

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 863, L.D. 1328, "An Act to Create Housing and Recovery Services for LGBTQIA+ Individuals"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Create Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Housing and Recovery Services'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20059 is enacted to read:**

**§20059. Recovery residences for underserved, underrepresented or disparately impacted populations**

**1. Recovery residences.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall make funds available for the acquisition or operation of at least 2 recovery residences certified in accordance with section 20057 that are led and governed by individuals who have received education or training or are otherwise qualified to provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services to underserved, underrepresented or disparately impacted individuals in recovery from substance use disorder who are impacted by the lack of availability of and access to culturally appropriate certified recovery residences.

**2. Location.** Of the certified recovery residences acquired or operated pursuant to subsection 1, one must be located in a municipality with a population of 20,000 or greater and one must be located in a municipality with a population of less than 20,000.

**3. Services.** A certified recovery residence acquired or operated under this section must provide the following:

**A. A central shared living space;**

**B. A meeting space for residents;**

**C. Recovery support services based on the needs of each resident; and**

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D. Culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services specifically designed to address the unique needs of the population served. For purposes of this section, "culturally appropriate and trauma-informed support services" means support services that acknowledge, respect and integrate the cultural values, beliefs and practices of individuals and families.

4. Staffing. Each certified recovery residence acquired or operated under this section must be staffed by at least 2 peer-to-peer support staff members who are certified in intentional peer support and peer recovery coaching and who are paid at least livable wages, as defined in Title 26, section 1-A. Staffing must be provided at a level that is responsive to the specific population served, number of residents and certification level of the residence.

5. Fund established. The Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Recovery Residence Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to receive funds to support the activities described in this section and may accept private donations. The Maine State Housing Authority shall distribute funds through a competitive bid process to grantees for the acquisition or operation of recovery residences that provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services to underserved, underrepresented or disparately impacted individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. The Maine State Housing Authority shall adopt rules establishing criteria for the competitive bid process and for the distribution of funds to grantees under this subsection.

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

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

##### **Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Recovery Residence Fund N555**

Initiative: Provides ongoing base allocations to authorize the expenditure of any funds received for the acquisition or operation of recovery residences that provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services to underserved, underrepresented or disparately impacted individuals in recovery from substance use disorder.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

#### **SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the Maine State Housing Authority to conduct a competitive bid process to distribute funds in the newly established Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Recovery Residence Fund. The funds must be used to acquire or operate 2 recovery residences led by individuals educated and trained to provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services to underserved, underrepresented or

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1      disparately impacted individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. One residence  
2      must be located in a community with a population of 20,000 or greater and the other  
3      residence must be located in a community with a population under 20,000.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1328****LR 1337(02)****An Act to Create Housing and Recovery Services for LGBTQIA+ Individuals****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Housing and Economic Development****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****A (H-626)**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to a newly created Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Recovery Residence Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to authorize the expenditure of any funds received to support the acquisition and operation of recovery residences that provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services to underserved, underrepresented or disparately impacted individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. The Maine State Housing Authority has indicated that it does not have funds available for this purpose.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.