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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This Maine Annual Performance Report describes the implementation of Maine's Consolidated Plan during 2023. The Consolidated Plan covers the use of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and leveraged funds for the period 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023. Objectives and expected outcomes for CDBG, HOME, HTF and ESG have been identified through the Consolidated Plan process. The Annual Action Plan addresses how objectives are to be met each year.

During 2023 the Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) administered the HOME, HTF and ESG funds. The Maine State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) administered the CDBG funds.

It is important to note that the state provides affordable housing and community development through a variety of assistance programs, many of which are funded through agency resources or state appropriations. In 2023 MaineHousing assisted 820 first time home buyers, 20,826 rental households, over 44,000 household were helped with energy assistance, and 6,143 homeless individuals. MaineHousing used funds to complete 751 multifamily units, with another 796 multifamily units financed and under construction.

Progress has been made to address Consolidated Plan priorities and objectives. For example the Businesses assisted, Public Infrastructure, Affordable Housing and Rapid Re-Housing exceeded 2023 goals.

This report covers outcomes during the fourth year of the five year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan.

The state has obligated 100% of its CDBG CV funds and expended over 70% of the funding.

The format of this Report is mandated by HUD. HUD has provided an online template for grantees as part of its planning and reporting system called IDIS. The questions in bold and many of the tables are created automatically by IDIS.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and

explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

| Goal | Category | Source / Amount | Indicator | Unit of Measure | Expected - Strategic Plan | Actual – Strategic Plan | Percent Complete | Expected - Program Year | Actual – Program Year | Percent Complete |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| CDBG CARES Act CV 19 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 20000 | 33432 | 167.16% | | | |
| CDBG CARES Act CV 19 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 2000 | 1301 | 65.05% | | | |
| CDBG CARES Act CV 19 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 400 | 572 | 143.00% | | | |
| Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities | Affordable Housing | HOME: \$ / HTF: \$ | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 900 | 371 | 41.22% | 135 | 134 | 99.26% |
| Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities | Affordable Housing | HOME: \$ / HTF: \$ | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 100 | 134 | 134.00% | 15 | 124 | 826.67% |

| Homelessness Diversion | Homeless | ESG- CV: \$ | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 325 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
|---|---|----------------|---|------------------------------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|-----------|
| Improve and Preserve the Quality of Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 300 | 744 | 248.00% | 50 | 113 | 226.00% |
| Improve and Preserve the Quality of Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 1500 | 674 | 44.93% | 50 | 121 | 242.00% |
| Improve Economic Opportunity | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 1000 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Improve Economic Opportunity | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation | Business | 60 | 38 | 63.33% | | | |
| Improve Economic Opportunity | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 300 | 261 | 87.00% | 50 | 45 | 90.00% |
| Improve Economic Opportunity | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 50 | 319 | 638.00% | 125 | 189 | 151.20% |
| Improve Public Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 5000 | 30063 | 601.26% | 1000 | 13068 | 1,306.80% |

| Provide Rapid Re-Housing | Homeless | HOME: \$ / ESG: \$ / ESG- CV: \$ | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 700 | 8602 | 1,228.86% | 3700 | 4126 | 111.51% |
|---|----------|---|--|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|---------|
| Support Emergency Shelter Operations & Services | Homeless | ESG: \$ / ESG- CV: \$ | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 31000 | 17682 | 57.04% | 5500 | 4838 | 87.96% |

Table 1 - Accomplishments - Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The State of Maine CDBG Program identified the highest priorities as Housing, Economic Development and Public Infrastructure. For the 2023 program year over 90% of CDBG funding went to those three areas.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

| | CDBG | HOME | HTF |
|---|-------|------|-----|
| White | 2,163 | 283 | 5 |
| Black or African American | 60 | 22 | 0 |
| Asian | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| American Indian or American Native | 48 | 3 | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2,273 | 312 | 5 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Not Hispanic | 2,273 | 305 | 5 |

Describe the clients assisted (including the racial and/or ethnicity of clients assisted with ESG)

| | HESG |
|---|-------|
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 44 |
| Asian or Asian American | 19 |
| Black, African American, or African | 1,300 |
| Hispanic/Latina/e/o | 12 |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 1 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 5 |
| White | 3,068 |
| Multiracial | 360 |
| Client doesn't know | 0 |
| Client prefers not to answer | 9 |
| Data not collected | 42 |
| Total | 4,860 |

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

Racial and ethnic data available for ESG households is reported by individual unduplicated persons served through the ESG program. This information indicates that the majority of families assisted have self-reported as "White," which comprise 69% of the total population served with ESG. This total does not include individuals with multiple race backgrounds and individuals assisted by ESG who did not provide race and ethnicity information. U.S. Census data projects that Maine's population was 94% White in 2022, indicating that clients reporting other races are overrepresented in homeless shelters and rapid rehousing programs funded by ESG. U.S. Census data projects that Maine's population was 2% Hispanic in 2022, also indicating

that the Hispanic population is slightly overrepresented in these programs. This racial and ethnic breakdown does not include persons served by victim service providers, as there is no way to unduplicate that count from the rest of the population.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

| Source of Funds | Source | Resources Made Available | Amount Expended During Program Year |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| CDBG | public - federal | 11,760,505 | 10,474,787 |
| HOME | public - federal | 4,493,753 | 4,627,253 |
| | * | , , | |
| ESG | public - federal | 1,394,301 | 1,394,301 |
| HTF | public - federal | 3,066,413 | 2,265,880 |
| Other | public - federal | 0 | |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

| Target Area | Planned Percentage of Allocation | Actual Percentage of Allocation | Narrative Description |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| State Of Maine | 100 | 100 | State Of Maine |

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

MaineHousing distributes ESG and matching funds based on an annual application process and funding formula that distributes funds for shelter operations and housing relocation and stabilization services. We take a statewide approach in our program and funding delivery. In 2023, 41 shelters and homeless service providers participated in the program. These providers spanned 15 of the 16 counties in the state, with the one remaining county having no service providers that applied for funding.

MaineHousing, as the State of Maine's Housing Finance Agency, serves the entire state. HOME and HTF funds were invested only in low income housing in the State of Maine and in 2023 included investments in Aroostook, Penobscot, Somerset, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Cumberland, and York Counties.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

In 2023, ESG funds were matched with \$5,018,276in state funding. The state of Maine provided \$2,500,000 in Shelter Operating Subsidy funds and MaineHousing allocated \$3,000,000 of State HOME funds to the Emergency Shelter and Shelter Assistance Program (ESHAP), of which \$5,018,276 was used to match ESG funds.

HOME and HTF funds were used in a number of housing programs in 2023, including Low Income Housing Tax Credit ("LIHTC") and Supportive Housing developments. Both HOME and HTF were used to support very low and extremely low income units within larger LIHTC projects. Without the federal sources, the creation of these units would not have been possible. The tax credits, paying debt, and other State and MaineHousing allocated funds were used in conjunction with the federal sources to make the projects feasible. In the Supportive Housing program, paying debt and State subsidy resources are used in conjunction with federal sources to make these projects for very low income residents with special needs or residents that were experiencing homelessness possible.

| Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year | 47,637,021 | | | | | |
| 2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year | 1,391,988 | | | | | |
| 3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2) | 49,029,009 | | | | | |
| 4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year | 435,240 | | | | | |
| 5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4) | 48,593,769 | | | | | |

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

| | Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Project No. or Other ID | Date of Contribution | Cash (non-Federal sources) | Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges | Appraised Land/Real Property | Required Infrastructure | Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor | Bond Financing | Total Match | | | | |
| 10609 | 09/21/2023 | 650,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 650,000 | | | | |
| 10637 | 04/19/2023 | 0 | 506,866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 506,866 | | | | |
| 2023.01.NO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N | 09/30/2023 | 235,122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 235,122 | | | | |

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

| Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period | Amount received during reporting period \$ | Total amount expended during reporting period \$ | Amount expended for TBRA \$ | Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$ | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |

Table 7 - Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period **Total Minority Business Enterprises** White Non-Alaskan Black Non-Hispanic Asian or Hispanic Native or **Pacific** Hispanic American Islander Indian Contracts Dollar Amount 37,134,189 0 0 0 0 37,134,189 Number 0 0 0 0 4 **Sub-Contracts** Number 0 0 0 0 0 0 Dollar 0 0 0 Amount 0 0 Women **Total** Male **Business Enterprises Contracts** Dollar 37,134,189 37,134,189 0 Amount Number 0 **Sub-Contracts** Number 0 0 0 Dollar 0 0 Amount 0

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

| Total | Minority Property Owners | White Non

| | Total | | Minority Property Owners | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non- Hispanic | Hispanic | Hispanic | | | |
| Number | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| Dollar | 3,574, | | | | | | | | |
| Amount | 999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,574,999 | | | |

Table 9 - Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

| Parcels Acquired | 0 | 0 |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Businesses Displaced | 0 | 0 |
| Nonprofit Organizations | | |
| Displaced | 0 | 0 |

| Households Ten | nporarily | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Relocated, not D | Displaced | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Households Total | | | Minority Property Enterprises | | | White Non- |
| Displaced | | Alaskan | Asian or | Black Non- | Hispanic | Hispanic |
| | | Native or | Pacific | Hispanic | | |
| | | American | Islander | | | |
| | | Indian | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 10 - Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Number of Homeless households to be | | |
| provided affordable housing units | 142 | 95 |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be | | |
| provided affordable housing units | 140 | 234 |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be | | |
| provided affordable housing units | 3 | 22 |
| Total | 285 | 351 |

Table 11 – Number of Households

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Number of households supported through | | |
| Rental Assistance | 135 | 93 |
| Number of households supported through | | |
| The Production of New Units | 135 | 134 |
| Number of households supported through | | |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 15 | 124 |
| Number of households supported through | | |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 285 | 351 |

Table 12 - Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

- Expanded voucher offers to homeless beyond STEP. HCV has the Home To Stay and EHV
 Programs where agencies working with homeless households can make referrals to receive a
 voucher. Transitional housing agencies and the agencies administering the Housing Navigator Pilot
 Program have the ability to make referrals for homeless households to the Homeless Priority waiting
 list. With the availability for these agencies to make referrals to other homeless programs, STEP is
 not receiving as many referrals.
- 24 month maximum months of assistance is a barrier. Transition STEP voucher holders to HCV
 Program by considering them homeless allowing STEP voucher holders access to the HCV homeless
 priority list

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

 May reduce amount of HOME utilized for rental assistance. The ability for agencies working with homeless households to make referrals to other HCV Homeless programs is impacting the STEP Program. Therefore, the amount of HOME money is being under-utilized.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

| Number of Households Served | CDBG Actual | HOME Actual | HTF Actual |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Extremely Low-income | 98 | 120 | 24 |
| Low-income | 79 | 25 | |
| Moderate-income | 1,373 | 7 | |
| Total | 1,550 | 152 | |

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Maine Continuum of Care (CoC) outreach plan is supported by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grantees. PATH Grantees work closely with ESG funded shelters, the CoC, and the ESG Grantee. The goal of these outreach efforts is to engage individuals who are unsheltered, assess their immediate needs and health care concerns, determine their eligibility for MaineCare and other services, and transition them to a community provider for ongoing assistance.

Maine has two Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) programs that conduct outreach across the entire state of Maine and work directly with veterans and their families who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

In addition to these efforts, the Maine CoC, in collaboration with the Maine Statewide Homeless Council, operates nine regional Service Hubs for homeless services. These collaborative groups include various local outreach and community organizations that connect people experiencing homelessness with appropriate shelter and supportive services. Coordinators in each of the Service Hubs have worked to seek out and connect with independent and privately funded outreach providers in order to increase their connections to federally and state funded homeless services. These coordinators have also leveraged the annual volunteer drive for the Point In Time count to promote outreach in portions of the jurisdiction that lack outreach coverage.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Maine continues to address both emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of persons who are homeless through the direction and advocacy of the Maine Continuum of Care and the Maine Statewide Homeless Council. Maine utilizes ESG funding to support 41 shelters and homeless service agencies across the state, including adult individual, family, youth, and domestic violence shelters. These funds support shelter operations, as well as Housing Navigator positions. Navigators work with people experiencing homelessness to access housing resources. It is the goal of all ESG supported shelters to move clients from Emergency Shelter (ES) and Transitional Housing (TH) into appropriate permanent housing as quickly as possible, thus freeing up ES and TH space for others needing immediate assistance.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private

agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The Maine CoC worked with the ESG Grantees to establish a Diversion program and continued that program in 2023 with 19 homeless service agencies across the state. The program has now expanded to a more robust program based on the principles of Rapid Resolution. This Housing Problem Solving approach focuses on creative solutions to housing crises through meaningful conversations with people at risk of homelessness and follow-on support that may include dispute resolution and alternate resource identification and leveraging. Practitioners in Housing Problem Solving have access to a shared pool of flexible funding that can be used for one-time or short-term assistance to avert homelessness.

The Statewide Homeless Council continues to work with the Department of Corrections to implement the **Maine Criminal Justice System Blueprint for Ending and Preventing Homelessness**, which seeks to prevent inmates from being released into homelessness. A similar **Blueprint for Ending Homelessness** with DHHS is used to address discharge planning from state-run mental health facilities.

Maine has also implemented a number of programs utilizing funding from the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, including programs aimed at assisting youth exiting foster care and the child welfare system. This includes a Mobile Diversion program, which works to meet youth at risk of homelessness where they are both physically and situationally, and work with them to prevent them from experiencing homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Maine CoC has established the Maine Coordinated Entry System (MCES), which works to quickly identify and prioritize people experiencing homelessness, and move them into appropriate permanent housing as quickly as possible. The MCES common assessment identifies length of time homeless, family composition, safety, and domestic violence history as components in its prioritization for housing, which ensures households with the most acute needs are considered for housing promptly. All ESG funded homeless service agencies in Maine participate in MCES as Access Points, conducting assessments and attending regular case conferencing meetings to coordinate care and facilitate prompt placements in housing.

MaineHousing, in its roles as ESG Grantee and the statewide Public Housing Authority, and with the support of the Maine CoC and Statewide Homeless Council, work with PHAs across the state to increase the access to affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness. This has led to more PHAs in Maine creating or increasing homeless preferences and/or set-asides in their voucher programs.

ESHAP participating agencies utilize their Housing Navigators to provide Housing Stabilization activities after a household has successfully been housed. Navigator support for up to 24 months helps these households through the critical rehousing period, decreasing the likelihood that they will return to

homelessness.

MaineHousing continued to fund a unique rapid rehousing program in 2023 through six homeless service providers. The program focuses first on getting persons into housing through landlord engagement, rehousing services, and flexible funding for move in and tenancy costs. Once persons are housed, they are supported with ongoing stabilization services for up to we months to increase the likelihood that persons will remain housed and stable in permanent housing.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

In 2023, MaineHousing worked collaboratively with the PHAs in Maine as follows:

• Utilized the statewide centralized HCV waitlist as mandated by Maine law.MaineHousing Director attends quarterly PHA director meetings.MaineHousing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) staff continue to lead statewide efforts to improve processes and evaluation of the program amongst those PHAs who administer it, along with bringing together all other PHA FSS staff to analyze and respond to new HUD program regulations. Along with Portland Housing Authority, we are members of the National FSS Network through a partnership with Compass Working Capital.Finance the conversion of public housing to project-based vouchered LIHTC projects. We have already financed a number of these projects, which will make badly needed capital improvements, energy efficiency improvements, and significantly improve the lives of the residents.A set-aside has been added to the LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for public housing projects being assisted by HUD under RAD.

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

MaineHousing does not own or manage public housing and does not have access to public housing residents to encourage them to participate in management or homeownership.

MaineHousing's affordable mortgage financing and down payment assistance are available to first time homebuyers who meet income requirements.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There are no troubled PHAs in Maine

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The Annual Action Plan states that MaineHousing and the Department of Economic and Community Development will continue to encourage qualified applicants to apply for CDBG, HOME, HTF and ESG funds. Additionally, both agencies monitor public policy with particular interest in issues related to affordable housing and community development.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

MaineHousing and the Department of Economic and Community Development encourage qualified applicants to apply for CDBG, HOME, HTF and ESG funds.

According to the IDIS Report **HOME Summary of Accomplishments for FY 2023** (PR23), 100% of beneficiaries of MaineHousing HOME-assisted programs in 2023 had incomes at or below 60% of HUD median income, with the greatest number at or below 30% of area median income.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

MaineHousing receives funding from state and federal sources to offer lead safe programs for single-family households and owners of rental properties in Maine. Priority for program funds is granted for remediation and abatement projects of households with a child who has elevated blood lead levels.

In September 2023, MaineHousing closed out a three-year Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (LHR). The LHR Program funded 259 units with an average of \$17,446 per unit over the three year period. In addition to the lead abatement work, a variety of health and safety issues were addressed in 33 units using Healthy Homes funding received in conjunction with the LHR Grant with an average cost of \$17,294 per unit. In November 2023, MaineHousing was awarded \$5.7 million for a four-year Lead Hazard Grant (LHR). Four-year contracts were awarded to four Community Action Agencies to administer the LHR Program.

In 2023, MaineHousing funded the State Lead Remediation Grant. These funds were used in a similar fashion as those from the LHR Program, with the exception that an owner match is required (10 of project costs if the residence is not under abatement orders from CDC and 25% if the residence is under an abatement order). The state Lead Program also has an income eligibility limit of 100% of AMI. In 2023, MaineHousing addressed the statewide lead abatement contractor capacity by using LHR Grant funds to pay for nearly 44 contractors and landlords to participate in Lead Supervisor training.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In Maine, there is a statewide network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs) with a common purpose of providing services to low income people across Maine. The goal of these agencies is to empower low-income

people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

In 2023, MaineHousing worked with the Community Action Agencies to weatherize 284 homes, improve the heating systems of 1,722 households, and to provide Home Energy Assistance to 44,542 households.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

During 2023, the Maine Continuum of Care and the Statewide Homeless Council continued to support a system redesign for homeless services in Maine, the foundation of which being nine regional Service Hubs for homelessness across the state. Each Service Hub has a full-time coordinator, who is tasked with facilitating collaboration and communication between all agencies in the Hub whose work is impacted by people experiencing homelessness. These agencies include homeless service agencies, community action programs, healthcare providers, criminal justice agencies, and other local and statewide stakeholders. These Hubs allow agencies to provide more streamlined, user-friendly services to people experiencing homelessness. Hubs also work together to gather more comprehensive data across systems, allowing for an informed and targeted approach to combating homelessness in each area. 2023 saw collaboration within in the service hubs to increase participation in Maine's Coordinated Entry System as well as to increase data collection to better inform system approaches and provide supports to those experiencing homelessness.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Through the process of issuing the Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) in 2023, MaineHousing and the Maine CoC worked extensively with a number of local PHAs and social service agencies to coordinate services and housing as required by the EHV process. The CoC used this opportunity to invite local PHA's into a deeper, longer term relationship with their local service agencies.

These efforts have also been bolstered by the launch of the regional Service Hubs. The Service Hub teams include representatives from many local PHA's, MaineHousing, and numerous social service agencies throughout the state. In one of the nine hubs one of the PHAs, Lewiston Housing Authority, holds the contract for the Hub Coordinator. These Hub groups coordinate on front line service delivery, and the Hub Coordinators work to ensure that coordination, communication, and data are well organized and efficient.

In 2023 MaineHousing continued with the Housing Navigator Pilot Program. Two year contracts were awarded to ten agencies that include local PHA's, Community Action Agencies, Cultural Broker Agencies and a Public Health and Wellness agency. The focus of these ten agencies is to provide Landlord Engagement, Pre-Tenancy Assistance to families and Housing Stability Services. These ten agencies work with the HUB coordinators, social service and state agencies as well as their local resource partners.

In 2023 MaineHousing continued the landlord incentive program and set aside Housing Choice Vouchers for the homeless population.

The regional Service Hub structure operated by the CoC and Statewide Homeless Council is specifically designed to increase interagency collaboration. In each of our Service Hubs, MaineHousing and local PHAs participate in regular meetings to discuss collaborative efforts to house people experiencing homelessness.

These efforts include connecting individual households to specific housing opportunities, as well as discussions regarding how to conduct systemic changes to increase access to housing opportunities.

The CoC and the ESG Grantee have also facilitated trainings for individual service providers that cover the topics of landlord engagement, housing resource identification, and housing crisis resolution approaches; MaineHousing in its dual role as ESG Grantee and statewide PHA has leveraged those connections to provide social service agency representatives access to regional and statewide landlord/property management councils.

MaineHousing also operates multiple programs which provides landlords with financial incentives to lease units to people experiencing homelessness.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

See the attached list of actions taken in 2023 to address impediments identified in the 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

MaineHousing utilizes a monitoring tool developed in coordination with HUD to monitor ESG subrecipient compliance and performance on an annual basis. The monitoring process encompasses programmatic monitoring of both policies and client files, financial monitoring, and physical inspections of all physical shelter buildings. These monitoring findings lead into a risk assessment score, which allows MaineHousing to easily assess which agencies are presenting risk to the ESG funding. When such issues arise, MaineHousing works with those agencies to provide technical assistance and mitigate those risks.

MaineHousing monitors multi-family rental projects receiving HOME funds for compliance with the program rules and property standards through on-site inspections at the required frequency outlined in 24 CFR §92.504(d). As outlined in the 2013 Final HOME Rule, in 2016 MaineHousing implemented a risk-based model which adjusted the frequency intervals for inspections. On-site inspections consist of both tenant file reviews and physical plant inspections of 20% of HOME-assisted units, although the two may not happen simultaneously. In some cases, the file review and inspection may occur in offsetting years to allow for broader coverage – this is especially true in those cases where there is no other financing in the property. Reports are issued for both types of inspections and Owners are provided 30 days to rectify any non-compliance identified during the review (or less if more significant health and safety items are identified through the physical plant inspection of the units). If non-compliance remains uncorrected, the property could be declared to be in default and action taken to call the note. In some circumstances, the period of affordability may be extended for any period the property was deemed non-compliant.

In addition to on-site reviews, annually MaineHousing reviews all financial reports provided by the owner (budgets and Audited Financial Reviews) to identify potential financial risks to the property, as well as the submitted tenant status reports that outline the tenancy and income levels of tenants in HOME units, allowing validation that the targeted population continues to be served in the property and that rents fall within allowable limits.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The draft 2023 CAPER was available for public comment for 15 days beginning March 7, 2024 and ending on March 26, 2024. The public was notified of the availability via newspaper ads in the Bangor Daily News, the Kennebec Journal, and the Portland Press Herald. DECD and MaineHousing posted copies of the draft document on their websites and email announcements were sent to individuals and organizations. The MaineHousing email list includes community leaders, developers, CHDOs, local housing authorities, advocacy groups, not-for-profit organizations, providers of housing and services to the homeless, and interested individuals.

No public comments were received.

A language translator is available on the MaineHousing website.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There were no substantive changes in the state CDBG program

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

See attached summary of projects monitored in 2023.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

All property owners are required to have a Management Plan and a Marketing Plan that affirmatively furthers Fair Housing. MaineHousing has provided Marketing Plan Guidance to Owners/Managers that outlines requirements for assuring affirmative fair housing occurs. The owner is responsible for selecting residents in a non-discriminatory manner and maintaining a written waiting list of applicants in accordance with the project's resident selection policies and criteria that comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical or mental handicap, sexual orientation, familial status, ancestry, and receipt of public assistance. As a result, there is a diverse ethnic and religious population that resides in MaineHousing funded properties.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

In 2023, \$58,518.29 in program income was expended. No program income was expended on TBRA activities. Specific characteristics of tenant's benefiting from program income are not available. Three multifamily projects, Hartland Senior Living, Wedgewood, and Front Street Re-Development Phase 2, received program income in 2023.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

MaineHousing uses the Rental Loan Program ("RLP") to provide low interest, long-term mortgage financing to qualified private, for profit and not-for-profit developers of affordable housing. The RLP may be used for new construction, adaptive reuse, and acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing. MaineHousing has traditionally use a number of financial resources for the RLP, including HOME and HTF funding, tax-exempt and taxable financing, and various State resources. In 2023, the State of Maine appropriated funding to MaineHousing in the biennial budget for the first time in order to increase the funding available to be used, in part, in the RLP for use with LIHTC.

CR-56 - HTF 91.520(h)

Describe the extent to which the grantee complied with its approved HTF allocation plan and the requirements of 24 CFR part 93.

| Tenure Type | 0 - 30% | 0% of 30+ | % of the | Total | Units | Total |
|-------------|---------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | AMI | to poverty | higher of | Occupied | Completed, | Completed |
| | | line (when | 30+ AMI or | Units | Not | Units |
| | | poverty line | poverty line | | Occupied | |
| | | is higher | to 50% AMI | | | |
| | | than 30% | | | | |
| | | AMI) | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Rental | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Homebuyer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 15 - CR-56 HTF Units in HTF activities completed during the period

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

| Total Labor Hours | CDB | HOM | ESG | HOPW | HT |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----|------|-------|
| | G | ${f E}$ | | A | F |
| Total Number of Activities | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Labor Hours | 25,409 | 48,863 | | | 5,134 |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours | 640 | 5,048 | | | 1,411 |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | 163 | | | 0 |

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

| Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by | CDB | HOM | ESG | HOPW | HT |
|---|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| Program | G | E | | A | F |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers. | | 1 | | | |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships). | | | | | 1 |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off- site training. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching). | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts. | | | | | |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. | | | | | |
| Held one or more job fairs. | | 1 | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents with finding child care. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching. | | | | | |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies. | | | | | |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses. | | | | | |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. | | | | | |
| Other. | 1 | | | | |

Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

General Contractors are now complying with the Section 3 reporting requirements. They still seem to be struggling with how best to implement the program but are searching for new ways to ensure compliance. With continuing efforts, we hope to see an increase in the number of eligible residents employed.

Attachments

PR 28 Grant Financial Summary

| DIS - PR28 | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | DATE: | 01-02-24 |
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| | Office of Community Planning and Development | TIME: | 15:00 |
| | Integrated Disbursement and Information System State of Maine | PAGE: | 1 |
| | Performance and Evaluation Report | | |
| | For Grant Year 2023 | | |
| | As of 01/02/2024 | | |
| | Grant Number B23DC230001 | | |
| Part I: | Financial Status | | |
| A. 5 | Sources of State CDBG Funds | | |
| 1) | State Allocation | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 2) | Program Income | | |
| 3) | Program income receipted in IDIS | \$0.00 | |
| 3 a) | | \$0.00 | |
| 4) | Adjustment to compute total program income | 122.02 | |
| 5) | Total program income (sum of lines 3 and 4) | \$0.00 | |
| 6) | Section 108 Loan Funds | | |
| 7) | Total State CDBG Resources (sum of lines 1,5 and 6) | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| В. 5 | State CDBG Resources by Use | | |
| 8) | State Allocation | | |
| 9) | Obligated to recipients | \$8,602,505.00 | |
| 10) | Adjustment to compute total obligated to recipients | | |
| 11) | Total obligated to recipients (sum of lines 9 and 10) | \$8,602,505.00 | |
| 12) | Set aside for State Administration | \$0.00 | |
| 13) | Adjustment to compute total set aside for State Administration | | |
| 14) | Total set aside for State Administration (sum of lines 12 and 13) | \$0.00 | |
| 15) | Set aside for Technical Assistance | \$117,605.00 | |
| 16) | Adjustment to compute total set aside for Technical Assistance | | |
| 17) | Total set aside for Technical Assistance (sum of lines 15 and 16) | \$117,605.00 | |
| 18) | State funds set aside for State Administration match | | |

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| D. | Compliance with Public Service (PS) Cap | | |
| 41) | Disbursed in IDIS for PS | \$0.00 | |
| 42) | Adjustment to compute total disbursed for PS | | |
| 43) | Total disbursed for PS (sum of lines 41 and 42) | \$0.00 | |
| 44) | Amount subject to PS cap | | |
| 45) | State Allocation (line 1) | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 46) | Program Income Received (line 5) | \$0.00 | |
| 47) | Adjustment to compute total subject to PS cap | | |
| 48) | Total subject to PS cap (sum of lines 45-47) | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 49) | Percent of funds disbursed to date for PS (line 43 / line 48) | 0.00% | |
| E. | Compliance with Planning and Administration (P/A) Cap | | |
| 50) | Disbursed in IDIS for P/A from all fund types - Combined | \$75,000.00 | |
| 51) | Adjustment to compute total disbursed for P/A | | |
| 52) | Total disbursed for P/A (sum of lines 50 and 51) | \$75,000.00 | |
| 53) | Amount subject to Combined Expenditure P/A cap | | |
| 54) | State Allocation (line 1) | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 55) | Program Income Received (line 5) | \$0.00 | |
| 56) | Adjustment to compute total subject to P/A cap | | |
| 57) | Total subject to P/A cap (sum of lines 54-56) | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 58) | Percent of funds disbursed to date for P/A (line 52 / line 57) Combined Cap | 0.64% | |
| 59) | Disbursed in IDIS for P/A from Annual Grant Only | \$75,000.00 | |
| 60) | Amount subject the Annual Grant P/A cap | | |
| 61) | State Allocation | \$11,760,505.00 | |
| 62) | Percent of funds disbursed to date for P/A (line 59 / line 61) Annual Grant Cap | 0.64% | |
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Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing <u>MaineHousing - 2023 Results</u>

MaineHousing submits the following action plan to address impediments identified in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
|---|--|----------|---------------------------|
| 1.1 Increase the number of affordable housing units and preserve existing units | Number of affordable housing units created and preserved | Annually | Dev/AM/EHS |

2023 Results

- MaineHousing funded 548 affordable units of housing with Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Housing Trust Fund capital.
- The Subsequent Loan Program preserved 37 units.
- The Supportive Housing Repair Program improved 7 housing properties totaling 106 units/beds.
- A total of 284 units were preserved through MaineHousing's Weatherization program.

| 1.2 Increase the resources available to develop affordable housing | Changes (increase/decrease) in funding available for programs | Annually | Director's/Dev |
|--|--|----------|----------------|
|--|--|----------|----------------|

2023 Results

The State's FY 2024/2025 General Fund budget included \$70 million over the biennium for additional multifamily rental housing. This is the first time in the history of MaineHousing that the State appropriated funds from its General Fund budget for housing production.

| 1.3 Conduct data collection and analysis of affordable housing availability and needs in Maine | Publication of housing facts Number of | Annually | PnR |
|--|---|----------|-----|
| Publish housing facts and organize data to assist external partners conducting affordable housing related research | community housing assessment requests received and completed | | |
| Work with communities to conduct local community housing assessments upon request | | | |

2023 Results

MaineHousing publishes a variety of data dashboards to the MaineHousing website, including metrics and mapping of all programmatic spending, an annually updated homeownership affordability index measuring the affordability of local home prices at local wages, and a housing facts worksheet that makes publicly available Census data more accessible for local communities to engage in housing assessments. Additionally, in collaboration with the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning, Innovation, and the Future, MaineHousing commissioned the 2023 State of Maine Housing Production Needs Study, a thorough assessment of housing need across the state that was published in October, 2023. This study is already in use by regional and local planners as a model and source of data for their own housing assessments.

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| 1.4 Achieve deeper affordability than the statutory minimum affordability required for LIHTC and tax-exempt bond projects | Number of affordable units that exceed the minimum required | Annually | Dev |
|---|---|----------|-----|
| | Number of units with income targeting below minimum required | | |
| | Number of units that are affordable longer than the minimum affordability period | | |

2023 Results

- 165 additional units are affordable at 50 percent of AMI above the amount required for Section 42 of the IRS Code.
- 453 additional units are affordable at 60 percent of AMI above the amount required by Section 42 of the IRS Code.
- . 570 units are affordable for periods longer than required by Section 42 of the IRS Code.

| 1.5 Increase homebuyer affordability | Change in yearly differential in | Annually | НО | |
|---|--|----------|----|--|
| Maintain or increase the difference between MaineHousing's interest rate relative to the average bank rate for low and moderate income homebuvers | MaineHousing interest rate compared to market rate | | | |
| Provide down payment assistance to qualified homebuyers | Number of buyers receiving down payment assistance | | | |

2023 Results

- The First Home Loan (FHL) program maintained an interest rate of nearly 1 percent or more than below market rate for 2023.
- A total of 795 FHL loans were purchased in 2023, valued at \$172,700,721. The total assistance granted was \$4,523,500.
- The vast majority of FHL borrowers received the Advantage down payment and closing cost assistance grant of \$5,000.
- The First Generation Pilot Program was created and allowed borrowers to receive \$10,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance. 74 First Generation loans were purchased in 2023.
- · Newly constructed/under construction condominiums are now eligible for a FHL.

| 1.6 Preserve existing affordable single family homes | Number of low-income households assisted | Annually | EHS |
|--|---|----------|-----|
| Provide grants and/or no interest loans to low- income households to make repairs and | | | |
| improvements | | | |

- 223 low-income households received home repair grants through the Home Accessibility and Repair Program (HARP).
- 284 low-income households received weatherization grants through the DOE and HEAP funded Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).
- 1,299 low-income households received assistance with replacement or repair of their heating systems through the Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP).
- · 833 heat pumps were installed for low-income home owners.

| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
|--|---|----------|------------------------------|
| 2.1 Examine MaineHousing programs for opportunities to broaden participation | Summary report shared with MaineHousing program directors. Number of program modifications recommended. | Annually | PnR/ Fair Housing Team |

Examination of programs is an ongoing effort exemplified by the Program Design Committee, which considers opportunities to broaden access and participation as part of any program that undergoes review. Regular meetings with our Cultural Advisory Board also inform program design and modification, as well influencing partners to increase access and participation. Examples include:

- MaineHousing convened developer and architect partners with the Cultural Advisory Board to educate them about designing dwelling units that have fewer structural barriers for culturally diverse households.
- The First Generation Program for new homebuyers has undergone an iterative process of
 modifications as the program was rolled out, informed by direct feedback from early
 applicants and from members of the Cultural Advisory Board. Modifications include the
 inclusion of a financial literacy course prior to the homebuyer education course to address
 diverse exposure to financial instruments, breaking course content into shorter modules to
 reduce overload, access to one-on-one support services after course completion, and
 diversified translation services to allow course offerings in any language for which there is an
 applicant pool.

| 2.2 Coordinate and fund Fair Housing | Number of participants | Annually | HO |
|---|---|----------|----|
| Workshops for racial, ethnic and cultural | 7.20.0000000000000000000000000000000000 | | |
| communities | | | |

In 2023, external partners enrolled to take the MaineHousing's Fair Housing training on the Bridge platform. The data below shows each section and the total number completed per section



The Cultural Advisory Board met monthly to affirmatively further fair housing in the state. An in-person meeting with the board, developers, and architects to hear concerns/needs around bousing was planned for January 2024.

| 2.3 Fund English as a Second Language financial literacy group education and one- | Number of individuals counseled | Annually | RO |
|---|---|----------|----|
| on-one counseling for individuals who are not proficient in the English language | Number of individuals funded for translated | | |
| | homebuyer education | | |

2023 Results

ManneHousing created an RFP for "ManneHousing's First Generation Education Classes." This included offered Financial Literacy Classes, Homebuyer Education Classes, translation offered in multiple languages, and post-class counseling in-person. Mainel-lousing offered funds for this purpose to Healthy Homeworks, Penguis, and Prosperity MIL. \$23,598.76 was spent for this purpose. 5 Financial Literacy Classes were funded and 48 students were educated.

Maine Housing established a partnership with eHome America for individuals who require a Spanish version of Homebuyer Education. MaineHousing offers a discount code for these individuals, bringing the \$99 cost of the eHome America Class down to \$35 (equal to the cost of a hoMEworks Homebuyer Education Class). Mainel-lousing will also pay for translation services during the one-onone follow up call; a separate billing line was created with Language Line Solutions for this purpose. Flomebuyer Education Organizations across the state were notified of this opportunity, and were provided instructions and guidance.

| 2.4 Fund training of housing counselors | Number of training | Annually | НО |
|---|---------------------|----------|----|
| that offer English as a Second Language | sessions offered or | | |
| financial literacy group education. | sponsored. | | |

MaineHousing supported and advised partner agencies as needed. \$23,598.76 was spent on Financial Literacy Education.

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| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
|---|--|----------|---------------------------|
| 3.1 Educate the public and local officials on the multiple benefits housing can bring to each and every community | Number of meetings Number of requests made and number of presentations delivered Materials Developed | On going | PnR/Dev/Directors |

MaineHousing's department of Planning and Research (PnR) answered 268 media queries in 2023. PnR coordinated several informational meetings/presentations (10) between MaineHousing staff experts and outside partners, government agencies, and municipal government. PnR also made direct connections between MaineHousing staff experts and individuals or media seeking detailed information and explanations. PnR coordinated with partners both public and private on media interviews and/or events including grand openings and ground-breaking celebrations (8+). MaineHousing also organized its semi-annual Affordable Housing Conference in Portland with 512 registrants.

Materials developed for the above events and public interactions include a wide variety of brochures, fact sheets, rack cards, and other advertising materials. In addition, MaineHousing publishes its Annual Report, the State HOME Fund Report, and the Annual Accomplishments Report, all of which reiterate and reinforce messaging about the community benefits of affordable housing. Additionally we have enlisted The Genesis Fund to provide technical assistance to potential developer partners, and to speak at meeting around the state about affordable housing opportunities with MaineHousing programs.

| 3.2 Support affordable housing projects against NIMBY efforts (discrimination by communities or neighbors) as necessary | Number of projects experiencing NIMBYism supported by | Ongoing | LEGAL/PnR/ Dev |
|--|--|---------|-------------------|
| | MaineHousing | | |

2023 Results

MaineHousing supported one project experiencing NIMBY efforts in 2023. A LIHTC project in Gray was issued a Notice to Proceed with knowledge by MaineHousing that NIMBY issues existed. By refusing to withdraw the Notice to Proceed, MaineHousing is essentially supporting the project.

MaineHousing staff also provided support for projects facing, substantial or potential, NIMBY resistance by offering clear and detailed information to the public and the press about the projects being financed. In addition to traditional affordable housing developments, the projects supported in this way included supportive housing and shelter initiatives in Wiscasset, Portland, and Lewiston.

| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
|--|---|----------|---------------------------|
| 4.1 Create more accessible units than required by state and federal law through scoring incentives in the multifamily development programs | Number of additional accessible units created | Annually | Dev |
| 2023 Results A total of 42 accessible units above the minimum. | um required were funded in | 2023. | |

- 37 low-income households were provided accessibility grants through the Home Accessibility and Repair Program (HARP).
- 216 low income households were provided accessibility grants through the Community Aging in Place Program (CAIP).
- The SHP Repair program invested \$532,895 to cover the cost of accessibility improvements at 3 supportive housing projects totaling 78 units/beds.

| 4.3 Inform developers and landlords about | Number of developers | Ongoing | AM / Dev |
|---|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| accessibility requirements | and landlords reached | 2500 15 | /EHS |
| | with information | | |

2023 Results

- 15 developers were informed of Federal, State, and Local accessibility requirements.
- The pre-application Accessibility Worksheet (Appendix B of MaineHousing's Quality Standards and Procedures Manual) on the MaineHousing website had 74 hits in 2023.
- 8 landlords were informed about accessibility requirements through MaineHousing's HUD Lead Hazard Reduction – Healthy Homes grant (grant cycle ended August 2023).
- Regularly discuss accessibility with owner/managers during pre-occupancy meetings and proposed project or unit upgrades. 18 new project owners/managers were informed of these requirements in 2023.

| 4.4 Continue to encourage the use of MainehousingScatch.org to identify accessible units | * Number (lagged for accessibility * Hirs on | Ongoing | PoR/AM |
|--|--|---------|--------|
| | in mehousing erreling | | |

- A total of 462 HCV Briefing packets (including notices on Fair Housing and the MaineHousing Search site) were sent to clients.
- It is a requirement of Loan Closing that projects be listed on Mainel-lousingSearch.org. The Asser Manager validates the project is listed on the website prior to closing.
- A total of 4,159 shelter clients were provided information on how to utilize maintebousingscarch org in 2023.
- MaineHousing.org received 240,000 hirs during 2023 and had 20,083 units flagged for accessibility.

| 4.5 Collaborate with other state agencies to help individuals with special needs move to independent living | Number of homeward bound youthers | Ongoing | AM. Dev |
|---|---|---------|---------|
| | The number of individuals assisted with HTF and 811 | | |
| | # of PSH units to come online | | |

2023 Results

- A total of 31 units were made available in 2023 under the Housing Trust Fund Program.
- 7 "Homeward Bound" vouchers were utilized in 2023.
- 26 "811" youthers were utilized in 2023.
- 7 PRA 811 units and 25 HTF units were occupied.

| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
|---|---|----------|---------------------------|
| 5.1 Qualified Allocation Plan Utilize selection criteria in the LIHTC to incent the development of affordable housing in high-opportunity areas | Number of projects awarded LIHTC that are located in high- opportunity areas | Annually | Dev |

| 5.2 Qualified Allocation Plan Incent development of new housing in areas with access to community assets (location in service center communities with higher need and location near public transportation, schools, employment, services and other amenities important to daily living) | Number of projects awarded LIHTC that are awarded points for smart growth concepts | Annually | Dev |
|---|---|----------|-----|
|---|---|----------|-----|

Four (4) LIHTC projects received points for Smart Growth concepts in 2023.

| 5.3 Qualified Allocation Plan | Number of LIHTC | Annually | Dev |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Incent development of affordable housing in | units awarded in areas | PC 1877 1907 1934 | |
| areas where the differential between the | where the market rent | | |
| maximum LIHTC rent and the market rent is | exceeds LIHTC rent | | |
| higher | | | |

2023 Results

A total of 570 units were funded in areas where the market rate exceeds the maximum LIHTC rent.

| 5.4 Qualified Allocation Plan Encourage economic diversity by incenting the | Number of LIHTC units awarded in | Annually | Dev | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|-----|--|
| development of mixed-income housing in qualified census tracts (QCTs) | mixed-income projects in QCTs | | | |

2023 Results

A total of 82 units were awarded tax credits in QCTs.

| 5.5 Increase the use of HCV vouchers in | Number of new | Annually | HCV | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----|--|
| low poverty areas | tenants leasing up in | | | |
| | low poverty areas | | | |

Households in low poverty areas are offered security deposit funds (paid to the landlord) up to the contract rent. The security deposit program is also available to all new participants in MaineHousing's HCV program, helping to increase lease-up totals by removing the security deposit barrier for low income families.

Landlords also receive a \$750 Lease Up incentive for all households participating in the HCV Program. In 2023, landlord incentives were paid on behalf of 607 households.

A total of 12 voucher holders were leased in agency-established low-poverty areas (Eliot, Gray, Hollis, Kittery, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Pownal, Sebago, South Berwick, Standish, and York). These towns were selected because they are located in the HUD-established Metropolitan Statistical Areas in MaineHousing's jurisdiction and have a poverty level under 8%.

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| Impediment 6. Lack of Understanding of F Housing | air Housing and Affin | matively Furth | ering Fair |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Action | Measurable Objective | Timeline | Responsible Department |
| 6.1 Partner with associations focused on human rights as it pertains to fair housing | Number of joint initiatives | Ongoing | HO and Program Directors |

A total of 2,150 individuals completed an in-person or virtual Homebuyer Education Class through hoMEworks, which offered 113 classes during the period from October 1, 2022 to September 20, 2023. The curriculum for these classes require class educators to address Fair Housing laws and practices.

| 6.2 Coordinate fair housing complaint | Number of fair | Ongoing | Legal/Fair |
|--|-----------------------|---------|-------------|
| resolution with partners and clients and | housing interventions | | Housing |
| refer fair housing complaints to | and/or referrals | | Chair/All |
| appropriate agencies if necessary. | | | Departments |

2023 Results

In 2023, there were 5 fair housing interventions and/or referrals.

| 6.3 Continue fair housing public education programs designed to assist | Number of relevant professionals receiving | Ongoing | HCV/HO/ AM/HI |
|---|---|---------|------------------|
| landlords, builders, and relevant | training | | 10000000 |
| professionals | 20.000 | | |

2023 Results

- A total of 60 Shelter Navigators completed the 2.5 hour Fair Housing Training course developed by MaineHousing and offered through the Bridge Learning Management System.
- The Asset Management department provides affirmative marketing information to project owners via the Marketing Plan and Resident Selection Guidance document available under the partner section of MaineHousing's website. The Plan received 15 website hits in 2023.
- A total of 183 individuals completed an in-person or virtual Landlord Classes through hoMEworks, which offered 20 classes during the period from October 1, 2022 to September 20, 2023. The curriculum for these classes require class educators to address Fair Housing laws and practices.

| 6.4 Maintain MaineHousing's Fair Housing website page which includes information and resources about fair housing and equal access laws. | Number of website hits on the Fair Housing page. | Ongoing | PnR |
|--|--|---------|-----|
| 2023 Results There were 3,752 hits to MaineHousing's Fai | ir Housing website page in | 2023. | |

| 6.5 Provide MaineHousing's comprehensive Communications Resource | Number of guides distributed/website hits | Ongoing | LEGAL/ AM/ |
|--|--|---------|---------------|
| Guide to employees, contractors, agents, and owners/property managers of multi- | | | PnR |
| family projects | | | |

The Communication Access Guide is available on MaineHousing's website on the Asset Management page as a resource to partners under "Regulatory Requirements." The Guide received 4 hits during 2023.

| 6.6 Provide an internal grievance procedure for applicants and participants to file fair housing complaints about programs and services | Number of internal grievances resolved | Ongoing | LEGAL/EA Coordinator |
|--|---|---------|-------------------------|
| 2023 Results In 2023, there were 5 internal grievances resolved | 1. | | |

| 6.7 Education and Outreach Distribute materials on affordable housing and fair housing at conferences, workshops, and other appropriate public venues | Number of people educated at Fair Housing Workshops and Trainings Number of events at which materials are |
|---|--|
| | distributed Number of brochures and other materials distributed Number in attendance at the biennial (every other year) conference |

Education materials were distributed throughout the state through conferences, workshops, trainings, and public home show events. MaineHousing sponsored 96 Homebuyer Education Classes and 18 Landlord Education Classes taught through Maine hoMEworks, which includes information on affordable housing and fair housing. 3,749 students were educated through this process.

Translated materials were mailed out to agencies across the state.

The 2023 Maine Affordable Housing Conference had 512 registrations. The day of had an actual total of 451 in attendance.

| 6.8 Coordinate and fund tenant education | Number of | Annually | HI/HCV |
|---|------------------------------|----------|--------|
| and financial literacy training for Navigators | navigators trained | | |
| who in turn deliver financial literacy training for individuals transitioning from homeless shelters to permanent housing | Number of clients trained | | |

2023 Results

- · 6 BFF (Building Family Futures) Navigators completed RentSmart training in 2023.
- · 57 Shelter Navigators were trained on the RentSmart Curriculum.
- 4,159 shelter clients were trained on financial literacy.

| 6.9 Provide eHomeAmerica as an on-line option for home buyer education | Number of participants who utilize eHomeAmerica on-line. | Ongoing | НО |
|--|---|---------|----|
|--|---|---------|----|

- A total of 1,416 individuals completed eHome American's online Homebuyer Education Class, which requires a one-hour follow-up session with a certified housing counselor.
- MaineHousing also established a partnership with eHome America, offering the Spanish version to clients at a reduced cost.

| 6.10 Continue to sponsor homeownership | Number of participants | Ongoing | HO |
|--|------------------------|---------|----|
| education classes that contain information | in home buyer | | |
| about Fair Housing laws that are relevant | education classes. | | |
| to prospective home buyers. | | | |

2023 Results

A total of 2,150 individuals completed an in-person or virtual Homebuyer Education Class through hoMEworks, which offered 113 classes during the period from October 1, 2022 to September 20, 2023. The curriculum for these classes require class educators to address Fair Housing laws and practices.

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Report CAPER

Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Your user level here: Data Entry and Account Admin

Contains all user-entered forms and aggregate CAPER-CSV data. Report Date Range 7/7/2023 to 12/31/2023 Contact Information First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffice Street Address 26 Edison Orige Street Address 2 City Augusta Maine State ZIP Code 04330 E-mail Address pweber@mainehousing.org Phone Number (207)626-4600 Extension 4619 Fax Number Project types certied out during the program year Components Total Persons Reported Total Households Reported Projects Emergency Shelter - Entry Exit 40 4838 4025 Emergency Shelter - Night-by-Night 18. 6 0 Day Shelter 0 Transitional Housing ġ. Total Emergancy Shelter Component 40 4838 4025 Total Street Outreach Ů. Total PH Rapid Re-Housing 40 4126 3080 Total Hamelessness Prevention 11 ò 9 Grant information Emergency Shelter Rehab/Conversion Did you create additional shelter beds/units through an ESC-funded retroi project No Did you create scalitional another treds/units through an ESG-funded curve sich project Data Participation Information Are there any funded projects, except HMIS or Admin, which are not listed on the Project, Links and Usbards form? This includes projects in the HMIS and from VSP.

Project Outcomes

Project outcomes are required for all CAPERS where the program year start date is 1-1-2021 or later. This form replaces the narrative in CR-70 of the eCon Planning State

From the Action Plan that covered ESG for this reporting period copy and paste or retype the information in Question 5 on screen AP-90: "Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG."

With Assistance from HUD Technical Assistance, a monitoring tool, which includes a risk analysis score, and a CoC reporting mechanism have been created and are currently in use. The tool is reviewed and amended as needed to ensure we are monitoring and messuring success in the most effective were.

Based on the information from the Action Plan response previously provided to HUD:

1. Briefly describe how you met the performance standards identified in A-90 this program year. If they are not measurable as written type in N/A as the answer.

The ESG monitoring tool creates a risk assessment score that ranges from 0 to 100. The risk assessment predicts the risk any individual subgrantee will have to the overall ESG funding. Scores 0 to 30 are categorized as low; 31 to 50 is medium risk; 51 to 100 is high risk.

MeineHousing reviews risk assessment results with subgrantees and provides technical assistance to minimize risk and improve service delivery. Through these efforts, MeineHousing eims to limit high risk programs to 5% or less of total funded subgrantees, and limit medium risk programs to 20% or less of total funded subgrantees.

2. Briefly describe what you did not meet and why. If they are not measurable as written type in N/A as the answer.

N/A

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3. If your standards were not written as measurable, provide a sample of what you will change them to in the future? If they were measurable and you answered above type in N/A as the answer.

N/A

Financial Information

ESG Information from IDIS

As of 1/19/2024

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Sources of Match

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Program Income

Program monme is the income received by the recipient or subrecipient directly generated by a grant supported activity. Program monme is defined in 2 CFR §230.307, More information is also available in the ESG CAPER Guidebook in the resources tab above.

Did the recipient earn program income from any ESS project during the program year?

STATE OF MAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

The Maine State Housing Authority (Moine Housing) and the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) are drafting the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (Consolidated Plan) program year 2025 (ending December 31, 2023).

The Consolidated Plan was developed by Maine Housing and DECD in 2020 to address low and moderate income housing needs in Maine and community development needs in the non-urbanized areas of Maine through 2024. The Consolidated Plan outlines the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds for the following programs administered in the State:

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These programs receive approximately \$21 million in annual allocations

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The deaft CAPER will be available on the Internet at http://www.mainebousing.org and http://www.maine.gov/deed on March 7, 2024.

The deadline for written comments is 5pm on March 26, 2024.

If you would like a copy of the report, would like to request a reasonable accommodation, or make a comment, please direct your communication to:

Compliance Offser II
Maine State Housing Authority
26 Edison Drive
Augusta, ME (44330-6046
Telephone 207-626-4600
1-800-452-4668
Maine Relay 711
PublicComment@MaineHousing.org

Director, Office of Community Development DECD 111 Sewall Street 59 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 207-624-9817

Upon sufficient notice, appropriate communication auxiliary aids and services will be provided. To make your preferences known, please contact Lauren Bustard.

Maine Flousing's Equal Access Coordinator at Maine Housing, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, MT (14330-6046; Tel. 207-626-4600 or 1-800-452-4668 (voice); Maine Relay 713.

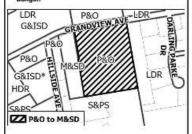




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To amend the Land Development Code by changing a parcel of land, located on Grandview Avenue, at Map-Lot R41-023-A, from Park & Open Space District (P&O) to Multifamily & Service District (M&SD). Said area of land contains approximately 10.5 acres total and is more particularly indicated on the map attached hereto and made part hereof. Applicant/Owner: City of Bangor.



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To receive a copy of the proposed amendments or to submit comments, please call 207,992,4257 or email planning@bangomene.gov. Please submit any comments by 4 pm on March 18th. Interested parties can also make an appointment by email or phone to meet with Planning Department staff, Bangor (Id) Hall is open to attend the meeting in person, interested parties may also attend the meeting on Zoom. Zoom details are published on the city's website (www.bangomaining.gov) on the home page under Public Meetings and Events. The meeting may also be streamed live via the City of Bangor's You'lube page. Please call our office if you have questions about the process or participation in the hearing process.



March 7, 12, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maine Attorney General is amounting a meeting of the Maine Recovery Council on Thursday, March 16th, or 1:30 pm in Augusta in the Department of Health and Human Services Beldishig, in rooms Maine A and B or 105 Capital Street. More information about the Mainer Recovery Council and it work on the copicio crisis in Maine is available on the Originary wide below the Council of the Mainer Recovery Council and it notifications of Council mornings, go to: https://www.maine.gov/ag/incovery-councilselender attent.

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INVITATION TO BID votice is hereby given that the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine will receive scale lides for the Crooked Read and Norway Road Culvent Replacement project is coordinate with the Invalation to Bild, Bild Form, Agreement, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings.

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non-manulatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Bar Hurbor public works Hilling, followed by a site visit. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 M. All guestions are due by March 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM to allow time to

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location: Ha Ward, One Merchants Plaza, Suite 701, Bangor, ME 94401, on or about Me 7, 2004.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent of the Total Bid must be submitted as part of the Bid. The Bid Security may be either a proposal guarantee born executed by a survey company submitted to the business in the State or Maine or a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Maine. No Bid may be eithbridgen for all least 40 days after receipt of Bids unless released by the Owner. Bids submitted without Bid Security and completed certification forem will not be considered.

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the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or o accept any Bid that it may deem to be in its best interests, as Owner, to count.

March 2024 Dwner: Town of Bar Harbor, Maine

March 7, 2024

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LOT & LOCATION
The Town of Hampden is accepting sealed bids for a town owned proper
55 Mans Rd. North in Hampden, Mains, identified as Map 36, Lot 46,
estate tax account #2633. The property contains approx. 6.70 areas of
with a building.

information on this bid is available on the Town website www.hampdenmaine.gov.or.by.colling.the.Town.Manager.at 852-3034. March 7, 2024

Legal Notices REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 2024-050

2024-69
The University of Southern Maine through the University of Maine through the University of Maine System is seeking responses to provide Charter Bus Service for Athletic Teams, Responses and der by 11-59 PM, April 11th, 2024.
For a copy of the RPD 2024-505, please refer to University of Maine System weekster maine southstrategic processiment/upcoming-bids.

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The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location: Hale, Ward, One Merchants Plaza, Suite 701, Hangor, ME 04401, on or about Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Copies of the Project Manual (digital) may be obtained for a fee of \$100 from Haley Ward, located at One Merchants Plaza, Suite 701, Bangor, ME 04401, o by emailing our office: Ulaby 8 haleywardsom, Solders must have registered with Haley Ward for their bid to be considered.

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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To allocat March 25, 2024, the City of the Trained Marine will auditorize the Special and Park Commission to selectify a request to the U.S. Department of Health and Special Reliable and Special Reliable and Special Reliable and Special Reliable and Reliable Re

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Portland, Maine has determined that the project will have no signifi-cant impact in this imman environment. Therefore, an Environmental lengual Statement under the Rational Environmental Protocy Act of 1989 (RePh.) so no enquired. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Section Record (Reph.) of this city of Portland, Maine, Housting and Community Development Office, 389 Congress Steet, Room 192, Portland, ME 03304 and may be Essential or regard winskdays 988. At 14 o 480 PM.



NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Cup hopefuls make pre-deadline trades

Stanley Cup contenders aren't waiting until the NHL trade deadline day to shore up depth for what they hope is a long playoff

The league-leading Florida Panthers got deeper on the wing on Wednes-day by acquiring Vladimir Tarasenko from Ottawa. Connor McDavid's iawa, Connor McDavid's Edmonton Oilers added a pair of conters in Adam Henrique and Sam Car-rick from Anaheim, the New York Rangers trad-ed with Souttle for a player they coveted in Alexander Weinberg and the Colora-do Avalanche leaded up by do Avalanche loaded up by getting defenseman Sean Walker from Philadelphia and center Casey Mittel-stadt from Buffalo in separate deals.

Colorado traded a top-10 protected 2025 first-round pick and center Ryan Jo-hansen to Philadelphia for Walker and a fifth-rounde in 2026 and got Mittelstadt in a one-for-one trade that sent defenseman Bowen

Byram to the Sabres.

The Panthers dealt a fourth-round pick in this year's draft to Ottawa for Tarasenko, and the fourth-rounder



ASSOCIATED BRESS FILE

Philadelphia Flyers' Nick Seeler, left, Senators' Vladimir Tarasenko collide during the first period of a game last week in Philadelphia.

would opgrade to a 2026 third-rounder if Plorida wins the Cup this sesson. Ottawa also is getting a third-round pick from Florida in 2025, while the Senators are retaining half

senators are retaining pair of Tarasenko's salary "Vladimir is a highly skilled and experienced scoring winger who pro-vides our club with another dynamic offensive op er dynamic offensive op-tion as we embark on the remainder of our season," Panthers general man-ager Bill Zito aaid. "We are excited for him to join our team, and to compete for the Stanley Cup once again."

The Rangers sent a 2024

second- and a 2025 fourth-round pick to the Kraken for Wennberg, considered one of the top pending free agent centers available. Seattle is retaining half of

Wennberg's salary.

Henrique was another top center rental, and Edmonton's deal for him was far more complications and salary to the salary to ed, sending its first-rounder this year and a condi-tional fifth-round pick in 2025 to Anaheim and a 2026 fourth-rounder to Tampa Bay for retaining a quarter of his salary. The 25 pick be-comes a fourth if the Offers win the Cup, which stands better odds now after getting Henrique and Carrick.

"Both are quality in-dividuals and character players that spent more than seven years with us, and they will serve the Oil-ers well." Ducks GM Pat Verbeek said. "For us, this was a situation driven by contract status, and it was our desire to add another righ draft pick to our core

going forward.

After word of the trudes emerced. Florida became the Cup favorite on FanDu-el Sportsbook, followed by Edmonton and Colorado The Rangers are sevently.

All their moves came less than 24 hours after the defending champion Ve-gas Golden Knights got the ball rolling by trading with Washington for 20-goal scorer Anthony Mantha More moves are expected before 5 p.m. EST Friday

deadline After taking on Johan-sen's contract, which has \$4 million annually left on it through next season, the Flyers immediately put him on waivers. GM Dan-ny Briere, whose team is in third place in the Metropolitan Division and an unexpected playoff contend-er, said "everything's on the table" for Philadelphia at the trade deadline as he looks to build for the future

Beial World Gelf Ranking

was rejected last fall. It has

only four players in the top 50 all already exempt for the Open and this week said it has withdrawn its

OWGR application.
LIV Golf players not ex-empt for the Open include Patrick Reed and Sergio

Garcia. Their best path into goil's oldest cham-pionship would be either the Italian Open (part of the Open Qualifying Se-

ries and one week after a LIV event in Tennessee) or final qualifying on Ju-

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Dartmouth's vote to unionize seen as overdue milestone

By RALPH D. RUSSO

For those who have led unsuccessful labor move-ments involving NCAA ments involving NCAA affiliets, the vote by Dartmouth men's baskethail players to innonize felt momentaus.— even if they are still a long way from forming the first union in college sports. In a 13-2 vote in a building on the campus in Haraver. New Hamsshirs.

nover, New Hampshire, and under supervision of the National Labor Re-lations Board, players elected to join the Service Employees International Union Local 560 on Tues-

day.
"This is definitely a reached. One that we be reached. One that we been reached long ago," said Ramogi Huma, a long-time advocate for college athletes who helped or ganize a movement to unionize Northwestern football layers a decade football players a decade

As with Dartmouth basketball, a regional rul-ing by the NLRB cleared the way for a vote by the Northwestern football team to unionize. How-ever, the votes were im-pounded and never revealed after the full board in 2015 dismissed the ar-gument that the players were employees of the private Big Ten school.

Rules have changed since, allowing the result of the Dartmuth players' vote to be made public while the school appeals.

"In issuing her deci-sion, the Regional Di-tector made an unprec-edented, unwarranted, and unsupported depar-ture from every applica-ble Supreme Court, feder-al court and Board precedent and created a new definition of 'employee in a manner that not un-ly exceeded her author-ity but promises to have

significant labor and pubsignificant isoor and pun-lic policy implications," the school wrote in its re-quest for a ruling by the full NLRB board.

The case could also end

The case could also end up in federal court.
"I think this is years sway from being settled, but it's going in the right direction," said Huma, a former UCLA football player and executive di-rector of the National Co-lege Players Association.

Huma has had no in-volvement with the Dart-mouth basketball play-ers. His group has filed a separate complaint with the NLRB against Southern California, asking that the school's football and basketball players be deemed employees.

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"The case that we have at USC is stronger because the athletes there get full scholarships. So the fact that athletes at the fact that armetes at Darfmouth that don't get scholarships were deemed to be employees, I think it provides strength to our arguments at USC," Humasaid, The NLRB only has ju-risdiction over private

risdiction over private employers. Dartmonth and USC are private schools, like Northwest-

British Open will reduce its age limit to 55 for future winners of the claret jug

By Doug Ferguson ASSOCIATED PRESS

The British Open is re-ducing the age limit to 55 for winners of the claret ing this year and beyond, part of a few tweaks to its exemption categories an-nounced Wednesday.

Among the changes are to take the leading five players from the Interna-tional Federation Ranking — the top players from the money lists of Japan, Aslan, Australian and South Africau tours, plus the next-highest player in the world ranking from those tours.

That provides a path this year for Andy Ogle-tree, now with Saudi-funded LIV Golf, who won the Asian Tour Order of Merit last year. The PGA Cham-pionship also has provided spots from the internation-

al Federation Ranking The 152nd British Open

is July 18-21 at Royal Troon in Scotland.

The Open changed its age limit from 85 to 60 in 2010, and it sow will be 55 for anyone winning at Royal Troon and in future

years. It is not likely to have a dramatic effect. Phil Mickelson, who won at Muir-field in 2013, will be 54 this year at Royal Troon but will be able to play until be is 60. Ditto for John Daly, who will be 58 at this year's

Open. He can continue playing until 60. The 55-age limit applies only to the Open champions from this year and on-

ward. The Open still includes

to Dubal on the Europe-an tour, securing a spot for Adrian Meronk, who joined LIV and already has fallen out of the top 50, and

the top 30 from the Race

the top 30 from the FedEx Cup on the FGA Tour. It has added an exemp-tion for the new Africa Amateur champion, to go with spots for the Lat-in America Amateur and Asia-Pacific Amateur

champions. Still in effect is the top 50 in the world ranking through May 26. LIV's re-quest to be part of the Of-

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CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

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