

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1070

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Renew the New Century Program.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BERRY of Livermore, BRUNO of Raymond, COLWELL of Gardiner, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

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Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §555, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 573, §5, is amended to read:

6. **New Century Community Program Fund.** To administer the New Century Community Program Fund. The New Century Community Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing account to assist in carrying out the purposes of section 558. The Maine State Cultural Affairs Council may accept and expend money on behalf of the fund from public and private sources.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §558, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Program" means the ~~Maine-Communities-in-the~~ New Century Community Program established in subsection 2.

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §558, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1, is amended to read:

2. **Program established; objectives.** The ~~Maine-Communities in-the~~ New Century Community Program is established under the auspices of the council to further the following objectives:

- A. Preservation of the State's historic resources, properties, artifacts and documents;
- B. Expanded access to improved educational resources; and
- C. Community and economic development through strengthened local cultural resources, including through increased community access to the State's leading cultural institutions.

Sec. 4. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
MAINE ARTS COMMISSION		
Arts - Administration		
All Other	\$735,000	\$735,000
Provides funding for the Building Community Program.		

2	MAINE ARTS COMMISSION		
	TOTAL	<u>\$735,000</u>	<u>\$735,000</u>
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6	MAINE HUMANITIES COUNCIL		
8	Humanities Council		
10	All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
12	Provides funding for the		
14	Maine Center for the Book		
16	Program and for the Building		
	Community Program.		
18	MAINE HUMANITIES COUNCIL		
	TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
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22	MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION		
	COMMISSION		
24	Historic Preservation		
	Commission		
26	All Other	\$850,000	\$850,000
28	Provides funding for		
30	preservation grants for		
32	historic properties.		
34	MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION		
	COMMISSION		
	TOTAL	<u>\$850,000</u>	<u>\$850,000</u>
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38	MAINE STATE LIBRARY		
40	Library - Administration		
42	All Other	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000
44	Provides funding for library		
46	development grants.		
48	MAINE STATE LIBRARY		
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,550,000</u>	<u>\$1,550,000</u>
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2	MAINE STATE MUSEUM		
	Museum - Administration		
4	All Other	\$170,000	\$170,000
6	Provides funding to operate		
8	the Cultural Resources		
10	Information Center and grants		
12	for the protection of		
	historical community		
	artifacts.		
14	MAINE STATE MUSEUM		
	TOTAL	<u>\$170,000</u>	<u>\$170,000</u>
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18	MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
	Historical Society		
22	All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
24	Provides funding for the		
26	Maine Memory Network.		
28	MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
	TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
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32	SECRETARY OF STATE,		
	DEPARTMENT OF THE		
34	Archives - Administration		
36	All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
38	Provides funding for grants		
40	for the protection of		
	historical community records.		
42	DEPARTMENT OF THE		
	SECRETARY OF STATE		
44	TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
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48	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$4,355,000</u>	<u>\$4,355,000</u>
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SUMMARY

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This bill changes the name of the Maine Communities in the New Century Program to the New Century Community Program and provides critical funding to enhance the preservation and advancement of local cultural resources, promote literacy and access to lifelong learning among children and adults and expand opportunities for cultural tourism. The funding also enhances the ability of the program to strengthen Maine's key cultural and educational institutions as major assets for improving the quality of life of Maine residents and attracting new business to the State.