

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 7, 2026

### **An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-O** is enacted to read:

3       **§200-O. Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

4               **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6               A. "Hate crime" means a crime in which the perpetrator selected the victim or the  
7 property that was damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the race,  
8 color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual  
9 orientation, gender identity or homelessness of the victim or of the owner or occupant  
10 of that property.

11              B. "Program" means the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program established in  
12 subsection 2.

13              C. "Serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection  
14 23.

15              D. "Terror attack" means an attack that causes serious bodily injury or death to multiple  
16 persons or causes substantial damage to a structure and is made for the purpose of  
17 intimidating or coercing a civilian population or to affect the conduct of government.

18              **2. Program established.** The Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program is established  
19 in the Office of the Attorney General to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to  
20 improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect  
21 against hate crimes and terror attacks.

22              **3. Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant from the program, a nonprofit organization  
23 must:

24              A. Be a tax-exempt organization under 26 United States Code, Section 501(c)(3); and

25              B. Demonstrate that the organization or the organization's facilities are at high risk of  
26 a hate crime or terror attack.

27              **4. Use of grants.** A nonprofit organization awarded a grant from the program shall  
28 use that grant for:

29              A. Physical security enhancements;

30              B. The cost of security personnel; or

31              C. The development or enhancement of security plans and protocols.

32              **5. Administration.** The Office of the Attorney General shall administer the program  
33 and shall develop guidelines and criteria to award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations  
34 under subsection 3 using a request for proposals process.

35              **6. Rules.** The Office of the Attorney General may adopt routine technical rules as  
36 described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this section.

37              **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
38 allocations are made.

39       **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

1	<b>Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program N561</b>		
2	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations in		
3	improving security to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks.		
4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
5	All Other	\$0	\$2,000,000
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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**SUMMARY**

9       This bill establishes the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the Office of the

10     Attorney General to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at

11     property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes

12     and terror attacks. The office administers the program and must develop guidelines and

13     criteria to award grants to nonprofit organizations using a request for proposals process.