

**STATE OF MAINE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PLAN and FAIR HOUSING ANALYSIS
PROGRAM YEARS 2025-2029**

The Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) are drafting the State of Maine Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan and a Fair Housing Plan for the program years 2025-2029. Citizens are encouraged to comment.

The Consolidated Plan outlines the strategies that MaineHousing and DECD will develop to address low and moderate income housing and community development needs throughout the non-urbanized areas of Maine. The Plan describes the various housing and community development initiatives that the State intends to undertake, including funding levels and target populations. The Plan has historically identified the following areas as top priorities: improve housing quality, expand the supply of affordable housing, help Maine people attain housing stability, improve economic opportunity and improve public infrastructure.

The Plan will identify the annual goals, priorities and objectives for using the following sources of funding:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

These programs receive approximately \$21 million in annual allocations.

The Fair Housing Analysis will identify existing housing conditions, laws and impediments to fair housing. The Analysis will outline actions and set goals to improve fair housing.

MaineHousing and DECD will hold a listening session immediately followed by a public hearing to gather citizen input on Thursday, August 8, 2024 @ 10am at the Maine State Housing Authority at 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine. Meeting rooms are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Upon sufficient notice, appropriate communication auxiliary aids and services will be provided. To listen or testify virtually, please contact the Compliance Officer II at MaineHousing, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330; (207) 626-4600 (voice); 1-800-452-4668 (voice in-state only); 711 (Maine Relay); or via e-mail: PublicComment@mainehousing.org.

Written comments will be accepted upon publication of this Notice until close of business on August 12, 2024. If you would like to request a disability-related accommodation or are unable to attend and would like to make a comment, please direct your communication to:

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