

State of Maine

Recovery Housing Plan

Amendment for FY 21, FY 22 and FY 23 Allocations

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Program Summary

The purpose of the Recovery Housing Program (RHP) is to provide stable, temporary housing (up to 24 months) to low- or moderate-income persons in recovery from a substance use disorder. The State of Maine has been allocated a total of \$2,745,940 in RHP funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Allocations have been awarded for FY 2020 to FY 2023 (FY 2020 - \$951,000, FY 2021 - \$860,778, FY 2022 - \$934,162 and FY 2023 - \$1,192,137). The RHP is authorized under Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act and is a pilot program. Section 8071 requires RHP funds be treated as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds, with certain waivers and alternative requirements. The State of Maine received RHP funding because it has an age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths above the national overdose mortality rate, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

MaineHousing, in partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), has identified a need for additional housing for individuals exiting recovery residences, as well as individuals for who a recovery residence may not be an appropriate setting. RHP funds will be awarded by MaineHousing to one or more entities to produce, preserve and/or rehabilitate rental housing. Funds will be made available through an application process to ensure all HUD requirements are met. Applicants must demonstrate an ability to operate the housing and directly or indirectly provide recovery related services for participants. Operating and service funds are not provided with RHP funding. Suggested services include case management, direct connection to peer support, clinical addiction services, employment, vocational and educational opportunities, assistance with social, personal and living skills and mental health services.

Responsible Agencies

MaineHousing has been designated as the Recovery Housing Administrator and primary point of public contact for the Recovery Housing Plan. The Recovery Housing Plan including the 2023 Amendment can be viewed and downloaded on the MaineHousing website.

Resources

MaineHousing will make available \$2,026,547 of RHP funding. No program income or other federal program funding are expected to be available for RHP eligible activities.

Use of Funds

1. Awards to Communities: MaineHousing will not distribute all or part of the RHP funds directly to municipalities.
2. Activities Carried Out Directly: MaineHousing will distribute RHP funds through a competitive process by selecting applications that are submitted by eligible recipients. MaineHousing will issue a Request for Proposals to eligible applicants that will assign scoring based upon a combination of the required selection criteria located in FR-6225-N-01 and selection criteria adopted by MaineHousing. All activities identified in the Notice shall be eligible, MaineHousing will prioritize obligating funds for acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units, adaptive re-use of existing buildings, and new construction of rental housing units. MaineHousing will retain 5% each annual RHP grant for administrative costs (FY23 - \$59,606.85).
3. Eligible Subrecipients: Eligible Subrecipients include not-for-profit organizations, including Indian Tribes. Applicants will need to demonstrate experience, or new capacity, to assist individuals in recovery to attain self-sufficiency and individual recovery goals. Additionally, eligible applicants must demonstrate capacity to comply with RHP program requirements as identified in Notice of FY2020 Allocations, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for the Pilot Recovery Housing Program (Docket No. FR-6225-N-01) and Notice of FY2021 Allocations, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for the Pilot Recovery Housing Program.
4. Criteria for Evaluation of Application and Applicants: MaineHousing will evaluate applications and applicants based on the two HUD-required criteria, which will be incorporated in to additional MaineHousing criteria.

Criteria:

Extent to which the applicant will provide housing and services to vulnerable populations. (HUD Criteria One) Applicants will receive points for projects that serve the specific needs of vulnerable populations. The degree of need for the populations served, and appropriateness of plans for providing services to tenants, will be evaluated.

Applicants' ability to obligate RHP funds in a timely manner. (HUD Criteria Two) Applicants will be evaluated on project readiness, including items like local approvals, architectural plans, and site control. Additionally, MaineHousing will consider their track-record for developing projects successfully within a reasonable timeframe.

Applicant's ability to undertake required eligible development activities. Applicants will be evaluated on their development capacity, and experience with public sector housing development programs. Past experience of members of the development team will be considered.

Extent to which the application makes use of additional funding sources. Applicants will be evaluated on the quantity, quality and timeliness of leveraged funding (other than MaineHousing resources) that will be committed to the proposed project. Additional points may be awarded to projects that leverage a greater amount of non-federal funding.

Amount of Federal, State, or local rental assistance to ensure rents are affordable to extremely low-income families. Applicants will receive points for projects that include assistance from other entities, which may include rental-assistance or service contracts for the duration of the project reporting period.

Priority based upon underserved areas. MaineHousing will regard the entire State of Maine as the eligible area for purposes of the RHP. However, applicants will receive points for projects that will be developed in locations that are underserved.

Merits of the application in meeting the State's housing priority needs. All applications will be required to address one or more of the following Consolidated Plan priorities: Improve and Preserve the Quality of Housing, Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities, and/or Help Maine People Attain Housing Stability.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to the MaineHousing RHP:

Individual in Recovery: OBH defines recovery from a substance use disorder as, “A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.”

For the purposes of this RFP, an individual in recovery shall be defined as an individual engaged in the process of change through which they seek to improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

Substance Use Disorder: OBH defines substance use disorder as the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home.

For the purpose of this RFP, substance use disorder shall be defined as the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home.

Recovery Housing is a non-medical setting designed to support recovery from substance use disorders, providing a substance-free living environment commonly used to help individuals

transition from highly structured residential treatment programs back into their day-to-day lives. Substance-free does not prohibit prescribed medications as directed by a licensed prescriber, such as pharmacotherapies specifically approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder as well as other medications with the indication for the treatment of co-occurring disorders.

Anticipated Outcomes and Expenditure Plan

MaineHousing proposes the following performance measures:

3 Persons transitioned to permanent housing through RHP – assisted temporary housing
6 Individual assisted in RHP activities

These measures will be reported to HUD annually.

Citizen Participation

MaineHousing made the Recovery Housing Action Plan available for public comment for a period of 15 days from July 22, 2021 to August 10, 2021. A public hearing to solicit input on the Recovery Housing Program Plan was held August 3, 2021.

MaineHousing made the FY21/FY22 Substantial Amendment to the Recovery Housing Action Plan available for public comment for a period of 15 days beginning July 12, 2022 and ending on July 27, 2022. A public hearing to solicit input on the Recovery Housing Program Plan was held on July 26, 2022. No comments were received on the FY21/FY22 Substantial Amendment.

The 2023 Amendment is does not substantially change the Maine Recovery Housing Action Plan. The updated Plan is posted on the MaineHousing website.

A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore will be attached to the Recovery Housing Action Plan.

Partner Coordination

MaineHousing will coordinate RHP funding with Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). OBH manages State Opioid Response funding which aims to support recovery by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment and reducing unmet treatment needs through the support of evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services. OBH also manages Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding, which provides funding with the objective to help plan, implement and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse.

Subrecipient Management and Monitoring

MaineHousing will use existing policies and procedures to monitor RHP subrecipients, ensuring that all activities are carried out in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

All projects awarded RHP funding will be monitored, on an annual basis after completion and before closeout of the project. If any monitoring findings are identified, findings will be resolved before completion and/or closeout.

Prior to awarding funds MaineHousing staff will conduct activities associated with application review, environmental review, underwriting and construction document review. After funds have been awarded, MaineHousing staff will monitor construction process through on-site visits and meetings, budget and process via monthly requisitions and loan closing process.

After construction, and for the duration of the compliance period, MaineHousing will perform project monitoring to ensure compliance with loan documents.

Pre-award/Pre-Agreement Cost:

RHP funds may be used for pre-award/pre-agreement technical assistance and administrative costs of MaineHousing including application and technical assistance to potential subrecipients, development of the RHP Action Plan, to conduct the citizen participation process and related administrative costs.

Certifications

- (1) The grantee certifies that it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the RHP program. The grantee certifies that it will comply with the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan, relocation assistance, and one-for-one replacement housing requirements of section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 USC § 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, as applicable, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided.
- (2) The grantee certifies its compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by part 87.
- (3) The grantee certifies that the RHP Action Plan is authorized under state and local law (as applicable) and that the grantee, and any entity or entities designated by the grantee, and any contractor, subrecipient, or designated public agency carrying out an activity with RHP funds, possess(es) the legal authority to carry out the program for which it is seeking funding, in

accordance with applicable HUD regulations and the grant requirements. The grantee certifies that activities to be undertaken with RHP funds are consistent with its RHP Action Plan.

- (4) The grantee certifies that it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided.
- (5) The grantee certifies that it will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.
- (6) The grantee certifies that it is following a citizen participation plan adopted pursuant to 24 CFR 91.115 or 91.105 (as imposed in notices for its RHP grant). Also, each unit of general local government receiving RHP assistance from a state must comply with the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 570.486(a)(1) through (a)(7) for proposed and actual uses of RHP funding (except as provided in *Federal Register* notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for the use of RHP funds).
- (7) The grantee certifies that it is complying with each of the following criteria: (1) funds will be used solely for allowable activities to provide individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder stable, temporary housing for a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier; (2) with respect to activities expected to be assisted with RHP funds, the RHP Action Plan has been developed so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families; (3) the aggregate use of RHP funds shall principally benefit low- and moderate-income families in a manner that ensures the grant amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons; and (4) the grantee will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with RHP grant funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless: (a) RHP grant funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than RHP; or (b) for purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, the grantee certifies to the Secretary that it lacks sufficient RHP funds (in any form, including program income) to comply with the requirements of clause (a).
- (8) The grantee certifies that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing.
- (9) The grantee certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing the following policies, and, in addition, must certify that it will require local governments that receive

grant funds to certify that they have adopted and are enforcing: (1) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

- (10) The grantee certifies that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.
- (11) The grantee certifies that it (and any subrecipient or administering entity) currently has or will develop and maintain the capacity to carry out RHP eligible activities in a timely manner and that the grantee has reviewed the requirements of the grant.
- (12) The grantee certifies that its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (24 CFR part 35)), and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).
- (13) The grantee certifies that it will comply with environmental review procedures and requirements at 24 CFR part 58.
- (14) The grantee certifies that it will comply with applicable laws.

Attachments

Standard Form 424 and 424D, Signed RHP Certifications, Notices

Recovery Housing Program Certifications

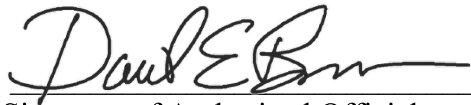
Each grantee must make the following certifications with its RHP Action Plan:

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Signature of Authorized Official

8/15/2023

Date

Director

Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="radio"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="radio"/> Application <input type="radio"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Continuation <input type="radio"/> Revision		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>	
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State Use Only:					
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>			
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:					
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Maine State Housing Authority"/>					
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="01-0312916"/>			* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="NJEKQK2U8ZJ5"/>		
d. Address:					
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Street2: <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>			
* City: <input type="text" value="Augusta"/>		<input type="text"/>			
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* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		<input type="text"/>			
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="04330-4633"/>		<input type="text"/>			
e. Organizational Unit:					
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Maine State Housing Authority"/>			Division Name: <input type="text"/>		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:					
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>		* First Name: <input type="text" value="Daniel"/>			
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E"/>		<input type="text"/>			
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Brennan"/>		<input type="text"/>			
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>			
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>					
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>					
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="207 626-4600"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="207 624-5702"/>			
* Email: <input type="text" value="dbrennan@mainehousing.org"/>					

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

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*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="\$1,192,137"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="\$1,192,137"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Maine State Housing Authority	DATE SUBMITTED 08/15/2023

