

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 526

H. P. 421

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing Funds for Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter in Portland, Maine, an Emergency and Extended Shelter for Girls.

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

Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter in Portland; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter, an emergency and extended shelter for girls in crisis, the sum of \$20,000 to provide 12 units shelter nightly, counseling, referral and outreach services to young women between the ages of 7 and 18. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78
YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FAIR HARBOR SHELTER PROGRAM IN PORTLAND, MAINE	
Personal Services	\$18,500
All Other	1,500
	<hr/> \$20,000

Remaining costs for program operation to be received from local support, private contributions, federal assistance and 3rd party payments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Young Women's Christian Association Fair Harbor Shelter Program is the only emergency facility in the State of Maine designed to provide

24-hour housing, counseling and referral services for girls from 7 to 18 years of age. Girls from throughout the State are referred by self, social service agencies, law enforcement agencies and their families. In some instances, the girls are victims of abusive treatment. Fair Harbor Program is a viable alternative to institutionalization. All aspects of girls' growth and development are addressed by professional staff. Counseling, vocational and educational planning, recreation, medical and psychological services are available. These services are provided at a far lower cost than in any state-operated facility.

In the 12-month period, January 1976 to December 1976, 200 girls were sheltered. A total of 2,790 unit days of shelter were provided. Over the 2½-year lifetime of the program, 14 of the 16 counties of Maine have been served.

Federal, Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency and local United Way, Inc. of Greater Portland moneys have been committed for the support of this facility. However, this sum falls short of the amount required to operate the program. Therefore, the sum of \$20,000 for the year 1977-78 is being requested in order to continue operation of this much needed service to Maine girls and their families.