



# Annual Report

**FY YEAR      Ending October 31, 2017**

*The Annual Meeting of*

*the Association takes place at the annual convention of the Maine Municipal Association. Four (4) regular meetings for the General Membership and the Executive Committee are held annually.*

## **Maine Community Development Association**

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## **Message from the President**

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It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Maine Community Development Association (MCDA) for the past two years.

As is true with other small organizations run entirely by volunteers, we face the challenges of having too much to do and too little time in which to do it. Our volunteers, however, are talented and dedicated, and strive to provide the membership with as much service as is possible. I would like to thank them, deeply and warmly, for the hours they have donated to this organization.

I wish them, and you, the best in the future.

Gail Chase  
2015-2017 President

## Financial Statements

### Statement of Revenues and Expenses

(As of July, 2017)

		ACTUAL		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	
		MONTH	Y-T-D	Month	Y-T-D
	REVENUES				
40101	Interest Income	\$1.66	\$12.28	\$1.67	\$11.84
40201	Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$4,300.00	\$0.00	\$4,450.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$1.66	\$4,312.28	\$1.67	\$4,461.84
	EXPENDITURES				
50201	Postage	\$0.00	\$60.41	0.00	\$77.54
50202	Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.58
50203	Photocopies	\$0.00	\$2.61	\$0.00	\$77.18
50204	General Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.79	\$0.00	\$2.39
50291	General Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$21.78	\$0.00	\$35.10
50292	Seminars	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.09
50411	Contract Services – MMA	\$179.42	\$1,255.94	\$175.75	\$1,230.25
50502	COSFDA Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50505	Newsletter/Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$179.42	\$1,341.53	\$175.75	\$1,230.25
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$177.76)	\$2,970.75	(\$724.08)	\$2,420.71

### Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$17,243.61</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$17,243.61</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$17,243.61</b>
FUND BALANCE	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$17,243.61</b>

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## Advocacy

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In November, 2017, MCDA participated in discussions with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) regarding the proposed 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. There were no major concerns with the program this year as it was very similar to what was proposed last year. This year, however, there are many changes proposed for the 2018 CDBG Program, which will result in discussions among MCDA members before submitting comments to DECD. The 2018 CDBG Proposed Program Statement is scheduled to be released in October, 2017, which will be followed with a series of public hearing forums, and the final program statement and applications available in late November, early December. Follow the timeline and availability of applications on DECD's website at [www.meocd.org](http://www.meocd.org).

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November 7, 2017 – Referendum Election

**Question 1: Citizen Initiative** – Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative? *TITLE: An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County.* - [Legislation](#)

**Question 2: Citizen Initiative** – Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two? *TITLE: An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care.* - [Legislation](#)

**Question 3: Bond Issue** – Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings? *TITLE: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities and Upgrade Municipal Culverts* - [Legislation](#)

**Question 4: Constitutional Amendment** – Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years, in line with pension industry standards? *TITLE: Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets* - [Legislation](#)

President Trump's full budget for 2018 was released on May 23, 2017. The Trump Administration's message to Congress on the 2018 budget proposed a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) budget of \$40.7 billion, a \$6.2 billion (13.2%) decrease over the 2017 budget. The proposal further eliminated the CDBG program citing that the Federal government has spent over \$150 billion on this block grant since its inception in 1974, but the program is not well-targeted to the poorest populations and has not demonstrated results.

On July 27, 2017, the House approved by full committee H.R. 3353 – 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 2018. In part, this bill includes –

- \$2,960,000,000 available until September 30, 2020 for economic and community development activities distributed as follows:
- \$2,900,000,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
  - \$592,000,000 (20%) to be used for planning, management development, and administration
- \$60,000,000 for grants to Indian tribes
  - \$4,000,000 to be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety

For more information on tracking this bill, and others that may be of interest, go to [www.congress.gov/](http://www.congress.gov/)

### Andrea Smith's Departure from the DECD Office of Community Development

It is with great pleasure and a little sadness that the Office of Community Development announces that Andrea Smith has been promoted to Director of the Tax Incentive Programs. Although she will no longer be at OCD we are grateful that she will remain at DECD.

During Andrea's 13 years with the OCD, she has shown a commitment to excellence and professional growth highlighted by being a graduate of both Leadership Maine and the Kennebec Leadership Institute. She is also currently a student of the University of Maine at Augusta pursuing a degree in Public Administration. She was the 2016 DECD Employee of the Year where she was recognized by the Governor at a Blaine House reception.

Along with her duties managing multiple Community Development Block Grant Programs, she also provides financial administration of the State's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program, was the Administrator of the Certified Business-Friendly Community Program, and is the State Liaison for the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Andrea manages her programs with integrity and dedication which makes her an invaluable asset to the Department of Economic and Community Development and to the State of Maine.

# Membership

MCDA membership consists of 29 communities, 12 organizations/CAP agencies/regional planning and council of governments/state agency; 1 consultant and 2 engineering firms.

	Organizations	Engineering
Ashland	Office of Community Development	Ransom Consulting, Inc.
Bangor	Washington Hancock Community Action Program	Wright Pierce Engineer
Bath	Hancock County Planning Commission	Economic Development
Bowdoinham	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	Consultant, Darryl Sterling
Bradford	Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission	
Brewer	Maine Development Foundation	
Brunswick	Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission	
Camden	Northern Maine Development Commission	
Caswell	Penquis Community Action Program	
Easton	Piscataquis County Economic Development Council	
Ellsworth	Sunrise County Economic Council	
Fort Fairfield	Washington County COG	
Fort Kent		
Guilford		
Houlton		
Islesboro		
Kennebunk		
Lisbon		
Madawaska (2		
Old Town		
Presque Isle		
Richmond		
Rockport		
St. Agatha		
Searsport		
Skowhegan		
Topsham		
Thomaston		

**Becoming an MCDA member offers numerous benefits, such as training and workshops, legislative advocacy, affiliation with other agencies and organizations, links to funding opportunities, and ability to network with multiple partners. The Quarterly Newsletter provides informational materials on funding opportunities, job openings, community and economic development articles, and upcoming events. MCDA urges each municipality to become a member of the organization. MCDA is an affiliate group of the Maine Municipal Association and as such enjoys the same status regarding lobbying. MCDA's Advocacy Role is to weigh in on proposed legislation and policies that impact community development in Maine. MCDA also works closely with the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). DECD's Office of Community Development works collaboratively with MCDA to review proposed changes and garner support for the CDBG Program.**

**WELCOME BACK, RON HARRIMAN**

Ron Harriman is the Economic Development Director for the City of Old Town. Ron has also served as Economic Development Director for the Town of Hermon as well as providing planning, community and economic development services as an Economic Development Consultant for a number of towns and cities in the Bangor area. He is experienced in business attraction, marketing, tax increment financing, grant writing, land use planning and a variety of programs in the community and economic development area.

# Professional Development

## 2017 MCDA's Federal Funding and Legislative Panel Discussion

Thursday, October 5, 2017

MMA Convention

Augusta Civic Center

Civic Center Drive

Augusta, ME 04333

Darryl Sterling will moderate the Federal Funding and Legislative Panel Discussion. Representatives from the Maine Congressional Delegation will provide updates on the 2018 Proposed Budget known as America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again. The proposed budget calls for significant changes to discretionary funding programs, which may have an impact on your community. Representatives from the Maine Congressional Delegation will provide updates on the 2018 Proposed Budget known as America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again. The proposed budget calls for significant changes to discretionary funding programs, which may have an impact on your community.



Ben Tucker  
Regional Representative  
United States Senator Angus S. King,

Ben Tucker is one of United States Senator's Angus S. King's Regional Representatives here in Maine. Ben's territories have included Oxford, Franklin, Somerset Counties and parts of Northern Kennebec and most recently include Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties. Ben lives in Norway, Maine and has a wide ranging professional background that includes mortgage lending, Chief Operating officer for a Maine manufacturing company, real estate sales, full time real estate appraisal, consultant with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and has worked in marketing, media, social media and event planning for many statewide groups and organizations. Ben is part of Angus's Augusta office, which is located in the Maine Farm Bureau Building at the corner of Civic Center Drive and Gabriel Drive.

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### Timothy Gallant, USN Retired, Staff Assistant for Congressman Bruce Poliquin

Tim served in the Navy for 20 years with the Blue Angels, Patrol Squadron 23 in Brunswick, ME, Naval Recruiting District New Jersey, and Naval Air Facilities in Lajes, Azores, Portugal, on the USS Destroy Peterson, and as senior instructor at the Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach. Tim is also a disabled Veteran. Upon retirement from the Navy, Tim attended Concordia University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management while working for Colinas Shipyard and Chesapeake Hardwood. He returned to Maine in 2001, and accepted a position as Building Grounds and Transportation Director at Maine School District 43 in Western Maine. He then became the Parks Superintendent for the Town of Rumford. Tim retired in 2009 and returned to school to earn a second degree in Applied Science as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. During this time, he was also helping Veterans receive benefits through his local VFW and American Legion Posts. Tim began working for Congressman Poliquin in 2015 as a Veterans' Representative in Maine's second Congressional District, and also assists constituents with Social Security, the IRS, and other federal agencies.



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Mark Winter is Senator Susan Collins' new State Office Representative in her Augusta Office. Mark rejoined the Senator's team at the beginning of September. He previously worked as the Senator's Military Legislative Assistant in her Washington DC office, handling Defense, Veterans and National Security Issues from 2006-2008. During that time, he also served as a Counsel on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that Senator Collins chaired. From 2009 until this past September, Mark first served as General Counsel at the National Maritime Intelligence Center in Washington, DC, then as a National Security Specialist for the U.S. Department of Justice at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland, Maine. Most recently, Mark served the past three years on active duty as a Navy Reservist, serving first as Chief of Staff for Joint Task Force – Guantanamo in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and then on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Mark is a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine School of Law. Mark is admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Maine and has worked as an attorney both for the government and in private practice. Mark lives in Freeport, Maine with his wife, Meredith, fifteen year old son, Will, and twelve year old daughter, Ellie.



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Pam Trinward has spent the last 5 years as field representative for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. She works out of the Waterville office and spends a good deal of her time doing Veteran work. Previously she worked for her husband's consulting firm. She spent four years in the Maine legislature and was chair of Veteran and Legal Affairs.

# Communication

## Success Stories:

### City of Presque Isle-Acme Monaco Project:

- Leading manufacturer of medical guidewires, orthodontic archforms, precision springs, and metal stamping.
- Founded in 1947
- Locations in Connecticut, Maine and Singapore
- Located in Presque Isle, Maine, in 1989
- Opened a second facility in Presque Isle in 2006

Acme Monaco leased two City-owned buildings in Presque Isle’s Industrial Park, but due to space constraints in the existing buildings, they lacked the adequate space to expand. The City’s newly constructed 16,000 square foot, energy-efficient business/manufacturing building was renovated to accommodate the business into one facility.



Funding included =

- EDA \$1,494,406.82
  - CDBG \$ 690,000.00
  - NBRC \$ 240,912.97
  - City \$ 598,249.72
- \$3,023,569.51**

### Town of Lisbon-Moxie Store:

In 1913, the doors opened on the Kennebec’s Fruit Company located at the corner of U.S. Routes 125 and 196 in Lisbon Falls, Maine. These doors remained open for over 100 years. The company survived two World Wars, the Stock Market crash, the Great Depression, Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. This business was founded by the Anicetti family. Three generations of Anicetti’s had owned and operated the business. Frank Anicetti II took over running the store from his father in 1997 and had been operating the store until his retirement of 2016. Frank’s sister, Cathy Bienkowski would come every year to help her brother during the annual Moxie Festival. This family had devoted their lives to the service and support of the Lisbon community.

Over the years, the store became the headquarters for Moxie. For the past 34 years during the second weekend of July, the community holds a Moxie Festival to honor Moxie. In 2005, Moxie became the official soft drink of Maine. The Moxie store has put the Lisbon community on the map and is known throughout the country. People come every year to help celebrate Moxie Day.

The building had been closed for over a year until Traci and Tony Austin purchased the property late winter of 2016.



Through the efforts of many community members plus receiving a \$40,000 CDBG Façade Grant from the Town of Lisbon, the Austin’s were well on their way to turn this iconic place where everyone knows your name to “Frank’s”. Unfortunately, Frank passed away on May 22, 2017 before he got to see the final restoration of the “Moxie Store”.



**Kennebec Fruit Company (Moxie Store)**  
Over 100 years – one family  
3 Generations of Anicetti’s

Newsletters contain articles about funding opportunities, jobs and classifieds, and news around the state to create awareness relating to community and economic development.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **City Planner – Bath:**

The City of Bath is seeking a City Planner to join its Planning & Development Department. Responsibilities include the development and implementation of land-use regulations, including review process; oversight of the City's geographic information system and administration of key databases. The position requires experience and knowledge in site plan and subdivision review, historic preservation, GIS, and ordinance writing. The application review will begin on October 2 and the position will remain open until filled. Applications and full job description are available at the Bath City Manager's Office or [www.cityofbath.com](http://www.cityofbath.com). Please send cover letter, application, background check authorization, and résumé to Erika Benson, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, 55 Front Street, Bath, ME 04330. For more information, contact [ebenson@cityofbath.com](mailto:ebenson@cityofbath.com) or (207) 443-8330.

### **Economic Development and Public Information Officer – Fort Fairfield:**

The Town of Fort Fairfield is accepting applications for the position of Economic Development and Public Information Officer to work with community, business and government organizations to promote economic development in Fort Fairfield. Presentation skills using various media and technology applications, as well as written and verbal skills are important. It is preferred that applicants possess five years of experience in economic development. This is a full-time position that offers a great benefits package. Applications and résumé should be sent to the Town of Fort Fairfield, ATTN: Personnel Director, 18 Community Center Drive, Fort Fairfield, ME 04742 and will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications may be obtained from the Fort Fairfield Clerk's Office or website [www.fortfairfield.org](http://www.fortfairfield.org).

### **Economic Development Director – Lincoln:**

The Town of Lincoln is seeking to hire an Economic Development Director to assist the Town with its economic development efforts. The Economic Development Director will work with both the Town Council and Town Manager to develop strategies and policies for the application and use of various financing, zoning, public investment, regulatory adjustment and other development tools and incentives that further enhance the business community and encourage business growth in the Town of Lincoln. More information, including position requirements, can be found on the Town of Lincoln's website: [www.lincolnmaine.org](http://www.lincolnmaine.org). Please send salary requirements or fee schedule along with a cover letter, résumé listing experience and qualifications, and three professional references to: Economic Development Director Search, Town of Lincoln, 63 Main Street, Lincoln, MD 04457 or e-mail [town.manager@lincolnmaine.org](mailto:town.manager@lincolnmaine.org).

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Jobs Plus Initiative Grant Program:**

The Jobs Plus Program develops locally-based, job-driven approaches that increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, technology skills, and financial literacy for residents of public housing. The place-based Jobs Plus program addresses poverty among public housing residents by incentivizing and enabling employment through earned income disregards for working residents and a set of services designed to support work including employer linkages, job placement and counseling, educational advancement, and financial counseling. The Jobs Plus program comprises these three core components –

- Employment-Related Services
- Financial Incentives – Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID)
- Community Supports for Work

The application deadline is November 17, 2017

MCDA Past Presidents

Gail Chase	2015-2017	Scott Pierz	1996-1997
Darryl Sterling	2013-2015	Perley Beane	1994-1995
Rodney Lynch	2011-2013	Orman Whitcomb	1992-1993
James Gulnac	2009-2011	Debbie Wyman	
Tony Levesque	2008-2009	Nancy Gervais	
Chris Spruce	2007	Dan Feeney	
Isaac Wagner	2006	Arthur Faucher	
Matthew Eddy	2004-2005	Terry McCabe	1986
Peter Lyford	2002-2003	Charles Upton	1985
Al Smith	2000-2001	Rick Michaud	
Tony Levesque	1998-1999	Laurie Windsor	

Economic and Community Development ResourcesFederal

U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development  
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

USDA Rural Development  
[www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

U.S. Small Business Administration  
[www.sbaonline.sba.gov](http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov)

Regional

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments  
[www.avcog.org](http://www.avcog.org)

Central Maine Growth Council  
[www.centralmaine.org](http://www.centralmaine.org)

Eastern Maine Development Corporation  
[www.emdc.org](http://www.emdc.org)

Hancock County Planning Commission  
[www.hcpcme.org](http://www.hcpcme.org)

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments  
[www.kvcog.org](http://www.kvcog.org)

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission  
[www.lincolncountymaine.me](http://www.lincolncountymaine.me)

Other

ALPHA ONE  
[www.alphaone.now.com](http://www.alphaone.now.com)

Coastal Enterprises, Inc.  
[www.ceimaine.org](http://www.ceimaine.org)

Maine Downtown Center  
[www.mdf.org/mdc](http://www.mdf.org/mdc)

Maine State Housing Authority  
[www.mainehousing.org](http://www.mainehousing.org)

State

Maine Department of Economic and Community  
Development  
[www.meocd.org](http://www.meocd.org)

USDA Rural Development in Maine  
[www.rurdev.usda.gov/me](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/me)

Small Business Development Centers  
[www.mainesbdc.org](http://www.mainesbdc.org)

Midcoast Economic Development District  
[www.mceddme.org](http://www.mceddme.org)

Northern Maine Development Commission  
[www.nmdc.org](http://www.nmdc.org)

Penquis Community Action Program  
[www.penquis.org](http://www.penquis.org)

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission  
[www.smrpc.org](http://www.smrpc.org)

Sunrise County Economic Council  
[www.sunrisecounty.org](http://www.sunrisecounty.org)

Washington County Council of Governments  
[www.wccog.net](http://www.wccog.net)

Finance Authority of Maine  
[www.famemaine.com](http://www.famemaine.com)





**Thursday, October 5, 2017  
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

Margarita's Restaurant  
390 Western Avenue  
Augusta, ME

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. *Welcome and Introductions by Gail Chase, President MCDA 2015-2017*
2. *Approval of September 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes*
3. *Treasurer's Report and Financials*
4. *Election of Officers 2018 - Nominations Committee*
5. *Secretary's and Newsletter Report – Joella R. Theriault*
6. *Membership Report – Tony Levesque*
7. *Professional Development Committee Report – Steve Dyer*
8. *Remarks by DECD/OCD Staff*
9. *Next Meeting Date*
  
10. *Adjourn*

*\*Luncheon is at no cost to members. Luncheon and business meeting at 12:00 noon.*

## *2017 MCDA Board of Directors*

Member	Affiliation	Address	Phone	Term Expires
<b>President</b>				
Gail Chase	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	17 Main Street Fairfield, ME 04937-1119	(207) 453-4258	October, 2017
<b>Vice President</b>				
Stephen Dyer	Ransom Environmental Consulting	400 Commercial Street, Suite 404 Portland, ME 04102	(207) 772-2891	October, 2017
<b>Treasurer</b>				
Mathew Eddy	Town of Kennebunk	1 Summer Street Kennebunk, ME 04043	(207) 985-2102 Ext. 1366	October, 2017
<b>Secretary</b>				
Joella R. Theriault	Northern Maine Development Commission	P.O. Box 779 Caribou, ME 04736	(207) 543-1802	October, 2017
<b>Past President</b>				
Darryl Sterling	Economic and Community Development Consulting	1 Tulip Street Richmond, ME 04357	(207) 807-9062	October, 2017
<b>Board Members</b>				
Anne Krieg	Town of Bridgton	3 Chase Street, Suite 1 Bridgton, ME 04009	(207) 647-8786	October, 2018
Suzie Paradis	Town of Madawaska	328 St. Thomas Street Madawaska, ME 04756	(207) 728-3612	October, 2018
Scott Laflamme	City of Bath	55 Front Street Bath, ME 04530	(207) 443-8332	October, 2017
Tracey Steuber	Town of Lisbon	300 Lisbon Street Lisbon, ME 04250	(207) 353-3000	October, 2017

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