

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1392**

H. P. 1120

House of Representatives, March 21, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hall of Sangerville.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Municipal Recreation Grants.**

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

12 MRSA § 602, sub-§ 14, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**14. Municipal Recreation Fund.** To administer a state grant-in-aid fund known as the Municipal Recreation Fund. The bureau shall be responsible for administering any and all moneys made available to the fund. Grants-in-aid may be made by the bureau out of the fund as follows:

**A.** The bureau may make grants to assist municipalities and other political subdivisions in the capital improvement of public park and recreation facilities for projects, the total cost of each one of which does not exceed \$5,000. No such grant shall exceed 75% of the approved project costs. No municipality may receive more than one grant under this paragraph in any fiscal year.

**B.** For those projects which are approved to receive federal financial assistance under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Federal Public Law 88-578, as amended, the bureau may make a supplemental grant not to exceed 40% of the approved project costs.

**C. The bureau may make grants to assist municipalities and other political subdivisions in the development and implementation of recreation programs. Eligible costs for the program grants include, but are not limited to, employment of personnel, transportation and noncapital equipment or supplies. Any grant made under this paragraph in any single fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000, or 50% of the project costs, whichever is less.**

**Any funds credited to the municipal recreation fund shall be nonlapsing; and**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will permit state assistance to municipalities for the development of recreational facilities which are too small to warrant federal funding assistance. It will also remove the current population requirements on the state's local recreational program assistance and the 3-year phase out provision.