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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
BUSINESS, RESEARCH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

LD 1614 PART 2 BUDGET BILL

FY 04 - 05

THIS FILE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

**Departmental Impact Forms
Testimony
Committee Recommendations**

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Finance Authority of Maine

Program Name: Student Financial Assistance

Account Number(s): 010 94F 0653 01 Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>	0.00	0.00
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	(22,000)	(21,147)
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the deappropriation of funds from Student Financial Assistance programs.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This reduction will eliminate the Maine State Grant Program award to an approximate 23 students for each of the '03-'04 and '04-'05 award years.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) _____
(please explain below)

base for our Maine State Grant Program will be reduced for the 2006-2007 biennium due to these reductions in 2004-2005, thereby causing the elimination of an approximate 23 MSGP awards for each year in 2006-2007.

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Finance Authority of Maine

Program Name: Occupational Safety Loan Program

Account Number(s): _____

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$401,209</u>	
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Transfers funds from the Occupation Safety Loan Program in the Finance Authority of Maine to the General Fund as undedicated revenue by June 30, 2004.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Will reduce the balance in the fund, but program goals can still be met with changes as proposed in Part O, Sections O-1 and O-2.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) _____ (No) _____
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Community Development Block Grant Fund 0587

1. Account Number(s): 010 19A 0587 05, 014 19A 0587 01, 014 19A 0587 02, 014 19A 0587 03, 015 19A 0587

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	0	0
<u>Federal Funds Block Grant Funds</u>	\$36,917	\$51,716
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

This Part provides funds for six approved position reclassifications in the Community Development Block Grant Program. One reclassification is within the General Fund, and the remaining five are within the Federal Block Grant Funds.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Personal Services increase resulting from the one General Fund position reclassification is funded through an offsetting reduction in All Other allotment, for a net General Fund impact of \$0. The Personal Services increase associated with the five Block Grant Funds position reclassifications are funded through additional CDBG federal funds that are available for this purpose.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) _____ (No) X
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Administration – Economic & Community Development 0069

Account Number(s): 010 19A 0069 01, 014 19A 0069 03, 014 19A 0069 70 Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	(\$90,607)	(\$89,207)
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

This proposal provides for the de-appropriation of funds through reductions in directed grants and the Applied Technology Development Center System.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The following reductions equal 6.8% from FY03 funding levels:

Loring Development Authority	FY04: \$21,726	FY05: \$21,726
Manuf. Extension Partnership (reduced by \$50,000 in Part I)	FY04: \$1,735	FY05: \$1,735
Market Development Center	FY04: \$9,996	FY05: \$9,996

The Applied Technology Development Center System is reduced by \$6,000 (30%) in FY04 and \$4,600 (23%) in FY05. These reductions will be absorbed through the elimination of one statewide training event each year.

The Maine Technology Institute is reduced by \$51,150 in FY04 and FY05, which is in addition to Part B reductions of \$100,000. (MTI's net FY04/05 funding is 10.3% below its original FY02 funding.) These reductions are the maximum that can be absorbed through the reprogramming of grant funds.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X
(please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Business Development 0585

Account Number(s): 010 19A 0585 12

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	(\$20,000)	(\$14,113)
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

This proposal provides for the de-appropriation of funds by reducing spending on professional services.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Office of Business Development will reduce its advertising/public relations contract expense through the postponement, reduction or elimination of lower priority publications and advertisements. Impact will be absorbable on a temporary basis.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X _____
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Regional Development - EMDC 0792

Account Number(s): 010 19A 0792 75

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

This proposal provides for the de-appropriation of funds by reducing the directed grant to the Eastern Maine Development Corporation to assist with the coverage of its large service delivery area.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Part B of the budget bill provided for the de-appropriation of \$21,966 (25%) in FY04 and \$43,665 (50%) in FY05 from this account. Part RR subsequently appropriated \$70,000 back into the account for each year. This reduction eliminates the \$70,000 appropriations, returning the program to its Part B funding levels.

The department's three business development specialists assigned to the region will assist EMDC in meeting the demands of its wide coverage area, including a specific focus on the Katahdin/Millinocket region. Additionally, the department will work with EMDC to identify additional funding and/or match resources to supplement this program.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X _____
(please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Maine MicroEnterprise Initiative Fund 0447

Account Number(s): 010 19A 0447 17

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	\$150,000	
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Appropriates funds in FY04 for grants to community-based organizations to increase and improve their capacity to provide technical assistance and training to businesses with less than 10 full time equivalent employees.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Funds will be granted competitively. There will be no impact to current programs.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) _____ (No) _____
(please explain below)

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	\$30,607	\$56,113
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds for the Economic Development Infrastructure Program within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) revolving loan fund.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This initiative will have no negative impact upon departmental programs.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) **X** _____
(please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	\$15,303	\$35,708
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds for the Public Infrastructure Program within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) revolving loan fund.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This initiative will have no negative impacts upon departmental programs.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) _____
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Department of Economic and Community Development

Program Name: Economic Conversion Division 0726

Account Number(s): 013 19A 0726 27

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	\$2,000,000	\$1,302,449
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of federal (Dept. of Defense) funds to establish the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) through the redevelopment of the former Naval Security Group Activity – Winter Harbor facilities at Schoodic Point.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This initiative will have no negative impact upon current departmental programs.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) **X** _____
(please explain below)

TESTIMONY SIGN IN SHEET

COMMITTEE ON Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. # OR CONFIRMATION: _____ LD 1614 Part 2 Budget Bill

DATE: _____ 5-May-03

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Business, Research and Economic Development

	NAME	TOWN/AFFILIATION	PROPONENT	OPPONENT	NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST
1.	Charles Spies	Maine Finance Authority of Maine	x		
2.	Dann Lewis	Commissioner Dept. of Economic & Community Development+			
3.	Alan Brigham	Director of Policy & Planning/ DECD			
4.	Michael Bush	EMDC (Eastern Maine Development Corp.		x	
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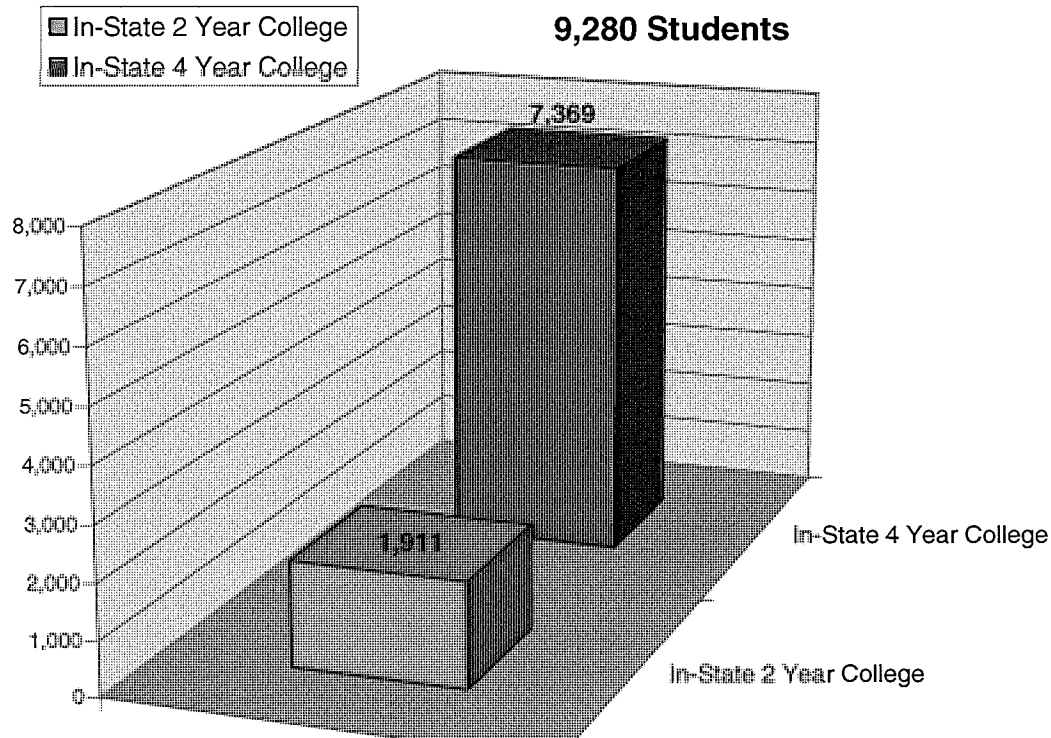
Maine State Grant Program Disbursement Summary

Academic Year 2002 - 2003



Business And Education
At Work for Maine

In-State Public 2-Year and 4-Year Colleges

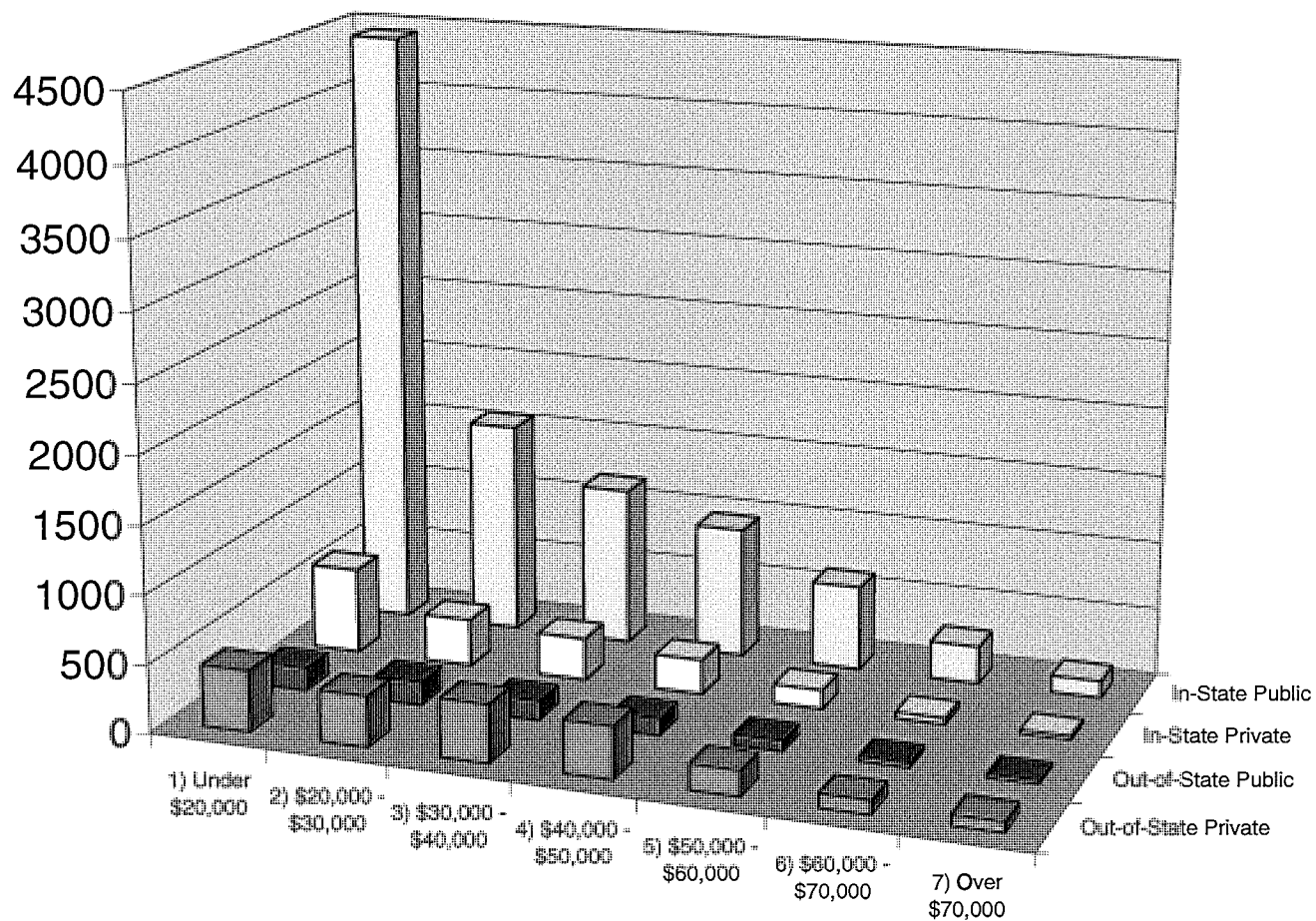


Background

- **State Scholarship Program** started in FY 1972-1973 with an appropriation of \$150,000; FY 02-03 appropriation was \$12,392,247.
- **Federal Funds** became available in FY 1974-1975 in the amount of \$70,629; these funds may be used to provide additional grants to Maine Students.
- **Administered by the Department of Education** until April 1990.
- **Funds are Available** to undergraduate students attending eligible colleges in Maine and to schools whose states have a reciprocal agreement with Maine. These states include New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.
- Students attending **in-state private colleges** full time receive **\$1,250**
- Students attending **in-state public colleges** full time receive **\$1,000**
- Students attending **out-of-state private colleges** full time receive **\$1,000**
- Students attending **out-of-state public colleges** full time receive **\$500**



12,848 Students Awarded by School Type and AGI Level



Part O, Sections
O-1, O-2 & O-4

Prepared by FAME
5/8/03

From November 2001
Program Evaluation
Report

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY LOAN PROGRAM

Statute: 26 M.R.S.A.
Chapter 4, §62 and 63

Rules: Yes (Department
of Labor)

Priority: Provides 3% interest loans of up to \$50,000 to businesses seeking funds to purchase, improve, install or erect equipment, which reduces hazards to and promotes the health and safety of workers.

Eligibility: Businesses seeking loans must be located in the State of Maine, and exhibit a reasonable ability to repay the loan from cash flow of the business enterprise. The Bureau of Labor Standards which conducts a review and visit the business to assist in safety plan process, must approve the use of funds.

Activity Summary: Funding for the program is provided by the State of Maine Department of Labor through general appropriation and loan repayments.

Activity Measure	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01
Number of Loan Subsidies	1	4	1	2	4	2	3	2	4	2
Dollar Amount of Loans	225,692	170,055	7,914	24,495	168,842	8,040	199,000	70,000	186,082	100,000

Goals: This program was designed in June of 1985 and is a revolving loan program, thus regenerating from loan repayments. At June 30, 2001 there were \$458,140 in undisbursed funds held at the Finance Authority of Maine and \$106,913 held at the Bureau of Labor Standards, Department of Labor.

Part O
Section O-3

Prepared by FAME
5/8/03

From November 2001
Program Evaluation
Report

**WASTE REDUCTION
AND RECYCLING
LOAN FUND
PROGRAM**

Statute: 10 M.R.S.A.
§1023-6

Rules: Yes

Priority: Provides loans of up to \$100,000 to businesses seeking funds for a project that conforms to the goals of the Waste Management and Recycling Plan (State Planning Office) and serves to address the State's priorities of Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting. Interest rates under the program are 4% (if 50% or more of the project financing comes from another source), or 8% (if less than 50% of the project financing comes from another source).

Eligibility: Businesses seeking loans must be located in the State of Maine, and exhibit a reasonable ability to repay the loan from cash flow of the business enterprise.

Activity Summary: Funding is provided from a tax on white goods.

Activity Measure	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01
Number of Loan Subsidies	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	1
Dollar Amount of Subsidies	0	0	126,277	0	145,000	50,000	0	130,000	0	100,000

Goals: This program was designed in June of 1985 and the Authority works cooperatively with the State Planning Office to determine eligibility for the program as well as financial analysis. The program is a revolving loan program, thus regenerates itself from loan repayments. At June 30, 2001 there was \$402,000 in undisbursed funds held at the Finance Authority of Maine.

Activity has fluctuated over the past 10 years.

SEED CAPITAL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Prepared by FAME 5/8/03 Part II Budget, Part E, Section E-5

The program was developed to encourage private sources of equity and near equity investment in young business ventures. As the Administrator of the program along with the Bureau of Revenue Services, FAME has seen the program grow significantly since inception in 1989. The growth has occurred as private companies and private investors have taken advantage of the mutual benefits of the program. At the same time, this growth had benefited Maine by giving a leg up to the very businesses that have the most difficult time raising capital – young and otherwise small companies that have promise but aren't ripe for institutional sources of investment like banks or others.

The SCTCP benefits small Maine companies by allowing them to attract the foundation capital they need from private sector sources. It gives incentive to private investors to make investments in promising small companies while offsetting some but not all of the risk involved in this very risky investment area. It benefits Maine by supporting promising small companies in a state whose economy is supported heavily by small companies. This program caps the State's risk in a known manner and leaves the investment decisions up to the private sector.

How the program works:

Eligibility: Business must be located in Maine

- Investors must own less than 50% of the business
- Immediate relatives of principal owners are not eligible
- Annual Gross sales of less than \$3 million
- Business must: 1) be a manufacturer or 2) a service provider with 60% of sales derived from outside the state or to out-of-state residents or 3) develop or apply advanced technologies or 4) bring significant permanent capital into the State
- Must be the professional full-time activity of at least one of the principal owners

- Terms: - tax credit equal to 40% of investment statewide
- tax credit of up to 60%* for investment in companies located high unemployment areas
 - Investors may provide up to \$500,000* per business
 - Aggregate investment limit per business is \$5,000,000* for which a credit may be taken
 - Investment at risk for 5 years
 - Annual reporting required for participating business
 - Credit is taken over four* years

*program improvements that went into effect as of July 2002 and that were eliminated in the Part I budget this year (effective July 1, 2003). If not re-instated in Part II, this retraction will have a chilling effect on investors and on the businesses that will benefit from this private infusion of capital.



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May 14, 2003

SENT VIA FACSIMILE

Senator Mary R. Cathcart, Chair
Representative Joseph C. Brannigan, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Senator Cathcart, Representative Brannigan and Committee Members:

I am concerned about the recent letter of recommendation to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee from Senator Bromley, Representative Sullivan and Members of the Business, Research and Economic Development Committee suggesting deeper cuts to the Maine MEP budget in Part II.

My commitment to the MEP mission extends well beyond my present capacity as chairman of its board of directors. As both a beneficiary of the services of Maine MEP, as well as an advocate of the program, I have deep, first-hand knowledge of how important the MEP mission is to the manufacturing community of Maine.

Although Maine MEP may also receive funding from certain federal or private sources, those funds must be used for specific, dedicated purposes which are outside the core scope of services provided by MEP. State funding, on the other hand, is used in direct support of those core services, and the ability of MEP to meet the growing needs of the manufacturing community would be seriously jeopardized were that state funding to be further eroded.

My company manufactures fine cabinetry and employs 65 people. I have used MEP to help with many projects such as introduction to the principles of lean manufacturing, followed by training for our internal lean team in the processes of value stream mapping and kaizen implementation. Program managers led my cabinet team through an intensive kaizen process to dramatically improve the plant layout and material handling, resulting in increased capacity without additional manpower costs. My company is now poised to take on additional work. Maine MEP is now engaged with the custom side of the company and has been working continually to improve the process from bidding, through design and engineering, and to the production floor.

The issue before you concerns MEP funding in the Part II budget. Further cuts to the Maine MEP budget beyond the 6.8% currently established by at \$50,000 reduction in Part I, plus the additional cuts recommended by DECD Part II, could imperil the ability of Maine MEP to fulfill its core mission of service to the manufacturing community of the state, just at a time when that assistance is most urgently needed.

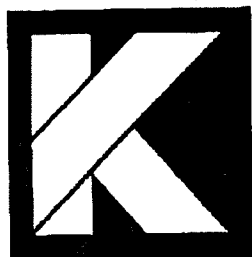
In light of how important MEP is to the success of my business and hundreds more like mine throughout the state, especially as the manufacturing sector of our economy comes under ever-intensifying pressures and threats, I respectfully request the committee to restrict the total cuts to the Maine MEP budget to the aggregate 6.8%.

Sincerely,

Bruce Pulkkinen
President

cc: Governor John E. Baldacci
President Beverly C. Daggett
Senator Sharon A. Treat
Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr.
Speaker Patrick Colwell
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May 14, 2003

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State House
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The services provided by Maine MEP are vital to the continued viability of manufacturing in our state. The manufacturing community needs help in order to adopt new technology and keep small and mid-sized manufacturers competitive. In Maine, 1800 manufacturers employ 82,000 workers and contributed over \$5-billion to the state's economy in 2000.

Further cuts to the Maine MEP budget beyond the 6.8% currently established by the \$50,000 reduction in Part I, plus the additional cuts recommended by DECD Part II, could imperil the ability of Maine MEP to fulfill its core mission of service to the manufacturing community of the state, just at a time when that assistance is most urgently needed.

The current state appropriation buys enormous impact, returning an amazing \$89 for every dollar invested.

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To: Senator Mary R. Cathcart, Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Lynn Bromley, Chair *B*
Representative Nancy B. Sullivan, Chair *NS*
Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic
Development

Re: Recommendations on Part II Budget

Date: May 9, 2003

The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development has completed its discussions on the Part II Budget and is pleased to forward to you its recommendations.

1. Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)

The committee supports the proposed deappropriation and transfers from FAME's programs: a small deappropriation from the Student Financial Assistance Programs (account number 0653) and transfers from the Waste Reductions and Recycling Fund and Occupational Safety Loan Program. The committee's understanding is that these adjustments will allow FAME to restore funding to its Seed Capital Tax Credit Program, which both the committee and FAME consider a priority for economic development.

2. Regional Development (EMDC) for Katahdin Region

The committee is willing to support the proposed \$70,000 deappropriation from the Regional Development fund (0792) within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), with DECD's assurance that the department will use \$50,000 from its Mature and Dominant Employee Retention Fund to support economic development in the Millinocket/Katahdin region. The committee notes that what DECD characterized as an "erroneous" appropriation of \$70,000 to EMDC for economic development actually reflected an affirmative step supported by both the BRED and Appropriations committees to direct additional resources to the Katahdin region for this purpose.

3. Microenterprise Initiative Fund

The committee strongly supports the appropriation of \$150,000 to the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund (0447). The committee would additionally support language limiting the use of those funds to supporting businesses with 5 or fewer employees.

4. Manufacturing Extension Partnership

The deappropriation from the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is the smallest cut (\$1,735) to any budget within DECD proposed by the Part II budget. The committee supports this deappropriation and suggests that, considering the large amount of federal and private funding that MEP receives, deeper cuts to MEP's budget could be explored to support other economic development priorities.

5. Name Change

The committee supports the restoration of DECD's original name, by the removal of "Tourism" from that agency's title (Part L of the Part II Budget). The committee was not given an opportunity to review the department's name change in the Part I budget, and will be examining the title in the near future, specifically to consider whether inclusion of Tourism in the agency's name would promote or hinder business development within the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Part II Budget and to submit our recommendations.

- c. Anne Larrivee, FAME
Peggy Schaffer, DECD

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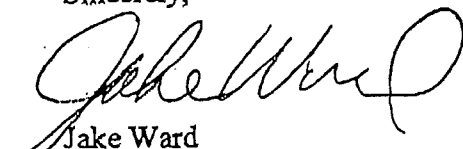
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The University of Maine has a strong relationship with the Maine MEP. We view them as a critical partner in our effort to develop solutions that enable Maine companies to be more productive and competitive in today's global economy through collaborative research, industry consortia, contract research and services, and access to specialized facilities and equipment. Our relationship is growing more robust as we focus more attention on the beleaguered pulp and paper industry. Maine MEP is partnering with us to provide a dedicated MEP project manager to work with us here on the Orono campus in our enlarged commitment to that industry.

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Sincerely,



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My company is a small manufacturing firm in Peru, employing fifteen people who produce small engine gaskets. We engaged the Maine MEP center to help us obtain our ISO 9001 Certification which was essential to our ability to preserve and grow our business. As a result, we were able to increase our export business, resulting in Winderosa Gasket being recognized by the Small Business Administration as Maine's Exporter of the Year.

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The NMDC has a strong relationship with the Maine MEP. We view them as a critical partner in our effort to provide economic development, business finance, small business counseling and planning services to the small and medium sized manufacturers in our region. We highly value our collaborative work with the Maine MEP to improve the performance of our business community, which includes over 1800 small and mid-sized manufacturing firms.

While the deappropriation suggested for Part II is smaller than for other line items in the DECD budget, when combined with the \$50,000 reduction to the MEP budget in Part I, the total meets the 6.8% reduction recommended by the department.

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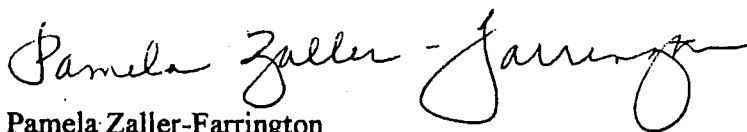
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My company is a contact manufacturer of immunodiagnostics, and we employ six people. We have engaged MEP to help locate international business opportunities by participating in trade missions which were in part funded by MEP. As a result of MEP's support and advice, more than 50% of our revenues are now based on international sales.

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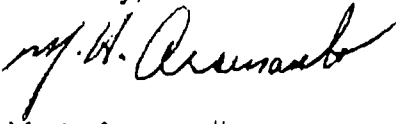
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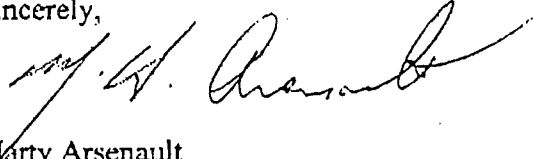
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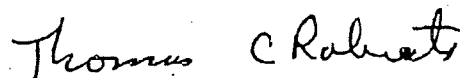
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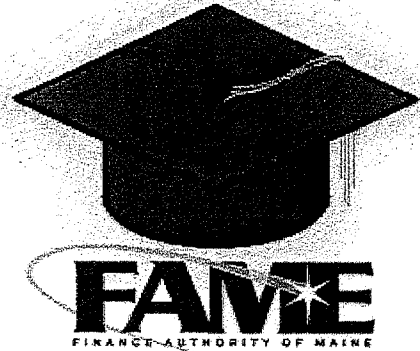


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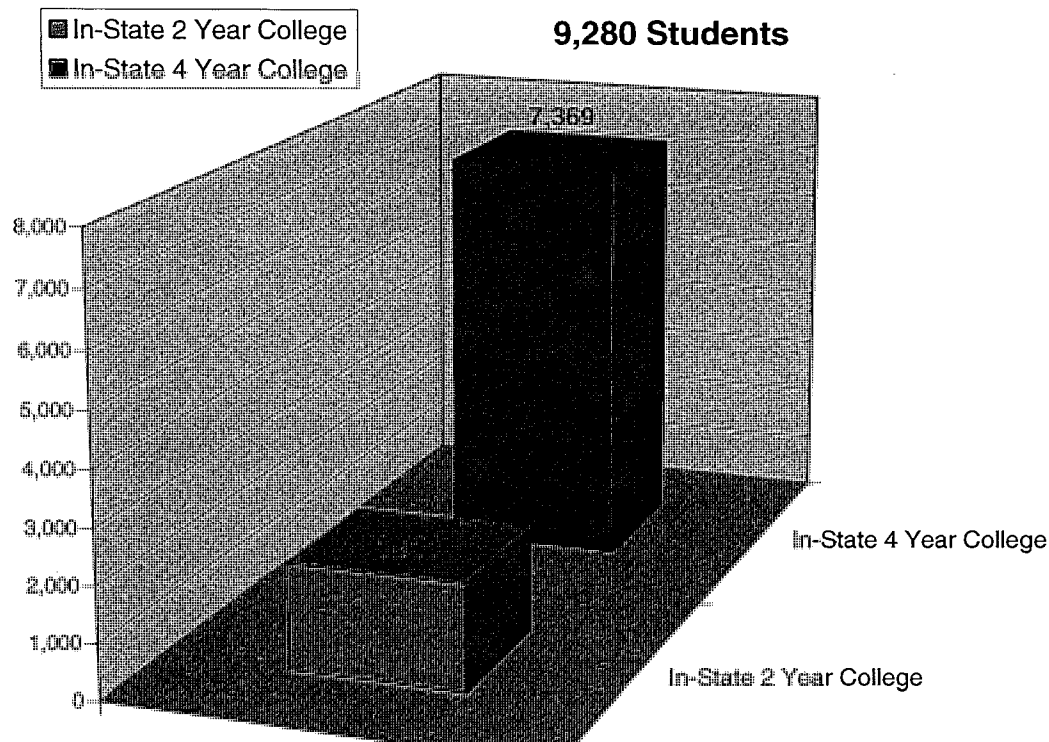
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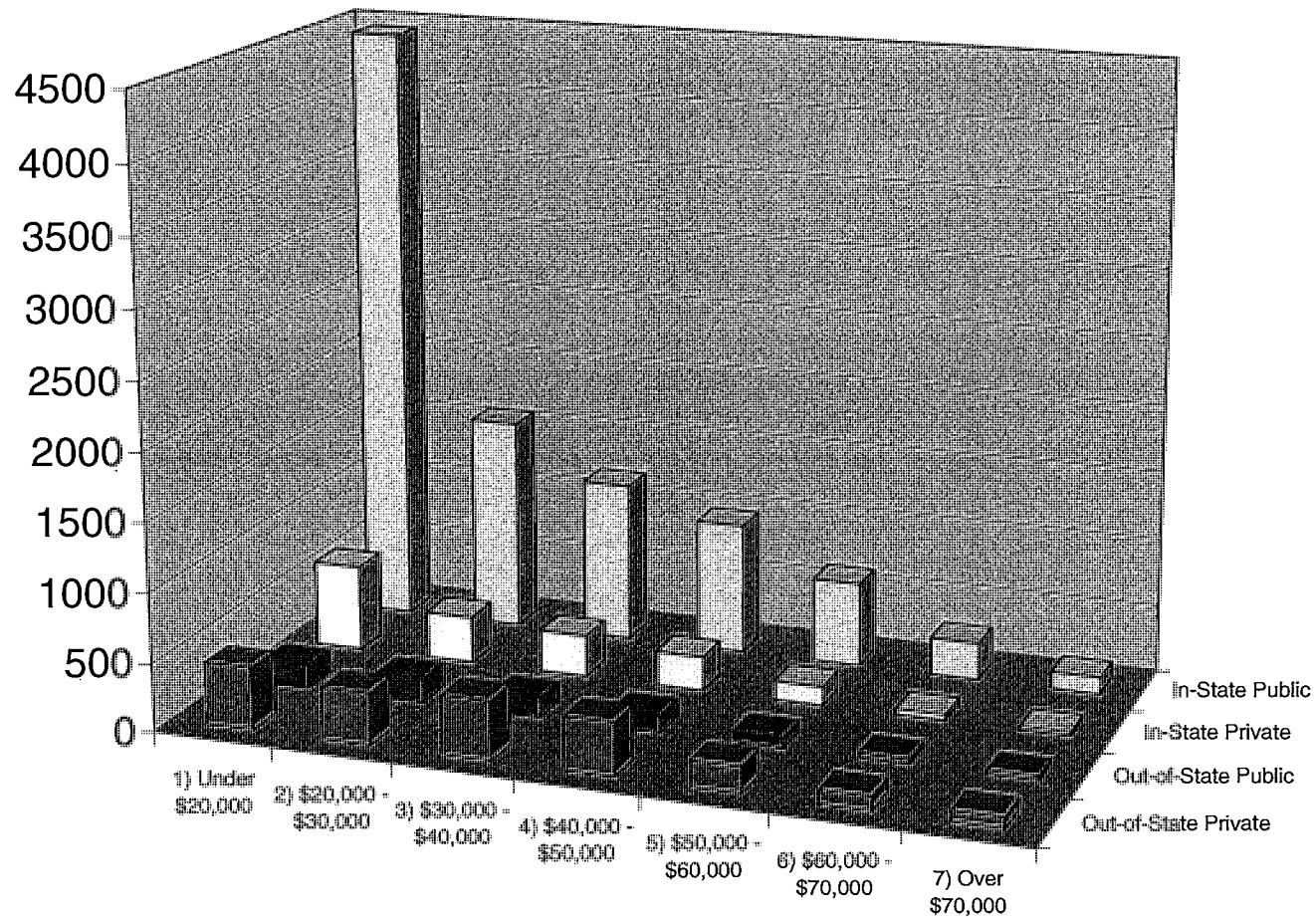


Background

- **State Scholarship Program** started in FY 1972-1973 with an appropriation of \$150,000; FY 02-03 appropriation was \$12,392,247.
- **Federal Funds** became available in FY 1974-1975 in the amount of \$70,629; these funds may be used to provide additional grants to Maine Students.
- **Administered by the Department of Education** until April 1990.
- **Funds are Available** to undergraduate students attending eligible colleges in Maine and to schools whose states have a reciprocal agreement with Maine. These states include New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.
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12,848 Students Awarded by School Type and AGI Level



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From: Senator Lynn Bromley, Chair
Representative Nancy B. Sullivan, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Re: APPROPRIATIONS TABLE PRIORITIES

Date: June 2, 2003

The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development is pleased to forward to you the following list reflecting the committee's priorities for bills on or likely to be on the Appropriations Table. Please note that LD 985 (priority #4), in its current form, would provide positive revenue to the General Fund.

Priority (1-8)	Bill	Comment	Sponsor	Net Cost 04-05	Revenue FY 05
1	LD 337, Strengthen State Investment in University of Maine System for Applied Research and Development		Cathcart	7,000,000	0
2	LD 607, Study the Effects of NAFTA & Other Cross-Border Issues on Maine Businesses		Rotundo	75,000	0
3	LD 335, Stimulate Economic Growth in Northern Penobscot County	Supports Lincoln Lakes development staff	Cathcart	50,000	0
4	LD 985, Improve State's Returnable Bottle Law and Adjust Handling Fees		Martin	0	2,945,837
5	LD 968, Protect Future of US Naval Air Station at Brunswick		Mayo	100,000	0
6	LD 945, Facilitate Communication between Prescribers and Dispensers of Prescription Medication	Drug monitoring program – corrections system impact	A. Perry, Shorey	0	0
7	LD 993, Promote Economic Growth by Retaining Engineers in Maine	\$28,000 cost beginning in 2007	Cathcart	0	0
8	LD 847, Offer Zero-interest Loans to Employers Providing Bicycle Facilities	Costs to Fund for a Healthy Maine	Suslovic, Bromley	100,000	0

Thank you for the opportunity to present the committee's priorities.