

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Require the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Establish a Technical Assistance Materials Hub

Submitted by the Maine Office of Community Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3209** is enacted to read:

3 **§3209. Technical assistance materials hub**

4 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates,
5 "technical assistance materials hub" or "hub" means a centralized source of information
6 that provides available resources and data to guide decision makers planning for and
7 implementing projects.

8 **2. Hub established.** The office shall coordinate with appropriate tribal, state, regional
9 and local entities to establish and maintain a technical assistance materials hub. The office
10 shall make available through the hub materials addressing a wide variety of topics relevant
11 to communities in this State, including, but not limited to, planning, climate resilience,
12 housing and development. The office may also make available through the hub any of the
13 following materials:

14 A. A collection of the best available resources regarding projections and models,
15 assessments and data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available
16 pursuant to this subsection;

17 B. Tools that allow for the visualization of regions and communities across the State
18 and that integrate best available data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials
19 made available pursuant to this subsection;

20 C. A library of white papers, case studies, research articles and best practices that are
21 searchable by relevance to region, locality and sector pertaining to the topics addressed
22 by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

23 D. Information about funding opportunities for communities; and

24 E. Regionally prioritized best practice projects that support regional collaboration.

25 **3. Updates.** The office shall regularly update the hub.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill directs the Maine Office of Community Affairs to establish and maintain a
28 technical assistance materials hub providing communities in this State with access to
29 materials regarding planning, climate resilience, housing and development. It requires the
30 office to coordinate with appropriate entities to create the hub and to regularly update the
31 hub.