

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L D 1844  
(Filing No H-586)

**HOUSING**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1176, L D 1844, "An Act to Support  
Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by  
Creating a Matching Grant Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following  
'An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by  
Creating a Matching Grant Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
following

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4766 is enacted to read

**§4766. Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program**

**1. Program established.** The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program, referred  
to in this section as "the program," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority

**2. Purpose.** The purpose of the program is to provide grants to qualified providers of  
emergency housing and shelter services for the construction, renovation or acquisition of a  
new or existing building to provide emergency housing and shelter services Grant funds  
may also be used to cover the costs to lease a building to provide emergency housing and  
shelter services

**3. Program requirements.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall establish  
program requirements, including, but not limited to, requiring that an applicant to the  
program

A Meet the eligibility requirements of existing programs within the Maine State  
Housing Authority that provide funding to reimburse shelter operators that provide  
emergency shelter services at a fixed location,

B Provide emergency housing and housing navigation services 24 hours per day, 7  
days per week in the building that is constructed, acquired, renovated or leased using  
grant funds, and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 C Demonstrate that the applicant has secured funding from a source other than state  
2 funding to match the amount of the grant request on a one-to-one basis

3 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
4 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A

5 4. Request for proposals; amount of grant. The Maine State Housing Authority shall  
6 issue a request for proposals to award grants under the program no later than January 1st  
7 of the year in which a grant will be issued and shall provide grants on an annual basis  
8 When scoring requests for proposals, the Maine State Housing Authority shall award points  
9 favorably to applicants that propose to provide emergency housing and shelter services in  
10 geographic areas that are underserved and where the provision of those services could result  
11 in reducing the demand for emergency housing and shelter services in cities and towns in  
12 this State that serve as hubs for services for persons experiencing homelessness and in need  
13 of emergency shelter or that have a population of persons experiencing homelessness  
14 disproportionate to the housed population of the city or town The maximum grant awarded  
15 to an applicant is \$500,000

16 5. Fund. The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund, referred to in this  
17 subsection as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority to fund  
18 grants under the program The fund may receive money from appropriations, allocations,  
19 donations and other sources, public and private The fund is interest-bearing, and interest  
20 earned by the fund is credited to the fund Money in the fund does not lapse and carries  
21 over to the next fiscal year

22 **Sec. 2. Request for proposals.** No later than January 1, 2024, the Maine State  
23 Housing Authority shall issue a request for proposals for grants under the Emergency  
24 Housing Matching Grant Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section  
25 4766, for the 2024 grant year under the program

26 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
27 allocations are made

28 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

29 **Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund N430**

30 Initiative Provides ongoing appropriations for grants to homeless service providers to  
31 construct, renovate or acquire new or existing buildings to house the homeless services

32 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
33 All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
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35 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

36 **Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund N430**

37 Initiative Establishes ongoing base allocations to allow for the expenditure of funds if  
38 money is received from donations and other public or private sources

39 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
40 All Other	\$500	\$500
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42 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,000,500</b>	<b>\$5,000,500</b>

10 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
11 number to read consecutively

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment replaces the bill and directs the Maine State Housing Authority to  
14 establish the Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program to provide grants to service  
15 providers to construct, acquire, renovate or lease buildings in order to provide emergency  
16 housing and shelter services Applicants must meet eligibility requirements to demonstrate  
17 that they can provide an appropriate level of services and provide funding from a source  
18 other than state funding to match the amount of the grant request on a one-to-one basis  
19 When considering requests for proposals, the Maine State Housing Authority is required to  
20 award favorable points to proposals from applicants that will provide services in  
21 underserved areas and potentially reduce demand for emergency housing and shelter  
22 services in hubs for services The amendment sets the maximum grant at \$500,000 and  
23 provides ongoing funding to the Maine State Housing Authority in the amount of  
24 \$5,000,000 per fiscal year

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
26 (See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1844

LR 1675(02)

## An Act to Support Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

*A (H-586)*

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$5,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly established Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) for grants to qualified providers of emergency housing and shelter services for the construction, renovation, or acquisition of a new or existing building in which to provide emergency housing and shelter services. This bill also includes ongoing base Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to authorize the expenditure of funds in the event monies are received from donations and other public or private sources. Additional costs to MSHA to administer the program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.