

## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Below are the programs of the University of Maine System (UMS) as requested in the August 18, 2009 memorandum from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs.

### MISSION CRITICAL

- Educational & General Activities (01078A003101) – These funds are critical to the University of Maine System’s tripartite mission of teaching, research, and public service. UMS strives to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Maine by offering affordable undergraduate, graduate, and professional educational programs as well as non-credit courses to students both on campus and at distance learning centers and sites across the State. These funds are also utilized for financial aid, student support services, administrative support services, and University sponsored research as well as state-wide cultural and educational enrichment activities and services such as cooperative extension.
- Maine Economic Improvement Fund (01078A098601) – Since the inception of this program, the State of Maine has invested in research and development efforts at UMS. These funds are vital to the ongoing research efforts at UMS and the economic growth of the State. MEIF appropriations are utilized to leverage funds from the federal and private sectors resulting in approximately a 5 to 1 return on the State’s investment.

### OBLIGATION

- Debt Service (01078A090201) – These funds are used for the debt service payments on a \$25 million UMS Research & Development revenue bond. UMS issued revenue bonds based on the State of Maine’s commitment to fund the debt service payments.

### NON-CRITICAL

- Casco Bay Estuary Project (01078A098301) – Funding is used for a cooperative effort to protect and restore the water quality and fish and wildlife habitats of Casco Bay and its watershed. The Legislature determined to place this program under the University of Maine System and, while not critical to the mission of the University, the program is of great importance to the Casco Bay region and its surrounding communities.