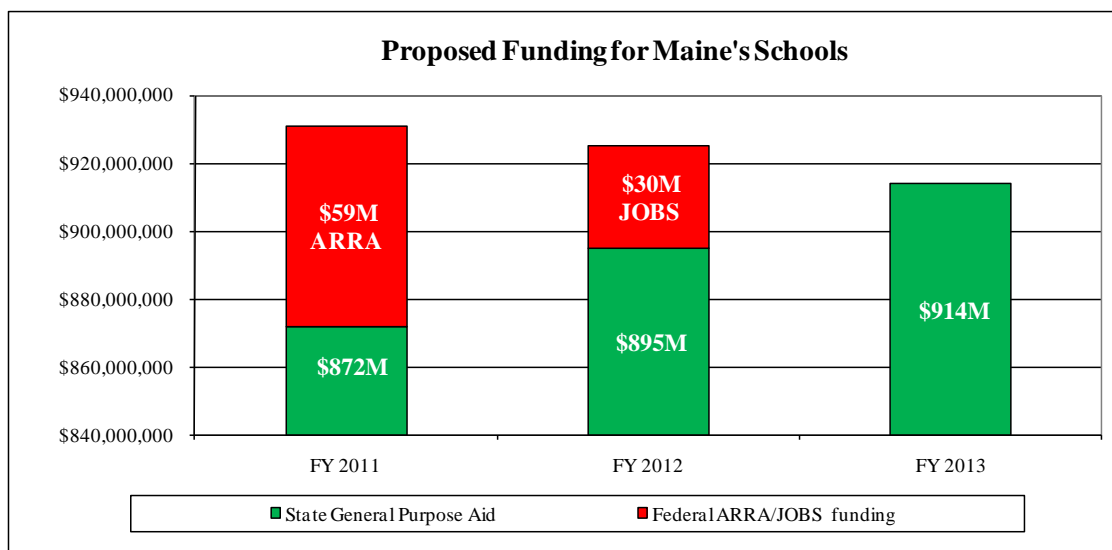


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- The governor's biennial budget proposal commits **\$22 million** in additional funding over baseline for General Purpose Aid to schools in FY 2012 and **\$41 million** in additional funding over baseline for General Purpose Aid to schools in FY 13, for a total of **\$63 million** in additional funding for Maine's schools over the biennium.
- New GPA funding, when coupled with the Federal Jobs Fund allocations that many school districts preserved for use in FY2012, will help lessen the impact of the loss of \$59 million in Federal ARRA funds.



- The governor's biennial budget proposal makes **no cuts** in state appropriations for Maine's institutions of higher education.
- The governor's biennial budget proposal invests in promising programs to tackle Maine's dropout problem.
  - A \$332,000 funding increase in each year for the highly successful Jobs for Maine's Graduates program. This funding will help JMG secure matching funds to expand its programming to more Maine high schools.
  - \$730,000 in each year for an innovative new program at Good Will-Hinckley, focused on creating a supportive environment for at-risk youth and providing them with education and job training skills related to sustainable forestry and agriculture.