

Budget Details

Events:

Kick Off Event – July 26, 2019

Transportation, Signage, Security. Invite Gov. Mills to raise the Bicentennial flag at multiple sites throughout the state, with small celebrations and remarks at each site. Announce planned events and programs to encourage engagement statewide

Statehood Weekend Events

Community dinner marketing, Transportation, State House ceremony, Commemorative stamp launch, Reception. Saturday night bean suppers hosted by various groups statewide, incorporating food drives. Speeches, poetry and musical performance, display of statehood papers in the Hall of Flags.

Tall Ships weeks 1 & 3

Ship fees, Security, Marketing, Cultural programming. City of Portland to host wide-ranging festival in concurrence with tall ships appearances, city-wide, in commemoration of being Maine's first capital city. Opportunities to host events/galas/ local and national 2020 candidates and other dignitaries aboard ships or in nearby venues. Tall Ships Maine to offer educational experiences for youth, travel ships to various ports along the coast; may include Rockland, Bucksport and others.

Tall Ships week 2

Ship fees, Security, Marketing, Reception / Captain's Dinner, Concert. Special reception for donors, dignitaries as part of the aforementioned Tall Ships Maine events.

Hosting naval vessel in Casco Bay (Possibly in association with the National Governors Association Conference)*

Reception, Center rental, Security, Ancillary events. (Part of the aforementioned Tall Ships Maine events.)

**There is talk of the NGA Conference being hosted in Portland during the summer of 2020.*

Blue Angels Week

Community picnic, Fireworks, Concert, Chalet sponsor. Use of Brunswick Naval Air Station facilities in conjunction with the Blue Angels Air Show.

Maine Innovation Expo (Closing weekend)

Venue rental, Marketing, Security. "Leading the Way" Expo, featuring Maine companies and nonprofits showcasing the technologies and innovations of the future, Friday, Oct. 9, Cross Insurance Center, Bangor

Cultural Days/Recognition Dinner (Closing weekend)

- Recognition dinner (invitation only) for sponsors, donors and volunteers, featuring Maine foods and entertainment, Friday, Oct. 9, Cross Insurance Center, Bangor
- Cultural Days: Events hosted by religious and cultural groups statewide, recognizing the different cultures that made up Maine's past and are part of Maine's present; to include a multi-denominational statewide Maine convocation and a citizenship naturalization ceremony (location TBD), Oct. 10-12, 2020, Statewide.

Cultural Weekend Festival (Closing weekend)

Venue rental, security, marketing for cultural diversity demo and celebration

Entertainment and activities in Capitol Park; and official sealing of the time capsule by the capsule keepers, Saturday, Oct. 10, Capitol Park/ Statehouse complex, Augusta

Programs:

2120 Time Capsule program

Construction, Placement, Marketing, Percent for Art inclusion. The University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites will design the capsule, which will be marked by a public art project. The capsule will be filled via a process overseen by the commission and will incorporate several capsule keepers: Mainers who were born on Statehood Day in 2000. It will feature a side compartment to remain empty until 2045, when the capsule keepers will place contributions in it on March 15, 2045 (Statehood Day,) for opening on Statehood Day in 2070, and again in 2095. The commission is seeking gubernatorial approval for siting of capsule within the Statehouse complex.

Tri-Centennial Pine Grove program

Trees, Transportation, Signage, Granite markers. Maine's Bicentennial Commission is encouraging communities throughout Maine to install Bicentennial Pine Tree Groves – clusters of the iconic Eastern White Pine trees on property dedicated to their care and growth. Now is the time to start planning for a grove location in your town or city, and decide how you will beautify the grove and give it special local significance. The commission is planning to secure a sponsor to supply the trees and granite markers to designate each Bicentennial Pine Tree Grove around the state.

Blaine House Bicentennial Concert Series

Venue rentals, Artists contracts, Recording expenses, Reception

A series of four concerts throughout 2020 at various venues throughout the state, as hosted by Gov. Mills, and to be broadcast via Maine Public.

Bicentennial Schools Program

\$20K grants to 20 schools for projects on teaching Maine history

Schools will apply for grants that help to achieve the mission of the bicentennial commission for not only the school but the greater community.

CAC: Student outreach and curriculum expansion

- Expand arts education programming in each school district, including an Arts Integration Project challenging schools to integrate at least two art forms using Maine's Bicentennial as the theme.
- Enhance curriculum-based educational outreach through a Maine 200 Years Poster Series, and a Maine history experience employing Virtual Reality learning. The Poster Series will be distributed to Maine schools and be accompanied by a lesson plan prepared in accordance with Maine's Learning Results. The Virtual Reality experience will employ Thinglink software to allow students and others to immerse themselves in a 360 environment of a notable location in Maine and interact with information about that place, including excerpts of historical documents, audio, images and video. Multiple headsets and wireless internet capability will allow this exhibit to be shared at events and traveled throughout the state if funding allows.
- Engage schools and communities in a statewide literacy initiative built around the "Leaders Library Card Challenge." Using partnerships designed to improve educational and literacy outcomes, the initiative will position Maine to be the first state to ensure that "every kid has a card."
- The Maine Memory Network (www.mainememory.net) will provide the public, students, and Maine communities with extensive online resources for exploring the path to Maine statehood, how history shapes Maine today, and for sharing their own stories. Outreach and training will support local communities as they capture and share their stories as a central part of local Bicentennial activities. Maine Memory includes collections, exhibits, and stories contributed by 270+ Maine organizations. New curricular resources available through the Maine Memory Network will use the Bicentennial to help Maine students develop knowledge, skills, and connections to their communities.

CAC: Curated Exhibits and Guided History Tours

- Expand dynamic exhibits and access to Maine's historical artifacts. *Regional Struggle-National Story: Maine's Path to Statehood*, will offer first-ever display of rare artifacts; *Whales and Little Fishes: the Future of Maine's Fisheries* will feature the only Right Whale skeleton in Maine.
- Create a technologically engaging and interactive (cell phone app-based) tour of the State House, featuring architectural, artistic, historical, and political highlights of Maine history.
- Develop posters using National Historic Landmarks as focal points in describing and understanding Maine's history from its founding through statehood, highlighting Maine's role in culture, politics, and commerce.

CAC: Celebrations and Targeted Programs

- Celebrate cultural leadership in Maine through the Maine International Conference on the Arts 2020 whose DIRIGO theme will focus on leadership development and inspiration.
- Offer compelling programming through a documentary of Maine history, and a compilation of productions about Maine people using multiple media platforms to heighten education, awareness, and appreciation of Maine's history.
- Commission a musical score that would be featured during the Statehood Day celebration at the State House.

- Celebrate Maine Artists in the State House throughout the Bicentennial year.
- Create a crowd-sourced and geo-located Story Map, gathering and curating the images and information to inspire communities to discover their roles in the 1819 statehood vote, and the 1820 granting of statehood.
- Host a community-facilitated “Big Read” statewide reading and discussion program for all ages to capture compelling, unique manuscripts and historical novels relevant to Maine history.
- Work with Maine’s Poet Laureate to expand poetry programming to include a broader Maine Youth Poetry Competition, and statewide community-based poetry programs.

CAC: Community program grants

Grants will be made to local nonprofit cultural organizations whose work embodies the best that Maine’s cultural community has to offer. Funds will support local events, programs, exhibits, and arts and preservation projects. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be distributed to 200 Maine communities to support Bicentennial activities.

Blaine House Centennial Commemoration

Friends of the Blaine House seek to coordinate their centennial commemoration with the bicentennial.

Bicentennial Flying the Flag Program

Raising awareness of the bicentennial statewide by providing Maine200 flags for display on all public buildings and possibly other locations as well.