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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 818,  
L.D. 1185, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access  
Fund"

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A by striking out all of  
subsection 2 (page 1, lines 31 to 33 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) and inserting  
the following:

'2. Fund established. The Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund is  
established as a nonlapsing, revolving fund administered by the authority for the purposes  
of supporting the activities and projects of the authority under this section. All money in  
the fund must be continuously applied by the authority to carry out this section. The  
authority may receive and deposit in the fund funds from the following sources:

A. Federal funds and awards that may be used for the purposes of this section;

B. The proceeds of bonds issued for the purposes of this section; and

C. Any other funds from public or private sources received in support of the  
purposes for which the fund is established.'

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A in subsection 3 in the 3rd  
line (page 2, line 6 in amendment) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the  
following: 'To the extent funds are available, the'

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A by striking out all of  
subsection 4 (page 2, lines 27 to 38 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'4. Implementation grants; maximum awards. To the extent funds are available,  
the authority shall award implementation grants to achieve the purpose of the fund as  
described in subsection 3 as follows.

A. An implementation grant to an applicant may not exceed \$200,000 for each  
eligible project selected for funding.

B. An implementation grant may be awarded only to an applicant that has  
demonstrated to the satisfaction of the authority that it has participated in a planning  
grant process as described in subsections 5, 6 and 7.

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C. Municipalities selected for funding must be required to provide a 25% cash match.'

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A in subsection 5 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 40 and 41 in amendment) by striking out the following: "the authority may award up to 25" and inserting the following: 'to the extent funds are available, the authority shall award'

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A in subsection 5 in paragraph A in the first line (page 3, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "An economic development plan" and inserting the following: 'A plan'

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 1 in §9211-A in subsection 8 in the first line (page 3, line 39 in amendment) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 (page 4, lines 12 to 37 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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

**CONNECTME AUTHORITY**

**Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part B.

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment:

1. Removes General Fund allocations that provide funds to support the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund;
2. Provides that the ConnectME Authority may receive and deposit in the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund federal funds, the proceeds from bonds and funds from any other public or private source;
3. Removes the minimum number of implementation and planning grants the ConnectME Authority is required to award;





Approved: 06/12/15 *MAC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1185

LR 1510(05)

## An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-257)

Sponsor: Sen. Woodsome of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$6,014,693)	(\$19,869)	(\$20,573)	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$6,014,693)	(\$19,869)	(\$20,573)	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes all General Fund appropriations in the committee amendment. It adds Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund. This fund may receive funding through available federal funds, bond proceeds and other available monies from public or private sources. The ConnectME Authority is directed to provide certain grants to the extent that funds are available.