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Department of Administrative and Financial Services Delivers Second and Final Round of American Rescue Plan Funding to Maine Municipalities

AUGUSTA, Maine – The Department of Administrative and Financial Services announced today that it has delivered the second half of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received from the Federal government through the American Rescue Plan to Maine municipalities. This second and final round of funding totals \$59,611,822, which, when combined with last year's first round distribution, amounts to \$119.2 million in total investment in Maine communities.

These funds were distributed to municipalities with less than 50,000 population. Maine's largest cities, along with Maine's 16 counties have already received their second tranche payment directly from the U.S. Treasury Department and are not included in the \$119.2 million. This second tranche payment required no additional work on the part of municipal offices. A duplicate amount as the first payment was automatically sent via the same method as the first round of funds.

The amounts of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payments distributed to local governments were based upon their relative share of the non-entitlement unit population, not to exceed the amount equal to 75 percent of the most recent municipal budget as of January 27, 2020, in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Treasury.

The Local Fiscal Recovery Program is part of a more than \$4.5 billion Federal investment in Maine from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which also includes stimulus payments to Maine families, recovery efforts like bolstering public health including COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, broadband infrastructure, and direct payments to Maine's county governments and so-called "entitlement" cities.

The remaining approximately \$1 billion additional ARPA funding received by the State of Maine has been used to deploy the <u>Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan</u>, the Governor's plan, approved by the Legislature, to improve the lives of Maine people and families, help businesses, create good-paying jobs, and build an economy poised for future prosperity.

It draws heavily on recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee and the State's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy, transforming them into real action to improve the lives of Maine people and strengthen the economy.

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