

## Inventory of State Grant Programs (51 programs)

	GRANT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT IS FUNDED	WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?	FUNDING
<b>Department of Administrative and Financial Services</b>				
1	Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services Fund  <i>Torrey Gray 624-7800</i>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dafs/fund.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dafs/fund.htm</a>	Consolidation of local government services; feasibility studies	Municipalities, counties, or regional government subdivisions	Funding eliminated
<b>Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources</b>				
2	Agricultural Development Grant Fund  <i>John Harker, 287-7620</i>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/mpd/business/grantsandloans/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/mpd/business/grantsandloans/index.html</a>	Market, research, market promotion and new technology demonstration projects to encourage innovative efforts by farmers, aquaculturists and food processors to expand markets, promote their products and test new innovative equipment and processes.	Any person or organization in the business of growing or harvesting of plants, raising of animals, growing or obtaining plant or animal by-products, aquaculture or engaged in the producing, processing, storing, packaging or marketing of a product derived from such a business	\$250,000/year \$30,000/grant
3	Maine Farms for the Future  <i>Kerri Sands, CEI, 772-5356 x114</i>  <a href="http://www.ceimaine.org/content/view/120/170/">http://www.ceimaine.org/content/view/120/170/</a>	Two phases: first phase is to develop a business plan, and second is competitive grant to help implement business plan to improve their farm operations, transfer the farm to the next generation, or start a new enterprise.	Anyone who: owns 5 or more acres in agricultural production and anticipates keeping land in agriculture for at least five years	Maximum loan amount is \$25,000  \$2,000,000 bond in 2003
4	Maine Agricultural Sustainable Water Source Development Grant Program  <i>John Harker, 287-7620</i>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/mpd/irrigation/wsdg.html">http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/mpd/irrigation/wsdg.html</a>	Grants help with funding the development of new water sources for agricultural irrigation to assist farmers to mitigate drought risk for long-term maintenance of profitable farms.	Any Maine farm business that buys and sells agricultural crops and livestock, with a minimum of over \$5,000 in gross receipts in any one year.	The program will provide up to 75% of the cost of construction of a new or expanded water source, up to \$80,000. Bond-funded \$1,500,000 approved by voters in 2007
5	Nutrient Management Grant Program  <i>Mark Hedrich, 287-7608</i>	Assistance to farm operations for construction of new or retrofitted manure and/or milk waste storage and handling facilities, leachate from silos, roofs over manure pits, etc.	Owner/operator of livestock operation or of an operation that comply with nutrient management program.	Approximately \$4.5 million to date, general fund and bond money lesser of \$100,000 or 75% or project costs/grant

<b>Arts Commission</b>				
6	<p>Cultural Facilities Accessibility Grant</p> <p><i>Kathy Shaw, 287-2750</i></p> <p><a href="http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/CulturalFacilities/index.shtml">http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/CulturalFacilities/index.shtml</a></p>	<p>Assist new capital projects and renovations as well as technology projects and/or improvements. Provides funding for new construction, repairs or renovations of existing facilities owned and operated by a nonprofit Maine arts organization, or repair, upgrade or replacement of capital technology equipment for a facility operated by a nonprofit, Maine arts organization</p>	<p>Professional Maine arts organizations</p>	<p>Approx \$175,000 annually</p>
7	<p>Capacity Building in Maine's Cultural Communities</p> <p><a href="http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/CapacityBuilding.shtml">http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/CapacityBuilding.shtml</a></p>	<p>Designed as a capacity-building program to strengthen cultural organizations, artists, and the infrastructure that supports arts programming and services to enhance quality of place in Maine's communities.</p>	<p>Maine local arts agencies, creative economy organizations and other community organizations</p>	<p>The Maine Arts Commission expects to make eight to ten awards for capacity building projects per year Max award \$10,000</p>
8	<p>Sustaining Tradition Arts in the Community</p> <p><a href="http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/sustainingTA.shtml">http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/sustainingTA.shtml</a></p>	<p>Assists communities with supporting programs, activities or events which strengthen traditional arts in the community and help ensure the survival of valuable traditional arts.</p>	<p>Communities in Maine</p>	<p>Max award \$2,000</p>
<b>Department of Conservation</b>				
9	<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund</p> <p>Mick Rogers, 287-4962</p> <p><a href="http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/community/lwgrants.html">http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/community/lwgrants.html</a></p>	<p>LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Only projects in accordance with the current SCORP may be considered.</p>	<p>State and municipal public agencies</p>	<p>Up to \$25,000 per project. Total Fund amount varies per Congressional allocation. \$250,000 per year in two most recent years.</p>
10	<p>Boating Facilities Fund</p> <p><i>George Powell, 287-4952</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/boating/grants.html">http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/boating/grants.html</a></p>	<p>Funds access sites for public recreational boating by assisting towns, cities, districts and other public and private agencies in the acquisition, development, enhancement, or rehabilitation of boat launching facilities available to the general public. Sites on both tidal and non-tidal waters are eligible</p>	<p>Applicant must have right, title or interest in the land to be acquired and/or developed and legally assure that the site will be available to the general public.</p>	<p>~\$500,000 available annually from gas tax revenue.</p>
11	<p>Project Canopy Fund</p> <p><i>Jan Santerre, 287-4987</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/projectcanopy/pages/resource.htm#grants">http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/projectcanopy/pages/resource.htm#grants</a></p>	<p>Grants for developing and implementing community forestry projects and programs</p>	<p>State, county, and municipal governments; educational institutions; and non-profit organizations.</p>	<p>\$80,000 per year Up to \$8,000 per award</p>
12	<p>Municipal Grant-in-Aid Program for snowmobiling trails</p> <p><i>Scott Ramsey, 287-4956</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/snowmobile/munigrant.html">http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/snowmobile/munigrant.html</a></p>	<p>Sharing the cost of snowmobile trail development and maintenance.</p>		<p>Up to 50% of project cost.</p>

13	Snowmobiling trails <i>Scott Ramsey, 287-4956</i> <a href="http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/snowmobile/clubgrant.html">http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs/snowmobile/clubgrant.html</a>	Grants to develop and maintain safe, environmentally sound trails	Snowmobile clubs registered with DOC	
14	Municipal Grant-in-Aid Program for ATV trails <i>Brian Bronson, 287-4958</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/ATV/atv_muni.html">http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/ATV/atv_muni.html</a>	Sharing the cost of ATV trail development and maintenance.	Municipality or county with local match	Up to 50% of project cost.
15	ATV trails <i>Brian Bronson, 287-4958</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/ATV/atv_clubgrant.html">http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/ATV/atv_clubgrant.html</a>	Grants to develop and maintain safe, environmentally sound trails	ATV clubs registered with DOC	~\$750,000/year between municipal/club grants \$5,000/grant maximum
16	Recreational Trails Program <i>Mick RogersI, 287-4962</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/community/trailsfund.html">http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/community/trailsfund.html</a>	Development and/or maintenance of non-motorized, motorized or combined use recreation trails	Municipalities and non profit trail organizations	~\$700,000/year \$30,000/grant (\$10,000 for small projects)
17	Volunteer Fire Assistance Program <i>Bill Williams, 287-4991</i>	Purchase of equipment for forest fire control or to provide forest fire training	Municipalities and Fire Departments in towns with <10,000 population	\$55,500/year \$1,000/grant
18	WoodsWise Incentive Program <a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwi/wwi.htm">http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwi/wwi.htm</a>	Forest Stewardship management plans and, subject to available funding, forest management practices that implement the recommendations in the Forest Stewardship management plans.	Family forest owners who own at least 10 acres of forest land but no more than 5,000 acres of forest land (over 1,000 acres by waiver from the Director of the Bureau of Forestry on demonstration of public benefit).	On average, the program disburses \$100,000 in cost share payments annually to family forest owners.
<b>Department of Economic and Community Development</b>				
19	Riverfront Community Development <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> First round of funding anticipated for fall 2008	To assist and encourage communities along the State's rivers to revitalize their riverfronts in an environmentally sustainable manner and to promote river-oriented community development and enhancement projects.	a Maine town, city or plantation located on designated Maine Rivers	\$5,000,000 bond approved by voters 2007; maximum Fund grant award will be \$750,000
20	Municipal Investment Trust Fund <a href="http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=1514&amp;an=1">http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=1514&amp;an=1</a>	provides communities with funds to help meet their identified public infrastructure or downtown improvement needs.	Municipalities with an adopted, consistent comprehensive plan or identified as a service center.	Bond-funded \$1,500,000 approved by voters in 2007 \$500,000 maximum award

21	Community Planning (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Planning activities (studies, analysis, data gathering, preparation of comprehensive plans and maps and identification of actions) for a clearly identified a local housing, community or economic development problem.	Communities in Maine	\$158,000/year historically; \$100,000 2007 \$10,000/grant with 25% match
22	Community Enterprise Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Grant funds to assist in innovative solutions to problems faced by small or micro-businesses and to provide streetscapes in downtown areas and business façade improvements.	Communities in Maine	Maximum grant amount \$150,000 (\$25,000 to individual businesses). \$750,000 2007
23	Downtown Revitalization Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	All activities eligible under the Public Facilities, Public Infrastructure, Public Service, Housing Assistance, Micro Loan or Business Assistance programs as relevant to the revitalization of a downtown district.	Communities in Maine	\$1,200,000/year historically; \$500,000 2007 \$500,000/grant maximum with 25% match
24	Economic Development; Non-profit Development Grant Programs; (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Acquisition, relocation, demolition, clearance, construction, reconstructions, installation, and rehabilitation associated with public infrastructure projects eg sewer and water facilities, parking, sidewalks, public buildings which are necessary to create or retain jobs in the non-retail sector for low and moderate income persons.	Communities in Maine	\$5,000,000/year historically; \$2.5 million 2007 \$400,000/grant or no more than 50% of total project costs
25	Housing Assistance Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	new or rehab housing	Communities in Maine	\$2,400,000/year historically; \$1.0 million 2007 \$250,000/grant
26	Project Development Planning (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Planning activities necessary to complete Phase II requirements	Communities invited into Phase II of the Housing Assistance, Public Facilities/Infrastructure, Public Service, Econ. Devel. Infrastructure, Micro-Loan and Downtown Revitalization programs	\$75,000/year historically; 0 in 2007 \$2,500/grant
27	Public Infrastructure Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Construction, acquisition, reconstruction, installation, rehabilitation, site clearance, historic preservation, relocation assistance associated with public projects, and infrastructure for new housing construction (e.g. water systems, storm drainage)	Communities in Maine	\$3,600,000/year historically; \$2.5 million 2007 \$50,000-\$400,000/ grant
28	Public Facilities Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Construction, acquisition, reconstruction, installation, rehabilitation, site clearance, historic preservation, relocation assistance associated with public projects, and infrastructure for new housing construction (e.g. fire stations, handicap accessibility, etc.)	Communities in Maine	\$1,500,000/year historically; \$1.2 million 2007 \$50,000-\$250,000/grant

29	Public Service Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	Operating and program material expenses for child care, health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs, public safety services, fair housing activities, senior citizen services, homeless services, drug abuse counseling and treatment, and energy conservation counseling and testing.	Communities in Maine	\$200,000/year \$40,000/grant
30	Urgent Needs Grants (CDBG) <i>Mike Baron 624-9816</i> <a href="http://www.meocd.org/grants/">http://www.meocd.org/grants/</a>	threats to public health	Communities in Maine	\$200,000/year historically; \$80,000 2007 \$80,000/grant
<b>Department of Environmental Protection</b>				
31	Municipal Brownfields Site Assessment Grant and Remedial Program <i>Jean Firth 287-7716</i>	Phase I and Phase II Site Assessment consulting services (Site Assessment Program), site cleanup (Remedial Program), and redevelopment funds.	Municipalities, other governmental entities	\$650,000 total available approximately
32	319(h) Non Point Source Pollution Grants <i>Norm Marcotte, 287-3901</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/319.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/319.htm</a>	3 types: Watershed Survey project; Implement Watershed management Plan; Non Point Source Implementation Project \$5,000-	Municipalities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, river and watershed groups	\$120,000/grant Approximately \$600,000 annually
33	Combined Sewer Overflow Program <i>John True, 287-7808</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/csoinf.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/csoinf.htm</a>		Municipalities	1990 state bond issue for \$2.4 million; Grants are awarded for 25% of eligible CSO studies (planning and monitoring). No maximum/project
34	Overboard Discharge Grant Program <i>Tim MacMillan, 287-7765</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/obdpara.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/obdpara.htm</a>	Grants for replacement systems that would eliminate licensed overboard discharges in certain areas, such as shellfishing flats. The State share of funding comes from State bond issues.	Municipalities, Quasi-Municipal Corporations, County Commissioners and Individual Persons	Bond issues vary from year to year No limit/grant
35	Pump-out grants <i>Pam Parker, 287-7905</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/pumpout.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/pumpout.htm</a>	Funds new pump-out facilities, including pumps, storage facilities, connections to municipal sewer, and any site work needed as part of the installation are eligible for a 75% grant from the DEP. In addition, DEP will also fund 75% of the annual operating cost of the pump-out station including disposal costs, electric costs and personnel cost if the facility is not self serve.	Municipalities and pumpout operators.	Approximately \$175-200,000 annually.

36	<p>Small Community Grant Program</p> <p><i>Tim MacMillan, 287-7765</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/scgpara2.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/scgpara2.htm</a></p>	<p>Grants to help replace malfunctioning septic systems that are polluting a waterbody or causing a public nuisance; 25% to 100% of design and construction costs, depending upon the income of the owners of the property, and the property's use</p>	<p>Municipalities. Individual families if federal taxable income for previous year was \$40,000 or less. Commercial uses if gross profit for the previous year was \$40,000 or less.</p>	<p>Bonded funds of ~\$1,000,000.00/year \$100,000/project</p>
37	<p>Stormwater Compensation Fund Grant</p> <p>Tony St. Peter, 287-2166</p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/stormwatercomp/index.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/stormwatercomp/index.htm</a></p>	<p>Stormwater compensation projects to reduce watershed phosphorus export in lake watersheds that received compensation fee payments under the Stormwater Compensation Fund.</p>	<p>An organization or individual is eligible provided they can comply with the standard provisions of a grant agreement with the State of Maine</p>	<p>Funding is from payment-in-lieu-of phosphorus reduction. To date, nine (9) projects have been initiated involving more than \$138,000 in compensation funds.</p>
38	<p>Watershed Protection Grant</p> <p>Christine Smith, 287-7734</p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/watershed/index.htm">http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgrant/watershed/index.htm</a></p>	<p>Funding and classroom support for service learning projects designed to protect the water quality of a lake or stream and to educate the public about the relationship between land use and water quality. The activity must restore or protect a local freshwater resource (lake or stream that feeds a lake); no purely coastal applications can be funded.</p>	<p>Teachers or advisors of grades 6-12</p>	<p>UP to \$5000 annually up to \$1000 per project</p>
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>				
39	<p>New Century Community Program/Historic Preservation Grants</p> <p><i>Kirk Mohnney 287-2132</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/mhpc/grants/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/mhpc/grants/index.html</a></p>	<p>To strengthen and preserve local cultural resources. Eligible projects include predevelopment and redevelopment activities: restoration or preservation of buildings, structures and sites listed in the Historic Register.</p> <p>* Also includes arts and library projects.</p>	<p>State agencies; county governments; municipal governments; educational institutions; private, non-profits; and private owners of historic barns and related agricultural structures</p>	<p>\$225,000 awarded in 2006 Bond-funded \$2,000,000 approved by voters in 2007</p>
<b>Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife</b>				
40	<p>Outdoor Heritage Fund</p> <p>Carol Gay, Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, 458-8421</p> <p><a href="http://www.state.me.us/ifw/outdoorheritage/">http://www.state.me.us/ifw/outdoorheritage/</a></p>	<p>Four different grant categories: fisheries; endangered species; land acquisition; law enforcement</p>	<p>State agencies, municipalities, nonprofits. Must apply through one of 16 designated State Natural Resource Agencies.</p>	<p>Approximately \$700,000 every two years.</p>
<b>Department of Marine Resources</b>				
41	<p>Working Waterfront Access Program</p> <p><a href="http://www.wwapp.org/">http://www.wwapp.org/</a></p>	<p>Funds can be used to purchase property, or for the purchase of access easements, rights of way, or development rights to preserve walk-in or small boat access, properties entirely dedicated to commercial fisheries uses, or mixed use properties to secure and maintain access to working waterfront to support commercial fisheries.</p>	<p>Commercial fisheries businesses, co-ops, municipalities</p>	<p>Bond-funded \$2,000,000 in pilots funds approved by voters in 2005 \$3,000,000 approved by voters in 2007</p>

<b>State Planning Office</b>				
42	Land for Maine's Future <i>Tim Glidden, 287-1487</i> <a href="http://www.state.me.us/spo/lmf/">http://www.state.me.us/spo/lmf/</a>	Land and easement acquisition to protect conservation, recreation, farm and forest lands. Fair market value based on appraisal	Municipalities, Land Trusts, State Agencies	Bond-funded \$17 million approved by voters in 2007
43	Shore Steward Program Coastal Watershed Grants <i>Paula Thomson, 287-1482</i>	Grants to help alleviate NPS.		Program funding is uncertain.
44	Recycling Capital Investment and Household Hazard Waste Grants  George MacDonald 287-5957	Grants for capital equipment for local recycling programs.	Municipalities and public recycling regions.	No funding. \$1.5 million bond in 2003.
45	Right-of-Way Discovery Grants <i>Jim Connors, 287-8938</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/spo/mcp/projects/getting_to_shore.php">http://www.maine.gov/spo/mcp/projects/getting_to_shore.php</a>	Helps communities keep track of existing public access by awarding grants to municipalities or local land trusts to research forgotten or overlooked public rights-of-way. Intended to help communities find and assert public rights-of-way to the shore which may be lost by the passing of generations and changing land ownership patterns.	Municipalities or local land trusts	\$10,000 annually, \$2500 cap
46	Maine Coastal Program Habitat Restoration Grants  <a href="http://restoration.gulfofmaine.org/">http://restoration.gulfofmaine.org/</a>	Marine, coastal, and riverine habitat restoration in Mass, NH, and ME	NGOs, municipalities, state/local governments	Funding varies; \$380-\$430,000 per year last two years
<b>Department of Transportation</b>				
47	Community Gateways Grant Program <i>Larry Johannesman, 624-3448</i> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/mdot/community-programs/gateway.php">http://www.maine.gov/mdot/community-programs/gateway.php</a>	enhance Community Gateways, or community landscapes along Maine transportation corridors;	town or municipality endorsed project (one) may be submitted for review per application period.	\$100,000 for grants every two years historically program designed to reimburse municipalities for purchase of materials only, up to a total of \$5000
48	Surface Water Quality Protection Program <i>Chris Rushdin, 592-3197</i> <a href="http://www.state.me.us/mdot/environmental-office-homepage/surface-water-quality-protection.php">http://www.state.me.us/mdot/environmental-office-homepage/surface-water-quality-protection.php</a>	Cooperative endeavor that joins local, state and federal organizations in efforts to reduce the effect of polluted stormwater runoff from state highways and other MDOT transportation facilities.		About \$300,000 annually, most projects about \$40-50,000.
49	Scenic Byways Program <i>Bob LaRoche, 624-3094</i>	Scenic Byways are eligible for Federal and State \$\$'s to...protect...scenic, recreational, cultural, natural, historic and archeological resources. Most funding decisions made by federal gov't.	State designated Scenic Byway (9 to 10) with a Corridor Management Plan in place	\$1.5 million/year depending on competitive federal grants

50	<p>Small Harbor Improvement Program</p> <p><i>Kevin Rousseau, 624-3565</i>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/mdot/freight/ship1.php">http://www.maine.gov/mdot/freight/ship1.php</a></p>	<p>Grants to coastal municipalities for improvements to coastal marine infrastructure such as boat ramps, piers, floats, shore stabilization.</p>	<p>Promote economic development. Preserves existing coastal infrastructure. Ensures public access. Well thought out plan with cost estimates, time schedule, etc.</p>	<p>\$300k awarded in 2005                  Maximum Grant Amount : \$250,000</p>
51	<p>Transportation Enhancements</p> <p><i>Duane Scott, 624-3309</i>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/mdot/community-programs/enhancement-program.php">http://www.maine.gov/mdot/community-programs/enhancement-program.php</a></p>	<p>12 designated activities related to surface transportation. Eg Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Facilities, Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities, Mitigation of Highway Runoff and Provision of Wildlife Undercrossings.</p>	<p>Any party may apply or nominate projects</p>	<p>This is a reimbursement program, so local communities pay up front and get reimbursed 80%... \$ 3.5m per FFY</p>

Other Related Programs, Resources				
	<p>Business of Art</p> <p>DECD/ME Highlands Guild</p>	<p>Training program helps artists build their business through improved business skills.</p>	<p>Targeted to Piscataquis and Penobscot counties.</p>	<p>\$40,000 annual average</p>
	<p>Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program</p> <p>Jim Connors, State Planning Office, 287-8938  <a href="http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/welcome.html">http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/welcome.html</a></p>	<p>A national competitive grants program administered by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and available to protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic values.</p>	<p>Public entities, i.e., state agency, local government, or other authority, e.g., a park district. Projects must Complement and advance the goals, objectives, or implementation of state coastal management plans, including the CZM program and CELCP plan.</p>	<p>Varies on Congressional allocation. President's request in 2009 is \$15 million. Since the program's inception in 2002, more than \$5 million in CELCP funding has come to Maine.</p>
	<p>Creative Economy</p> <p><a href="http://mainearts.maine.gov/mainescreativeeconomy/conference/index.shtml">http://mainearts.maine.gov/mainescreativeeconomy/conference/index.shtml</a></p>	<p>Coordinated state effort to develop strategies and policies to act on opportunities to use the Creative Economy approach in our community and economic development efforts</p>		
	<p>Discovery Research</p> <p>Maine Arts Commission  <a href="http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/discovery_sites.shtml">http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/community/discovery_sites.shtml</a></p>	<p>Maine Arts Commission assists communities with inventorying their cultural assets.</p>		
	<p>Maine Downtown Center</p> <p>Kristen Cady, MDC, 622-6345  <a href="http://www.mdf.org/downtown/index.html">http://www.mdf.org/downtown/index.html</a></p>	<p>DECD funds part of MDC costs to operate this program that assists Maine communities to foster downtown development to foster economic development, business growth, job creation, housing revitalization, historic preservation, and cultural enhancement.</p>		
	<p>Maine Technology Institute  <a href="http://www.mainetechnology.org/">http://www.mainetechnology.org/</a></p>	<p>Grant program to encourage, promote, stimulate, and support research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products and services in the State's technology-intensive industrial sectors.</p>	<p>individuals, businesses, or research laboratories</p>	<p>Bond-funded                  Est. \$5,000,000 distributed annually</p>

	<p>MaineHousing  <a href="http://www.mainehousing.org/">http://www.mainehousing.org/</a></p>	<p>MaineHousing offers several programs to encourage private development of affordable rental housing for families, seniors, and persons with special needs. Low income housing tax credits, development loans, direct development subsidies, affordable housing tax increment financing, and options to restructure debt are available.</p>		
	<p>National Fish &amp; Wildlife Foundation, 202-857-0166  <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home">http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home</a></p>	<p>Provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore and enhance the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats through our Keystone Initiative Grants and other Special Grant Programs.</p>	<p>eligibility varies within the four keystone initiative: Bird Conservation, Fish Conservation, Marine &amp; Coastal Conservation or Wildlife and Habitat Conservation</p>	
	<p>Nature Tourism</p>	<p>DECD offers staff and technical assistance to three pilot regions to inventory and map their tourism assets: Downeast, Piscataquis County, Western Maine Mountains</p>		
	<p>Northern Forest Partnership Program                  Email: <a href="mailto:grants@northernforest.org">grants@northernforest.org</a>  <a href="http://www.northernforest.org/grants-funding.shtml">http://www.northernforest.org/grants-funding.shtml</a></p>	<p>Funds community-based forestry projects that promote investment and create or maintain jobs in the region by developing social, cultural, economic or environmental well-being.</p>	<p>local government, non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses within a restricted geographic region</p>	<p>Funding Varies \$142,000 FY08                   2 categories:                  1. up to \$10,000                  2. \$10,001 - \$20,000</p>
	<p>Section 404 Clean Water Act - Wetland Mitigation                   US Army Corps of Engineers, Jay Clement                  207-623-8367  <a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/">http://www.usace.army.mil/</a></p>	<p>The Corps is the federal regulatory body overseeing wetland compensation under the Clean Water Act. It is responsible for selecting permit compensation options that include restoration, creation, enhancement and preservation of wetlands and related upland buffers. The Corps is not a funding source but will know of wetland compensation needs of the permittees it is working with.</p>		
	<p>US Fish and Wildlife Service                  (703) 358-1784, Email: <a href="mailto:dbhc@fws.gov">dbhc@fws.gov</a>  <a href="http://www.fws.gov/grants/">http://www.fws.gov/grants/</a></p>	<p>The Fish and Wildlife Service administers a variety of natural resource assistance grants to governmental, public and private organizations, groups and individuals for wetlands conservation and protection of endangered species and bird habitat</p>		
	<p>USDA USFS Forest Legacy Program  <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml</a></p>	<p>To prevent the conversion of Maine's forest to non-forest uses, and thereby protect an array of Maine's traditional forest uses. These uses include timber harvesting, public access and recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing and hiking to name but a few.</p>	<p>Gov't agencies only but may be in partnership with other entities. State Agencies that may hold right, title or interests in lands protected with Forest Legacy funding are DOC/BPL, DOC/MFS, IFW, MASC, DOAG, USDA/USFS, NPS, USF&amp;WS and local governments. These agencies may then enter into management agreements with non-governmental entities to help manage protected lands.</p>	<p>\$12.5 million in FY09. \$3.45 million in Maine.</p>

	<p>Wetland Mitigation - Chapter 310 - Natural Resource Protection Act</p> <p>Jim Cassida, MaineDEP 207-287-7691</p>	<p>The DEP is the state regulatory body overseeing wetland compensation under the Natural Resources Protection Act. It is responsible for selecting permitted compensation options that include restoration, enhancement, preservation and creation of wetlands and related upland buffers. The DEP is not a funding source but will know of wetland compensation needs of the permittees it is working with.</p>		
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