



An update to the Joint Standing Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs

regarding COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Commissioner Kirsten Figueroa

COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program



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- Authorized by the FY22-23 biennial budget
- \$149.8 million
- One-time payments to Mainers who worked during the pandemic
- Provide relief to working people who showed up and kept Maine running through the early days of COVID-19



COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program

- Eligibility is determined by 2020 tax year
- Claimed earned income
 - wages, salaries, tips, or other taxable *employee* pay
- Filed a Maine individual income tax return as a full-year resident

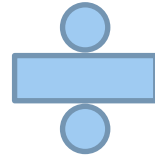


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- Federal adjusted gross income for the 2020 tax year that is less than:
 - \$150,000 if married filing a joint return or a qualifying widow or widower
 - \$112,500 if filing as head of household
 - \$75,000 if single or married filing separately
- Not claimed as a dependent
- Filed no later than October 31, 2021



Total Funding



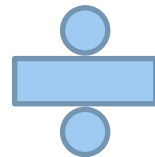
Eligible Recipients



Payment Amount

COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program

\$149.8 Million



535,000 Eligible Recipients



Approximately \$275 Payment

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- Payments will arrive via paper check via USPS
- Beginning early to mid-November
- Over a period of five to six weeks
- Arriving no later than December 31, 2021
- NO application required



COVID-19 Disaster Relief Program

- Call DAFS' Maine Revenue Services at (207) 624-9784
- Visit <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/check>



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

- **An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation** (LD 1507, now PL21, c.45)
- **An Act To Establish a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program and Provide for the Distribution of Funds** (LD 1697, now PL21, c.77)
- **An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal Recovery Funds** (LD 1700, now PL21, c.78)
- **An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds** (LD 1733, now PL21, c.483)



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

1. Overall Impact to Maine
2. Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
3. Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan



\$4.6 billion impact to Maine

\$1.5 billion for **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

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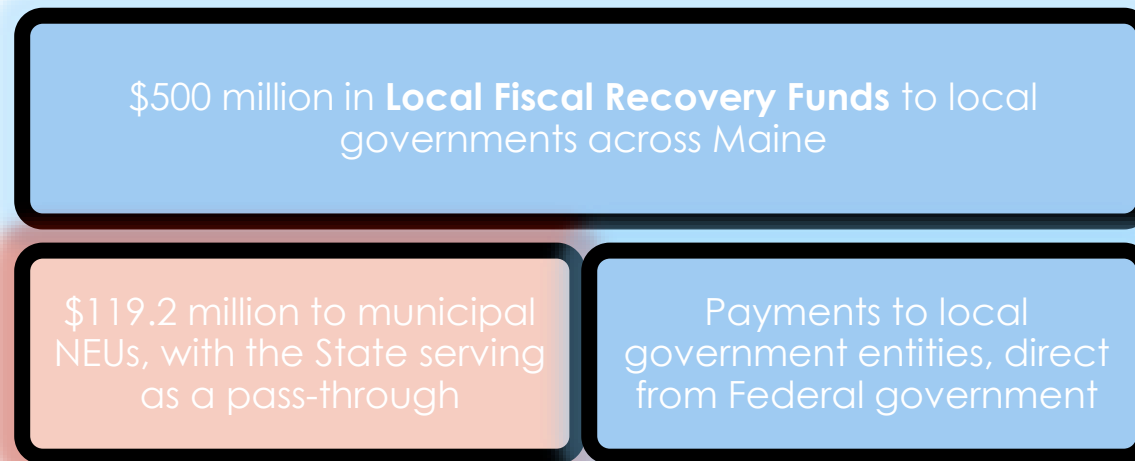
Allowable Uses

- water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- addressing the public health impacts of COVID-19
- replacing lost public sector revenue
- providing financial resources to affected small businesses
- providing premium pay to public health and safety employees performing essential work during the pandemic, such as 911 operators or EMS staff



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Direct Payments from Federal gov'



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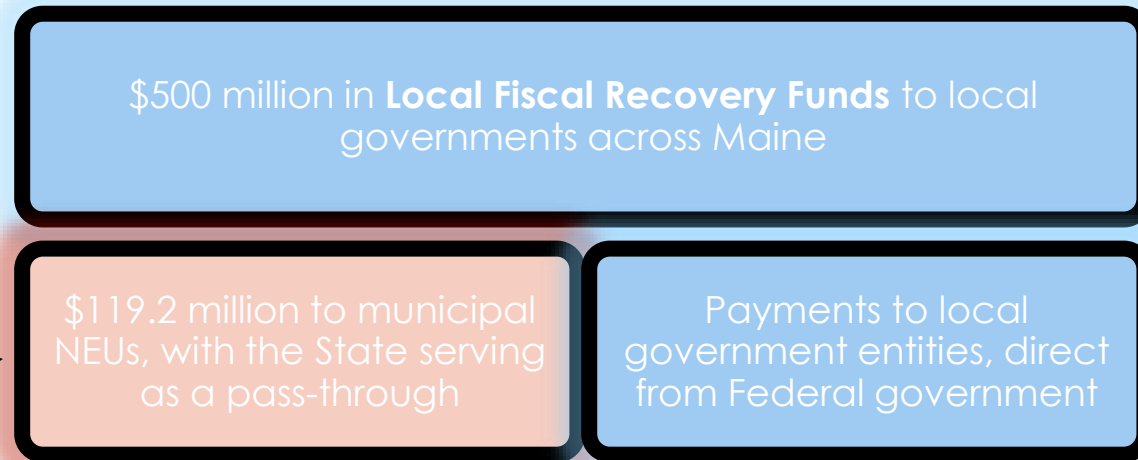
- Counties: \$261 million total
 - Androscoggin: \$21.0 MM
 - Aroostook: \$13.0 MM
 - Cumberland: \$57.3 MM
 - Franklin: \$5.9 MM
 - Hancock: \$10.7 MM
 - Kennebec: \$23.8 MM
 - Knox: \$7.7 MM
 - Lincoln: \$6.7 MM
 - Oxford: \$11.3 MM
 - Penobscot: \$29.6 MM
 - Piscataquis: \$3.3 MM
 - Sagadahoc: \$7.0 MM
 - Somerset: \$9.8 MM
 - Waldo: \$7.7 MM
 - Washington: \$6.1 MM
 - York: \$40.3 MM
- Entitlement Units: \$45.57 million total
 - City of Auburn: \$13.5 MM
 - City of Bangor: \$20.5 MM
 - City of Biddeford: \$9.8 MM
 - City of Lewiston: \$21 MM
 - City of Portland: \$46.3 MM
 - City of South Portland: \$10.5 MM



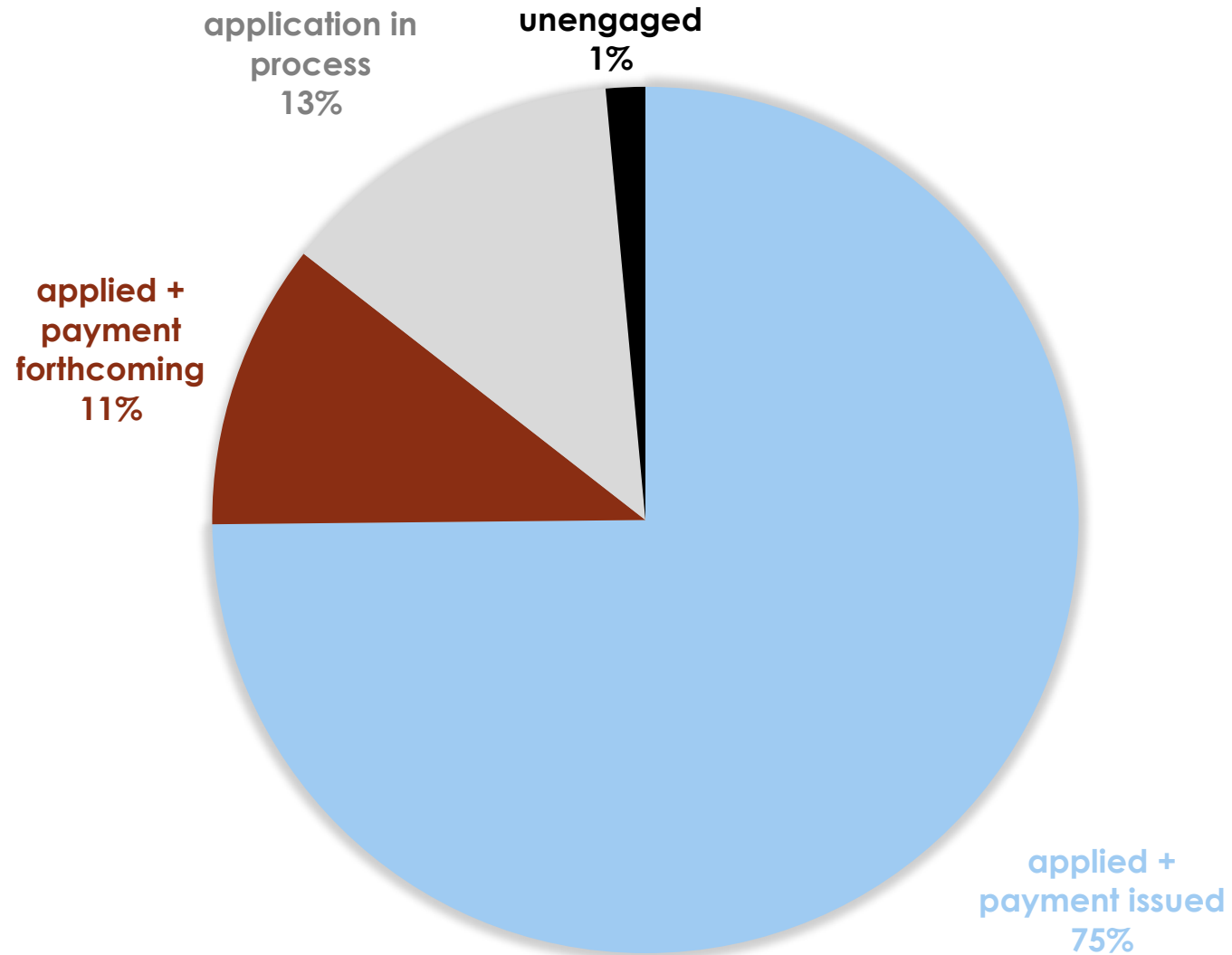
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Payments as Pass-Through from State

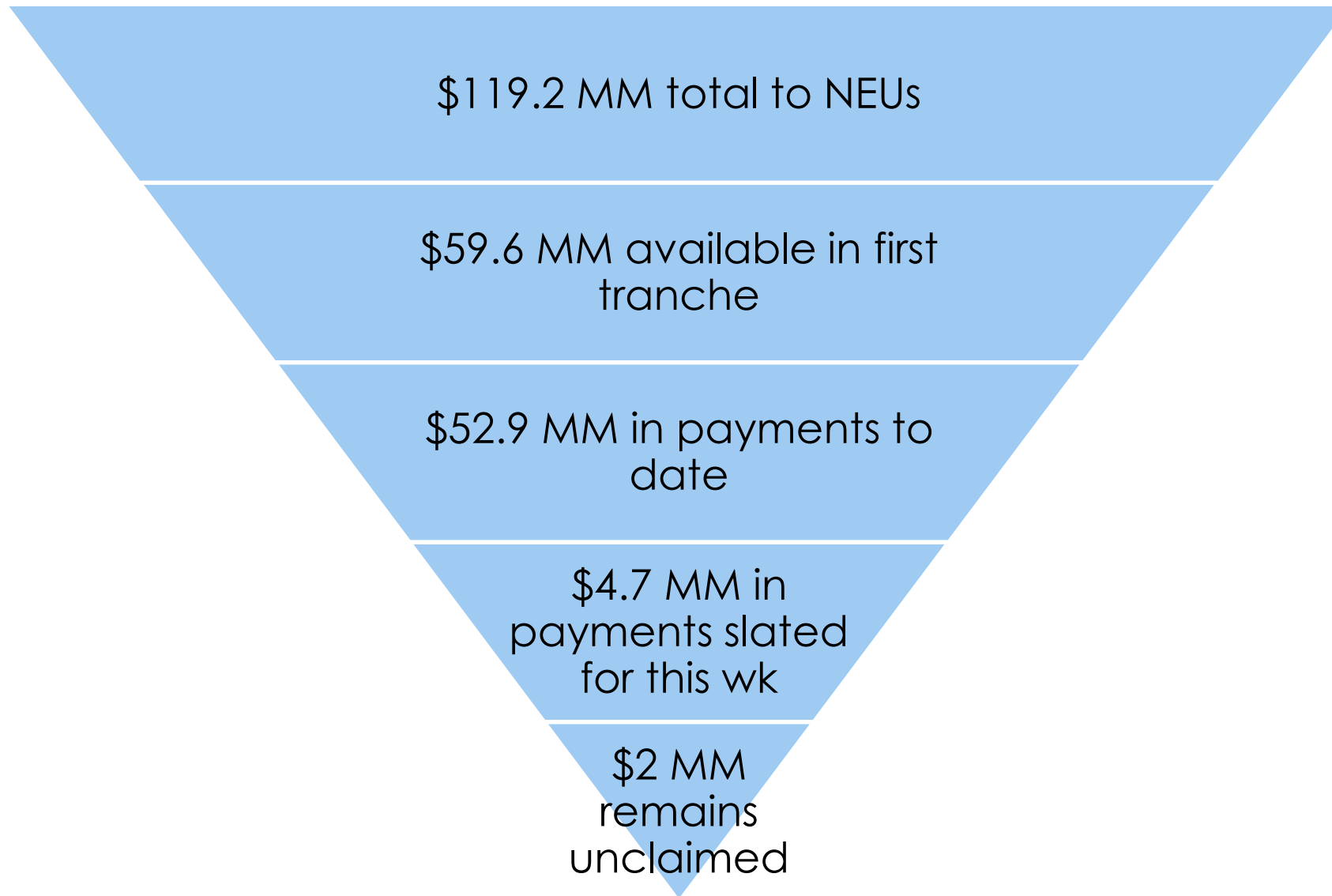
477 Maine towns and cities known as non-entitlement units or “NEUs”



ARPA: Local Fiscal Recovery → NEUs



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- States:
 - maintain documentation that supports disbursement
 - disburse payments to NEUs
 - report to U.S. Treasury on disbursements
 - “guarantee 60 days” for NEUs to access this funding
 - NOT required to understand how the funds will be or are used
- NEUs should:
 - apply for and receive funds from State
 - monitor and report on use of the funds directly to U.S. Treasury
 - adhere to any local requirements



ARPA: Local Fiscal Recovery Program → NEUs

- Call (888) 804-2544
- Email Maine.ARPAsupport@hornellp.com



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Allowable Uses

- support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic



ARPA: State Fiscal Recovery → Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan

- This is a transformational opportunity to prepare for swift and decisive action on a plan to continue Maine's economic recovery and achieve long-term growth for Maine people, businesses, and communities, in three categories:
 - immediate economic recovery
 - long-term economic growth
 - infrastructure revitalization
- Drawing on recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee and the State's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy



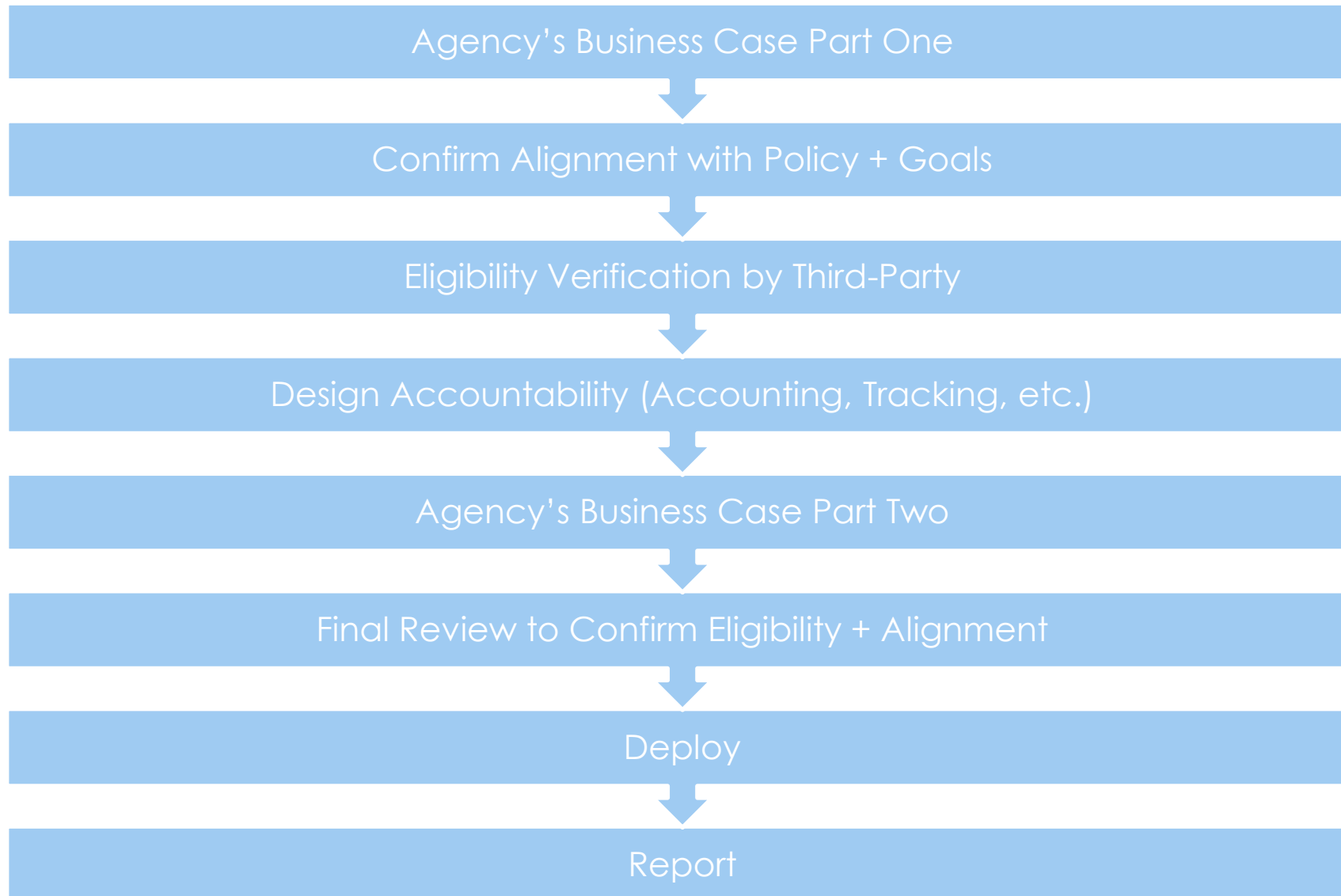
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	Projects	2021-22	2022-23
Department of Economic and Community Development	23	\$126.5 MM	\$87.8 MM
Department of Labor	19	94.0	22.6
Department of Health and Human Services	14	27.4	30.5
Department of Administrative and Financial Services	11	33.1	55.1
Department of Environmental Protection	7	21.5	24.5
Department of Education	6	21.8	24.0
Department of Marine Resources	6	17.9	8.1
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	4	30.0	40.1
Department of Transportation	4	20.0	23.0
Maine Housing Authority	3	21.5	40.0
Governor's Energy Office	3	3.0	3.5
Finance Authority of Maine	3	3.0	1.0
Efficiency Maine Trust	1	15.0	35.0
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation	1	19.5	19.5
Maine Community College System	1	15.0	20.0
University of Maine System	1	15.0	20.0
Maine Connectivity Authority	1	10.0	11.0
Department of Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife	1	5.0	15.0
Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	1	5.0	5.0
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services	1	4.0	0.0
Maine Maritime Academy	1	2.0	0.0
Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations	1	0.5	0.5
Judicial	1	0.3	0.3

Summary

- \$997 million
- 114 projects
- 23 agencies

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- Part One Business Case includes:
 - baseline project description and overview
 - designating staff lead for each project
 - identifying likely resource needs – *hiring, procurement, technology, etc.*
 - planning how to improve equity, reduce disparities, and/or increase diversity through the project
- Part One approval allows:
 - commencement of drafting any Request for Proposals (RFPs)
 - development of Functional Job Assessments (FJAs)
 - submission of Financial Orders (FOs)



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- Part Two Business Case includes:
 - initiative goals
 - initiative objectives
 - key performance indicators (KPIs)
 - reporting details
 - considering the public rollout and communication plan
 - engaging with constituents and community stakeholders
 - developing appropriate fiscal controls and oversight processes
- Part Two approval allows:
 - fund disbursement
 - formal agency commitments
 - deployment



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- Prepare and submit detailed quarterly federal reporting on spending and programmatic results
- October 18th: \$139 million to support Maine's small businesses and workforce
- October 25th: \$13.5 million to encourage people to pursue health care jobs in Maine and strengthen the State's health care workforce



ARPA: State Fiscal Recovery → Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan

- Interim guidance available now from U.S. Treasury
 - still awaiting final guidance
- States that can prove “qualified revenue loss” will have more flexibility in allowable uses





Questions?

Thank you.