

Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of centralized financial and human resources services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 289 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$9,198	\$9,198
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,198	\$9,198

Justification:

Service Centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers have experienced increased Personal Services costs primarily associated with recent salary increases in collective bargaining agreements and this has resulted in increases in billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Economic and Community Development to cover certain operating expenses for the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

Ref. #: 290 One Time Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$970,100	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$970,100	\$0

Justification:

Decreased revenues and the lack of business attraction over the past two years have impacted Loring Development's ability to pay operating expenses necessary to keep the facility operating. Operating expenses include payments to Limestone Water and Sewer, utility payments necessary to keep buildings heated, salary expenses and debt service payments.

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Economic and Community Development to administer programs for marketing and business attraction efforts on behalf of Loring Development Authority of Maine.

Ref. #: 292 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

Sec. A-15. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174

Initiative: Provides funds to market the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program throughout the State.

Ref. #: 459

Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$26,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$26,500

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the Finance Authority of Maine to market the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program. A modification to the tax credit associated with the program is proposed in this budget.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$26,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$26,500

Sec. A-31. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Provides headcount for one Principal Consumer Credit Examiner position and adjusts funding between programs to correct an error in Public Law 2021, chapter 357.

Ref. #: 948 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	(\$78,377)	(\$109,710)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$78,377)	(\$109,710)

Justification:

Public Law 2021, chapter 357 intended to establish this position on a permanent basis, but did not include headcount. This change package includes the headcount and corrects the allocation for Personal Services which was mistakenly identified as Licensing and Enforcement 0352 instead of the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection 0091.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Provides funding for additional legal support from the Office of the Attorney General.

Ref. #: 949 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$38,946	\$142,348
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$38,946	\$142,348

Justification:

In response to the September 28, 2021 Maine Supreme Judicial Court decision - Docket: Ken-20-308, the Office is requesting to retain additional legal support to implement the Supreme Court ruling that legal advisory and investigatory functions must be handled by different legal counsel in an adjudicatory hearing.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Specialist I position and reduces the hours of one vacant Office Specialist II position to fund the reorganization of one Comprehensive Health Planner I position and one Regulatory Health Compliance Agent position from part-time to full-time.

Ref. #: 950 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	(\$26,804)	(\$467)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$26,804)	(\$467)

Justification:

Public Law 2021, chapter 65 (LD1115) established one part-time Regulatory Health Compliance Agent position to manage the increase in workload associated with the regulation of pharmacists' authority to dispense HIV prevention drugs. Public Law 2021, chapter 271 (LD1293) established one part-time Comprehensive Health Planner I position to manage increases in applicants for certification to administer adult injections of certain drugs approved for the treatment of mental illness and substance use disorder as well as the investigation of complaints. This initiative is proposing to supplement these two authorized part-time positions using two existing vacancies to create two full-time positions that will enable the program to manage the increased workload as intended, as well as give the program the ability to attract more qualified candidates through recruitment of two full-time positions rather than two part-time positions. It will also address the program's need for additional support with enforcement, compliance review and complaint investigation.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$66,235)	\$32,171
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$66,235)	\$32,171

PART V

Sec. V-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Economic and Community Development – Admin account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$970,100 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development - Admin, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development on or before June 30, 2022 for the purpose of covering certain operating expenses of the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

PART V SUMMARY

This Part requires the transfer of \$970,100 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development - Admin, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The funds will cover certain operating expenses associated with Loring Development Authority of Maine established in Title 5, section 13080.

PART CC

Sec. CC-1. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§2 is amended to read:

- 2. Criteria.** For an applicant to participate in the nursing education loan repayment program established under subsection 1, the applicant must:
- A. Be a nurse;
 - B. Be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program in nursing or have completed a master's or doctoral degree in nursing;
 - C. Possess an outstanding education loan relating to the master's or doctoral nursing degree; and
 - D. Sign a statement of intent in a form acceptable to the authority to work as full-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State for a minimum of ~~5~~3 years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.

Sec. CC-2. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§4 is amended to read:

1. **Administration.** The nursing education loan repayment program and the nursing education loan repayment fund are administered by the authority. The authority shall repay the loan of an applicant who meets the criteria in subsection 2 in the amount of up to \$20,000 for a master's degree and up to \$40,000 for a doctoral degree. The authority may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are ~~major substantive rules~~ routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. CC-3. PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. H, §1, is amended to read:

Sec. H-1. Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program. The Finance Authority of Maine shall establish the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program, referred to in this section as "the program," for certain health care professionals who commit to living and working in Maine for at least 3 years. Under the program, the authority shall pay up to \$25,000 per year and, in aggregate, the lesser of \$75,000 and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The program terminates when the funds allocated pursuant to this Part to the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12953 are fully expended or by December 31, 2024~~6~~, whichever occurs first, unless other funding is made available to carry out the purpose of the program. Costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund and of administering the program may be paid out of amounts in the fund.

The authority shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the program, including application requirements and program eligibility.

PART CC SUMMARY

This Part amends the Nurse Educators Loan Repayment Program by changing the required program commitment period from a minimum of five years to three years and by making any program rules adopted routine technical rules instead of major substantive rules. This Part also amends the date by which funds in the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program must be expended.