

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

—
S.P. 706 - L.D. 1974

An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7501, as amended by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

§7501. Commission established

There is established the Maine Commission for Community Service, referred to in this chapter 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).

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7503, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 54, §1, is amended to read:

11. Coordination. ~~Foster~~ 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 section 7507 and related national and other climate-related service programs;

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §7507 is enacted to read:

§7507. 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. 4. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, as amended by PL 2017, c. 117, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (31) to read:

(31) Service performed by participants enrolled in programs or projects under the Maine Climate Corps Program established pursuant to Title 5, section 7507 or under national service laws including the federal National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 United States Code, Section 12501 et seq. and the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act, as amended, 42 United States Code, Section 4950 et seq.;

Sec. 5. Transfer of settlement funds; fiscal year 2022-23. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall make a one-time transfer of \$120,000 from the funds received under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A for antitrust enforcement and enforcement of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act to the Department of Education. The funds must be used to support 4 eligible participants of the Maine Climate Corps Program, established in Title 5, section 7507.

Sec. 6. Transfer of settlement funds; fiscal year 2022-23. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall make a one-time transfer of \$30,000 from the funds received under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A for antitrust enforcement and enforcement of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act to the Department of Education. The funds must be used to

increase the opportunities for individuals to devote a year of service to communities in this State.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Climate Corps Program - Maine Commission for Community Service N413

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support one Maine Climate Corps Program leadership position.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$81,310
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$81,310</u>

Maine Climate Corps Program - Maine Commission for Community Service N413

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds to support 4 eligible participants of the Maine Climate Corps Program using funds transferred from the Office of the Attorney General from settlement funds received for antitrust enforcement and the enforcement of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$120,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>

Maine Service Fellows Program Z311

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds to increase the opportunities for individuals to devote a year of service to communities in the State using funds transferred from the Office of the Attorney General from settlement funds received for antitrust enforcement and the enforcement of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$81,310
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$150,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$231,310</u>