

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 (EMERGENCY)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 **Legislative Document**

No. 2027

9 H. P. 2085 House of Representatives, February 24, 1982
Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Brenerman of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Kany of Waterville, Representative
Lancaster of Kittery and Senator Ault of Kennebec.

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12 **STATE OF MAINE**
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 **AN ACT Enabling the State Planning**
18 **Office to Administer the Community**
19 **Development Block Grant Program.**
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21 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
22 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment
23 unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the Federal Government has changed its method
25 of distributing certain funds related to the Community
26 Development Block Grant Program to allow for state adminis-
27 tration, effective October 1, 1981; and

28 Whereas, the Legislature has determined that it is
29 necessary and appropriate to enable the State Planning
30 Office to accept and distribute community development block
31 grant funds; and

32 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
33 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-

1 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
2 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
3 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as fol-
5 lows:

6 **PART A**

7 **Sec. 1. Block grant authorization.** In accordance with
8 the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1670, the agency
9 listed in this Part is authorized to accept and expend the
10 federal community development block grant in the following
11 amounts:

	<u>State</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> 1982	<u>State</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> 1983	<u>Federal</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> 1982
	<u>Department</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>Department</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>Total Federal</u> <u>Block Grant</u>
17 Community Development	\$4,325,000	\$5,765,000	\$10,090,000

	<u>State</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> 1983	<u>Federal</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> 1983
	<u>Department</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>Total Federal</u> <u>Block Grant</u>
23 Community Development	\$10,045,000	\$10,045,000

24 **Sec. 2. Block Grant allocations.** In order to provide
25 for necessary expenditures of State Government and other
26 purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1982 and June
27 30, 1983, the following sums, as designated in the following
28 tabulations, are allocated from the revenues derived from
29 the federal community development block grant. Notwith-
30 standing any other provision of law, all federal block grant
31 allocations included in this Part shall be subject to the
32 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585.

	<u>Allocations State</u> <u>Fiscal Year 1982</u>	<u>Allocations State</u> <u>Fiscal Year 1983</u>
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35 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

36 State Planning Office

37 Community Development

1	Positions	(5)	(5)
2	Personal Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 145,000
3	All Other	4,275,000	15,665,000
4	Ninety-eight percent of block grant		
5	funds will be distributed to local gov-		
6	ernments to undertake housing, economic		
7	development, and public works projects.		
8	A portion of all other category		
9	expenses, \$75,000 in fiscal year 1982;		
10	\$85,000 in fiscal year 1983, will sup-		
11	port State Planning Office administra-		
12	tive costs and subcontracts to regional		
13	nonprofit groups for outreach and tech-		
14	nical assistance activities.		
15	TOTAL		
16	EXECUTIVE		
17	DEPARTMENT	\$4,325,000	\$15,810,000

18 PART B

19 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶1 is enacted to read:

20 I. Act as the public agency of the State for the pur-
 21 pose of accepting and distributing federal funds or
 22 other assistance in relation to community and economic
 23 development in those areas and for those projects duly
 24 authorized under Title I of the United States Housing
 25 and Community Development Act of 1974 and its subse-
 26 quent amendments. The director may promulgate such
 27 rules as may be deemed necessary to distribute such
 28 funds or assistance.

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in
 30 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981
 33 contains provisions for the state administration of the com-
 34 munity development block grant. The purpose of this block
 35 grant is to provide funds to units of local government to
 36 support activities which either benefit low and moderate
 37 income people, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums
 38 and blight or address serious and immediate threats to the
 39 health and welfare of a community. This bill enables the

1 State Planning Office to act as the public agency which
2 would administer this program for the State.

3 No more than 2% of federal funds may be used for state
4 administrative costs. The State must match funds used for
5 administration on a 50/50 basis. This match will be pro-
6 vided by the funds requested from the Legislature for tech-
7 nical assistance, L.D. 1870, and existing State Planning
8 Office resources.

9 Federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant
10 Program are expected to be available in March 1982. In
11 order to distribute the funds to communities in a timely
12 manner, emergency enactment is necessary.

13 The Governor's appropriations' bill, L.D. 1870,
14 requests an additional \$133,333 from the General Fund to
15 support outreach and technical assistance services by
16 regional nonprofit organizations, (see L.D. 1870, page 26,
17 lines 14 to 19).

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