

## Project Budget

MaineDOT and the Town of Wells, Maine are requesting \$25,000,000 from the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program to fund the Wells Route 1 Community Gateway Beautification and Safety Project in Wells, Maine, a transportation improvement project that will transform a primary arterial in the Town from a vehicle-focused roadway into a complete street that will provide additional transportation choices that are safe, efficient and accessible for all.

The Project kicked off the preliminary design phase in August 2025. which is not included in the BUILD Grant request. MaineDOT and the Town of Wells are seeking BUILD grant funds for construction. Table 1 summarizes the Project costs, including Construction Engineering, Construction, and Contingency.

**Table 1: Project Budget by Funding Source**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Construction Engineering</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Contingency</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
BUILD Funds	\$2,452,055	\$16,347,034	\$6,200,911	\$25,000,000	80.8%
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Non-Federal Funds MaineDOT	\$306,507	\$2,043,379	\$613,014	\$2,962,900	9.6%
Non-Federal Funds Town of Wells	\$306,507	\$2,043,379	\$613,014	\$2,962,900	9.6%
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$3,065,069</b>	<b>\$20,433,793</b>	<b>\$7,426,939</b>	<b>\$30,925,800</b>	<b>100%</b>

### a. Amount, Type, and Source of Non-Federal Match

MaineDOT has committed to funding 9.6% or \$2,962,900 for the Project. Those matching funds have been allocated. The Town of Wells has also committed to funding 9.6% or \$2,962,900 for the Project. The Town of Wells voted to commit funding on January 21, 2025 at a public meeting, which was affirmed again in a January 21, 2026 letter. Letters committing to these match funds are included in the Appendix.. Letters committing to these match funds are included in the Appendix.

**b. Budget Allocation by Census Tract and Urbanized Areas**

The Project is situated in a Census-designated rural area and does not encompass any urbanized areas. Table 2 outlines the budget allocation for each of the three 2020 census tracts where the project is located. Table 3 confirms that all project costs fall within a rural census tract according to the 2020 US Census.

Table 2 Project Budget by 2020 Census Tract

<b>2020 Census Tracts</b>	<b>Project Costs per Census Tract</b>
340.03	\$ 7,442,192 (24%)
340.04	\$ 11,133,288 (36%)
340.05	\$ 12,370,320 (40%)
	Total Project Cost: \$30,925,800

Table 3 Project Budget by Urban/Rural Census Tract 2020

<b>Urban and Rural</b>	<b>Project Costs</b>
Urban (2020 Census-designated urban area with a population greater than 200,000)	\$0
Rural (Located outside of a 2020 Census-designated urban area with a population greater than 200,000)	\$30,925,800
	Total Project Cost: \$30,925,800

**c. Sources, Uses & Availability**

Table 5 presents the amount and use of BUILD funds and non-federal matching funds. MaineDOT and the Town of Wells have each provided a Financial Commitment Letter to assure the availability of \$2,962,900 in non-federal funds, totaling \$5,925,800.

Table 5: Source of Funds

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
BUILD Funds (80%)	\$25,000,000
Other Federal Funds (0%)	\$0
Non-Federal Funds (10%)	\$2,962,900
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	Total Project Cost: \$30,925,800

Non-Federal funding for the Project comes in part from MaineDOT. MaineDOT is a cabinet-level state agency with primary responsibility for statewide transportation by all modes of travel. MaineDOT employs approximately 1,600 people and expends or disburses more than \$1 billion per year, including federal, state, and local funds. The primary sources of transportation funding in Maine are gas tax revenue (which by statute can only be used for highways and bridges), GARVEE Bonds, General Fund support, and various sales taxes.

**d. Contingency Amount and Plan**

The budget includes a contingency of 37.9% to cover any unanticipated cost increases. MaineDOT is very experienced working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund, construct, manage, and complete Federally funded infrastructure projects. Should there be additional cost overruns, MaineDOT and the Town of Wells are equipped to provide all additional funding.

**e. Level of Design**

The cost estimate was based on conceptual design work that was developed as part of the Feasibility Study. MaineDOT and the Town of Wells started the preliminary design phase in August 2025.

**f. Cost Estimates**

The conceptual cost estimates for the Project were developed as part of the Feasibility Study in 2024 by VHB and were based on recent similar MaineDOT projects.

**g. Cost Share**

MaineDOT and the Town of Wells have each committed \$2,962,900 (a 9.6% match) for the Project, totaling \$5,925,800 (a total match of 19.2%). Funding commitment letters are included in this application. The Project is seeking the remaining \$25,000,000 (80.8%) from the BUILD Grant program.