

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 490

House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

**An Act to Increase Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing
Voucher Funding to Reduce the Current Partial Waiting List and
Increase Housing Vouchers for Persons Living with Mental Health
Challenges**

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, COPELAND of Saco, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, EATON of Deer Isle, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, MATHIESON of Kittery.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to reduce
7 the waiting list for assistance and increase housing vouchers by addressing the increase in
8 program costs resulting from a 2021 policy change that increased the portion of a
9 participant's rent paid by the program.

10	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
11	All Other	\$660,000	\$660,000
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$660,000</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases funding for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to reduce the
16 waiting list for assistance and increase housing vouchers by addressing the increase in
17 program costs resulting from a 2021 policy change that increased the portion of a
18 participant's rent paid by the program.