine.

**CENTRAL SERVICES - PURCHASES 0004
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$70,616	\$74,256	\$77,525
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262	\$98,262	\$98,262
Capital Expenditures	\$1,734,808	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,833,070	\$168,878	\$172,518	\$175,787

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	32.000	32.000	32.000	32.000
Personal Services	\$2,627,740	\$2,704,220	\$2,993,600	\$3,161,084
All Other	\$1,572,220	\$1,572,220	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,960	\$4,276,440	\$4,535,820	\$4,703,304

Centralized Imaging Services Z372

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Justification:

The intent of this program is to conduct aerial imaging acquisition and processing and use light detection and ranging technology for state agency directed projects.

**CENTRALIZED IMAGING SERVICES Z372
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$24,955,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$24,955,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674

Justification:

Provides the means to assist Maine State Government in financing the construction and equipping of facilities by providing access to the tax-exempt bond market. This fund account pays the associated debt service costs for securities issued by this program.

Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893

Initiative: Provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of state facilities.

Ref. #: 184 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$0	\$2,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$0	\$2,000,000

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of state facilities. These funds are being borrowed to complete capital repairs and construction at the Department of Corrections facilities.

Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893

Initiative: Provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of state facilities

Ref. #: 185 Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 3 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$0	\$4,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Underwood, Tuell	\$0	\$4,500,000

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of state facilities. These funds are being borrowed to complete capital repairs and construction at the Department of Administration and Financial Services facilities.

**DEBT SERVICE - GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AUTHORITY 0893
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$24,955,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674	\$34,655,674
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$24,955,674	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674	\$34,655,674

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	282.500	282.500	282.000	282.000
Personal Services	\$27,431,808	\$28,195,746	\$30,956,352	\$32,900,402
All Other	\$1,900,566	\$1,893,381	\$1,893,381	\$1,893,381
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$29,332,374	\$30,089,127	\$32,849,733	\$34,793,783

Justification:

The primary mission of the Division of Financial and Personnel Services is to provide fiscal and human resources management services in support of Bureau and Departmental operations and programs. PL 2005 c.12 authorized the Commissioner to review the current organization structure of payroll, personnel and accounting units to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Originally, six service centers were created to provide personnel administration, employee relations, general administration and budget management to departments and agencies of state government. The Division furnishes all departments and bureaus with (a) consistent and uniform application of statewide budgetary policy; (b) application of generally accepted accounting and financial practices; the implementation and uniform application of collective bargaining agreements; c) human resources and payroll administration; and d) department billing services so that each line bureau within the Department may achieve it's desired program goals and objectives, and remain in compliance with all laws and available budgetary resources.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 Staff Accountant positions, and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial & Personnel Service Fund on January 1, 2027.

Ref. #: 153

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.000	4.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$0	\$200,579
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL		\$0	\$200,579

Justification:

This initiative continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 staff accountant positions, and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial & Personnel

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position, one Accounting Analyst position, one Accounting Support Technician position, and one Accounting Support Specialist position in the Security and Employment Service Center.

Ref. #: 154	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		4.000	4.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin,	\$391,109	\$420,253
All Other	Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$19,200	\$19,200
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$410,309</u>	<u>\$439,453</u>

Justification:

This initiative establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position, one Accounting Analyst position, one Accounting Support Technician position, and one Accounting Support Specialist position in the Security and Employment Service Center. The Service Center will be providing financial oversight to the newly formed Paid Family Medical Leave Office, and these positions will provide the required staffing for that oversight.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Accounting Analyst Supervisor position and provides funding to continue and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established by Financial Order 003851 F5 to enhance Natural Resource Service Center's ability to provide necessary services.

Ref. #: 155	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 8 - 3</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services		\$19,980	\$21,835
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$19,980</u>	<u>\$21,835</u>
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Underwood, Tuell		

Justification:

This initiative eliminates one vacant Accounting Analyst Supervisor position and provides funding to continue and make permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established by Financial Order 003851 F5 to enhance the Natural Resource Service Center's ability to provide necessary services.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding by increasing the hours of one Accounting Support Specialist position from 60 hours to 80 hours biweekly, in the Corrections Service Center.

Ref. #: 156	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services		\$19,009	\$20,533
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL

\$19,009

\$20,533

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to increase the hours for one Accounting Support Specialist position in the Corrections Service Center from 60 to 80 hours biweekly bringing this position to full time, and will provide much needed support for the workload at Mountain View Correctional Facility.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Ref. #: 157

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$119,062	\$119,062
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$119,062	\$119,062

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 158

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$359,589	\$359,589
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$359,589	\$359,589

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	\$29,657	\$31,671
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	<u>\$29,657</u>	<u>\$31,671</u>

OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

**FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES - DIVISION OF 0713
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	282.500	282.500	286.000	290.000
Personal Services	\$27,431,808	\$28,195,746	\$31,386,450	\$33,563,602
All Other	\$1,900,566	\$1,893,381	\$2,420,889	\$2,422,903
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$29,332,374</u>	<u>\$30,089,127</u>	<u>\$33,807,339</u>	<u>\$35,986,505</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,146,995	\$2,575,678	\$3,218,048	\$3,423,740
All Other	\$14,435,148	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,582,143	\$17,219,430	\$17,861,800	\$18,067,492
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,500	\$300,500	\$500	\$500
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	425.000	426.000	425.000	425.000
Personal Services	\$51,573,848	\$52,925,173	\$57,901,315	\$61,280,283
All Other	\$7,373,077	\$7,373,077	\$7,373,077	\$7,373,077
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$58,946,925	\$60,298,250	\$65,274,392	\$68,653,360

Justification:

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) supports state government, providing several services directly to agencies; project management, performance management, eGov services, policy development, procurement review, accessibility, strategic planning and consulting services. From an enterprise perspective, OIT provides IT security for the State of Maine, support for enterprise applications, geographic information systems, production services, local and wide area network services, desktop support, document management, facility engineering, business continuity, application hosting, and communication systems to include voice, data, and video. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is actively involved in initiatives that promote sharing resources and partnerships among agencies, encourage the wise use of technology in all business processes, and improve information sharing and collaboration by providing state of the art tools for state workers. The CIO evaluates new system requests to ensure that they are aligned with agency strategic plans and provide a reasonable return on investment for Maine State Government. The CIO chairs the IT Executive Committee which provides executive leadership for agencies, and for state government as a whole, to ensure that its business needs and priorities are identified and supported.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 104

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	\$155,631	\$250,537
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	<u>\$155,631</u>	<u>\$250,537</u>

Justification: OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to support the Application Team within MaineIT and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 105

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives	\$154,384	\$167,640
All Other	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$13,630	\$14,015
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$168,014</u>	<u>\$181,655</u>

Justification:

This request establishes one Public Service Manager II position to support a new Application Team for DAFS.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Systems Analyst position to support MaineIT's policy team and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 106

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	1.000	1.000
Personal Services		\$126,902	\$136,978
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin, Greenwood, Underwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$12,836	\$13,128
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$139,738</u>	<u>\$150,106</u>

Justification:

This request establishes one Systems Analyst position to support MaineIT's policy program.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes 2 Information Technology Consultant positions to support the Cloud Center of Excellence and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 107	Committee Vote:	IN: 6 - 5	AFA Vote:	
		_____		_____
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		2.000	2.000
Personal Services			\$284,536	\$307,612
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin,		\$26,561	\$27,232
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		_____	_____
			\$311,097	\$334,844

Justification:

This request establishes two Information Technology Consultant positions to support the Cloud Center of Excellence as MaineIT continues to progress to a cloud environment.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager III position previously continued by Financial Order CV0751 F5 to support the Citizen Portal within the Office of Information Technology. Transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Office of Information Services Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 108	Committee Vote:	IN: 6 - 5	AFA Vote:	
		_____		_____
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		1.000	1.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives		\$193,249	\$200,960
All Other	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		\$14,760	\$14,985
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL			_____	_____
			\$208,009	\$215,945

Justification:

This request continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager III position and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Office of Information Services Fund within the same program to support the development, implementation and maintenance of the Citizen Portal.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Information Technology Consultant position to support the Citizen Portal within the Office of Information Technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 109

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services		1.000	1.000
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives	\$142,268	\$153,806
	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$13,281	\$13,616
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		\$155,549	\$167,422

Justification:

This initiative creates one position to support the Director of the Citizen Portal.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Technology Support Specialist position to support the Resident Education Network within the Department of Corrections and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 110

Committee Vote: IN: 6 - 5

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services		1.000	1.000
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives	\$126,902	\$136,978
	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$12,836	\$13,128
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		\$139,738	\$150,106

Justification:

This request establishes one position within the Office of Information Services Fund to provide support for the Resident Education Network within the Department of Corrections.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes 10 Senior Programmer Analyst positions to support applications for various state agencies and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

Ref. #: 111

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services		10.000	10.000
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative	\$1,269,020	\$1,369,780
	Underwood	\$128,358	\$131,283
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		\$1,397,378	\$1,501,063

Justification:

This request establishes 10 positions within the Office of Information Services Fund to provide application support for various state agencies. This information is based on the Information Technology Budget Application and how many positions are allocated across all agencies. This initiative also reduces funding in the All Other line category as the work is currently being performed by contractors.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes 10 Systems Analyst positions to support applications for various state agencies and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

Ref. #: 112	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$1,269,020	\$1,369,780
All Other	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$128,358	\$131,283
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin,	\$1,397,378	\$1,501,063
	Representative Underwood		

Justification:

This request establishes 10 positions within the Office of Information Services Fund to provide application support for various state agencies. This information is based on the Information Technology Budget Application and how many positions are allocated across all agencies. This initiative also reduces funding in the All Other line category as the work is currently being performed by contractors.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Information Technology Consultant position to support the Chief Data Officer and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 113	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	\$142,268	\$153,806
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin,	\$13,281	\$13,616
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	Representatives Greenwood,	\$155,549	\$167,422
	Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		

Justification:

This request establishes one position to support the Chief Data Officer.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions, one Public Service Manager II position and one Management Analyst II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to manage Project Management initiatives within the Office of Information Technology. Transfers the positions from the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Information Services program, Office of Information Services Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 114	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		4.000	4.000
Personal Services	OUT: Senator Martin,	\$520,596	\$562,702
All Other	Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell	\$51,720	\$52,944
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$572,316</u>	<u>\$615,646</u>

Justification:

This request continues and makes permanent 4 positions and transfers the positions from the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller, and Program Management program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARPA State Fiscal Recovery to the Information Services program, Office of Information Services Fund to support the Project Management Office.

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

Ref. #: 117	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

**INFORMATION SERVICES 0155
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,146,995	\$2,575,678	\$3,218,048	\$3,423,740
All Other	\$14,435,148	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,582,143	\$17,219,430	\$17,861,800	\$18,067,492
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,500	\$300,500	\$500	\$500
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	425.000	426.000	457.000	457.000
Personal Services	\$51,573,848	\$52,925,173	\$62,130,460	\$65,840,325
All Other	\$7,373,077	\$7,373,077	\$9,944,329	\$10,048,844
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$58,946,925	\$60,298,250	\$72,074,789	\$75,889,169

Lead by Example Z426

Initiative: Provides funding for a competitive, revolving grant program for State agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations, and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

Ref. #: 250	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		2025-26	2026-27
All Other			\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		\$500	\$500

Ref. #: 251	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		2025-26	2026-27
All Other			\$250,000	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		\$250,000	\$250,000

Justification:

The Lead by Example program is established to focus on statewide energy data, strategic energy purchases and development of renewable energy projects, and serve as a competitive, revolving grant program for State agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations, and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems. The program shall receive any direct reimbursement of the costs of renewable energy projects under state or federal programs, including the IRS Elective Pay reimbursement program established under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Funds must be placed in the same Other Special Revenue Account.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE Z426

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History	History	2025-26	2026-27
	2023-24	2024-25		
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History	History	2025-26	2026-27
	2023-24	2024-25		
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000

Leased Space Reserve Fund Program Z145

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Leased Space Reserve Fund Program provides funding related to relocation from leased space to state-owned facilities or relocation from a leased space to a lower-priced leased space and capital projects that construct, renovate or improve state facilities. Money in the fund may not be expended on facility maintenance issues.

**LEASED SPACE RESERVE FUND PROGRAM Z145
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,720,381	\$1,787,262	\$2,048,344	\$2,150,987
All Other	\$168,237	\$169,237	\$169,237	\$169,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,888,618	\$1,956,499	\$2,217,581	\$2,320,224
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Justification:

The Office of the Commissioner seeks to continually improve the quality of services provided by the Department by encouraging team-oriented leadership and stressing a customer service environment. The Office strives to 1) oversee the administration of the Department and its services; 2) protect the State's credit and coordinate the financial aspect of the State's missions and obligations to the public; 3) coordinate the services and support to other agencies of State Government; 4) coordinate the policies, contracts and regulations relating to the employment of State personnel; and 5) develop and recommend to the Governor policies and positions that will maintain achievable and appropriate State services.

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 163 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$8,997	\$8,997
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$8,997	\$8,997

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 164

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$2,502	\$3,788
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$2,502</u>	<u>\$3,788</u>
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Martin		

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES 0718
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Personal Services	\$1,720,381	\$1,787,262	\$2,048,344	\$2,150,987
All Other	\$168,237	\$169,237	\$180,736	\$182,022
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,888,618</u>	<u>\$1,956,499</u>	<u>\$2,229,080</u>	<u>\$2,333,009</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,382,591	\$1,429,788	\$1,635,874	\$1,722,433
All Other	\$1,063,451	\$1,064,951	\$1,064,951	\$1,064,951
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,446,042	\$2,494,739	\$2,700,825	\$2,787,384

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000

Justification:

The purpose of this division is to provide professional administration in the planning, design and construction of all the State's public improvements and public school projects. This division manages the procurement process for architectural and engineering contracts, conducts the bidding for construction and monitors construction projects.

Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 71

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$90	\$90
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$90	\$90

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - PLANNING/CONSTRUCTION - ADMINISTRATION 0057

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,382,591	\$1,429,788	\$1,635,874	\$1,722,433
All Other	\$1,063,451	\$1,064,951	\$1,065,041	\$1,065,041
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,446,042	\$2,494,739	\$2,700,915	\$2,787,474
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.500	13.500	13.500	13.500
Personal Services	\$1,486,047	\$1,558,184	\$1,659,157	\$1,765,935
All Other	\$1,562,661	\$549,261	\$549,261	\$549,261
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,048,708	\$2,107,445	\$2,208,418	\$2,315,196

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$749,500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$749,500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Division of Purchases' primary function is to procure materials, supplies, equipment and services that represent the best value to the State of Maine. The Division has responsibility under law (5 MRSA §1811) to make purchases on behalf of all departments and agencies of State Government. The Division is also authorized to extend to political subdivisions and/or school administrative units the privilege of purchasing from established contracts. The Division of Purchases' policy is to provide for open and competitive bidding in the procurement of goods and services to the greatest extent possible. Commodity purchases are competitively bid by the Division's Buyers through our electronic procurement system, Vendor Self Service (VSS). Professional services are competitively bid by contracting agencies through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process conducted under the Division of Purchases' rules. All state agency contracts for services are subject to the Division's review and approval. Finally, for State Departments and Agencies subject to 5 MRSA §155, contracts for service or grant renewals or amendments valued at \$1 million or more are generally subject to review and approval by the State Procurement Review Committee reestablished in Executive Order 2016-001.

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 21

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	\$33,677	\$33,677
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$33,677	\$33,677
	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell		

OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 22	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,		\$1,245	\$2,655
	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,			
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell		<u>\$1,245</u>	<u>\$2,655</u>
	OUT: Senator Martin,			
	Representative Underwood			

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide support for Freedom of Access Act requests and administrative appeals hearing coordination, documentation aggregation, and legal communications.

Ref. #: 23	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 7 - 4</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,		1.000	1.000
Personal Services	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Tuell		\$117,369	\$126,629
All Other	OUT: Senator Martin,		\$5,569	\$5,569
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Representatives Greenwood,		<u>\$122,938</u>	<u>\$132,198</u>
	Pomerleau, Underwood			

Justification:

There have been an ever-increasing number of FOAA requests requiring timely and time-consuming responses. Additionally, administrative appeals require considerable amount of specialized communication, hearing coordination/organization according to statute and rule, and evidentiary documentation with appellant and state agency legal counsel.

**PURCHASES - DIVISION OF 0007
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.500	13.500	14.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,486,047	\$1,558,184	\$1,794,359	\$2,008,678
All Other	\$1,562,661	\$549,261	\$589,752	\$591,162
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,048,708	\$2,107,445	\$2,384,111	\$2,599,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$749,500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$749,500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$717,009	\$742,380	\$855,754	\$902,463
All Other	\$8,944,799	\$5,445,299	\$5,444,799	\$5,444,799
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$9,661,808	\$6,187,679	\$6,300,553	\$6,347,262
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND				
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515

Justification:

Establish and provide an effective and efficient operation for the provision of insurance advice and services for the State.

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 31 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$12,333	\$15,852
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$12,333	\$15,852

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Provides an allocation to pay attorney's fees awarded by a court against the State and its departments, agencies, officers or employees and settlements of attorney's fees without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.

Ref. #: 32 Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2 AFA Vote: _____

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Justification:

This initiative provides an allocation to pay attorneys' fees awarded by a court against the State, its departments, agencies, officers or employees, and settlements of attorneys' fees without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.

**RISK MANAGEMENT - CLAIMS 0008
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$717,009	\$742,380	\$855,754	\$902,463
All Other	\$8,944,799	\$5,445,299	\$5,457,132	\$5,460,651
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$9,661,808	\$6,187,679	\$6,312,886	\$6,363,114

STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000	28.000	28.000
Personal Services	\$3,270,793	\$3,392,717	\$3,868,229	\$4,056,931
All Other	\$212,006	\$213,006	\$213,006	\$213,006
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,482,799	\$3,605,723	\$4,081,235	\$4,269,937

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000

Justification:

The Office of the State Controller is responsible for the official financial records of State Government. The Office is responsible for reviewing, approving and consolidating, and reporting all accounting transactions for all agencies within the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government. The Office prepares monthly revenue reports, monthly financial statements, and information for Official Statements required for the issuance of bonds, notes, or other types of debt. It performs cash flow forecasting for the State, prepares, reviews and files required Federal and State Tax reporting, prepares required U.S. Census reporting, and prepares the State of Maine Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Office prepares, negotiates and administers the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. The Internal Audit Unit is responsible for ensuring proper internal controls exist within state agencies. The Accounting Unit monitors all expenditures against appropriations, allocations, allotments, and cash. This unit reconciles cash, accounts receivable, and other accounts. It pre-audits and approves payments made by the State and maintains the State Vendor File. The Payroll Unit examines and audits all payroll payments, processes garnishments, and court ordered payments. The ERP Operations Unit maintains a records management system for the official files of paid obligations, maintains the Advantage ERP Accounting System, and jointly, with the Bureaus of the Budget, Human Resources, and Information Systems, maintains the MFASIS Budgeting and Human Resources Management Systems and the statewide financial data warehouse. Other responsibilities of the Office include establishing documented statewide accounting policies and procedures, maintaining current knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Governmental Standards, and establishing and administering travel and expense reimbursement policies.

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 63

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$50,999	\$50,999
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood	\$50,999	\$50,999

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 64	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell		2025-26	2026-27
All Other			\$3,107	\$5,233
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		<u>\$3,107</u>	<u>\$5,233</u>

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to manage the implementation of several new GASB standards, which has resulted in significant additional work associated with preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Ref. #: 65	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			1.000	1.000
Personal Services			\$135,420	\$146,444
All Other			\$6,069	\$6,069
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		<u>\$141,489</u>	<u>\$152,513</u>

Justification:

This establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position in the Office of the State Controller to manage the implementation of several new GASB standards, which has resulted in significant additional work associated with preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding for training and tuition reimbursement expenditures for the Office of the State Controller.

Ref. #: 66	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 5</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		2025-26	2026-27
All Other			\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood, Tuell		<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for training and tuition reimbursement expenditures for the Office of the State Controller.

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager I position previously continued by Financial Order 03595 F5 to oversee Central Applications personal service programs and reduces All Other to fund the position.

Ref. #: 67	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 8 - 3</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Tuell		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			1.000	1.000
Personal Services			\$154,467	\$160,849
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representatives Pomerleau, Underwood		<u>\$154,467</u>	<u>\$160,849</u>

Justification:

Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager I position previously continued by Financial Order 03595 F5 in fiscal year 2024-25 to oversee Central Applications personal service programs and reduces All Other to fund the position. This position was originally established in financial order 003137 F4 in fiscal year 2023-24. This position is responsible for directing and overseeing statewide personal services programs, providing assistance and guidance on the transition to the new Human Resources/Payroll Management System (HRMS), and directing and overseeing the payroll division in the manager's absence. All Other will be reduced to fund this position.

**STATE CONTROLLER - OFFICE OF THE 0056
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000	30.000	30.000
Personal Services	\$3,270,793	\$3,392,717	\$4,158,116	\$4,364,224
All Other	\$212,006	\$213,006	\$298,181	\$300,307
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,482,799	\$3,605,723	\$4,456,297	\$4,664,531
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000

Statewide Radio Network System 0112

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Statewide Radio Network System was created under the management of the Chief Information Officer and Office of Information Technology to procure, install, commission and maintain a consolidated radio communications network to provide service to all State of Maine public safety and public service users. The main responsibility of this office is to ensure that the financial affairs of the fund are properly managed, maintain records for all agencies using the system and make this information available to state agencies, and require state agencies to become part of the statewide radio and network system when replacing their current systems or purchasing new systems.

**STATEWIDE RADIO NETWORK SYSTEM 0112
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,120,799	\$2,559,190	\$2,729,474	\$2,824,134
All Other	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$20,283,494	\$20,721,885	\$20,892,169	\$20,986,829

Justification:

The Workers' compensation unit is responsible for case management of claims filed in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The unit directs agencies in the timely reporting and payment of claims, monitors and controls medical costs, implements return-to-work programs, interprets Workers' Compensation law and policies for agencies and directs a management information system. The unit works closely with line agency representatives to ensure compliance with established reporting and payment standards and to develop policies and procedures to maximize efficiency and ensure effective management of all claims.

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 168

Committee Vote:

IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci,
Representatives Farrin,
Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,
Matlack, Greenwood,
Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

2026-27

\$14,228

\$8,242

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND

TOTAL

\$14,228

\$8,242

OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 169

Committee Vote:

IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND

2025-26

2026-27

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

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OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

All Other	\$96,041	\$106,121
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL	\$96,041	\$106,121

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM 0802
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,120,799	\$2,559,190	\$2,729,474	\$2,824,134
All Other	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695	\$18,272,964	\$18,277,058
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL	\$20,283,494	\$20,721,885	\$21,002,438	\$21,101,192

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$110,865,522	\$118,900,311
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,000	\$1,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,931,612	\$2,933,727
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$546,820	\$288,064
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	\$33,807,339	\$35,986,505
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$4,535,820	\$4,703,304
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	\$72,074,789	\$75,889,169
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	\$6,312,886	\$6,363,114
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$21,002,438	\$21,101,192
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$13,598,438	\$13,695,007
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$37,684,393	\$37,735,986
STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	\$500	\$500
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$305,404,072	\$319,640,394

Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Road Commission Fund Z353

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission Fund is the nonlapsing fund to support the work of the Maine abandoned and discontinued road commission, consisting of any funds received from any public or private source.

ROAD COMMISSION FUND Z353

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2025-26

2026-27

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$500

\$500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$500

\$500

Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,609,940	\$1,692,448	\$1,996,475	\$2,101,531
All Other	\$91,308	\$90,767	\$90,767	\$90,767
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,701,248	\$1,783,215	\$2,087,242	\$2,192,298

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,574,780	\$2,673,312	\$2,931,881	\$3,110,581
All Other	\$369,965	\$378,775	\$368,775	\$368,775
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,944,745	\$3,052,087	\$3,300,656	\$3,479,356

Justification:

The purpose of the Departmental Bureau is to conduct financial and compliance audits of financial transactions and accounts kept by or for all State agencies subject to the Single Audit Act of 1996, 31 United States Code, Sections 7501 to 7507. The audit is conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards. The Department is authorized to conduct audits of all accounts and financial records of any organization, institution, or other entity receiving or requesting an appropriation or grant from the State and to issue reports on such audits at such time as the Legislature or the State Auditor may require. In addition, random audits are conducted to sample the accuracy of the financial records of those departments and agencies that administer or oversee programs and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government. The Departmental Bureau is funded by a General Fund appropriation and audit fees generated from an assessment on Federal programs subject to audit under the Single Audit Act. The audit fees are deposited into a Special Revenue Funds account. The Department will work with Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA), as requested. The Departmental Bureau serves as a staff agency to the Legislature, or any of its committees, or to the Governor, by making investigations of any phase of the State's finances.

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 640

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$25,417	\$24,377
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$25,417	\$24,377

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

Ref. #: 641

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci,
Representatives Farrin, Rollins,
Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,
Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

2026-27

\$38,561

\$36,984

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$38,561

\$36,984

OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides continued and additional funding for the transition of auditing workpapers from a paper process to electronic workpapers.

Ref. #: 642

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci,
Representatives Farrin, Rollins,
Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,
Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

2026-27

\$73,669

\$80,187

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$73,669

\$80,187

OUT: Senator Martin,
Representative Underwood

Justification:

This initiative provides continued and additional funding for the Audit Bureau Special Revenue Fund for All Other technology services and STACAP as part of operational needs for continuation of implementation of electronic auditing work papers for 4 initial AdvanceFlow software licenses and renewal of 30 licenses, total 34.

AUDIT BUREAU 0067
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,609,940	\$1,692,448	\$1,996,475	\$2,101,531
All Other	\$91,308	\$90,767	\$116,184	\$115,144
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,701,248	\$1,783,215	\$2,112,659	\$2,216,675
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,574,780	\$2,673,312	\$2,931,881	\$3,110,581
All Other	\$369,965	\$378,775	\$481,005	\$485,946
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,944,745	\$3,052,087	\$3,412,886	\$3,596,527

Unorganized Territory 0075

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$186,064	\$190,184	\$198,284	\$207,771
All Other	\$94,089	\$94,089	\$94,089	\$94,089
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$280,153	\$284,273	\$292,373	\$301,860

Justification:

The Audit - Unorganized Territory program is a two-person operation headed by the Fiscal Administrator, whose responsibilities include the review, analysis, and investigation of the budgets and expenditures of all counties and State agencies requesting funds from the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. In addition, the Fiscal Administrator drafts and submits the annual Municipal Cost Components legislation in order for taxes to be levied, attends and participates in public hearings, and publishes and distributes the annual financial report of the Unorganized Territory to interested taxpayers, legislators, and County Commissioners. The Administrator also serves as the Chair of the State Commission on Deorganization.

Unorganized Territory 0075

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 646

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

		2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$2,753	\$2,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$2,753	\$2,640

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood

Justification:

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**UNORGANIZED TERRITORY 0075
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$186,064	\$190,184	\$198,284	\$207,771
All Other	\$94,089	\$94,089	\$96,842	\$96,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$280,153	\$284,273	\$295,126	\$304,500

AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$2,112,659	\$2,216,675
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,708,012	\$3,901,027
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,820,671	\$6,117,702

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.500	24.500	24.500	24.500
Personal Services	\$3,471,187	\$3,695,858	\$4,226,935	\$4,474,573
All Other	\$494,071	\$494,770	\$494,770	\$499,770
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,965,258	\$4,190,628	\$4,721,705	\$4,974,343
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Governor serves to direct the affairs of the state according to law; to take care that the laws be faithfully executed; to give the Legislature information regarding the condition of the State and recommend measures for their consideration; to submit to the Legislature a biennial budget for the operation of state government; to act as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State; to nominate and appoint all judicial, civil and military officers of the State except as otherwise provided by law; to require information from any officer in the Executive Branch upon any subject relating to their respective duties; to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons and remit, after conviction, forfeitures and penalties; and to accept for the State any and all gifts, bequests, grants or conveyances to the State of Maine. In addition to providing for its own staff support, the Office of Governor serves to coordinate and develop the several planning responsibilities of State government; to improve the relationship between the State government and its employees; and to operate, maintain and display to the public the Blaine House, as the official residence of the Governor. The administrative office of the Governor serves to provide staff support to the Governor as he carries out the responsibilities of the Chief Executive of the State of Maine. This support includes functions of correspondence, policy development, legislative relations, national and regional Governors' associations and scheduling preparation of reports and addresses, public information, executive appointments, case work and managing the operating budget of the Governor. The Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance serves as a clearinghouse to assure consistent health policy and finance for Maine. It is responsible for the effective implementation of the Dirigo Health Reform Act. Specifically, the Office must produce the State Health Plan and assure its implementation. Additionally, the Office is also responsible for leading Maine's efforts to reduce prescription drug costs for Maine citizens.

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 1403

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives
Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,
Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

\$3,350

2026-27

\$6,128

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$3,350

\$6,128

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative
Underwood

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 1404

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives
Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,
Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

\$25,119

2026-27

\$25,119

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$25,119

\$25,119

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative
Underwood

Justification:

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ADMINISTRATION - EXECUTIVE - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 0165
PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.500	24.500	24.500	24.500
Personal Services	\$3,471,187	\$3,695,858	\$4,226,935	\$4,474,573
All Other	\$494,071	\$494,770	\$523,239	\$531,017
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,965,258	\$4,190,628	\$4,750,174	\$5,005,590
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014	\$115,014
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Blaine House 0072

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$718,738	\$765,897	\$933,762	\$978,792
All Other	\$72,055	\$72,055	\$72,055	\$72,055
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$790,793	\$837,952	\$1,005,817	\$1,050,847

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240

Justification:

The Blaine House, a National Historic Landmark, is the official residence of the Governor of the State of Maine. The Blaine House staff provides services for the Governor, the Governor's family and guests; maintains House offices for the Governor; displays the mansion during public visiting hours; and assists at official receptions and other gatherings at the Blaine House. The Governor is responsible for the operation of the building and general maintenance of its interior. The Bureau of General Services maintains the grounds, service buildings and the exterior of the mansion, and is authorized to approve and execute any remodeling of the interior.

Blaine House 0072

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 1393

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell	\$7,087	\$8,681
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$7,087	\$8,681
	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Blaine House 0072

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 1394

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives
Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,
Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

\$2,871

2026-27

\$2,871

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$2,871

\$2,871

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative
Underwood

Justification:

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Blaine House 0072

Initiative: Provides funding for the operational needs of the Blaine House.

Ref. #: 1395

Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 2

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives
Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,
Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell

2025-26

\$0

2026-27

\$30,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$30,000

OUT: Senator Martin, Representative
Underwood

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the operational needs of the Blaine House.

BLAINE HOUSE 0072
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$718,738	\$765,897	\$933,762	\$978,792
All Other	\$72,055	\$72,055	\$82,013	\$113,607
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$790,793	\$837,952	\$1,015,775	\$1,092,399

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240	\$5,240

GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,657	\$133,352	\$155,944	\$167,760
All Other	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,130,317	\$3,137,012	\$3,159,604	\$3,171,420

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500

Justification:

The Community Resilience Partnership Program was established within the office to provide direction, assistance and grants to communities in the State to help the communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The office administers the program to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the State's emissions reduction targets and the state climate action plan.

**GOPIF - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP Z376
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,657	\$133,352	\$155,944	\$167,760
All Other	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,130,317	\$3,137,012	\$3,159,604	\$3,171,420
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500

Office of New Americans Z398

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$275,454	\$289,347	\$301,370
All Other	\$0	\$24,546	\$24,546	\$24,546
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$300,000	\$313,893	\$325,916
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

The Office of New Americans is established within the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future for the purpose of improving the economic and civic integration of immigrants into the State's workforce and communities to strengthen the economy over the long term.

**OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS Z398
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$275,454	\$289,347	\$301,370
All Other	\$0	\$24,546	\$24,546	\$24,546
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$300,000	\$313,893	\$325,916
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,755,603	\$1,828,022	\$2,076,624	\$2,189,274
All Other	\$410,930	\$425,930	\$410,930	\$410,930
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,166,533	\$2,253,952	\$2,487,554	\$2,600,204
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$287,744
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$287,744
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$137,954	\$138,992	\$140,255	\$151,465
All Other	\$262,046	\$261,008	\$261,008	\$261,008
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$401,263	\$412,473
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY				
All Other	\$531,726	\$388,801	\$388,801	\$388,801
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$531,726	\$388,801	\$388,801	\$388,801

Justification:

The Governor's Office of Policy and Management carries out the responsibilities of the State relating to identification and implementation of improvements to State government and its services. Through close coordination between the Director, the State Economist, and other professional staff; the Office conducts budget development and review across agencies, facilitates intergovernmental coordination, evaluates effectiveness of economic incentive programs including tax policy, and communicates economic data.

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 1452	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 9 - 2</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Tuell		2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
All Other			\$8,917	\$12,568
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	OUT: Senator Martin, Representative Underwood		\$8,917	\$12,568

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$142,137	\$152,618
All Other	\$13,937	\$14,598
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$156,074	\$167,216

Justification:

This is a Youth and Communications Climate Fellow position responsible for conducting youth engagement and outreach on issues related to climate change and supporting public education efforts related to state and local climate actions. Funding will also be provided for operational needs of the position for technology, travel, supplies and general operations. Failure to approve this financial order will result in the state's inability to spearhead key outreach for climate policy and planning objectives.

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions and one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, continued by Financial Order CV0725 F5 through December 31, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 1459	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 8 - 1</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau		2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services			\$553,911	\$164,416
All Other	OUT: Representative Underwood		\$47,078	\$16,873
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL			\$600,989	\$181,289

Justification:

This initiative continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions and one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, continued by Financial Order CV0725 F5 through December 31, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions continued with Financial Order 003665 F5 to support the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities grant and the Energy Efficient & Conservation Block Grant, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 1460	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 6 - 3</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack		2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			2.000	2.000
Personal Services			\$316,600	\$340,151
All Other	OUT: Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood		\$31,284	\$32,406
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$347,884	\$372,557

Justification:

This initiative continues and makes permanent 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions continued with Financial Order 003665 F5 to support the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities grant through the development of the State's vulnerability assessment project and conducts outreach and engagement related to climate change impacts and to support the Energy Efficient & Conservation Block Grant through the development of policy and advising on key issues related to climate change, with a focus on state and municipal action to reduce emissions and transition to clean energy, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 1462	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 8 - 1</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	\$56,063	\$56,063
	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,		
	Greenwood, Pomerleau		
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$56,063</u>	<u>\$56,063</u>
	OUT: Representative Underwood		

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager I position continued with Financial Order 003617 F5 to oversee the integration of data from early childhood programs and planning, organizing and managing the implementation of a statewide Early Childhood Integrated Data System, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 1463	Committee Vote: <u>IN: 8 - 1</u>	AFA Vote: _____	
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$151,818	\$163,050
All Other	Greenwood, Pomerleau	\$14,545	\$15,190
	OUT: Representative Underwood		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		<u>\$166,363</u>	<u>\$178,240</u>

Justification:

This initiative continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manage I position continued with Financial Order 003617 F5 to oversee the integration of data from early childhood programs and planning, organizing and managing the implementation of a statewide Early Childhood Integrated Data System, and provides funding for related All Other costs. Funding is provided through the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five Renewal Grant - Maine (ALN #93.434), a

**OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE Z135
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,755,603	\$1,828,022	\$2,076,624	\$2,189,274
All Other	\$410,930	\$425,930	\$475,910	\$479,561
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,166,533	\$2,253,952	\$2,552,534	\$2,668,835
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,107,854	\$1,184,470
All Other	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$7,498,706	\$7,503,216
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$287,744	\$287,744	\$8,606,560	\$8,687,686
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$137,954	\$138,992	\$140,255	\$151,465
All Other	\$262,046	\$261,008	\$578,498	\$578,498
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$718,753	\$729,963
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$553,911	\$164,416
All Other	\$531,726	\$388,801	\$435,879	\$405,674
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$531,726	\$388,801	\$989,790	\$570,090

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$11,791,980	\$12,264,160
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$8,722,574	\$8,803,700
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,725,493	\$5,736,703
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$989,790	\$570,090
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$27,229,837	\$27,374,653

Sec. A-50. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MAINE STATE CEMETERY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Cemetery Preservation Fund Z408

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$85,500	\$85,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$85,500	\$85,500

Justification:

The Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission is an independent commission created to provide advice and education to local units of government and members of the public on preserving cemeteries and burying grounds. The Cemetery Preservation Commission Fund was established as a nonlapsing account into which is deposited, on a quarterly basis, \$5 of the fee established by the Department of Health and Human Services for a permit to transport and dispose of a dead human body.

CEMETERY PRESERVATION FUND Z408

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$85,500	\$85,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$85,500	\$85,500

MAINE STATE CEMETERY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$85,500	\$85,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$85,500	\$85,500

Sec. A-54. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE

Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Maine Rural Water Association 0699

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331

Justification:

The Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA), located in Brunswick, Maine, is a private, non-profit association incorporated in 1979. MRWA's mission is to assist Maine's water and wastewater systems with safe drinking water and protect the environment, at an affordable cost to the user. MRWA provides training opportunities for water and wastewater operators, boards of trustees, municipal officials, as well as public works personnel. Training includes safety training, preparatory courses for operator certification, continuing education for license holders and courses specializing in professional development. MRWA also provides on-site technical assistance to communities and businesses. MRWA staff frequently assists camps, campgrounds, mobile home parks, schools, and water districts and departments with compliance measures. Whether providing information on the proper water sampling procedures, shocking wells, helping understand regulatory requirements such as the Total Coliform Rule or the Lead and Copper Rules, MRWA has demonstrated its ability to assist small water systems. In addition, MRWA staff assists wastewater systems comply with MDEPS permits and assists with the drafting of sewer ordinances, and prepares emergency response plans, Wet Weather Plans, and drafted dozens of Sewer Ordinances. Because of these efforts, MRWA improves the public health and the environment. Additionally, MRWA's assistance reduces fines and legal expenses, as well as the State's expense of taking administrative action against communities and businesses. MRWA responds to many water and wastewater emergencies. The staff provides support and technical assistance for main breaks, freeze ups, and plant failures. The Maine Rural Water Association uses state funds to help support the water/wastewater industry. Activities include water and wastewater operator certification training, professional development training, on-site technical field support, grant and loan preparation, management and financial analysis.

MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK - MAINE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION 0699

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331	\$69,331

MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$69,331	\$69,331
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$69,331	\$69,331

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$11,810 \$11,810

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 3091 Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representative Farrin, Rollins,	\$20,869	\$20,869
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$20,869	\$20,869
	Greenwood, Pomerleau		

OUT: Representative Underwood

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive I position to a Public Service Executive II position.

Ref. #: 3092 Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury,	\$16,545	\$18,918
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau	\$16,545	\$18,918
	OUT: Representative Underwood		

Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This management-initiated reorganization has been approved by the Bureau of Human Resources. The nature and scope of the structure, duties and responsibilities of this position have changed significantly since it was established in October 2021, when the agency was residing within the Department of Labor. The agency is now an independent commission that requires a Department Head. The reclassification brings this role into alignment with other similar leadership positions.

**RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$706,489	\$725,258	\$834,731	\$887,415
All Other	\$538,870	\$538,870	\$571,549	\$571,549
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,245,359	\$1,264,128	\$1,406,280	\$1,458,964
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,500	\$50,500	\$50,500	\$50,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,500	\$50,500	\$50,500	\$50,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$373,680	\$332,253	\$332,253	\$332,253
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$373,680	\$332,253	\$332,253	\$332,253

PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$1,406,280	\$1,458,964
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$50,500	\$50,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$332,253	\$332,253
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,789,533	\$1,842,217

Sec. A-70. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.500	19.500	19.500	19.500
Personal Services	\$1,868,100	\$1,964,023	\$2,144,355	\$2,224,160
All Other	\$1,085,354	\$1,063,298	\$1,041,411	\$1,041,411
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,953,454	\$3,027,321	\$3,185,766	\$3,265,571

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535

Justification:

The State Archives serves state, county, and local government and the public interest by establishing rules, standards, and procedures governing the creation, use, maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposal of government records. Professional archival services include the selection and preservation of over 92 million pages of records that have permanent value, accompanied by the application of specialized technologies and techniques designed to make such records readily accessible for use by the government and by the public. These efforts include identifying and arranging records, storing records, creating record schedules, developing finding aids (inventories, indexes, and guides) to record groups or series, assisting in-person users, responding to mail and electronic mail requests, microfilm services (duplication, digital to microfilm conversion, microfilm to digital conversion), printing selected records in high demand by the public, and posting electronic documents on the internet.

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for replacement of a records management database.

Ref. #: 3106 One Time Committee Vote: IN: 9 - 0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood	\$0	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$0	\$150,000

Justification:

The Maine State Archives currently maintains all records retention schedules, records transfer forms, and list of approved records officer in an old Access database that is failing after its 30 years of use. The Archives will issue an RFP to select and acquire a new, modern, and stable records management database to ensure continued operations.

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with MaineIT rate structure.

Ref. #: 3107 Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	IN: Senator Baldacci,	\$1,545	\$1,545
	Representative Farrin, Rollins,		
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$1,545	\$1,545
	Greenwood, Pomerleau		

OUT: Representative Underwood

Justification:

Expenses from MaineIT have increased. This initiative seeks to provide funding for the increases. A request will be submitted in the Supplemental Budget for fiscal year 2024-25.

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the refresh of computer equipment for the Maine State Archives.

Ref. #: 3108 One Time Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other	IN: Senator Baldacci,	\$80,600	\$0
	Representative Farrin, Rollins,		
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack,	\$80,600	\$0
	Greenwood, Pomerleau		

OUT: Representative Underwood

Justification:

This request is for lifecycle replacement of personal computers, monitors, printers and desktop scanners for staff to increase productivity and efficiency and to avoid equipment failures requiring emergency replacement.

**ADMINISTRATION - ARCHIVES 0050
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
Personal Services	\$1,868,100	\$1,964,023	\$2,144,355	\$2,224,160
All Other	\$1,085,354	\$1,063,298	\$1,123,556	\$1,192,956
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,953,454	\$3,027,321	\$3,267,911	\$3,417,116
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$27,673
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$33,535

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$3,267,911	\$3,417,116
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$27,673	\$27,673
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$33,535	\$33,535
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,329,119	\$3,478,324

Sec. A-74. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$1,693,314	\$1,773,669	\$1,995,830	\$2,112,682
All Other	\$776,277	\$776,277	\$776,277	\$776,277
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,469,591	\$2,549,946	\$2,772,107	\$2,888,959

ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$427,063	\$448,417	\$448,417	\$448,417
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	\$427,063	\$448,417	\$448,417	\$448,417

Justification:

The 15 positions of the Office of the State Treasurer fulfill four core functions: 1) debt management, 2) cash management, 3) unclaimed property administration and 4) trust fund administration. Other major duties assigned to the Treasurer are directorships on many of Maine's quasi-governmental debt issuing agencies and the administration of the Municipal Revenue Sharing payments. Although some of these functions do have their own programs and funding sources, administrative duties of such programs are funded through the personal services and all other allotment of this administration program. The core functions are summarized as follows: Debt Management: Managing the issuance of both Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) and Bonds; assuring timely debt payments; managing credit rating agency relationships; collecting and publishing state debt statistics; providing debt service projections for legislative and executive budgeting efforts; preparing the Treasurer's Statement for publication on ballots whenever general obligation debt proposals are sent out to voters; determining annually the need for Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs), Lines of Credit, (LOCs) or other short-term debt vehicles to cover cash flow needs within a fiscal year; arranging for short-term debt if necessary; and coordinating with cash pool management to maximize cash pool support for General Fund cash flow needs as an alternative to issuing debt. Cash Management: Providing centralized cash collection processes, cash management, and coordination of banking services for all state agencies; actively investing cash reserves to generate earnings; reconciling bank records with the accounting records of the State; providing revenue projections on cash pool earnings and tobacco settlement fund payments. Unclaimed Property Administration: Collecting unclaimed financial assets held by Maine entities and companies doing business in Maine; cataloging and preserving those assets; arranging for the annual newspaper advertisement of new properties and for legislative outreach to claimants in each legislative district; maintaining a permanent record of all received properties; developing and supporting easy claim-making processes that are available via the internet, telephone, telefax and mail; processing claims made by rightful owners; and educating holders on Maine's unclaimed property law. State-Held Trust Administration: Managing the investments, records and distribution of assets held in trust by the State of Maine pursuant to the terms of nearly eighty (80) active state-held trusts with an aggregate value of approximately \$25.5 million; engaging and overseeing independent investment advisors to professionally manage the funds; allocating investment earnings amongst the beneficiaries pursuant to the directive of each separate trust. Directorships: The Treasurer is a voting member on the board of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, (MainePERS), the Finance Authority of Maine, (FAME), the Maine State Housing Authority, (MaineHousing), the Maine Educational Loan Authority, (MELA), the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, (MMBB), the Adaptive Equipment Loan Board, (AELB), the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, (MHEFA), the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, (MGFA), the Lifelong Learning Accounts Committee, (LILA), the Municipal

Finance Board, the NextGen College Investment Plan Investment Advisory Committee, and is a non-voting member of the Dirigo Health Board.

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Increase funding levels for the Unclaimed Property program by 5% each year for the next three years, based upon current expenditures.

Ref. #: 3171 Committee Vote: IN: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	IN: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	Representative Farrin, Rollins,	\$22,421	\$45,963
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau	\$22,421	\$45,963

OUT: Representative Underwood

Justification:

This initiative increases the Unclaimed Property funds to cover basic operation of the program in step with the rising cost due to contracts and inflation. Unclaimed Property's budget has ran tight for the past few years, and a 5% increase across the board each year for the next three years will help stabilize the funding against the costs.

**ADMINISTRATION - TREASURY 0022
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$1,693,314	\$1,773,669	\$1,995,830	\$2,112,682
All Other	\$776,277	\$776,277	\$776,277	\$776,277
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,469,591</u>	<u>\$2,549,946</u>	<u>\$2,772,107</u>	<u>\$2,888,959</u>

ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$427,063	\$448,417	\$470,838	\$494,380
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$427,063</u>	<u>\$448,417</u>	<u>\$470,838</u>	<u>\$494,380</u>

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$2,772,107	\$2,888,959
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	\$470,838	\$494,380
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,242,945	\$3,383,339

Language Part K IN: 8 -1

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

OUT: Representative Underwood

PART K

Sec. K-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$13,500,000 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 6 years in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category allocations in the Central Fleet Management Division account.

PART K SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.

PART L

Sec. L -1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund, established in Title 5, section 1520, specifically, for purchasing portables, ongoing upgrades of tower hardware, and the purchase of equipment in support of tower maintenance. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 7 years in duration. The interest rate on each financing agreement may not exceed 7% interest rate. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology accounts.

PART L SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund.

Language Part L IN: 9 - 0

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representative Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

OUT: Representative Underwood

PART M

Sec. ??-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 7 years in duration. The interest rate on each financing agreement may not exceed 7% interest rate. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology accounts.

**PART M
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data.

PART N

Sec. N-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c.12, Part GGGG, §2, is further amended to read:

A. Any balance remaining in the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year; ~~and~~

Sec. N-2. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§1, ¶B as amended by PL 2005, c.12, Part GGGG, §2, is further amended to read:

B. Any balance remaining in the General Fund Capital, Construction, Repairs, Improvements - Administrative program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year; and

Sec. N-3. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack

OUT: Representatives Greenwood, Pomerleau, Underwood

C. Any balance remaining in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Sec. N-4. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Any balance remaining in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Central Administrative Applications program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

PART N SUMMARY

This Part authorizes remaining balances in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority program and Central Administrative Applications program to carry each fiscal year.

PART BBBB

Sec. BBBB-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services-Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall seek reimbursement of costs associated with the repair of the Mackworth Island Causeway through risk management administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1725-A, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Any reimbursement received must be transferred to the Bureau of General Services-Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account established for capital improvements and repairs and conducts capital improvements and repairs on State-owned facilities.

PART BBBB SUMMARY

This Part directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to seek reimbursement for costs to repair the Mackworth Island causeway. The causeway suffered significant storm damage during the winter of 2024-2025. Any reimbursement received must be deposited into the Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for capital improvements and repairs and conducts capital improvements and repairs on State-owned facilities.

Part BBBB IN: 8 - 1

IN: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

OUT: Representative Underwood

Please see votes on initiatives Ref. # 184 and Ref. # 185 which included associated Part J language.

PART J

Sec. J-1. 4 MRSA §1610-Q is enacted to read:

§ 1610-Q. Additional securities for capital construction, repairs, and improvements

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$56,000,000 outstanding at any one time for capital repairs and improvements to state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

Sec. J-2. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and section 1610-Q, and notwithstanding the limitation contained in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 regarding the amount of securities that may be issued, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized to issue securities in its own name in an amount up to \$56,000,000. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated with capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties as designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

Sec. J-3. 4 MRSA §1610-R is enacted to read:

§ 1610-R. Additional securities

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 outstanding at any one time for correctional facilities.

Sec. J-4. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and section 1610-R, and notwithstanding the limitation contained in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 regarding the amount of securities that may be issued, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized to issue securities in its own name in an amount up to \$25,000,000. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated with capital repairs and improvements to and construction of correctional facilities as designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART J SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$56,000,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties and \$25,000,000 to pay for costs associated with correctional facilities.

Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Please see memo for Committee's vote on these initiatives and the associated Language Part D (provided as an optional opportunity for the State and Local Government to offer a recommendation.)

GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the community resilience partnership program from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program, Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across Maine.

Ref. #: 1475

Committee Vote: Approved Transfer: 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

In Favor: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

GENERAL FUND

All Other

Opposed: Representative Underwood

	2025-26	2026-27
	(\$3,003,660)	(\$3,003,660)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,003,660)	(\$3,003,660)

Ref. #: 1476

Committee Vote: Approved Transfer 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

In Favor: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

Opposed: Representative Underwood

	2025-26	2026-27
	(\$500)	(\$500)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

Ref. #: 1477

Committee Vote: Approved Transfer 8 - 1 AFA Vote: _____

In Favor: Senator Baldacci, Representatives Farrin, Rollins, Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

Opposed: Representative Underwood

	2025-26	2026-27
	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)

Justification:

This initiative transfers All Other funding for the community resilience partnership program from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program, Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across Maine. This initiative is necessary to fully implement the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 310-B.

GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program, Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program, Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across Maine. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Executive Department is transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, will be classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit will be based on the classification of the position. Those employees will retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

GENERAL FUND	In Favor: Senator Baldacci,	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Representatives Farrin, Rollins,	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	Copeland, Salisbury, Matlack, Greenwood, Pomerleau	(\$155,944)	(\$167,760)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<hr/> (\$155,944)	<hr/> (\$167,760)

Opposed: Representative Underwood

Justification:

This initiative transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program, Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program, Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across Maine. This initiative is necessary to fully implement the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 310-B.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	(\$3,159,604)	(\$3,171,420)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> (\$8,160,604)	<hr/> (\$8,172,420)

PART D

Sec. D-1. 5 MRSA §3109, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOO, §1, is repealed.

Sec. D-2. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, §D2, is amended to read:

CHAPTER 310-B

MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§3201. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs appointed pursuant to section 3203.

2. Office. "Office" means the Maine Office of Community Affairs established by section 3202.

§3202. Office established; purpose

The Maine Office of Community Affairs is established ~~as an agency in the executive branch~~ to foster communications and partnerships across state agencies and between the State and communities in this State. The office shall engage with municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils to provide coordinated and efficient planning, technical assistance and financial support to better plan for challenges, pursue solutions and create stronger, more resilient communities.

The office is established to partner with communities in this State and regional councils by:

1. Assistance and funding. Providing technical assistance and funding related to planning to municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils that supports a sustainable future for the State's people, communities, natural resources, physical infrastructure, industries, businesses and institutions; and

2. Coordination and communication. Facilitating general coordination and communication between municipalities, tribal governments, regional councils and State Government.

§3203. Director

The Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs is appointed by the Governor and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The director must have demonstrated experience and leadership in municipal or regional government and must bring expertise in planning, technical assistance and grant programs for communities.

§3204. Powers and duties

The director shall exercise the powers of the office and is responsible for the execution of the duties of the office.

1. Duties of director. The director shall:

A. Appoint and remove office staff and prescribe staff duties as necessary to implement the duties of the office, including:

- (1) Hiring professional staff that have education, training and experience in the fields of planning and development, local and regional government, climate science and resilience, housing, building codes and general policy making; and
- (2) Employing additional staff as necessary to support the work of the office.

B. Supervise and administer the affairs of the office and advise the Governor and other officials of State Government on matters of communication and partnerships between the State, municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils in this State;

C. At the request of the Governor, act for the State in the initiation of or participation in any multigovernmental agency program related to the purposes of the office;

D. At the request of the Governor, prepare and submit a budget for the office; and

E. At the request of the Governor, report on the activities of the office and, after consultation with and approval by the Governor, submit recommendations for legislative action as are determined necessary to further the purposes of this chapter.

2. Duties of office. Under the supervision of the director, the office shall:

A. Provide technical assistance and resources to municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils on issues related to planning, climate resilience and development;

B. Collect and collate data and statistics relating to the issues described in [paragraph A](#) and provide them to municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils;

C. Assist municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils, as well as the State, in applying for, using and leveraging federal funding resources on issues of importance to communities and the State;

D. Make grants from money appropriated to the office by the Legislature and any funds received by the office for the purposes of the office, including federal funding or private funds; solicit applications for grants; and make grant awards to eligible communities and to service provider organizations as determined by the office, including establishing eligibility requirements and other criteria to consider in awarding grants;

E. Administer contracts with regional councils and regional planning and development districts to provide technical assistance and resources to municipalities and tribal governments on issues related to planning, climate resilience and development, including but not limited to land use

planning, planning for housing and other residential development, climate resilience planning and related infrastructure planning, building codes and other forms of local development assistance to support state, regional and local goals; and

F. Consult with and provide ongoing coordination with state agencies on programs and issues related to planning technical assistance and funding to communities in this State, including but not limited to the Department of Transportation; Department of Environmental Protection; Department of Marine Resources; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Department of Economic and Community Development; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency; Department of Public Safety; Maine State Housing Authority; Governor's Energy Office; Efficiency Maine Trust; the Maine Historic Preservation Commission; and the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

G. The office may adopt rules as necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter, pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedures Act. Unless otherwise specified, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 A.

§3205. Acceptance and administration of funds

The office may accept, administer and expend funds, including but not limited to funds from the Federal Government or from private sources, for purposes consistent with this chapter. The director shall provide a report of the amount of any outside funding received from private sources and its designated purpose to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over municipal matters on an annual basis.

A. The office may adopt rules to administer grants and other fund disbursements. Rules adopted pursuant to this program are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

B. To maximize the availability of technical and financial assistance programs to all communities, including municipalities and tribes, and to multi-community regions and service providers, financial assistance programs administered competitively by this Office are exempt from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services procurement authorities in Title 5, Ch. 155 and any rules promulgated thereto for use in the purchasing of services and the awarding of grants and contracts.

C. The office shall publish a program statement describing its grant programs and advertising its availability to eligible applicants.

D. Grants awarded pursuant to this exemption may be for a period of up to 2 years. Recipients of grant funds through the programs shall cooperate with the office's performance of periodic evaluations. The recipients shall meet the office's specific reporting requirements.

E. The office may adjudicate appeals of grant disbursement decisions made under its authority. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an adjudicatory hearing on an appeal must be held in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

§3206. Contracts; agreements

The office may employ expert and professional consultants, contract for services as the director determines necessary within the limits of the funds provided and consistent with the powers and duties of the office and enter into agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations that promote the objectives of this chapter.

Sec. D-3. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 2 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 2

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

§3207. Community Resilience Partnership Program

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "community" means a municipal government, tribal government, plantation, township or unorganized territory.

2. Program established; administration. The Community Resilience Partnership Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the office to provide direction, assistance and grants to communities in the State to help the communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The office shall administer the program to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the State's emissions reduction targets under Title 38, section 576 A and the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577.

3. Grants. The program shall make grants from money appropriated to the program by the Legislature and any funds received by the office for the purposes of the program, including federal funding or private funds.

A. The program may solicit applications for grants and make grant awards through a competitive process to eligible communities and to service provider organizations as determined by the program.

B. The office may establish eligibility requirements and other criteria to consider in awarding grants, as long as the criteria support the goals to help communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to the effects of climate change.

4. Other technical assistance. The program may provide other technical assistance and knowledge sharing that may include, but is not limited to, assisting communities with information about available grant opportunities, sharing best practices from jurisdictions inside and outside the State, providing model language for local ordinances and policies and providing information to the general public that may support local and statewide policy changes meant to reduce emissions, encourage the transition to clean energy and increase resiliency to the effects of climate change.

§3208. Coastal zone management program

Implement and manage coastal zone management program. The office, under direction of the director, shall manage and coordinate implementation and ongoing development and improvement of a state coastal zone management program in accordance with and in furtherance of the requirements of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 United States Code, Sections 1451 to 1466 (2012) and the State's coastal management policies established in Title 38, section 1801. The office may:

- A. Implement aspects of the state coastal zone management program and be the lead state agency for purposes of federal consistency review under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 United States Code, Section 1456 (2012);
- B. Receive and administer funds from public or private sources for implementation of the state coastal zone management program; and
- C. Act as the coordinating agency among the several officers, authorities, boards, commissions, departments and political subdivisions of the State on matters relative to management of coastal resources and related human uses in the coastal area.

§ 3209. Floodplain management

The floodplain management program is established within the office. The office shall serve as the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60 and in that capacity shall oversee delivery of technical assistance and resources to municipalities for the purpose of floodplain management activities and shall administer the State Floodplain Mapping Fund under Title 5, section 3210.

§ 3210. State Floodplain Mapping Fund

1. Fund established. The State Floodplain Mapping Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund administered by the office for the purpose of providing funds for the mapping of floodplains in the State using light detection and ranging technology.

2. Sources of funding. The fund consists of any money received from the following sources:

- A. Contributions from private sources;
- B. Federal funds and awards;
- C. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes for which the fund is established; and
- D. Any other funds received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

3. Disbursements from the fund. The office shall apply the money in the fund toward the support of floodplain mapping in the State, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of light detection and ranging elevation data and the processing and production of floodplain maps.

Sec. D-4. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 3 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 3

MUNICIPAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE

§3211. Municipal planning assistance program; purpose, administration

Under the provisions of this program, a municipality or multimunicipal region may request financial or technical assistance from the office for the purpose of planning and implementing a growth management program. A municipality or multimunicipal region that requests and receives a financial assistance grant shall develop and implement its growth management program in cooperation with the office and in a manner consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter and in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2.

To accomplish the purposes of this subchapter, the office shall develop and administer a technical and financial assistance program for municipalities or multimunicipal regions. The program must include direct financial assistance for planning and implementation of growth management programs, standards governing the review of growth management programs by the office, technical assistance to municipalities or multimunicipal regions and a voluntary certification program for growth management programs.

§ 3211-A. Municipal planning assistance program; technical and financial assistance

The technical and financial assistance program for municipalities, regional councils and multimunicipal regions is established to encourage and facilitate the adoption and implementation of local, regional and statewide growth management programs.

The office may enter into financial assistance grants only to the extent that funds are available. In making grants, the office shall consider the need for planning in a municipality or multimunicipal region, the proximity of the municipality or multimunicipal region to other areas that are conducting or have completed the planning process and the economic and geographic role of the municipality or multimunicipal region within a regional context. The office shall give priority in making grants to any municipality or multimunicipal region that has adopted a local climate action plan and, if the municipality or multimunicipal region has adopted a comprehensive plan or growth management program, prepared a climate vulnerability assessment pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4326, subsection 1, paragraph L. The office may consider other criteria in making grants, as long as the criteria support the goal of encouraging and facilitating the adoption and implementation of local and multimunicipal growth management programs consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

1. Planning assistance grants.

2. Implementation assistance grants.

2-A. Financial assistance grants. A contract for a financial assistance grant must:

A. Provide for the payment of a specific amount for the purposes of planning and preparing a comprehensive plan;

B. Provide for the payment of a specific amount for the purposes of implementing that plan; and

C. Include specific timetables governing the preparation and submission of products by the municipality or multimunicipal region.

The office may not require a municipality or multimunicipal region to provide matching funds in excess of 25% of the value of that municipality's or multimunicipal region's financial assistance contract for its first planning assistance grant and implementation assistance grant. The office may require a higher match for other grants, including, but not limited to, grants for the purpose of updating comprehensive plans. This match limitation does not apply to distribution of federal funds that the office may administer.

2-B. Use of funds. A municipality or multimunicipal region may expend financial assistance grants for:

A. The conduct of surveys, inventories and other data-gathering activities;

B. The hiring of planning and other technical staff;

C. The retention of planning consultants;

D. Contracts with regional councils for planning and related services;

E. Assistance in the development of ordinances;

F. Retention of technical and legal expertise;

G. The updating of growth management programs or components of a program;

G-1. Evaluation of growth management programs; and

H. Any other purpose agreed to by the office and the municipality or multimunicipal region that is directly related to the preparation of a comprehensive plan or the implementation of a comprehensive plan adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

2-C. Program evaluation. Any recipient of a financial assistance grant shall cooperate with the office in performing program evaluations required under Title 30-A, section 4331.

2-D. Encumbered balances at year-end. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 1589, at the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered balances accounts for financial assistance and regional planning grants may be carried forward for 2 years beyond the year in which those balances are encumbered.

3. Technical assistance. Using its own staff, the staff of other state agencies, contractors and the resources of the regional councils, the office shall provide technical assistance to municipalities or multimunicipal regions in the development, administration and enforcement of growth management programs. The technical assistance component of the program must include a set of model land use ordinances or other implementation strategies developed by the office that are consistent with this subchapter.

4. Regional council assistance. As part of the technical and financial assistance program, the office may develop and administer a program to develop regional education and training programs, regional policies to address state goals and regional assessments. Regional assessments may include, but are not limited to, public infrastructure, inventories of agricultural and commercial forest lands, housing needs, recreation and open space needs, and projections of regional growth and economic development. The program may include guidelines to ensure methodological consistency among the State's regional councils. To implement this program, the office may contract with regional councils to assist the office in reviewing growth management programs, to develop necessary planning information at a regional level or to provide support for local planning efforts.

5. Coordination. State agencies with regulatory or other authority affecting the goals established in this subchapter shall conduct their respective activities in a manner consistent with the goals established under this subchapter, including, but not limited to, coordinating with municipalities, regional councils and other state agencies in meeting the state goals; providing available information to regions and municipalities as described in Title 30-A, section 4326, subsection 1; cooperating with efforts to integrate and provide access to geographic information system data; making state investments and awarding grant money as described in section Title 5, section 3211-C; and conducting reviews of growth management programs as provided in Title 5, section 3211-B, subsection 3, paragraph A. Without limiting the application of this section to other state agencies, the following agencies shall comply with this subchapter:

A. Department of Economic and Community Development;

B. Department of Environmental Protection;

C. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;

D. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

E. Department of Marine Resources;

F. Department of Transportation;

G. Department of Health and Human Services;

H. Finance Authority of Maine; and

I. Maine State Housing Authority.

§3211-B. Municipal planning assistance program; review of programs

1. Comprehensive plans. A municipality or multimunicipal region that chooses to prepare a growth management program and receives a planning grant under Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall submit its comprehensive plan to the office for review. A municipality or multimunicipal region that chooses to prepare a growth management program without receiving a planning grant under this subchapter may submit its comprehensive plan to the office for review. The office shall review plans for consistency with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2. A contract for a planning assistance grant must include

specific timetables governing the review of the comprehensive plan by the office. A comprehensive plan submitted for review more than 12 months following a contract end date may be required to contain data, projections and other time-sensitive portions of the plan or program that are in compliance with the office's most current review standards.

2. Growth management programs. A municipality or multimunicipal region may at any time request a certificate of consistency for its growth management program.

A. Upon a request for review under this section, the office shall review the program and determine whether the program is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2.

B. Certification by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the office of a municipality's or multimunicipal region's growth management program under Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 is valid for 10 years. To maintain certification, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall periodically review its growth management program and submit to the office in a timely manner any revisions necessary to account for changes, including changes caused by growth and development. Certification does not lapse in any year in which the Legislature does not appropriate funds to the office for the purposes of reviewing programs for recertification.

C. Upon a request for review under this section, the office may review rate of growth, impact fee and zoning ordinances to determine whether the ordinances are consistent with a comprehensive plan that has been found consistent under this section without requiring submission of all elements of a growth management program. An affirmative finding of consistency by the office is required for a municipality or multimunicipal region to assert jurisdiction as provided in section Title 4, section 3211-C.

3. Review of growth management program. In reviewing a growth management program, the office shall:

A. Solicit written comments on any proposed growth management program from regional councils, state agencies, all municipalities contiguous to the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a growth management program and any interested residents of the municipality or multimunicipal region or of contiguous municipalities. The comment period extends for 45 days after the office receives the growth management program.

(1) Each state agency reviewing the proposal shall designate a person or persons responsible for coordinating the agency's review of the growth management program.

(2) Any regional council commenting on a growth management program shall determine whether the program is compatible with the programs of other municipalities that may be affected by the program and with regional policies or needs identified by the regional council;

B. Prepare all written comments from all sources in a form to be forwarded to the municipality or multimunicipal region;

C. Within 90 days after receiving the growth management program, send all written comments on the growth management program to the municipality or multimunicipal region and any applicable regional council. If warranted, the office shall issue findings specifically describing how the submitted growth management program is not consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 and the recommended measures for remedying the deficiencies.

(1) In its findings, the office shall clearly indicate its position on any point on which there are significant conflicts among the written comments submitted to the office.

(2) If the office finds that the growth management program was adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2, the office shall issue a certificate of consistency for the growth management program.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph D, if a municipality or multimunicipal region requests a certificate of consistency for its growth management program, any unmodified component of that program that has previously been reviewed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and has received a finding of consistency will retain that finding during program certification review by the office as long as the finding of consistency is current as defined in rules adopted by the office;

D. Provide ample opportunity for the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a growth management program to respond to and correct any identified deficiencies in the program. A finding of inconsistency for a growth management program may be addressed within 24 months of the date of the finding without addressing any new review standards that are created during that time interval. After 24 months, the program must be resubmitted in its entirety for state review under the office's most current review standards; and

E. Provide an expedited review and certification procedure for those submissions that represent minor amendments to certified growth management programs.

The office's decision on consistency of a growth management program constitutes final agency action.

3-A. Review of comprehensive plan. In reviewing a comprehensive plan, the office shall:

A. Solicit written comments on any proposed comprehensive plan from regional councils, state agencies, all municipalities contiguous to the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan and any interested residents of the municipality or multimunicipal region or of contiguous municipalities. The comment period extends for 25 business days after the office receives the comprehensive plan. Each state agency reviewing the proposal shall designate a person or persons responsible for coordinating the agency's review of the comprehensive plan;

B. Prepare all written comments from all sources in a form to be forwarded to the municipality or multimunicipal region;

C. Within 35 business days after receiving the comprehensive plan, notify the municipality or multimunicipal region if the plan is complete for purposes of review. If the office notifies the municipality or multimunicipal region that the plan is not complete for purposes of review, the office shall indicate in its notice necessary additional data or information;

D. Within 10 business days of issuing notification that a comprehensive plan is complete for purposes of review, issue findings specifically describing whether the submitted plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 and identify which inconsistencies in the plan, if any, may directly affect rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinances.

(1) In its findings, the office shall clearly indicate its position on any point on which there are significant conflicts among the written comments submitted to the office.

(2) If the office finds that the comprehensive plan was developed in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2, the office shall issue a finding of consistency for the comprehensive plan.

(3) A finding of inconsistency must identify the goals under Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 not adequately addressed, specific sections of the rules relating to comprehensive plan review adopted by the office not adequately addressed and recommendations for resolving the inconsistency;

E. Send all written findings and comments on the comprehensive plan to the municipality or multimunicipal region and any applicable regional council; and

F. Provide ample opportunity for the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan to respond to and correct any identified deficiencies in the plan. A finding of inconsistency for a comprehensive plan may be addressed within 24 months of the date of the finding without addressing any new review standards that are created during that time interval. After 24 months, the plan must be resubmitted in its entirety for state review under the office's most current review standards.

If the office finds that a plan is not consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2, the municipality or multimunicipal district that submitted the plan may appeal that finding to the office within 20 business days of receipt of the finding in accordance with rules adopted by the office, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 A.

The office's decision on consistency of a comprehensive plan constitutes final agency action.

A finding by the office pursuant to paragraph D that a comprehensive plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 is valid for 12 years from the date of its issuance. For purposes of Title 30-A, section 4314, subsection 3 and Title 30-A, section 4352, subsection 2, expiration of a finding of consistency pursuant to this subsection does not itself make a comprehensive plan inconsistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

4. Updates and amendments. A municipality or multimunicipal region may submit proposed amendments to a comprehensive plan or growth management program to the office for review in the same manner as provided for the review of new plans and programs. Subsequent to voluntary certification under Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2, the municipality or multimunicipal region shall file a copy of an amendment to a growth management program with the office within 30 days after adopting the amendment and at least 60 days prior to applying for any state grant program that offers a preference for consistency or certification.

5. Regional councils. Subject to the availability of funding and pursuant to the conditions of a contract, each regional council shall review and submit written comments on the comprehensive plan or growth management program of any municipality or multimunicipal region within its planning region. The comments must be submitted to the office and contain an analysis of:

A. Whether the comprehensive plan or growth management program is compatible with identified regional policies and needs; and

B. Whether the comprehensive plan or growth management program is compatible with plans or programs of municipalities or multimunicipal regions that may be affected by the proposal.

§3211-C. Municipal planning assistance program; state capital investments

1. Growth-related capital investments. The State may make growth-related capital investments only in:

A. A locally designated growth area, as identified in a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to and consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 or as identified in a growth management program certified under section 3211-B.

B. In the absence of a consistent comprehensive plan, an area served by a public sewer system that has the capacity for the growth-related project, an area identified in the latest **Federal Decennial Census** as a census-designated place or a compact area of an urban compact municipality as defined by Title 23, section 754; or

C. Areas other than those described in paragraph A or B for the following projects:

(1) A project related to a commercial or industrial activity that, due to its operational or physical characteristics, typically is located away from other development, such as an activity that relies on a particular natural resource for its operation;

(2) An airport, port or railroad or industry that must be proximate to an airport, a port or a railroad line or terminal;

(3) A pollution control facility;

(4) A project that maintains, expands or promotes a tourist or cultural facility that is required to be proximate to a specific historic, natural or cultural resource or a building or improvement that is related to and required to be proximate to land acquired for a park, conservation, open space or public access or to an agricultural, conservation or historic easement;

(5) A project located in a municipality that has none of the geographic areas described in paragraph A or B and that prior to January 1, 2000 formally requested but had not received from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry funds to assist with the preparation of a comprehensive plan or that received funds from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assist with the preparation of a comprehensive plan within the previous 2 years. This exception expires for a municipality 2 years after such funds are received; or

(6) A housing project serving the following: individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, brain injuries, substance use disorder or a human immunodeficiency virus; homeless individuals; victims of domestic violence; foster children; children or adults in the custody of the State; or individuals with a household income of no more than 80% of the area median income if the project has 18 or fewer units and receives funding through a program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. A nursing home is not considered a housing project under this paragraph.

2. State facilities. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall develop site selection criteria for state office buildings, state courts, hospitals and other quasi-public facilities and other civic buildings that serve public clients and customers, whether owned or leased by the State, that give preference to the priority locations identified in this subsection while ensuring safe, healthy, appropriate work space for employees and clients and accounting for agency requirements. On-site parking may only be required if it is necessary to meet critical program needs and to ensure reasonable access for agency clients and persons with disabilities. Employee parking that is within reasonable walking distance may be located off site. If there is a change in employee parking from on-site parking to off-site parking, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must consult with the duly authorized bargaining agent or agents of the employees. Preference must be given to priority locations in the following order: service center downtowns, service center growth areas and downtowns and growth areas in other than service center communities. If no suitable priority location exists or if the priority location would impose an undue financial hardship on the occupant or is not within a reasonable distance of the clients and customers served, the facility must be located in accordance with subsection 1. The following state facilities are exempt from this subsection: a lease of less than 500 square feet; and a lease with a tenure of less than one year, including renewals.

2-A. State's role in implementation of growth management programs. All state agencies, as partners in local and regional growth management efforts, shall contribute to the successful implementation of comprehensive plans and growth management programs adopted under this subchapter by making investments, delivering programs and awarding grants in a manner that reinforces the policies and strategies within the plans or programs. Assistance must be provided within the confines of agency policies, available resources and considerations related to overriding state interest.

3. Preference for other state grants and investments.

3-A. Preference for other state grants and investments. Preference for other state grants and investments is governed by this subsection.

A. When awarding a grant or making a discretionary investment under any of the programs under paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2) or when undertaking its own capital investment programs other than for projects identified in Title 30-A section 4301, subsection 5 B, a state agency shall respect the primary purpose of its grant or investment program and, to the extent feasible, give preference:

(1) First, to a municipality that has received a certificate of consistency for its growth management program under section 3211-B.

(2) Second, to a municipality that has adopted a comprehensive plan that the former State Planning Office, the Municipal Planning Assistance Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, or the office has determined is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of Title 30-A, Chapter 187, subchapter 2 and has adopted zoning ordinances that the former State Planning Office, the Municipal Planning Assistance Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, or the office has determined are consistent with the comprehensive plan; and

(3) Third, to a municipality that has adopted a comprehensive plan that the former State Planning Office, the Municipal Planning Assistance Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, or the office has determined is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of this subchapter.

If a municipality has submitted a comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance or growth management program to the former State Planning Office, the Municipal Planning Assistance Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, or the office for review, the time for response as established in section 3211-B has expired and comments or findings have not been provided to the municipality, a state agency when awarding a grant or making a discretionary investment under this subsection may not give preference over the municipality to another municipality.

B. This subsection applies to:

(1) Programs that assist in the acquisition of land for conservation, natural resource protection, open space or recreational facilities under Title 5, chapter 353; and

(2) Programs intended to:

(a) Accommodate or encourage additional growth and development;

(b) Improve, expand or construct public facilities; or

(c) Acquire land for conservation or management of specific economic and natural resource concerns.

C. This subsection does not apply to state grants or other assistance for sewage treatment facilities, public health programs or education.

D. The office shall work with state agencies to prepare mechanisms for establishing preferences in specific investment and grant programs as described in paragraph B.

4. Application. Subsections 1 and 2 apply to a state capital investment for which an application is accepted as complete by the state agency funding the project after January 1, 2001 or which is initiated with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services by a state agency after January 1, 2001.

§3211-D: Development Ready Advisory Committee

The Development Ready Advisory Committee, referred to in this section as "the committee," is established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-J to develop and maintain best practices for municipalities in infrastructure, land use, housing, economic development, conservation and historic preservation policy. The committee will provide coordination and subject matter expertise to municipalities to advance the likelihood of success across the community development lifecycle.

1. Membership. The members of the committee are as follows:

A. Director of the office;

B. The Executive Director of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority or the executive director's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designer;

D. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;

E. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;

F. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;

H. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee;

G. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or the director's designee; and

H. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries And Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;

I. The following members, selected by and serving at the pleasure of the director:

(1) Three representatives of Maine municipalities;

(2) Five representatives from the regional councils selected for geographic diversity and subject matter expertise;

(3) a representative of an organization that develops or funds affordable housing projects;

(4) a representative of a local or statewide organization promoting civil rights that has racial justice or racial equity as its primary mission;

(5) a representative of an organization that advocates for conservation of Maine’s natural resources, and

(6) a representative of a regional or statewide economic development organization.

2. Duties. The committee shall develop best practices for community development intended to support the following goals:

A. Assisting communities in preparing for sustainable growth and in a way that maximizes financial return for state and local economies, improve quality of life for local residents, address housing needs for households of all income levels and advance environmental protection and transportation goals and specific locally identified priority needs;

B. Providing technical assistance and coordination to communities to facilitate the adoption of best practices for growth across the following sectors:

1. Transportation and infrastructure;
2. Housing creation and preservation;
3. Economic development;
4. Conservation; and
5. Historic preservation.

C. Assisting communities in designating priority investment areas in consultation with regional planning organizations, including but not limited to village centers, downtowns and adjacent neighborhoods, rural crossroads, high-impact corridors, working waterfronts and rural farmsteads;

D. Ensuring that development efforts are achievable by communities and based on the appropriateness of the location for development and the overall merit of the development project and community’s commitment to the development project based on the community’s stated goals; and

E. Providing resources and education for municipalities to improve capacity to access funding sources for community development project implementation.

3. Chair and officers. The director of the office shall serve as chair of the committee. The members of the committee shall annually elect one of its members as vice-chair and one of its members as secretary to set the agenda and schedule meetings. The committee may elect other officers, create subcommittees and designate their duties.

4. Voting rights. Each member of the committee has a vote.

5. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least twice a year.

6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum.

7. Staff support. The office shall provide staff support to the committee to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. D-5. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 4 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 4

Housing Planning

§3212. Housing Opportunity Program

1. Program established; administration. The Housing Opportunity Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the office to encourage and support the development of additional housing units in the State, including housing units that are affordable for low-income and moderate-income individuals and housing units targeted to community workforce housing needs. The office shall administer the program and provide technical and financial assistance to support communities implementing zoning and land use-related policies necessary to support increased housing development. The program must support regional approaches and municipal model ordinance development and encourage policies that support increased housing density, where feasible, to protect working lands and natural lands.

2. Housing Opportunity Fund. The Housing Opportunity Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a fund within the office for the purpose of providing funds for the program. The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature and any funds received by the office for the purposes of the program.

A. The office shall solicit applications for grants from the fund through a competitive application process. Grants may be awarded to experienced service providers and municipalities to support municipal ordinance development, provide technical assistance and encourage public participation and community engagement in the process of increasing housing opportunities. Programs receiving grants under this paragraph may encourage regional coordination between municipalities.

B. The office shall solicit applications for and shall award through a competitive application process grants for the following:

(1) Community housing planning services to municipalities to support the creation of housing development plans, including municipal ordinances, and policy amendments to support those plans. Grants awarded must be for a period of up to 3 years, with required progress reports each year; and

(2) Community housing implementation services.

C. The office shall provide technical assistance, housing policy development and guidance directly to regional groups, municipalities and other housing stakeholders, to the extent feasible with available resources. This may include, but is not limited to, assisting municipalities with information about available grant opportunities, sharing best practices from jurisdictions inside and outside of the State, providing model language for local ordinances and policies and

providing information to the general public, which may support local and statewide policy changes meant to increase the supply of housing.

3. Program evaluation. A recipient of grant funds through the program shall cooperate with the office in performing evaluations and specific reporting requirements.

4. Rulemaking. The office shall establish by rule the criteria for eligibility for grants from the program and the process of application. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 A.

§3213: Code Enforcement

The office shall administer the programs related to municipal code enforcement and Maine building codes as directed in relevant statutes found in Titles 10, 25 and 30-A, formerly administered by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Sec. D-6. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c.5 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 5

VOLUNTEER MAINE

§3214. Commission established

There is established the Maine Commission for Community Service, referred to in this subchapter as "the commission," to foster the State's ethic of community service; encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the State; address climate challenges through community service and volunteerism; serve as the State's liaison regarding national and community service and volunteer activities; foster collaboration among service agencies; and receive gifts and grants, implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to state and local entities in accordance with the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, 42 United States Code, Sections 12501 to 12682 (1994).

§3214-A. Membership; terms

1. Membership; qualifications. The commission consists of no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 voting members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The commission must include the following:

- A. A representative of a community-based agency or organization;
- B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- C. A representative of local government;
- D. A representative of a local labor organization;
- E. A representative of business;

F. An individual who is at least 16 years of age but no more than 25 years of age and who is a participant in or supervisor of a service program for youth or a campus-based or national service program;

G. A representative of a national service program;

H. An individual with expertise in the education, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

I. An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of adults aged 55 and older in national service and volunteerism; and

J. A representative of the State's volunteer community.

A member may fulfill the representation requirement for more than one category in this subsection.

The appointments may also include educators, including representatives from institutions of higher education and local education agencies; experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental or public safety services to communities and persons; representatives of Native American tribes and nations; out-of-school or at-risk youth; and representatives of programs that are administered or receive assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951, et seq. (1973). The commission also must include a nonvoting liaison designated by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. The appointments must reflect diversity with respect to geography, race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability characteristics and political affiliation. Not more than 50% plus one member may be from the same political party. The number of voting members who are officers or employees of the State may not exceed 25% of the total membership.

The chair must be an appointed voting member of the commission, selected by the voting members. Members may not vote on issues affecting organizations they have served in a staff or volunteer capacity at any time during the preceding 12 months.

2. Terms of office. The appointed members serve 3-year staggered terms. Terms expire on September 1st. The Governor shall appoint members to vacancies on the commission as they occur or upon expiration of terms. Any vacancy must be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

3. Reimbursement. Members are entitled to compensation for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the commission in the same manner as state employees.

§3214-B. Duties

The commission shall:

1. Vision. Develop a state vision statement for national, state and community service;

2. Ethic of service. Demonstrate an ethic of service through its activities, policies, and procedures and annually evaluate how effectively these are fostering the state vision and service ethic;

3. National and community service plan. Develop a 3-year comprehensive national and community service plan and update the plan annually. The commission shall ensure an open and inclusive process for maximum participation in development of the plan and determination of state priorities;

4. Preselect programs and prepare applications. Preselect national service programs as defined in the National Service Trust Act, 42 United States Code, Section 12501, et seq. and prepare a grant application to the Corporation for National and Community Service;

5. Assist state education agencies. Assist the Department of Education and institutions of higher education in the preparation of applications for national and community service grants;

6. Administer grant programs. Evaluate, monitor and administer grant programs;

7. Provide technical assistance. Serve as a clearinghouse for information on national and community service and provide technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations and other entities in planning, applying for funds and implementing national service programs;

8. Provide development assistance and training. Provide program development assistance and training to national service programs in the State;

9. Recruitment and placement. Serve as a clearinghouse for people interested in national and community service placements and agencies recruiting volunteers;

10. State priorities. Make recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community Service with respect to priorities within the State for programs receiving assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951, et seq. (1973);

11. Coordination. Coordinate and foster collaboration among state agencies, colleges, universities, municipalities, federal agencies and volunteer service programs, including, but not limited to, coordination of and collaboration regarding the activities of the Maine Climate Corps Program established pursuant to Title 5, section 3216 and related national and other climate-related service programs;

12. Advisory committees. Establish advisory committees as needed, with membership not limited to commission members;

13. Fund raising. Carry out fund-raising efforts to supplement federal funding and to meet all federal matching requirements;

13-A. Maine Service Fellows Program. Develop and administer the Maine Service Fellows Program under Title 5, section 3215; and

14. Annual report. Submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 31st of each year.

§3214-C. Staff and administrative services

The office shall provide staff and administrative services as follows.

1. Executive director. The director, in consultation with the commission, shall hire an executive director as a member of the office staff. The executive director oversees day-to-day operations of the commission, hires staff members with the approval of the commission and the director and carries out other responsibilities as directed by the commission.

2. Administrative services. The director shall provide the executive director and the commission with continuing administrative support as appropriate. The office may establish a dedicated account on behalf of the commission to receive funds contributed by private and public agencies for use solely for commission purposes.

§3214-D. Private support organization

1. Designation of private support organization. The executive director of the commission, with the consent of the voting members of the commission, shall designate a nonprofit corporation as the private support organization for the commission. The nonprofit corporation must be incorporated under the laws of this State and for purposes that are consistent with the goals, objectives, programs, responsibilities and functions of the commission.

The commission's private support organization must be organized and operated exclusively to receive, hold, invest and administer property and funds and to make expenditures to and for the benefit of the commission.

2. Board of directors. A member of the private support organization's board of directors may not also be a member of the commission. The executive director of the commission, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the private support organization's board of directors.

3. Scope of work. The private support organization shall operate under a memorandum of understanding negotiated annually by the commission that outlines a plan of work consistent with the purposes and goals of the commission and shall submit an annual budget for review and approval by the commission by June 1st.

The memorandum of understanding must further stipulate the reversion to the commission, or to the State if the commission ceases to exist, of money and property held in trust by the private support organization if the private support organization is no longer designated by the commission pursuant to subsection 1.

4. Use of property. The commission may authorize the private support organization to use the commission's facilities, equipment and other property, except money, in keeping with the purposes of the private support organization.

§3215. Maine Service Fellows Program

The Maine Service Fellows Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the commission. Individuals who participate in the program are referred to in this section as "program fellows." The commission shall administer the program in accordance with this section.

1. Program purposes. The commission shall establish the program to:

A. Increase the opportunities for individuals to devote a year of service to communities in the State;

B. Attract to and retain in the State motivated adults who have completed a college degree within the prior 5 years to serve in positions where they can apply skills and abilities to projects for the benefit of citizens of the State;

C. Provide rural and underserved communities in the State a resource to address critical health and human, public safety, education and environmental needs; and

D. Strengthen civic engagement of both the program fellows and community residents through solutions based in whole or in part in volunteer service.

2. Program design. The program must be designed to coordinate with appropriate organizations in the served communities. Program fellows must be required to commit up to 20% of their time in the program to developing regional networks of volunteer programs whose common goals can result in mutual benefits. An entity may submit a proposal to sponsor a program fellow based on guidelines established under this subsection. Services provided by a program fellow may include but are not limited to services to address home evictions, to support workforce development, to mitigate and prevent substance use disorder and to promote mental health. The commission may identify other priority needs of communities to be addressed by the program and may make those services available to eligible communities. The commission shall establish guidelines for the program that include but are not limited to:

A. Limiting the eligibility of entities that may sponsor program fellows to local or county government, school districts, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations and similar entities;

B. Establishing standards for local sponsors regarding supervision and support of program fellows during their service;

C. Ensuring that projects and project proposals are well-designed and measure their impact and do not include partisan or political activity;

D. Ensuring that program fellows are not used to replace positions eliminated or position hours reduced as a result of budget cuts by the sponsor;

E. Requiring criminal background checks or other safeguards if projects involve working with vulnerable populations such as schoolchildren or if otherwise required to receive federal funds;

F. Focusing the program on rural communities as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service's rural-urban continuum codes, except that the commission shall use criteria other than the codes for defining rural communities in Penobscot County;

G. Authorizing private sector and local partner contributions to program operations for travel reimbursements or training costs; and

H. Any other guideline that the commission believes will benefit the program.

3. Compensation. To the extent funds are available, the commission shall ensure that program fellows receive the following compensation for service:

A. A stipend set by the commission to achieve an annual income of up to 212% of the nonfarm income official federal poverty level. To the extent the stipend is paid from the General Fund or any other account of the commission, personal liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance, paid for from the same source of funds, must also be provided. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, program fellows are not employees of the State for the purposes of Title 5, Part 20;

B. A program completion bonus that includes, to the extent established by the commission by rule, an educational loan payment in an amount up to 20% of the stipend value paid on behalf of the program fellow to the holder of the loan; and

C. An allowance to pay for individual health insurance not to exceed 2% of the stipend amount.

4. Funding. The commission may seek and receive both private and federal funds, grants and gifts in support of the program. The commission may accept funding from other state agencies to support program fellows whose work will support and promote goals of programs administered by those agencies.

5. Rules. The commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

§3216. Maine Climate Corps Program

The Maine Climate Corps Program, referred to in this section as “the program,” is established within the commission to provide grants, technical assistance and training to community service corps programs with the mission of responding to the impacts of climate change. Eligible community service corps programs under the program must be designed to:

1. Direct service projects. Conduct evidence-based direct service projects developed through community collaboration, including collaboration with indigenous communities, that address principles of equity, justice and accessibility;

2. Climate impacts. Address through measurable performance one or more of the following areas: transportation, energy, housing, the State’s coastal zone as defined under the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s coastal zone

management program, public health, land and fresh water preservation, community resilience and climate-related education;

3. Disproportionately affected communities; representation. Prioritize assistance to disproportionately affected communities and ensure that individuals in service positions represent the economic and demographic diversity of communities, including persons who are historically marginalized; and

4. Additional standards. Meet additional program standards, including, but not limited to, requirements to:

A. Enroll individuals for set terms in service positions;

B. Provide individuals in full-time service positions with stipends, health insurance, liability insurance and accidental death or dismemberment insurance;

C. Provide individuals in service positions with training, education and service experiences that further employability or career preparation; and

D. Meet any other standards set by the commission or nationally for similar programs.

Sec. D-7. 5 MRSA c. 373, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. D-8. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-J, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §2 is amended to read:

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Sec. D-9. 5 MRSA §13056-J, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. U, §1, is repealed.

Sec. D-10. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 633, §5, if further amended to read:

1. Establishment. The Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A and located within the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs, is established to adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, to resolve conflicts between the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and the fire and life safety codes in Title 25, sections 2452 and 2465 and to provide for training for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors.

Sec. D-11. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, if further amended to read:

3. Ex officio member; chair. ~~The Commissioner of Public Safety~~ Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, or the ~~commissioner's~~ director's designee, serves as an ex officio

member and as the chair of the board. The chair is a nonvoting member, except in the case of a tie of the board. The chair is responsible for ensuring that the board maintains the purpose of its charge when executing its assigned duties, that any adoption and amendment requirements for the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code are met and that training and technical assistance is provided to municipal building officials.

Sec. D-12. 10 MRSA §9723, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §1 is further amended to read:

2. Training program standards; implementation. The committee shall direct the training coordinator of the Division of Building Codes and Standards, established in Title 25, section 2372, to develop a training program for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors. ~~The Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs, pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, shall implement the training and certification program established under this chapter.

Sec. D-13. 12 MRSA §408, as revised by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 is repealed.

Sec. D-14. 12 MRSA §409, as revised by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 is repealed.

Sec. D-15. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §5 is repealed.

Sec. D-16. 25 MRSA §2371, as amended by PL 2011, c. 633, §§7,8, is further amended to read:

§2371. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Board. "Board" means the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A.

2. Building official. "Building official" means a building official appointed pursuant to section 2351-A.

3. Bureau.

4. Code. "Code" means the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code adopted pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103.

5. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Safety.

6. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Title 5, chapter 310-B.

~~**5-A7. Division.**~~ "Division" means the Division of Building Codes and Standards established in section 2372.

8. Office. "Office" means the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Title 5, chapter 310-B.

69. Third-party inspector. "Third-party inspector" means a person certified by the State to conduct inspections under Title 30-A, section 4451 for compliance with the code. A 3rd-party inspector may not hold a pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any building for which the 3rd-party inspector issues an inspection report pursuant to section 2373 and may not serve as a 3rd-party inspector in any municipality where that 3rd-party inspector has been appointed as a building official or code enforcement officer.

Sec. D-17. 25 MRSA §2372, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §2, is further amended to read:

§2372. Division of Building Codes and Standards

1. Established. The Division of Building Codes and Standards is established within the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal office~~ to provide administrative support and technical assistance to the board in executing its duties pursuant to Title 10, section 9722, subsection 6.

2. Staff. The ~~commissioner~~ director may appoint and may remove for cause staff of the division, including:

A. A technical codes coordinator certified in building standards pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 2-A, paragraph E, who serves as the division director and principal administrative and supervisory employee of the board. The technical codes coordinator shall attend meetings of the board, keep records of the proceedings of the board and direct and supervise the personnel employed to carry out the duties of the board, including but not limited to providing technical support and public outreach for the adoption of the code, amendments, conflict resolutions and interpretations. Technical support and public outreach must include, but may not be limited to:

- (1) Providing nonbinding interpretation of the code for professionals and the general public; and
- (2) Establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible website to publish general technical assistance, code updates and interpretations and post-training course schedules; and

B. An office specialist to provide administrative support to the division and the board.

Sec. D-18. 25 MRSA §2374, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §3, is further amended to read:

§2374. Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund

The Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the ~~Department of Public Safety office~~ to fund the activities of the division under this chapter and the activities of the board under Title 10, chapter 1103 and Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A. Revenue for this fund is provided by the surcharge established by section 2450-A. The ~~Department of Public Safety office~~ shall determine an amount to be transferred annually from the fund for training and certification under Title 30-A, section 4451,

subsection 3-A to the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-B. Any balance of the fund may not lapse, but must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

Sec. D-19. 25 MRSA §2450-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §13, is amended to read:

§2450-A. Surcharge on plan review fee for Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund

In addition to the fees established in section 2450, a surcharge of 4¢ per square foot of occupied space must be levied on the existing fee schedule for new construction, reconstruction, repairs, renovations or new use for the sole purpose of funding the activities of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board with respect to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, established pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103, the activities of the Division of Building Codes and Standards under chapter 314 and the activities of the ~~Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, except that the fee for review of a plan for the renovation of a public school, including the fee established under section 2450, may not exceed \$450. Revenue collected from this surcharge must be deposited into the Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund established by section 2374.

Sec. D-20. 30-A MRSA, c. 187, sub-c. II, art. 3-A, as amended is repealed.

Sec. D-21. 30-A MRSA §4451, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §5 is further amended to read:

§4451. Training and certification for code enforcement officers

1. Certification required; exceptions. A municipality may not employ any individual to perform the duties of a code enforcement officer who is not certified by the former State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development, ~~or the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ or the Maine Office of Community Affairs, except that:

A. An individual other than an individual appointed as a plumbing inspector has 12 months after beginning employment to be trained and certified as provided in this section;

B. Whether or not any extension is available under paragraph A, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may waive this requirement for up to one year if the certification requirements cannot be met without imposing a hardship on the municipality employing the individual;

C. An individual may be temporarily authorized in writing by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Engineering to be employed as a plumbing inspector for a period not to exceed 12 months; and

D. An individual whose certification has expired or is about to expire may be temporarily authorized in writing by the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~

Maine Office of Community Affairs to extend that individual's certification for a period not to exceed 12 months in cases where the necessary training or examination is suspended under subsection 3-B, paragraph E.

2. Penalty. Any municipality that violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged. Each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

2-A. Code enforcement officer; definition and duties. As used in this subchapter, "code enforcement officer" means a person certified under this section and employed by a municipality to enforce all applicable laws and ordinances in the following areas:

- A. Shoreland zoning under Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 2-B;
- B. Comprehensive planning and land use under Part 2, Subpart 6-A;
- C. Internal plumbing under chapter 185, subchapter 3;
- D. Subsurface wastewater disposal under chapter 185, subchapter 3; and
- E. Building standards under chapter 141; chapter 185, subchapter 1; Title 5, sections 4582-B, 4582-C and 4594-F; Title 10, chapter 1103; and Title 25, chapter 313.

3. Training and certification of code enforcement officers. In cooperation with code enforcement officer professional associations, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services, except as otherwise provided in paragraph H, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall establish a continuing education program for individuals engaged in code enforcement. This program must provide training in the technical and legal aspects of code enforcement necessary for certification. The training program must include training to provide familiarity with the laws and ordinances related to the structure and practice of the municipal code enforcement office, municipal planning board and appeals board procedures, application review and permitting procedures, inspection procedures and enforcement techniques.

~~A.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~B.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~C.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~D.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~E.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~F.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~G.~~ [PL 1991, c. 163 (RP).]

~~H.~~ If funding is not available to support the training and certification program authorized under this subsection, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of

Community Affairs shall discontinue training and certification activities related to laws and ordinances referenced in subsection 2-A, paragraphs A and B and shall adopt by routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A a program to register code enforcement officers that meet training and education qualifications. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall publish the list of persons registered for code enforcement who have submitted evidence of required qualifications. Persons registered under this paragraph must meet the requirements for training and certification under this subchapter. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of carrying out training and certification activities related to laws and ordinances referenced in subsection 2-A, paragraphs C and D. Within one month of discontinuation of training and certification under this paragraph, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters a recommendation for funding the training and certification program or for further changes in program requirements.

3-A. Training and certification of inspectors in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. In accordance with the training and certification requirements developed pursuant to Title 10, section 9723, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall provide the training necessary to certify municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors.

3-B. Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund. The Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund to support training and certification programs administered by the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs for code enforcement officers, local plumbing inspectors, municipal building officials and 3rd-party inspectors in accordance with this subchapter.

A. On July 1st of each year, the funds identified in section 4215, subsection 4 for training and certifying local plumbing inspectors must be transferred to the fund.

B. On July 1st of each year, the funds identified in Title 25, section 2374 for training and certifying municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors must be transferred to the fund.

C. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall place in the fund any money it receives from grants to support the requirements of this subchapter.

D. Funds related to code enforcement training and certification may be expended only in accordance with allocations approved by the Legislature and solely for the administration of this subchapter. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

E. If the fund does not contain sufficient money to support the costs of the training and certification provided for in this subchapter, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may suspend all or reduce the level of training and certification activities.

4. Examination. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall conduct at least one examination each year to examine candidates for certification at a time and place designated by it. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may conduct additional examinations to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

5. Certification standards. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall adopt routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish the qualifications, conditions and licensing standards and procedures for the certification and recertification of individuals as code enforcement officers. A code enforcement officer need only be certified in the areas of actual job responsibilities. The rules established under this subsection must identify standards for each of the areas of training under subsection 2-A, in addition to general standards that apply to all code enforcement officers.

6. Certification; terms; revocation. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall certify individuals as to their competency to successfully enforce ordinances and other land use regulations and permits granted under those ordinances and regulations and shall issue certificates attesting to the competency of those individuals to act as code enforcement officers. Certificates issued by the former State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development, or the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs are valid for 6 years unless revoked by the District Court. An examination is not required for recertification of code enforcement officers. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall recertify a code enforcement officer if the code enforcement officer successfully completes at least 12 hours of approved training in each area of job responsibility during the 6-year certification period.

A. The District Court may revoke the certificate of a code enforcement officer, in accordance with Title 4, chapter 5, when it finds that:

- (1) The code enforcement officer has practiced fraud or deception;
- (2) Reasonable care, judgment or the application of a duly trained and knowledgeable code enforcement officer's ability was not used in the performance of the duties of the office; or
- (3) The code enforcement officer is incompetent or unable to perform properly the duties of the office.

B. Code enforcement officers whose certificates are invalidated under this subsection may be issued new certificates provided that they are newly certified as provided in this section.

7. Other professions unaffected. This subchapter may not be construed to affect or prevent the practice of any other profession.

Sec. D-22. 30-A MRSA §5161, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3 is repealed.

Sec. D-23. Transition provisions, Community Resilience Partnership Program. The following provisions govern the transition of the Community Resilience Partnership Program from the Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation and the Future to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Community Resilience Partnership Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Community Resilience Partnership Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Community Resilience Partnership Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Community Resilience Partnership Program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Community Resilience Partnership Program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances remaining in the Community Resilience Partnership Program, other special revenue and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-24. Transition provisions, coastal zone management program. The following provisions govern the transition of the coastal zone management program from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the coastal zone management program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the coastal zone management program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the coastal zone management program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the coastal zone management program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the coastal zone management program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the coastal zone management program remaining in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources, other special revenue and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-25. Transition provisions, municipal planning assistance program. The following provisions govern the transition of the municipal planning assistance program from the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the municipal planning assistance program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the municipal planning assistance program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the municipal planning assistance program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the municipal planning assistance program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the municipal planning assistance program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the municipal planning assistance program remaining in the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-26. Transition provisions, Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program. The following provisions govern the transition of the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program from the Department of Education to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program remaining in the Department of Education, other special revenues fund and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-27. Transition provisions, Housing Opportunity Program. The following provisions govern the transition of the Housing Opportunity Program from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Housing Opportunity Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Housing Opportunity Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Housing Opportunity Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Housing Opportunity Program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Housing Opportunity Program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

Sec. D-28. Transition provisions, Division of Building Codes and Standards program. The following provisions govern the transition of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program from the Department of Public Safety to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Division of Building Codes and Standards program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Division of Building Codes and Standards program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program remaining in the Department of Public Safety, other special revenue funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-29. Transition provisions, floodplain management program. The following provisions govern the transition of the floodplain management program from the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Floodplain Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the municipal planning assistance program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the floodplain management program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the floodplain management program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the floodplain management program become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the floodplain management program may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the floodplain management program remaining in the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, other special revenue funds and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Act.

Sec. D-30. Transition provisions, Development Ready Advisory Committee. The following provisions govern the transition of the Development Ready Advisory Committee from the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Development Ready Advisory Committee.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Development Ready Advisory Committee or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Development Ready Advisory Committee continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Development Ready Advisory Committee become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Development Ready Advisory Committee may be utilized by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

PART D SUMMARY

This Part amends the general provisions of the Maine Office of Community Affairs. This Part also transitions several programs through State government to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. This includes the Community Resilience Partnership from the Executive Department, the Coastal Zone Management program from the Department of Marine Resources, the State Floodplain Mapping Fund and the Municipal Planning Assistance program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Development Ready Advisory

Committee from the Maine Development Land Bank Authority, the Housing Opportunity Program from the Department of Economic & Community Development, the Maine Commission for Community Service, Maine Service Fellows Program, the Maine Climate Corp program, and the Volunteer Maine from the Department of Education, and the Division of Building Codes and Standards from the Department of Public Safety