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Office of Community Development

The Office of Community Development announced the 2008 CDBG Grant Awards for the following programs:

Public Facility

Community	County	Project Description	Grant Award
Boothbay Harbor	Lincoln	Historic Preservation	\$71,217
Columbia	Washington	Recycle Station Retaining Wall	\$50,000
Isle au Haut	Knox	Pier Construction	\$350,000
Madawaska	Aroostook	Senior Center	\$350,000
Pittsfield	Somerset	Historic Preservation	\$150,000
Van Buren	Aroostook	Special Needs Center	\$300,000
Waterville	Kennebec	Senior Center	\$350,000
West Bath	Sagadahoc	Historic Preservation	\$100,000
Total			\$1,721,217

Public Infrastructure

Community	County	Project Description	Grant Award
Bath	Sagadahoc	Sewer, Water & Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000
Calais	Washington	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Danforth	Washington	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Ellsworth	Hancock	Sewer & Stormwater Improvements	\$500,000
Limestone	Aroostook	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Milbridge	Washington	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Newport	Penobscot	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Rockland	Knox	Sidewalks and Curbs	\$100,000
Total			\$3,400,000

Housing Assistance

Community	County	Project Description	Grant Award
Bath	Sagadahoc		\$250,000
Belfast	Waldo		\$150,000
Brewer	Penobscot		\$250,000
Etna	Penobscot		\$250,000
Exeter	Penobscot		\$250,000
Milbridge	Washington		\$250,000
St. Agatha	Aroostook	Wells & Septics	\$250,000
Van Buren	Aroostook	Housing Rehab.	\$250,000
Total			\$1,900,000

MCDA OFFICERS:

Tony Levesque, President
Town of Fort Fairfield

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Town of Sanford

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Directors:

Mary Walton, City of Caribou
Rodney Lynch, City of Rockland
Don Keiser, Town of Houlton
Steve Dyer, Ransom Environmental Consultants, Inc.



DECD Announces the Availability of \$1.5 Million for Municipal Trust Fund Program

The Department of Economic & Community Development through the Office of Community Development announced the availability of \$1.5 million in Municipal Investment Trust Fund (MITF) monies for eligible Maine Service Centers and Non-Service Center municipalities that have adopted a Local Growth Management Program. The maximum grant amount is set at \$500,000 and eligible communities are limited to one application per program year. The funding primarily targets municipal improvements in designated downtown areas. The deadline for application submission is 4:00PM, Friday May 9, 2008. All applications must be submitted to the physical location of the Office of Community Development. FAX or e-mail submissions will not be accepted. The MITF Information and Application Package is available on the OCD website at: www.meocd.org. Click on "Forms and Materials", "Application Forms" and scroll down to "Community Development".

For more information please contact: Mike Baran
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TOWN OF VAN BUREN Downtown Revitalization Program

The Greater Van Buren Area is known as the "Gateway to the St. John Valley and Canada." Van Buren has recently been named a proud recipient of a Downtown Revitalization Grant, totaling close to \$860,000. This money will be put into use between May '07 -October '08. This is a very exciting time for this small Acadian town, which will be undergoing many changes within the next couple of years. This is part of Van Buren's commitment to restoring itself to it's once prosperous and booming self, for today, and future generations to come.

Main Street will reflect the community's Acadian and bi-lingual culture, with a lively bistro-like atmosphere, including an attractive and comfortable public gathering place like a gazebo for outdoor concerts, outdoor cafes, tasteful signs, and trees, flowers, greenery and attractive park benches and trash cans on both sides of the street. *Downtown* will continue to be ADA handicap-friendly with good access for the elderly to both the inside and outside of businesses.

Building facades will be attractive and well maintained, echoing Main Street's historic character and French design of the region. Solar energy will be a common element of buildings. The area will retain and enhance its pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environment with cobblestone crosswalks and sidewalks, paths and walkways, shade trees, park benches, and the location of additional parking and power lines in back of buildings. Big 18-wheel trucks will not dominate a largely open and exposed streetscape.



*For More Information on this program, contact: Dan LaPointe
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LUCERNE INN RETREAT

A joint Program Development and Training Conference between MCDA and the Office of Community Development will be held at the Lucerne Inn in Holden on April 24-25, 2008. Topics of discussion will include an update on the

2009 CDBG budget, discussion on the current CDBG programs and proposed changes, and a 2009 CDBG program development timeline and application deadlines.

Riverfront Community Development Bond

With more than 30,000 miles of rivers in the state, and nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of Maine's citizens living in riverfront communities, the potential economic and community benefits of investment in our rivers are enormous. To encourage towns and cities to tap into the extensive opportunities offered by clean and healthy rivers, a coalition of conservation groups has worked with a bipartisan group of state legislators to develop and introduce the \$25 million Riverfront Community Development Bond. The Bond will create a competitive grants program to support community-driven projects.

The goal of the riverfront bond is to enhance local quality of place and to promote environmentally sustainable economic activity along Maine's rivers. Funding from the bond will leverage other public resources and private investment. Funding from the bond can go to support a wide variety of projects, including:

- Rehabilitation of run-down or abandoned buildings;
- Restoration and improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife;
- Development and establishment of public access points for boating and fishing; and
- Creation of riverfront parks, walking trails, whitewater parks, and other recreational amenities.



MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

MAINE DOWNTOWN CENTER

2008 ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CONFERENCE

JUNE 6, 2008

**“DOWNTOWNS RULE:
MEASURES TO GETTING IT RIGHT”**

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Kristen Cady joined MDF in November 2007 as program director for the [Maine Downtown Center](#) and [REALIZE!Maine](#), the statewide initiative to connect young people age 20-40. Prior to joining MDF, she held jobs in the communications and tourism fields; from marketing manager at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority to most recently marketing director at the Sun Journal. Her volunteer activities is what initially brought her to MDF, as she served on the Board of Gardiner Main Street and chaired the Economic Restructuring Committee, and also served on the [REALIZE!Maine](#) Steering Committee and chaired the Communications Committee.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

(Check www.meocd.org for dates)

- ▶ 2008 CDBG Implementation Workshop
- ▶ 2008 CDBG Certification Classes
- ▶ 2008 CDBG Appreciation Day
- ▶ 2008 COSCDA Convention
- ▶ 2008 MMA Convention

(Check www.maine.gov/spo for more information)

- ▶ 15th Annual Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference – April 28, 2008

(Check www.coscda.gov for more information)

- ▶ 2008 COSCDA Eastern Regional Conference in Portsmouth, NH on April 30-May 2, 2008
- ▶ Annual Conference in Williamsburg, VA on September 14, 2008

MCDA Subcommittee Members:

Advocacy Committee

Christopher Spruce, Island Housing Trust (Chair)
Chris Shrum, Eastern Maine Development Corp
Ryan Pelletier, Town of St. Agatha
Al Smith, City of Bath

Communications Committee

Mary Walton, City of Caribou (Chair)
Mike Baran, Office of Community Development
Don Keiser, Town of Houlton
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Maine Community Development Association

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MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

A Professional organization promoting economic and community development in Maine.

MCDA's Purpose

To provide forums to increase awareness and foster communication relating to community development issues and concerns, and to provide education and training through workshops.

MCDA Meetings:

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 throughout the State of Maine. The Executive Committee meetings are called by the President or majority of officers on an as-needed basis.

All Meetings are open to MCDA Members!

If you would like to become an MCDA member, please contact us:

**Maine Community
Development Association**
Local Government Center
60 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330-9486
(207) 623-8428 or
1-800-452-8786

Annual Membership Fee is \$100.00

Please make checks payable to:

**MAINE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

MEMBERSHIP:

- Individual
- Municipal
- Firm

Benefits to Becoming a Member. . . .

-  MCDA Funding Directory
-  Training and Workshops
-  Legislative Advocacy
-  Affiliation with Other Agencies and Organizations
-  Links to Funding and Business Agencies
-  MCDA's ability to network with multiple partners