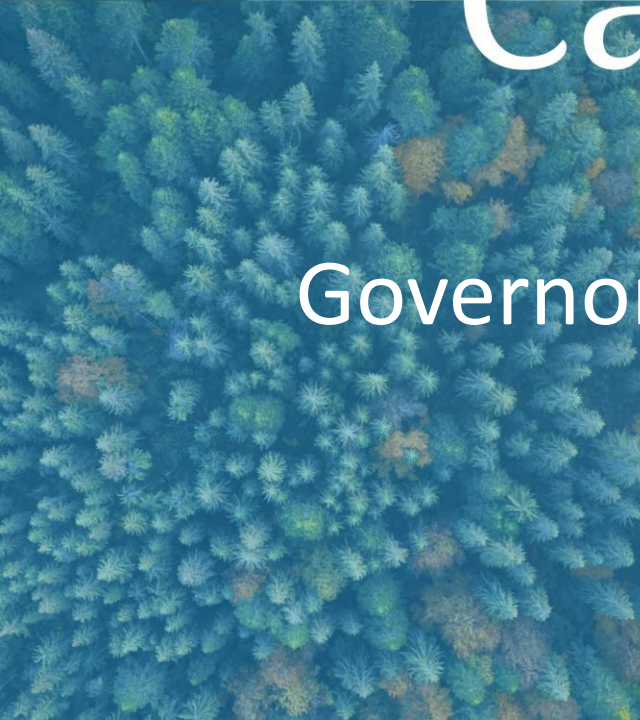




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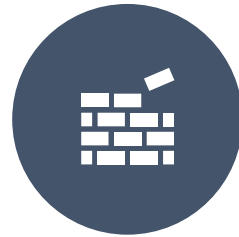
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Reminder...

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Cabinet's Community Connections Pilot

- Governor Mills announced federal approval for a \$2.5 million dollars initiative under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).
- Development of a Community Connector program in pilot Lifelong communities to help their fellow residents identify and access desired supports and make it more comfortable to accept help or to participate in social opportunities.
- Support Lifelong communities' innovative programming through mini-grants.
- Aligning strategies around shared goals.
- State contracting process underway with key partners: University of Maine's Center on Aging and Maine's Area Agencies on Aging are key partners.
- Cabinet participated in a statewide call with Lifelong communities on March 1. Lifelong Communities have added information to their website: <https://www.lifelongmaine.org/library/community-connections>

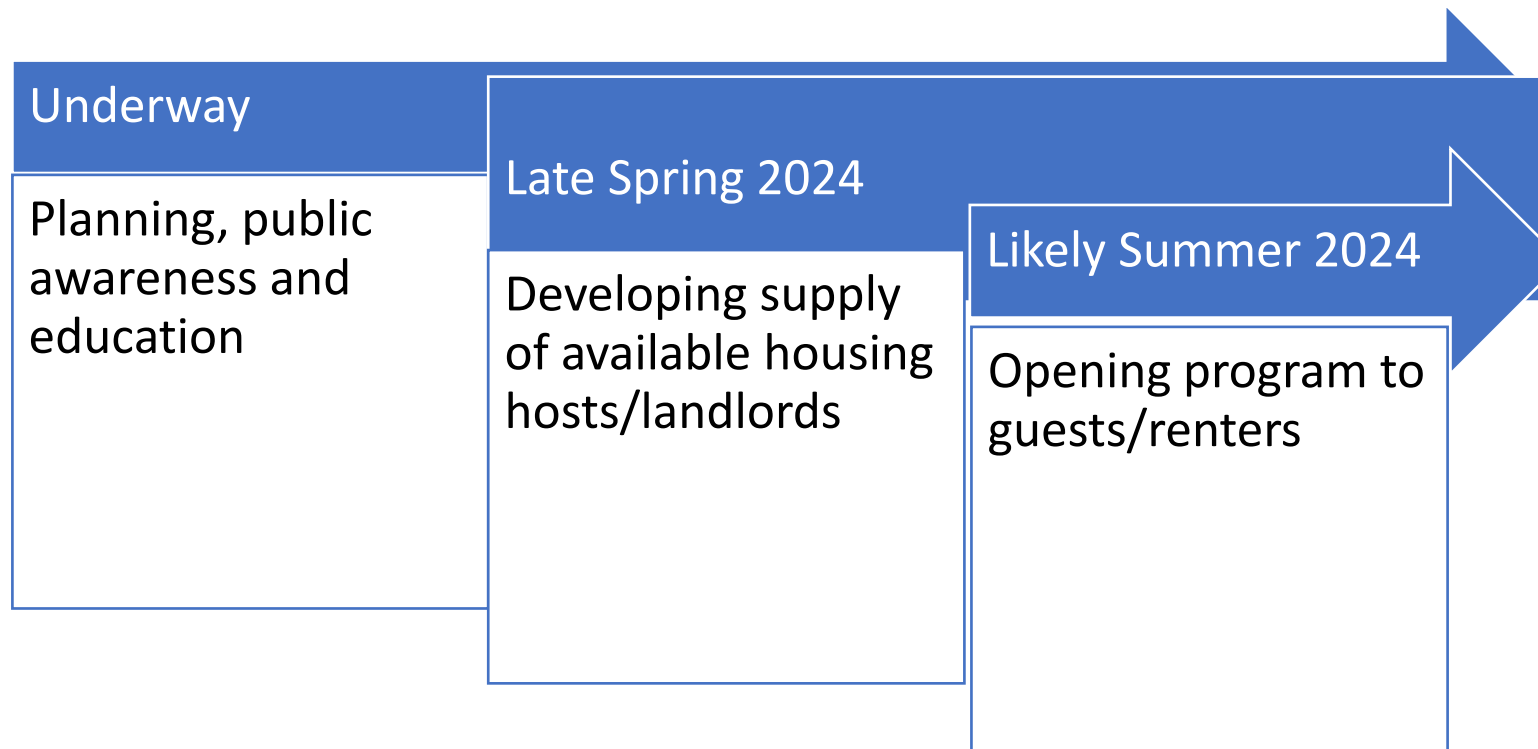


Maine's Home Share Program

- Home sharing programs bring together people who have an extra room in their house with individuals seeking a place to live.
 - Home sharing can provide companionship and extra income to the homeowner.
- Program is not age-restricted though older adults are a key population of focus.
- The Legislature tasked MaineHousing to coordinate a home sharing program.
- Following an RFP process, MaineHousing has contracted with **Nesterly** for statewide implementation.
- A report is due to the Legislature January 2025 reporting on the effectiveness of the program

Home Share Program Status

- MaineHousing has convened an implementation group that includes AARP, Maine Council on Aging, UMaine Center on Aging, representative from Lifelong communities, and several others.



Home Share Program: For More Information

- Legislation: [Resolves 2023 ch. 108](#)
- Nesterly's website: <https://www.nesterly.com/>
- UNE in partnership with Lifelong Maine, AARP Maine, Age Friendly Saco, and the UMaine Center on Aging is hosting a Zoom informational session on May 15, 2024.
 - To register: [Home Share Info Session UNE](#)

State Housing Data Portal- Updates

- Developed by HR&A, the authors of the [State of Maine Housing Production Needs Study](#), which was released in the fall of 2023 and undertaken pursuant to LD 2003 (from the 130th Maine Legislature)
- Created in consultation with GOPIF, MaineHousing, DECD, and various housing stakeholders
- **Will go live online in April 2024**
- The Portal is intended to:
 - Deliver an **ongoing review** of Maine's housing needs to complement the State of Maine Housing Production Needs Study.
 - Provide a **central repository of housing and community data** to aid efforts that address housing needs and maximize housing opportunities across Maine.
 - Monitor housing markets across Maine to **broaden awareness and understanding of housing trends** to inform discussions about housing policy across the state.
 - **Support communities** with detailed housing, economic, and demographic data to inform development of local housing ordinances.

State Housing Data Portal

- Data will be updated over time as each data point itself is updated
- Specific information will include:
 - Population and demographic data such as household size, age and racial/ethnic distribution
 - Economic data such as employment, household income and poverty rate
 - Housing data including cost, cost burdens, vacancy and age of stock
- Users will be able to compare information between jurisdictions
- Will generate housing needs assessments and allow datasets to be downloaded
- Data to be available at the statewide, regional, county and municipal levels

Presentation by
Jessica Perez,
Digital Equity Manager,
Maine Connectivity Authority



State of Maine Digital Equity Plan



Updates and Upcoming Meetings

- **Maine State Plan on Aging Public Hearing #1 – April 30, 2024 – 9:00 to 10:30 am**
- **Maine State Plan on Aging Public Hearing #2 – May 2, 2024 – 9:00 to 10:30 am**
- **Next Cabinet on Aging Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024 – 2:00-3:00 pm**

Thank you!

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