

Brewer Connects: Improving Local and Regional Mobility Project
Maine Department of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program
Funding Opportunity Number: DTOS59-26-RA-BUILD

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



February 11th, 2026

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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely,

Belle Ryder, BACTS Executive Director

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February 10, 2026

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As a community-based organization supporting the needs of individuals entering and sustaining long-term recovery from substance use disorder, this project's success is of particular importance to us. Increasing the safety of pedestrian, motor, and public transport traffic in our neighborhood increases access to services and, ultimately, supports better outcomes for participants.

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Respectfully,

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Brewer Business Alliance
80 N Main St.
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Monday, February 9, 2026

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As business members of the City of Brewer, this project, which has already been delayed twice, is incredibly important to ensure accessibility, walkability, and patronage to our businesses and homes. We need to ensure an ADA accessible corridor from the waterfront to City Hall, to the lower income housing units on Center Street and next to the football field and Joseph Ferris Community Center. This project is essential to the residents of the City of Brewer.

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Sincerely,

Field Glover
Joy Sinclair

Co-chairs, Brewer Business Alliance



Brewer Housing Authority

Charlotte J Perkins
Executive Director

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Charlotte J Perkins

Charlotte J. Perkins
Executive Director

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Sincerely,

Michael C. Martin
City of Brewer
Director of
Parks & Recreation.

Brewer Public Library
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Darren French
Library Director

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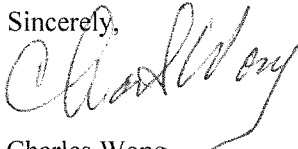
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Charles Wong
Owner
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Brewer, Me. 04412



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Brewer Maine 04412

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Chris

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Owner
Mason's Brewing Company
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Lori L. Dwyer, Esq.
President & CEO

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Co-owner
Tiller & Rye