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Proposed Agreement with Oxford County

This is in reply to your memorandum of February 13, regarding a proposed agreement with Oxford county for a grant for construction and maintenance of boat facilities and supporting facilities.

The authority of your Department appears in 38 M.R.S.A. § 325, which provides that the commissioner may make grants-in-aid for such purposes to political subdivisions.

Since Oxford County is a political subdivision of the State there is no question but what § 325 authorizes your Department to enter into the proposed agreement.

Whether Oxford County has the power to enter into such an agreement is a matter for the County Commissioners to determine. Their legal advisor is the County Attorney, and this office expresses no opinion on the question.

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