

**A**

ACAP	Aroostook County Action Program
ACD	Automatic Call Distribution
ACS	American Community Survey
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAAG	Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
AHTIF	Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
AHAR	Annual Housing Assessment Report (HUD)
AI	Analysis of Impediments
AMI	Area Median Income
APR	Annual Percentage Rate
APR	Annual Performance Report (HUD)
AOD	Application Oriented Design (now named Emphasys software)

**B**

BAHS	Bangor Area Homeless Shelter
BPG	Best Practices Guide
BOLM	Bread of Life Ministries
BRAP	Bridging Rental Assistance Program

**C**

CA	Construction Analyst
CAA	Community Action Agency
CAP	Community Action Program
CCI	Community Concepts, Inc.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CEI	Coastal Enterprises Inc.
CFED	Corporation for Enterprise Development
CHAMP	Creative Housing Alternatives for Maine People

CHCS	Community Health and Counseling Services
CHDO	Community Housing Development Organization
CHIP	Central Heating Improvement Program (sub-program of LIHEAP)
CHOM	Community Housing of Maine
CoC	Continuum of Care
CPD	Community Planning and Development
CPU	Communications and Planning Unit
CS	Construction Services

**D**

DCM	Design and Construction Manual (Construction Services)
DECD	Department of Economic and Community Development
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOL	Department of Labor
DPA	Down Payment Assistance
DSER	Department of Support Enforcement and Recovery (HHS)
DV	Domestic Violence

**E**

EC	Executive Committee
ECIP	Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (sub program of LIHEAP)
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EHOP	Equal Housing Opportunity Plan
EHS	Energy and Housing Services Department
EID	Earned Income Disallowance
EIV	Enterprise Income Verification

EMT Efficiency Maine Trust  
 EPA Environmental Protection Agency  
 ESAC Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee  
 ESG Emergency Solutions Grant  
 ESL English as Second Language  
 ET Earned Time

**F**

FAF Financing Adjustment Factor  
 FAME Finance Authority of Maine  
 FPC Frannie Peabody Center  
 FCS Family Crisis Services  
 FDA Family Development Account  
 FedHOME Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program  
 FEMA Federal Emergency Management Administration  
 FHLB Federal Home Loan Bank  
**FMR Fair Market Rent**  
 FMV Fair Market Value  
 FSS Family Self-Sufficiency (HCV program)  
 FTE Full Time Employee  
 FTHB First Time Homebuyer  
 FUP Family Unification Program (HCV program w/ DHHS)  
 FVP Family Violence Project

**G**

GBS Green Building Standards (MaineHousing)  
 GoG Gift of Green

**H**

HA Housing Authority  
**HAP Housing Assistance Payments**  
 HAP Homeless Advocacy Project  
 HAS Homeless Services of Aroostook  
 HBE Homebuyer Education  
 HCI Home Counselors Inc.  
**HCV Housing Choice Voucher program/department**  
 HDX Homeless Data Exchange

HEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (see LIHEAP)  
 HEARTH Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing  
 HELP Home Energy Loan Program  
**HFA Housing Finance Agency**  
 HFR Housing Finance Resolution or Housing Finance Revenue bond  
**HH Household**  
 HHS Health & Human Services (Federal)  
 HIC Housing Inventory Chart  
**HMFA HUD Metro Fair Market Rental Area**  
**HMIS Homeless Management Information System**  
 HO Homeownership  
**HOME Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund (a/k/a "State Home")**  
 HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS  
 HPRP Homeless Prevention and Rapid ReHousing Program  
 HQS Federal Housing Quality Standards  
 HR Human Resources  
**HTS Home To Stay Program**  
**HUD Housing & Urban Development (Department of)**  
 HUDHRE HUD Homeless Resource Exchange

**I**

IBC International Building Code  
 IDIS Integrated Disbursement and Information System  
 IT Information Technology

**K**

KBH Kennebec Behavioral Health  
 KVCAP Kennebec Valley Community Action Program

**L**

LAA Local Administrative Agency (for Shelter Plus Care)  
 LAASH Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services for the Homeless  
 LEP Limited English Proficiency

LHA	Local Housing Authority
LIAP	Low Income Assistance Plan
LIHEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
<b>LIHTC</b>	<b>Low Income Housing Tax Credit</b>
LL	Landlord
LOCCS	Line of Credit Control System
LOL	Lender Online
L/T	Loan Tracing
LTV	Loan to Value

## **M**

<b>MAHC</b>	<b>Maine Affordable Housing Coalition</b>
MAMP	Maine Association of Mortgage Professional
MAR	Maine Association of Realtors
<b>MCAA</b>	<b>Maine Community Action Association</b>
MCLPPP	Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (M-Clip)
MEHER	Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Fund (“Part E”)
MEMA	Maine Emergency Management Agency
MEREDA	Maine Real Estate and Development Association
M/F	Multi-Family
MHSI	Mobile Home Self Insured
MMA	Maine Municipal Association
MMCA	Mid-Maine Community Action (formerly Coastal Economic Development)
MMHS	Mid Maine Homeless Shelter
MoCo	Motivational services
MoHo	Mobile Home (replacement program)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Mortgage Purchase Agreement
MPP	Mortgage Purchase Program
MRB	Mortgage Revenue Bonds
MUBEC	Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
MV/McV	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance

## **N**

NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness
NEUA	National Energy and Utility Affordability
NC/SR	New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation
NCSHA	National Council of State Housing Agencies (our trade association)
NIMBY	Not-In-My-Backyard
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability

## **O**

OIAS	Office of Integrated Access and Support (HHS)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (federal)
OPEGA	Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
OS	Official Statement (for bonds)

## **P**

PATH	Projects in Assistance for Transition from Homelessness
PBCA	Performance-Based Contract Administration
<b>PBV</b>	<b>Project Based Voucher</b>
PCAP	Penquis Community Action Program
PCHC	Penobscot Community Health and Counseling
PDL	Pre-development Loan
PIT	Point-In-Time Count
PJ	Participating Jurisdiction (HUD)
PMI	Private Mortgage Insurance
PPI	Purchase Plus Improvement
PUC	Public Utilities Commission

## **Q**

QAP	Qualified Allocation Plan
QSPM	Quality Standards and Procedures Manual (MaineHousing)

## R

RA	Reasonable Accommodation
RD	U.S.D.A. Rural Development
REACH	Residential Energy Assistance Challenge (grant)
RCAM	Rural Community Action Ministry
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RFTA	Request for Tenancy Approval
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
RGH	Rumford Group Homes
RHC	Regional Homeless Council (number 1, 2, or 3 included equals a specific region)
RLP	Rental Loan Program
RR	Rent Reasonableness
RRP	Renovate, Repair and Paint (EPA lead paint regulation language)

## S

S/F	Single-Family
SBI	State Bureau of Investigation
SBPA	Standby Bond Purchase Agreement
SHC	Statewide Homeless Council
SHP	Supportive Housing Program
SOS	Shelter Operating Subsidy
SPC/S+C	Shelter Plus Care
SRO	Single Room Occupancy
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Social Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
SSVF	Supportive Services for Veteran Families
STEP	Stability through Engagement Program

## T

T & TA	Training and Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (a State welfare program)
TBRA	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
TCMH	Tri-County Mental Health
TIF	Tax Increment Financing

TOA	The Opportunity Alliance (formerly PROP – People’s Regional Opportunity Program)
TTP	Total Tenant Payment

## U

UA	Utility Allowance
UAP	Utility Allowance Payment
UFAS	Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture (RD)
USICH	U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

## V

VA	Veterans Administration
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HCV program with VA)
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act
VEBL	Venous Elevated Blood Level
VOA, NNE	Volunteers of America, Northern New England
VPS	Voucher Payment Standard
VRDN	Variable Rate Demand Note

## W

WHCA	Washington-Hancock Community Agency
WMCA	Western Maine Community Action
WWC	Women, Work & Community
Wx	Weatherization

## Y

YANA	You Are Not Alone
YCCAC	York County Community Action Program
YCSPi	York County Shelter Programs Inc.