An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, establishes the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

Whereas, the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be used to provide funds to the State to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to its negative economic effects, including by providing assistance to households and small and nonprofit businesses, aid to affected industries, such as tourism, travel and hospitality, and assistance to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. Drive Immediate Economic Recovery from the Pandemic. Maine's nation-leading COVID-19 vaccination rate is helping our state turn the corner on this pandemic. It remains crucial, however, to support employers get through this difficult time. These proposals aim to provide new and renewed support for Maine businesses, particularly small businesses, to ensure their doors stay open, their workers are safe and on-the-job, and our economy is secure in the short-term.

Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for additional economic recovery grants for businesses and organizations within sectors that are struggling to recover from COVID-19 economic impacts.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$20,000,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$20,000,000	\$0

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for loans or loan guarantees through the Finance Authority of Maine for businesses having difficulty securing investment capital due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides capital for rural development projects through the Maine Rural Development Authority.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$33,400,000	\$15,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$33,400,000	\$15,000,000

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for business assistance programs through the Finance Authority of Maine for organizations employing emerging financing and/or organizational models that became market trends during the pandemic, including Co-Ops, B-corps, and Employee Stock Ownership Plans.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

PART B

Sec. B-1. Investment in Heritage Industries. The economic disruption of the pandemic has made investment in heritage industries – farming, fishing, and forest products — urgent to stabilize these core economic engines of Maine's rural areas. By investing in these industries, Maine can help these key economic sectors recover, and develop new product and market opportunities and sustain important, good paying jobs across our state.

Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Contract Grant Manager position through June 10, 2023 and provides one-time funding to support Maine's farms and food processors to ensure the

sustainability of farms and farm families, increase the supply of local food to meet state food consumption goals, and enhance Maine's agricultural exports while reducing the state's reliance on food imports.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$101,116	\$105,996
All Other	\$19,792,888	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$19,894,004	\$105,996

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Provides one-time grant funding for economic recovery and development opportunities in the forest products industry to address reduced demand from the economic disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and other industry impacts.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for competitive grants for seafood processors and dealers to upgrade or replace aging or failing infrastructure, or re-engineer and retool facilities, in response to product changes or safety protocols necessary as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$0

PART C

Sec. C-1. Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support. Health insurance premiums, already a significant expense for small businesses in Maine, worsened during the pandemic. From March 2017 to March 2020, insurance premiums in the small group market in Maine rose by nearly 33 percent, while enrollment declined by 18 percent (from 61,200 to 50,200). After the challenges of the pandemic, the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan will help small businesses with this expense. A Small Business Health Care Cost Relief Program through the Maine Bureau of Insurance will provide small businesses short-term relief from rising health insurance premiums as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will provide \$39 million to small group health insurance carriers in Maine to reduce insurance premium costs for small businesses and their employees, which would give financial flexibility to small businesses and help employees keep healthy and working. Small group health insurance premiums would be reduced by \$50 per employee per month for 18 months starting July 2021, with an additional reduction for family coverage. The employer and employee are to share the reduction pro rata according to their contributions to premium. The Bureau of Insurance will issue relief payments to the five health carriers based on actual credits made monthly by the carriers. The Bureau will audit small group carriers for compliance and to make sure there will be no recapture of discounts through premium increases. Carriers would notify their small group business policyholders of the program, its purpose, and when it will end.

Sec. C-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Insurance, Bureau of 0092

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a temporary premium relief program for small businesses that provide their employees with group health insurance.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$19,500,000</u>	\$19,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$19,500,000	\$19,500,000

PART D

Sec. D-1. Transfer; Federal Expenditures Fund – ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the **Department of Labor, Unemployment Compensation Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$80,000,000 from the Federal Expenditures

Fund – ARP State Fiscal Recovery balance to the Department of Labor, Unemployment Compensation Fund no later than September 30, 2021.

PART E

Sec. E-1. Sustain New Businesses & Entrepreneurs. Despite making important upfront investments to start operations, new businesses were often overlooked by Federal relief programs because they could not demonstrate the revenue losses needed to qualify. These funds aim to support these new businesses, along with entrepreneurs who recently acquired Maine businesses, and help them survive the pandemic and set a strong foundation for future growth.

Sec. E-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a targeted supplemental grant program to support recovery and survival for new businesses and entrepreneurs who were unable to qualify for other programs because they were not in business for a sufficient time period.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technical assistance support to new businesses and entrepreneurs in their recovery of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,000,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$0

PART F

Sec. F-1. Encourage Business Diversity. Encouraging and supporting business owners from underrepresented backgrounds will enhance Maine's business diversity, create new investment opportunities, and connect these business owners to further financing options through Federal programs. These funds will support technical assistance, outreach, training, marketing, and access-to-capital programs for business owners from underrepresented backgrounds, build upon successful support programs to scale them more broadly, and explore how the State could encourage business diversity through State procurement.

Sec. F-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technical assistance grants to support business diversity initiatives.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$800,000</u>	\$200,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$800,000	\$200,000

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for entrepreneurial training for underrepresented populations.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$0

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchases – Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support and encourage business diversity through State procurement policies and outreach.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$750,000	\$750,000

PART G

Sec. G-1. Sustain Long-term Growth for Maine People, Jumpstart Research & Development. These funds will expand public sector business support through increased research and development spending, investments in innovation, and public-private partnerships to generate new economic activity in Maine. Maine's investment in research and development, a key driver of economic growth, has ranked among the lowest in the nation. To grow the economy, strategic investments in forward-looking industries and economic opportunities in emerging industries are critical. The State's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy has identified certain sectors – such as biological and life sciences, for example – that align Maine's strengths with global market opportunity. The Economic Recovery Committee urged innovation investment via public-private partnerships that could recruit companies to Maine in industry sectors that can improve the economy in rural counties.

Sec. G-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support and leverage private investments in research, development, and innovation in Maine's technology sectors. These funds, which must be matched by the recipient, will be awarded to Maine organizations through a competitive process to help them increase revenues, create and preserve jobs, and grow market share.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to conduct time-sensitive licensing for urgent economic development projects to support recovery and job growth.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides funding for modernizing licensing processes using contracted services for organizational change management and integration of information technology modernization with licensing regulations.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$500,000

PART H

Sec. H-1. Launch Health Workforce Initiative. Health care employs more workers than any other job sector in Maine, yet critical worker shortages existed in Maine prior to the pandemic and have been exacerbated by it. These shortages limit access to quality care, particularly in behavioral health and long-term care; increase costs; and affect Maine's ability to attract talented workers since quality health care is often a priority for relocation. These funds would expand industry partnerships, build career ladders (e.g., from a certified nursing assistant to a registered nurse), promote and incentivize opportunities in rural health care settings, and support diversification of the workforce. It would also create one-time dedicated pools of funding for hospitals and for nursing homes to help recruit and retain workers in critical areas, in a public-private partnership model.

Sec. H-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund NEW

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to pilot the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund to enable it to make loan repayments to eligible program participants to address critical workforce shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,000,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$0

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding that invests in training and stackable credential attainment for incumbent frontline healthcare workers. To retain this critical workforce and reduce turnover, funds will be used for tuition remission for direct service healthcare workers to attain credentials and move into the next rung on their career pathway.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$1,575,000</u>	\$5,650,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,575,000	\$5,650,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Establishes 3 limited period CareerCenter Consultant positions and one limited period Employment and Training Specialist III position through December 14, 2024 to create, track and coordinate all activities related to the tuition remission program, including enrollment and payment processing.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$315,105	\$328,884
All Other	<u>\$109,895</u>	<u>\$521,116</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$425,000	\$850,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Public Service Coordinator II position through June 17, 2023 to support curriculum design services which will look across all Department of Health and Human Services providers to crosswalk short term certifications.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$125,010	\$131,405
All Other	<u>\$24,990</u>	\$18,595
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$150,000	\$150,000

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase critical healthcare workforce pipeline by providing incentives to providers to serve as preceptors and clinical sites for healthcare students who require clinical hours and related oversight.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$1,100,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$1,100,000

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Establishes two limited period CareerCenter Consultant positions through December 14, 2024 to provide information on stackable credentials, prior learning credits, and to assist out of state and foreign trained healthcare workers to quickly recredential as licensed providers in Maine.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$155,074	\$161,672
All Other	<u>\$44,926</u>	\$238,328
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$200,000	\$400,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding to develop and refine health care career pathways and implement health care apprenticeships.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$1,800,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$900,000	\$1,800,000

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Statistician position through December 14, 2024 to collect and prepare data for analysis in order to ensure that services funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 are based on sound information and that results are accurately reported.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$73,051	\$76,299
All Other	<u>\$26,949</u>	\$123,701
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$100,000	\$200,000

Sec. H-3. Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund. The Finance Authority of Maine is directed to establish a pilot loan repayment program for certain health care professionals who commit to living and working in Maine for at least three years. Under the program, the authority will pay up to \$25,000 per year and the lesser of \$75,000 in aggregate and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The authority shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 A to carry out the purposes of the program, including application requirements and program eligibility. The program will sunset when the \$1 million American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds are fully expended or by December 31, 2024, whichever occurs first, unless other funding is made available to carry out the purpose of the program. Costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the fund and of administering the program may be paid out of amounts in the fund.

PART I

Sec. I-1. Clean Energy Partnership. Clean energy jobs are the fastest growing job sector in the country. Careers spanning from electricians to HVAC technicians to engineers offer good-

paying jobs for established workers seeking new opportunities and young people seeking careers. However, Maine's overall shortage of skilled workers is an obstacle to filling these jobs, and Maine lags other New England states in its number of clean energy jobs per capita. The Clean Energy Partnership will support clean energy and energy efficiency job growth through workforce development programs developed in partnership with industry and education leaders. This sector-focused initiative will establish clear training pathways for clean energy careers, support internships and apprenticeship programs, and create an online platform for attracting workers, sharing training opportunities, and highlighting job opportunities. The Partnership will also target investments to encourage innovative clean energy companies in Maine through the Maine Technology Institute.

Sec. I-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to develop and refine career pathways within the industry and implement clean energy apprenticeships.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to establish the Workforce Development Program of the Clean Energy Partnership to fund programs that advance clean energy workforce development and training programs, including but not limited to internships, scholarships, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs and a climate corps pilot initiative through Americorps. This initiative will also support the development of an online platform for attracting workers, sharing training opportunities, and highlighting job opportunities in this sector. The GEO shall develop programs in partnership with the Department of Labor, industry, education institutions and others and shall focus efforts on supporting workers and business most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impacts.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –	2021-22	2022-23
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
All Other	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

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Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Public Service Coordinator II position through June 10, 2023 to manage industry and higher education sector engagement and program development.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$142,345	\$148,136
All Other	<u>\$7,655</u>	\$1,864
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$150,000	\$150,000

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to establish the Clean Energy Innovation Program of the Clean Energy Partnership to fund programs that advance innovation in the clean energy sector, including but not limited to providing grants in coordination with the Maine Technology Institute, as well as supporting partnerships with the private sector, education intuitions and others. The programs will support innovation of advanced technologies and services that contribute to the achievement of state's clean energy and climate goals. Funding may also be used for research and analysis of clean energy finance development tools. COVID-19 has challenged sectors of the economy, like weatherization and efficiency contractors, and new companies.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000

PART J

Sec. J-1. Establish a Domestic Trade Program. Maine is 17th in the nation for demand satisfied by imports, and many small businesses lack the necessary resources to expand their customer bases, which was exacerbated by the disruption caused by the pandemic. A domestic

trade program would provide small- to mid-sized businesses in Maine support to identify and access new markets by providing market data, marketing support, and consulting services. This program will also feature a business-to-business campaign to connect Maine companies to local vendors to purchase services and products.

Sec. J-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for outreach and a domestic trade pilot program within the Office of Business Development for the promotion of Maine products and businesses.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$1,800,000

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides funding for the management of the domestic trade program within the Office of Business Development.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$200,000</u>	\$400,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$200,000	\$400,000

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support grant funding and contracts for project partners for state trade promotion opportunities for Maine companies.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides funding for trade and market analysis opportunities for Maine companies.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$600,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$600,000	\$1,000,000

PART K

Sec. K-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Attract and Retain Workers.

Funding will support worker attraction and relocation programs that encourage long-term residency in Maine, which are important to help solve economic and workforce challenges the state faces and have increased in urgency by an evolving and unaffordable housing market, tourism and other businesses seeking to recover, and a shortage of available workers.

Sec. K-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to build out a complementary talent/workforce attraction and retention system that gets people to Maine and into the workforce. Talent recruitment and retention is a key tenet of the Maine Strategic Plan and recommended actions come from the Attracting New Talent Strategy work group.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support nursing home and hospital healthcare recruitment efforts to address critical healthcare workforce shortages to be spent as part of a collaborative public-private partnership with providers.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000

PART L

Sec. L-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Expand Maine's Career Exploration Program. These initiatives will expand the Maine Career Exploration program, part of the State's 10-year Economic Strategy. To help students explore career opportunities geared to their interests, students in the program would have one paid internship between their junior year of high school and one year after graduation. To provide accessible and affordable education and training for working adults, the program will also offer incentives and assistance to workers and employers to access training and skills development opportunities.

Sec. L-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for on the job training for youth to be able to explore career options, including funding for internships and supports, such as transportation, childcare and technology. Maine is facing a shortage of trained workforce to support business recovery and transition workers, especially young people, into good paying jobs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$8,000,000</u>	<u>\$17,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$8,000,000	\$17,000,000

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for youth pre-apprenticeship programs to support urgent workforce needs and support student's exploration of good paying careers.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000

PART M

Sec. M-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Create the Remote Worker Program. With Maine as just one of 10 locations in the U.S. to successfully attract new residents to live and work remotely during the pandemic, further strengthening the attraction and integration of remote workers into our communities is an economic growth opportunity. These funds will support outreach to potential remote workers and their employers; grants for communities to welcome and integrate remote workers and their families; and funding for collaborative workspaces to help remote workers engage in local communities and economies. This project will

Sec. M-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

also allow an expansion of the "Working Community's Challenge" in partnership with Federal

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Reserve Bank of Boston.

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to build out the infrastructure and information needed to attract and integrate remote workers into Maine's communities and economy through clarifying all rules and requirements for employees and employers, and providing marketing and outreach around this information; consideration of any specifics around tax implications or offering any incentives longer term; development of employer materials for out of state employers with remote worker cadre in Maine.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$500,000</u>	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$2,000,000

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support coworking development. In addition to expanding the existing program, these dollars will be used to leverage the spaces as a

mechanism for integrating remote workers into their Maine communities. Use of funds will be guided by the input of the coworking spaces and the work they have been doing collaboratively over the last year. This will also expand the working Communities Challenge to three additional communities to ensure that communities can support workers.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000

PART N

Sec. N-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Train Workers through Maine's Career and Technical Education Centers and Higher Education Systems. To meet workforce development needs in emerging economic sectors, in alignment with the 10-year Economic Development Strategy, these funds will support infrastructure and equipment upgrades for Maine's Career and Technical Education centers that advance programs and curricula for high school students, new University of Maine System and Maine Community College System targeted workforce programs, and competitive grants available to all higher education institutions in Maine.

Sec. N-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for infrastructure and equipment grants for Maine's CTE programs with a focus on career development and training to meet Maine's workforce needs for economic recovery, workforce development, and supporting good paying job opportunities for Maine students.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, MAINE

Maine Community College System – Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides one-time funding support workforce development plans designed to meet the needs of workers and students, as well as Maine employers and industries, especially those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the hospitality industry, heritage industries, health care, and skilled trades that are in demand and required for other economic opportunities, ranging from broadband expansion to affordable housing construction.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Education & General Activities – UMS 0031

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support workforce development plans designed to meet the needs of workers and students, as well as Maine employers and industries, especially those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and economic needs that are in demand and required for other economic opportunities.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for competitive grant funds to State of Maine higher education institutions, with grant program criteria to be developed jointly by DECD, DOL, and DOE based on meeting state workforce development plans designed to meet the needs of workers and students, as well as Maine employers and industries, especially those most impacted by COVID-19 and as required to support state economic growth strategies.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

PART O

Sec. O-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Advancing Equality. To promote diversity, equity and inclusion in Maine's workforce, these funds will support engagement with Maine's racial and ethnic communities, tribal communities, the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, and other underrepresented and marginalized communities to reduce economic and employment barriers and advance opportunity for Maine people of diverse backgrounds, cultures, races, genders, religions, and socio-economic statuses.

Sec. O-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion in Maine's workforce. Investment in the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion in public and private hiring to include technical assistance to the State and Maine business for hiring and retaining a diverse workforce.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for infrastructure investments to support diverse businesses and non-profits. The program will be developed in consultation with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations and other key stakeholders to ensure proposals advance opportunities and reduce structural economic and workforce barriers for individuals from historically underrepresented and to increase access to State funding for diverse businesses and non-profits.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	\$2,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for improved data collection to support efforts to advance opportunities and reduce structural economic and workforce barriers for individuals with diverse backgrounds, cultures, races, genders, religions as well as reduce barriers for diverse businesses and non-profits.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$500,000

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to assist people in underserved populations with addressing basic needs and seeking employment. The pilot program will leverage existing relationships of community providers with disadvantaged populations that have been the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$500,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding to expand the Progressive Employment program for all underrepresented populations and provides technical assistance to employers.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$500,000

PART P

Sec. P-1. Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce, Connecting Workers to Job Opportunities. The overall initiative will help the state's 10-year economic strategy move forward; these funds will enhance coordination efforts in the labor market. There are gaps between the types of skills needed and existing and available workers, and communication gaps for workers to match with available jobs. These ARP funds offer an opportunity to build new infrastructure and start pilot programs to support skill advancement, outreach, and build the bridge that connects workers to open opportunities, establish services for emerging industries, expand supports for employers and workers, and enhance program outreach and evaluation.

Sec. P-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Establish four limited period CareerCenter Consultant positions through June 8, 2024 to increase individualized employment services to people who have been out of work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$310,148	\$323,344
All Other	<u>\$49,852</u>	<u>\$416,656</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$360,000	\$740,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for apprenticeships to facilitate economic recovery for workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,750,000	\$2,250,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,750,000	\$2,250,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for connecting workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with jobs that match their skills, interests, and geographic area, for overcoming barriers like

transportation and childcare, and for the development of an online portal for connecting multiple workforce resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,800,000	\$1,900,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,800,000	\$1,900,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program to train disadvantaged individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$500,000</u>	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding to assist industries hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic with workforce development training, networking, recruitment, and collaboration to raise career and industry awareness.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Eligibility Specialist position through June 8, 2024 and provides All Other for outreach and other expenses related to the Worker Opportunity Tax Credit program in order to create incentives for employing traditionally disadvantaged populations, which have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –	2021-22	2022-23
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		

Personal Services	\$77,974	\$78,753
All Other	<u>\$122,026</u>	\$121,247
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –		
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$200,000	\$200,000

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Senior Economic Research Analyst through June 8, 2024 and provides All Other for evaluation of workforce programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 through data analysis and impact evaluations.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$98,833	\$103,442
All Other	<u>\$151,167</u>	\$246,558
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$250,000	\$350,000

PART Q

Sec. Q-1. Regulatory Reform, Increasing Licensing and Permitting Efficiency. These funds would support making licensing easier and faster for businesses and more transparent and accessible to the public, through launching an online licensing system for environmental and other state licenses. A timely and fair permitting system is crucial to business investments, which was felt especially during the pandemic. This proposal envisions contracting with a software company for this licensing system, to put funds into the economy quickly and multiply it through savings for businesses and the State.

Sec. Q-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to fully build an online licensing and compliance portal for the regulated community and citizens. The new system would provide modern workflow and constituent self-service functionality that is not possible with DEP's legacy databases, will eliminate redundant paperwork submissions, and will enable applicants to manage their records with DEP online. This system will be developed to support environmental and other state licenses, making licensing easier and faster for businesses and

more transparent and accessible to the public. DEP has completed requirements gathering and established a business use case.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

PART R

Sec. R-1. Build and Revitalize Infrastructure for a Better Tomorrow. Infrastructure in the 21st century is much more than just roads and bridges; it is the fundamental support systems that ensure people are able to live a decent, healthy, and productive life in Maine – it is the foundation that will keep Maine people here and attract others to come here, live, raise, their families, and contribute to our economy. With a strong infrastructure, Maine can grow its population, grow its economy, and ensure we are a state that where everyone can thrive.

Sec. R-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the expansion of affordable high-speed broadband access in Maine, leveraging private funding and ensuring long-term benefit for Maine through the new Maine Connectivity Authority. The new Authority will utilize state mapping data to ensure the funds are targeted, across the state, supporting increased high-speed access. The Authority's investments will be used to ensure affordable access for all communities and citizens and will maximize the use of public dollars for long-term benefit.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$4,000,000	<u>\$17,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$4,000,000	\$17,000,000

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Authority – State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to expand housing options that are affordable to workers and their families to own or rent, through existing financing programs through MaineHousing, as well as new incentives in partnership with DECD, and utilizing input from stakeholders,

municipalities, and community providers. These funds may also be used to provide planning and technical assistance for communities, developers, and builders to encourage construction or production of affordable, energy efficient housing units close to services and employment centers to support individuals, families, and state workforce needs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10.000.000	\$40,000,000

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to accelerate weatherization and efficiency upgrades for Maine homes, especially for low-income, older Mainers and renters, to assist municipal, county, school, and community organizations to secure efficiency grants by providing matching funds, and support incentives for industries and businesses to invest in energy cost savings and efficiency measures, especially those businesses struggling to recover from the pandemic economic downturn.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$35,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$15,000,000	\$35,000,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Establishes one limited period Social Services Manager I position through June 17, 2023 and provides one-time funding for grants to renovate, expand, or construct childcare facilities to increase availability of accessible and affordable childcare. Some priority will be on expanded capacity for infants and toddlers' programs and for underserved, rural areas.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$101,703	\$106,583
All Other	\$4,898,297	\$4,893,417

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

\$5,000,000 \$5,000,000

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Early Childhood Infrastructure NEW

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Contract Grant Specialist position through June 10, 2023 and provides funding for one contracted distinguished educator position to provide technical assistance and professional learning to school administrative units for pre-kindergarten expansion. Provides funds to the Department of Education for grants to School Administrative Units to establish new or expanded public pre-K programs to increase the number of children accessing high-quality pre-K. Priority will be given to programs that engage in community partnerships, provide longer duration of education, support inclusive programming, and enroll socio-economically disadvantaged students.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$81,773	\$85,615
All Other	\$3,918,227	\$5,914,385
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides funding to support the capital highway and bridge program at the department including projects for calendar year 2021, consisting of projects to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate and preserve state Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3 highways statewide, to replace and rehabilitate bridges statewide, to fund the municipal partnership initiative, and associated activities.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$50,000,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$50,000,000	\$0

Adaptation Improvements NEW

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the department for the municipal, regional, and state infrastructure adaptation improvements that support public safety and emergency management and infrastructure resiliency. Funds will be administered by the department and will be awarded by an interagency board using a competitive process. Project rating criteria may include extent of public safety, emergency management and infrastructure resiliency benefits, ability to leverage federal and other funding, project-readiness, overall benefit-cost, and related economic benefits.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000

Multimodal-Transit 0443

Initiative: Provides funding to support initiatives and/or competitive grants for local, regional, and/or state workforce transportation pilot projects aimed at connecting workers to employment opportunities, especially in rural Maine areas where transportation options are limited, thereby promoting economic security, workforce development and community benefits. This funding can be used for capital and operating costs including program start-up costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000

Charging Infrastructure NEW

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to expand state, municipal and other publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging stations and related infrastructure. These funds will be administered by the department in collaboration with the Efficiency Maine Trust, will support the continued expansion of electric vehicle charging stations at town buildings, school buildings, State facilities, other public facilities, and at private businesses open to the general public.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	\$5,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000

Sec. R-3. Infrastructure adaptation fund; finding and purposes. The legislature finds that new financing mechanisms are necessary to provide greater flexibility and additional funds for municipal, regional, and state infrastructure adaptation improvements that support public safety and emergency management and infrastructure resiliency. The creation of a pilot funding mechanism relating to infrastructure adaptation will enable the State, counties, and municipalities to use federal and state funds to construct infrastructure projects. These funds must be deposited into specific accounts in the department. From these accounts, grants or loans may be made to municipalities, counties, and other state agencies for eligible infrastructure projects.

Sec. R-4. Infrastructure adaptation fund created. The infrastructure adaptation fund is created as a fund in the department, to be administered by the department and used for the purposes described in this Part. The fund consists of certain state funds and other funds eligible for deposit under applicable law; payments received by the department in connection with the municipal infrastructure bank; investment earnings on money in municipal infrastructure bank accounts; and other funds as may be provided by law.

The fund is a nonlapsing fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund must be allocated by the Legislature and expended by the department to effectuate the purposes of this subchapter.

Sec. R-5 Grants and Loans. The Commissioner of Transportation shall use the infrastructure adaptation fund bank to make grants or loans to municipalities, counties, state agencies and quasi-state government agencies upon such terms as the commissioner shall determine, including grants, and secured and unsecured loans. In connection with the secured and unsecured loans, the commissioner may to enter into loan agreements, subordination agreements and other agreements; accept notes and other forms of obligation to evidence the indebtedness, and mortgages, liens, pledges, assignments or other security interest to secure the indebtedness, which may be prior or subordinate to or on a parity with other indebtedness, obligations, mortgages, pledges, assignments, other security interests or liens or encumbrances, and take such actions as are appropriate to protect the security and safeguard against losses, including foreclosure and the bidding upon and purchase of property upon foreclosure or other sale.

The commissioner may adopt policies and procedures for the implementation and exercise of the authority granted by this section, including policies and procedures for receiving, reviewing, evaluating, and selecting projects for which financial assistance will be approved. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis by an interagency board that may include representation from the Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future, the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the Maine Departments of Transportation, Environmental Protection, Agriculture,

Conservation and Forestry, and Marine Resources, as well as a municipal and regional planning organization representative. Project rating criteria may include extent of public safety and emergency management benefits, infrastructure resiliency benefits, ability to leverage federal and other funding, project-readiness, benefit-cost, and related economic and economic recovery benefits.

PART S

Sec. S-1. Support Essential Drinking and Wastewater Projects. The need for critical infrastructure improvements, such as upgrades to water treatment plants, storage reservoirs, pipe distribution systems exceeds the State's current funding capacity. Through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the CDC drinking water program, these funds will address significant backlog of drinking water projects and help municipalities leverage further ARP funds. These investments improve public health, provide community benefits, reduce the burden for local rate payers, and support construction jobs. This investment will provide \$22M for municipal wastewater and infrastructure projects, help leverage local ARP funds and accelerate the timeline of these essential local projects that protect public health, provide community benefits, reduce the burden for local ratepayers, and support construction jobs. Additionally, this provides \$3M for the Small Community Grant Program, which supports septic repair and replacement projects, supporting water quality and public health for communities, water bodies, and fisheries.

Sec. S-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to expand efforts to address imminent risk to public health through investment in public water system improvements, including mitigation of lead in drinking water at schools and daycares and PFAS impacts. Funding will also be used for upgrades to critical infrastructure including but not limited to supply sources, treatment facilities, pump stations, distribution piping and storage tanks to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	\$15,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$15,000,000

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for municipal wastewater and infrastructure projects, which will leverage local American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds and accelerate the timeline of these essential local projects that protect public health, provide community benefits, reduce the burden for local ratepayers, and support construction jobs. Funding will be provided direct to recipient.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$12,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$12,000,000

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Small Community Grant Program, which supports septic repair and replacement projects, supporting water quality and public health for communities, water bodies, and fisheries.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000

PART T

Sec. T-1. Invest in Outdoor Recreation & Marine Resources, Upgrade Maine State Parks. Maine's State Parks had more than three million visits for the first time in 2020, and through March of 2021, the pace of campground reservations was already 63 percent higher than last year. While this increase shows the recreational and economic importance of State Parks for Maine, it is also straining park staff and infrastructure. Despite the appeal of State Parks, park infrastructure is outdated, lacking funding to be properly maintained, and in some cases, unsafe. In addition to structural repairs to park roads, bridges, shelters, and staff housing, the pandemic highlighted the inadequacy of plumbing and sanitation facilities. These funds will address \$50M in capital maintenance and improvement needs and represent the first meaningful investment in State Parks in more than a decade.

Sec. T-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATIO, AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Parks – General Operations Z221

Initiative: Establishes 2 limited period Civil Engineer II positions through June 8, 2024 and provides funding to support urgent capital infrastructure improvements at Maine State Parks to accommodate the significant increased utilization seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, and also to bolster the recreational and tourism opportunities for our state parks as they support recovery in Maine's tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. Despite the appeal of State Parks, park infrastructure is outdated, lacking funding to be properly maintained, and in some cases, unsafe. In addition to structural repairs to park roads, bridges, shelters, and staff housing, the pandemic highlighted the inadequacy of plumbing and sanitation facilities.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$197,142	\$206,360
All Other	\$1,960,572	\$7,958,728
Capital Expenditures	\$7,842,286	\$31,834,912
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000

PART U

Sec. U-1. Invest in Outdoor Recreation & Marine Resources, Bolster Fisheries and Wildlife Infrastructure. During the pandemic, hunting and fishing spiked as people flocked to the outdoors. Already in 2021, fishing license sales are up nearly 20 percent over last year. At the core of Maine's fisheries is Maine's State hatchery system, which stocks over one million fish annually in Maine's waters. Fishing in Maine has an annual economic impact of over \$320 million, supports over 3,300 jobs, and there are over 350,000 licensed anglers.

Sec. U-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Fisheries & Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding to support the replacement of antiquated infrastructure at the 88 year old New Gloucester Fish Hatchery, create needed capacity at Grand Lake Stream Hatchery to manage fish disease threats and conserve an endemic population of landlocked Atlantic salmon, and lastly improve the quality of hatchery effluent at all eight fish culture facilities that will improve protections to receiving waters.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – 2021-22 2022-23 ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

Capital Expenditures	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –		
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000

PART V

Sec. V-1. Improving Fishing Industry Infrastructure & Monitoring. As the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries recover from the market disruptions and economic challenges of the pandemic, the Department of Marine Resources requires urgent investments to fulfill their industry and management mandates. These funds will support public health monitoring as it pertains to shellfish and water quality by upgrading equipment to support maximizing harvest opportunities in both the aquaculture and wild shellfish sectors. Investment in climate-resilient infrastructure on the coast are needed, including building investments to promote public health and efficiency and a marine patrol vessel upgrade for cost savings and safety. Additionally, needed improvements to boat ramps, docks and parking areas will improve coastal public access to state-owned facilities at a time their use has greatly increased. Lastly, it will provide urgently needed one-time funds to support marine management issues and coastal restoration, supporting this important economic sector of the economy.

Sec. V-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding to purchase and upgrade equipment for public health monitoring related to shellfish and water quality with the goal of maximizing harvest opportunities in both the aquaculture and wild shellfish sectors.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$475,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$475,000	\$0

Marine Patrol – Bureau of 0029

Initiative: Provides funding for Marine Patrol infrastructure, including replacing and repairing failing floats and pilings at the Rockland facility; replace failing infrastructure at the Boothbay Harbor, Lamoine and Watercraft facilities; and support construction of a new Marine Patrol offshore patrol vessel focusing on lobster enforcement for right whale protection, and utilizing a Tier 4 clean burning diesel engine that would be the first of its kind in Maine.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$3,325,000	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,325,000	\$0

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support for energy efficiency improvements and improved public access to the ocean at its Boothbay Harbor facilities and improved public access at State DMR facilities for recreational access to the ocean with rebuilt ramps, roadways, and ADA-compliant piers.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$1,065,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,065,000	\$500,000

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides funding to support state research and policy initiatives related to economic sustainability in Maine fisheries related to protection of North Atlantic Right Whales, lobster fishery monitoring, and development of offshore wind.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,000,000	\$0

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for infrastructure projects that support fisheries connectivity and habitat restoration.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$0</u>	\$7,635,000

PART W

Sec. W-1. Facilitate Energy Needs. These funds will establish a matching grant program to support electricity grid upgrades that will reduce barriers for economic development by new or struggling businesses, especially heritage industries in rural areas of the state.

Sec. W-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides two-years of grant funding to support electricity grid upgrades that will support economic recovery for new, struggling or growing businesses in Maine, with a focus on rural economic development projects, including areas that have been hardest hit by COVI-19 economic impacts and enabling heritage industry projects in the food processing, forestry, and other manufacturing projects. The grants will be managed in coordination with the Governor's Energy Office, seeking to leverage private capital and federal economic development funding opportunities.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	\$4,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

PART X

Sec. X-1. Modernize State Technology. The pandemic has illustrated the need for accessible, safe, and efficient State government services and programs – especially those that can managed online or through remote programs. These funds will invest in targeted upgrades to make State systems more user friendly, as well as cybersecurity needed to ensure safe State operations (\$40M). These funds will also invest in required heating, ventilation, and efficiency upgrades to promote healthy working environments and long-term operational savings (\$10M).

Sec. X-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding to enhance of the delivery of digital services for citizens. This project aims to develop a single citizen login and begin the transition of services into a one-stop structure for government services such that Maine citizens can find and navigate state government's digital presence without a full understanding of State agency structures.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –	2021-22	2022-23
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
All Other	\$3,000,000	<u>\$7,000,000</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –		
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding to modernize digital and physical technology assets including the State radio network. Modernization of digital and physical technology assets are required to begin moving away from aging assets that represent accumulating technical debt and risk.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND –		
ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding to tackle the highest risk areas identified by an external program review including formalizing a business continuity plan for MaineIT and setting a framework for providing leadership to State agencies in business continuity planning. This one-time funding for cybersecurity will augment the proposed general fund appropriation request and provide the resources needed to tackle some of the highest risk areas including business continuity planning and workforce enhancements.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	\$4,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the effectiveness of remote work capability. Funds for increased effectiveness of remote work capability will improve the opportunities a highly capable remote workforce can provide and create easier ways to work for those onsite. This initiative will enable collaboration and efficiency for those not physically together and automate many manual processes. While the remote workforce was a necessity of the pandemic and could be needed in response to many other crisis situations, there are other potential benefits to a well-equipped remote workforce. Improved work environment, location independence, cost savings, and positive environmental impacts can be gained through a remote workforce that evolves through continuous improvement processes.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Bur Gen Svc – Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve 0883

Initiative: Provides funding for capital construction and repair to address air quality and energy efficiency improvements in Augusta area state-owned buildings.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

PART Y

Sec. Y-1. Administration. These funds will be used for financial oversight of American Rescue Plan Act funds, including State discretionary and direct funds, as well local passthrough funds. This will include coordination, processing, tracking, reporting, reconciling, compliance, auditing, and program guidance monitoring and summarizing. Significant reporting will be needed to meet federal requirements, as well as consistent, transparent updates for the Maine Legislature and citizens. These funds may be used for limited period positions, project management, contractors, and consultant support.

Sec. Y-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management NEW

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to support all aspects of financial management oversight of funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including state discretionary and direct funds as well as the local passthrough funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$9,228,561	\$12,766,569
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$9,228,561	\$12,766,569

PART Z

Sec. Z-1. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Funds allocated to departments, agencies and programs under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 may be adjusted during any fiscal year on recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These allocations and adjustments to allocations must be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs at least quarterly.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE APPROPRIATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

		2021-22	2022-23	BIENNIUM
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FU				
– ARP STATE FISCAL RECOV	ERY			
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Part A, Section 2		58,400,000	20,000,000	78,400,000
Part B, Section 2		39,894,004	10,105,996	50,000,000
Part C, Section 2		19,500,000	19,500,000	39,000,000
Part E, Section 2		7,000,000	1,000,000	8,000,000
Part F, Section 2		2,050,000	950,000	3,000,000
Part G, Section 2		27,500,000	52,500,000	80,000,000
Part H, Section 2		4,850,000	10,150,000	15,000,000
Part I, Section 2		3,500,000	4,500,000	8,000,000
Part J, Section 2		4,800,000	10,125,000	15,000,000
Part K, Section 2		3,000,000	4,500,000	7,500,000
Part L, Section 2		9,000,000	19,000,000	28,000,000
Part M, Section 2		1,500,000	3,500,000	5,000,000
Part N, Section 2		47,500,000	57,500,000	105,000,000
Part O, Section 2		3,000,000	5,000,000	8,000,000
Part P, Section 2		6,600,000	8,400,000	15,000,000
Part Q, Section 2		4,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000
Part R, Section 2		98,000,000	126,000,000	224,000,000
Part S, Section 2		21,000,000	29,000,000	50,000,000
Part T, Section 2		10,000,000	40,000,000	50,000,000
Part U, Section 2		5,000,000	15,000,000	20,000,000
Part V, Section 2		7,865,000	8,135,000	16,000,000
Part W, Section 2		4,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000
Part X, Section 2		17,000,000	33,000,000	50,000,000
Part Y, Section 2		9,228,561	12,766,569	21,995,130
,	Total	414,147,565	498,747,565	912,895,130

ADJUSTMENTS TO BALANCE

Federal Expenditures Fund – ARP State Fiscal Recovery

		2021-22	2022-23	BIENNIUM
Part D, Section 1				
Labor, Department of		80,000,000	0	80,000,000
	Total —	80,000,000	0	80,000,000