

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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section 116, subsections 1 and 8 take effect August 1, 2022.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 319
H.P. 625 - L.D. 857**

An Act To Create a Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13073-C is enacted to read:

§13073-C. Municipal Grant Fund

The Municipal Grant Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund within the Office of Community Development. The Director of the Office of Community Development shall administer the Municipal Grant Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund." The fund may receive appropriations, allocations, grants or gifts from any federal agency or governmental subdivision or the State or its agencies.

1. Fund purpose. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for municipalities for projects that further the goals of sustainable economic development as outlined by the Maine Economic Growth Council, established in Title 10, section 929-A and referred to in this section as "the council," in the council's annual "Measures of Growth" report, or successor report, and by the "Maine Economic Development Strategy 2020-2029," or successor economic development strategy for the State, as administered by the department.

2. Application process. The department shall adopt rules establishing an application process for municipalities for fund grants for the purposes set forth in this section.

3. Competitive procedure. Funds must be dispersed in accordance with a competitive, quality-based selection procedure as established and administered by the department.

4. Maximum award. A grantee may not be awarded a total amount in excess of \$50,000 in a legislative biennium.

5. Rules. The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Source of funding. The Legislature shall allocate to the Municipal Grant Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13073-C

funds derived from the Federal Government through stimulus or relief funds to counter the effects of the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, that are received by the State in calendar year 2021 and are eligible to be used for the purposes of the Municipal Grant Fund.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
Municipal Grant Fund N389**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize the expenditure of funds received from federal or private sources to provide funding for municipalities for projects that further the goals of sustainable economic development.

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| FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| All Other | \$500 | \$500 |
| FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL | \$500 | \$500 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| All Other | \$500 | \$500 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$500 | \$500 |

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 320
H.P. 1067 - L.D. 1451**

An Act To Align the Expulsion Process with School Disciplinary Policies

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§8-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 614, §3, is amended to read:

8-A. Due process standards for expulsion proceedings. Following a proper investigation of a student's behavior and in accordance with the districtwide disciplinary policies adopted by the school board pursuant to subsection 15-A, a school board that intends to consider expulsion shall ensure proceedings include the following due process provisions.

A. Before a hearing on the expulsion, the superintendent shall:

- (1) Provide written notice to the parents and the student of: