

Cabinet on Aging

Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
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Agenda



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CABINET
ACTIVITIES



PRESENTATIONS:
BOLD ACT,
GWEP,
RESPITE FOR ME



QUESTIONS



UPDATES AND
NEXT MEETING

Cabinet Updates



Community Connections

The Cabinet is pleased to be offering a new round of mini-grant funding to Maine's Age-Friendly communities that align with the goals of the Cabinet on Aging.

For ease of application, we are using the same application as the 2025 AARP Community Challenge application process through our partner, University of Maine's Center on Aging.

To apply: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

2024 Mini-grants

Energizing and Equipping Communities

40 Funded Communities with
1-3 projects each

Total funding of \$330,000
(\$1500 – \$20,000)

See:

[https://www.lifelongmaine.org/resources/
community-connections/ccgrants](https://www.lifelongmaine.org/resources/community-connections/ccgrants)



14 Emergency/disaster preparedness, climate



9 Improvements to public spaces



8 Social connection



5 Volunteer transportation



5 Health and safety



4 Housing related



2 Community communications

Cabinet Updates

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LABOR | **Workforce
Resources for
Older Adults**

Building an Age-Inclusive Workforce

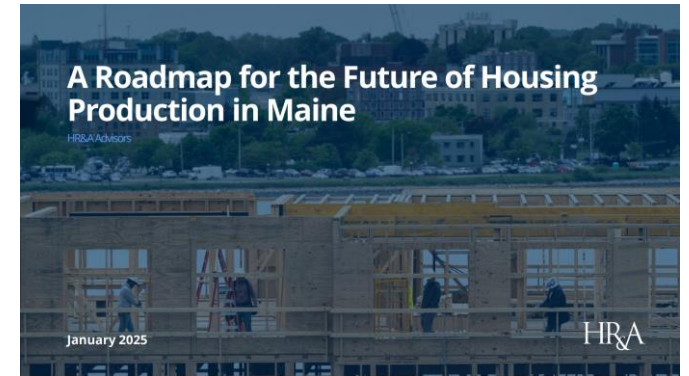
With the support of Maine DOL, the Cabinet has finalized a research project in partnership with the Cutler Institute at the University of Southern Maine, to better understand the motivations and barriers older workers face in remaining in or reentering the workforce and opportunities for action.

This work will be completed in 2025 and provides an opportunity for Maine to continue to lead the way and advance solutions that help with workforce and building stronger economies and communities for all

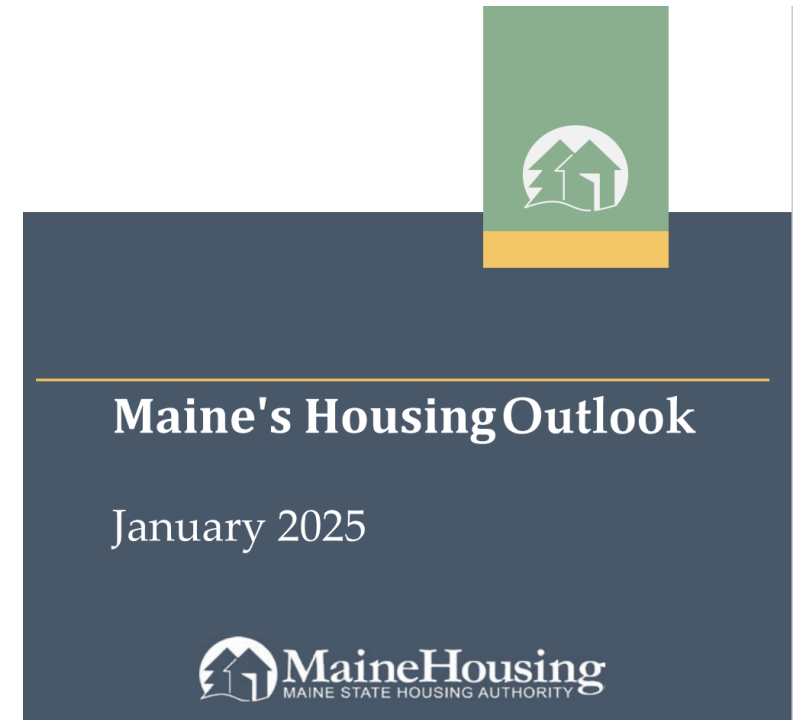
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Housing Notes

- GOPIF, DECD, and MaineHousing recently released a follow-up study by HR&A to identify State actions that further address housing production and costs.
- MaineHousing released its 2025 outlook report of the state of housing and housing-related issues in Maine. The report combines data from national and state agencies and organizations to examine the health of housing and employment markets, housing affordability trends, and homelessness trends



Access: <https://www.maine.gov/future/>



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Housing Notes

Maine's Homeshare Pilot Program is entering its second year.

For more information, see <https://www.mainehousing.org/nesterly>

