

Annual Report

FY Year Ending October 31, 2018



The Annual Meeting of the Association takes place at the annual convention of the Maine Municipal Association.



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“Our volunteers are talented and dedicated and strive to provide the membership with as much service as possible”.

Message from the President

This past year I have had the pleasure and challenge of being President of MCDA. I want to thank the Board of Directors, Tony and Joella for their continued efforts to keep the organization functioning. Like many organizations, we are experiencing difficulties in recruiting new membership and providing relevant information to our members. We are lucky to have several retired members continue to provide both energy and insight.

All of us in our respective jobs, have experienced the dramatic reductions in federal funding with no corresponding reduction in demand for programs and services. MCDA strives to be that network of community development leaders that have the knowledge and experiences to make these limited dollars deliver a great impact.

As in past years, MCDA will be sponsoring two extremely pertinent workshop sessions at the MMA convention being held October 3rd and 4th at the Augusta Civic Center. These sessions are both timely and informative for the issues of expanding broadband and energy dependence in Maine communities.

With this organization, the wisdom gained from the past is readily shared between our members and it is something I am truly proud of as we do work that really makes a difference in many people’s lives.

Thank you to all for a great 2018 and looking forward to 2019.

Stephen Dyer

2017-2019 President

Financial Statements

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

(As of July, 2018)

		BUDGET	ACTUAL		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	
			MONTH	Y-T-D	Month	Y-T-D
	REVENUES					
40101	Interest Income	\$21.00	\$2.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$12.00
40201	Membership Dues	\$4,450.00	\$100.00	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,300.00
	TOTAL REVENUES		\$102.00	\$4,212.00	\$2.00	\$4,312
	EXPENDITURES					
50201	Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
50202	Printing	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50203	Photocopies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
50204	General Supplies	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
50291	General Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$12.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
50292	Seminars	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50411	Contract Services – MMA	\$2,200.00	\$190.00	\$1,332.00	\$179.00	\$1,256.00
50502	COSCUA Convention	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50505	Newsletter/Admin	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50506	Web Page Update	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,821.00	\$1,203.00	\$2,431.00	\$179.00	\$1,342.00
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$350.00)	(\$1,101.00)	\$1,781.00	(\$178.00)	\$2,971.00

Balance Sheet

ASSETS: **\$16,395.48**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

TOTAL ASSETS	\$16,395.48
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	\$16,395.48
FUND BALANCE	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$16,395.48

Advocacy

Each year, MCDA participates in the rule-making process conducted by the Office of Community Development (OCD) to provide input on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Program changes crafted by OCD concerning the distribution of the CDBG funds are presented to the MCDA membership for public input and comment. MCDA supports the work accomplished by OCD staff and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the disbursement of economic and community development funds. MCDA's Advocacy role is extremely important to weigh-in on proposed legislation and policies that impact community development in Maine. MCDA is a community development professional organization and represents the "voice" of community development policy-making. MCDA members are encouraged to join the Advocacy Committee.

Questions Appearing on November 6, 2018 Ballot

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to create the Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, funded by a new 3.8% tax on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in 2018?

Question 2: Bond Issue

Public Law 425

Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to improve water quality, support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and assist homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems?

Question 3: Bond Issue

Public Law 467

Do you favor a \$106,000,000 bond issue, including \$101,000,000 for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, piers, 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 \$5,000,000 for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings?

Question 4: Bond Issue

Public Law 465, Part A

Do you favor a \$49,000,000 bond issue to be matched by at least \$49,000,000 in private and public funds to modernize and improve the facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities in order to expand workforce development capacity and to attract and retain students to strengthen Maine's economy and future workforce?

Question 5: Bond Issue

Public Law 465, Part B

Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all 7 of Maine's community colleges in order to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education?

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program-

The CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States. In Maine, there are two categories of CDBG funding:

- CDBG Entitlement Program, which provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. In Maine, there are 6 entitlements – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Cumberland County, Lewiston and Portland.
- CDBG State Program, which allows States to award grants to smaller units of general local government that develop and preserve decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create and retain jobs. Funding levels for the State of Maine have remained fairly constant over the past 3 years averaging approximately \$10,720,000.

2017 and 2018 CDBG Distribution		
Program	2017	2018
Downtown Revitalization	\$300,000	\$300,000
Economic Development	\$2,400,000	Unknown At This Time
Housing Assistance	\$1,081,000	Unknown At This Time
Micro-Enterprise Assistance	\$700,000	\$695,000
Public Infrastructure	\$3,470,000	\$3,205,000
Workforce Development	\$173,836	\$0
Public Service	\$0	Unknown At This Time

The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Community Development (OCD) holds public hearings annually in October/November for the purpose of soliciting comments on the 2019 Proposed Program. OCD also meets annually with MCDA to review proposed changes and allow for MCDA's input on the CDBG Program. The Final Program Statement will be made available following the public comment period. OCD anticipates that a similar timeline for Letters of Intent and grant applications will follow the same timeline as the 2018 Program.

Program	Letter of Intent	Application
Downtown Revitalization	On or About January 26	On or About March 30
Economic Development	On or About February 23	On or About May 25
Housing	On or About March 9	On or About May 4
Microenterprise	On or About February 9	On or About April 27
Public Infrastructure	On or About January 19	On or About March 30
Public Service	On or About May 4	On or About June 22

It should be noted that all programs and deadlines are subject to change without notice. Please visit the Office of Community Development website at www.meocd.org for more information.

Communication

MCDA offers quarterly newsletters to provide its membership with news, promotions, upcoming events, job opportunities and funding opportunities. It provides the reader with an opportunity to share common community and economic development issues, concerns as well as successful stories. The following are a few examples of topics included in the newsletters:

News From Around The State



Suzie Paradis, Economic and Community Development Director, for the Town of Madawaska was recently named the new Town Manager of Fort Kent. Suzie, a long-time member of MCDA, has many years of experience in the economic and community development area as well as planning experience. She and her husband, Denis, reside in Fort Kent and have three children. Congratulations to Suzie!

Tom Martin, former Executive Director of the Hancock County Planning Commission, and MCDA member retired in June, 2018. Tom was the Executive Director for the past 28 years and previously worked as a Planner at the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission, now Northern Maine Development Commission, in Caribou. Tom and his wife, Susan, reside in Ellsworth. Happy Retirement, Tom!

Jobs & Classifieds

- The Towns of Houlton and Rangeley and the City of Calais are searching for qualified candidates for Town/City Managers.
- The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce seeks an Executive Director.
- The Town of Waldoboro is seeking candidates for the Full-Time Position of Town Planner.

All jobs and classifieds are listed under the Maine Municipal Association's website at www.memun.org.

Upcoming Events:

- Northern New England Planning American Planning Association (NNEPAPA) Conferences on October 24-26, 2018 at Point Lookout in Northport, ME.

Funding Opportunity

- **MainStreet Foundation**
The MainStreet Foundation is a \$1,000,000 foundation with a single purpose and mission: to assist organizations that focus on helping at-risk youth in Maine. The mission is simple, focused, and essential. The MainStreet Foundation helps keep kids safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. Deadline October 15, 2018
- **Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation**
The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation was created in 1986 to provide support for Maine communities. A family foundation, STK is interested in projects that address the underlying causes of social and environmental problems, as well as those that address the consequences. The foundation has a strong interest in literacy, community services, and the arts. Deadline October 15, 2018.

Membership

MCDA membership consists of 29 communities, 11 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	Downeast Community Partners	Wright Pierce Engineer
Bath	Hancock County Planning Commission	Economic Development
Biddeford	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	Consultant, Darryl Sterling
Bowdoinham	Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission	
Bradford	Maine Development Foundation	
Brunswick	Northern Maine Development Commission	
Camden	Penquis Community Action Program	
Caribou	Piscataquis County Economic Development Council	
Caswell	Sunrise County Economic Council	
Chelsea	Washington County COG	
Easton		
Ellsworth		
Fort Fairfield		
Fort Kent		
Guilford		
Houlton		
Islesboro		
Kennebunk		
Lisbon		
Madawaska		
Old Town		
Presque Isle		
Rockland		
St. Agatha		
Searsport		
Skowhegan		
Thomaston		
Topsham		

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 New Members:

Mr. Scott M. Tilton, Town Manager, of the Town of Chelsea

Ms. Julie Hashem, Community Development Director, City of Rockland

Professional Development

2018 MCDA's Municipal Solutions for Community Solar

Thursday, October 4, 2018

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

MMA Convention, Augusta Civic Center, Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME 04333

This presentation will cover a financial instrument, known as a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that ReVision Energy offers to municipalities investing in solar energy. The PPA allows cities and towns to install solar at no upfront cost and enables them to take advantage of federal tax incentives. Through this opportunity, municipalities can reduce energy expenses while acting as leaders in climate change.

Andrew Kahrl is a Solar Design Specialist employed at ReVision Energy. Andrew was born in Bath and raised in Arrowsic. He is a third-generation graduate of Morse High School, Class of 2000, in Bath and earned a B.F.A from New York University in 2005. Following school, he worked for nearly a decade as a mariner on traditional sailing vessels, logistics vessels, and passenger vessels throughout the East Coast. Andrew joined ReVision Energy in 2015 with a drive to see his home state transition to a 100% renewable energy economy.



Sadie Lloyd is a City Planner in Belfast, where she has managed City energy projects for the last 4 years and helped the City become a leader in long-term municipal energy planning. During this time Belfast has installed multiple municipally-owned solar arrays, including the first system on a landfill in Maine. By the end of 2018 the City will have the most installed solar of any municipality in the State when they install an additional system that is roughly 5 acres in size. Sadie regularly advises Maine municipalities in the pursuit of their own solar projects. She holds a Masters Degree in Community Planning and Development from the Muskie School of Public Service at USM and is on the Board of Directors for the Solar Energy Association of Maine.



How to Bring Broadband to Your Community

11:15 to 12:00 p.m.



Are you interested in bringing broadband internet to your community, but have questions about the financial and technical implications? Join the Maine Community Development Association (MCDA) along with speakers from the Connect Cumberland Initiative and Maine Broadband Coalition. Using the existing Three Ring Binder infrastructure, Cumberland County is working with communities and non-profits to develop a County-wide fiber network. This session will go through the project's concept, regional need and positive impacts.

As Director of the ConnectME Authority, **Heather Johnson** is focused on expanding access to and increasing adoption of broadband connectivity in Maine. Prior to joining the ConnectME Authority, Heather built a diverse background in the private technology sector including sales, operations and general management roles at Nokia, Gateway and Toshiba. After leaving the private sector, Heather had the opportunity to concentrate on rural economic development at Somerset Economic Development Commission.

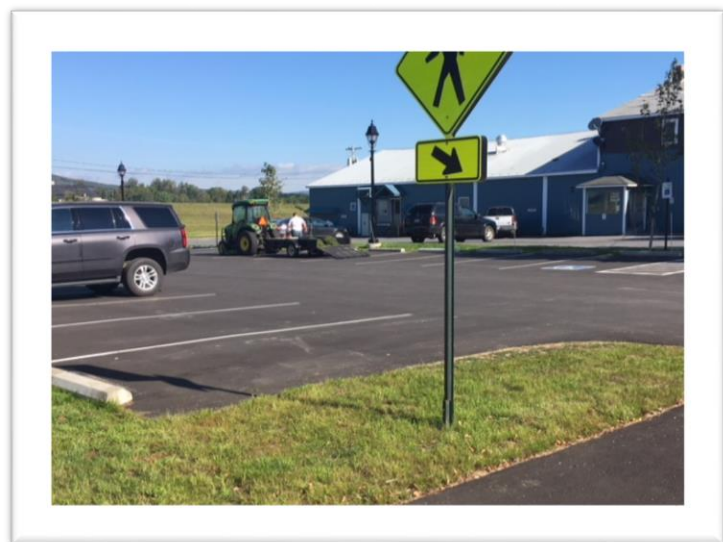
Success Stories



In the early 1990's, the Old Fort Kent Hotel was demolished and the vacant lot was filled and leveled with gravel and remained that way for almost 20 years.

The Town was awarded a Slum and Blight Designation in 2012 as part of a Micro-Enterprise Façade Grant project to mitigate slum and blight in some of the buildings on Main Street, including the vacant gravel lot. In 2017, the Town was awarded a CDBG Downtown Revitalization project to remediate slum and blight on Main Street. The Town developed a new public parking lot that beautified the Downtown and added 32 additional parking spaces, which the Town badly needed. The parking lot will also be used as green space for the many events that happen throughout the year, such as the Muskie Derby/Ploye Festival and CANAM Sled Dog Race.

The project cost was \$233,650 with \$95,000 in local TIF funding to purchase the property, and \$138,650 of CDBG DR funding for engineering and construction.



City of Bangor

On September 25, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration announced that the City of Bangor will receive funding to replace buses operating on the city's fixed route that have exceeded their life. The new buses will be more reliable, help the city maintain bus service levels, and meet increasing service needs. The City received \$2,890,000 (56.8%) of Maine's total of \$5,091,370. Funding was provided by the 2018 Bus and Bus Facilities Program.



Congratulations,
Bangor!

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 Resources

Federal

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
www.hud.gov

USDA Rural Development
www.rurdev.usda.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration
www.sbaonline.sba.gov

Regional

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
www.avcog.org

Central Maine Growth Council
www.centralmaine.org

Eastern Maine Development Corporation
www.emdc.org

Hancock County Planning Commission
www.hcpcme.org

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
www.kvcog.org

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission
www.lincolncountymaine.me

Other

ALPHA ONE
www.alphaone.now.com

Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
www.ceimaine.org

Maine Downtown Center
www.mdf.org/mdc

Maine State Housing Authority
www.mainehousing.org

State

Maine Department of Economic and Community
Development
www.meocd.org

USDA Rural Development in Maine
www.rurdev.usda.gov/me

Small Business Development Centers
www.mainesbdc.org

Midcoast Economic Development District
www.mceddme.org

Northern Maine Development Commission
www.nmdc.org

Penquis Community Action Program
www.penquis.org

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission
www.smrpc.org

Sunrise County Economic Council
www.sunrisecounty.org

Washington County Council of Governments
www.wccog.net

Finance Authority of Maine
www.famemaine.com

2018-2019 MCDA MEETING CALENDAR

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-  General Membership Meetings
-  Annual Meeting



**Thursday, October 4, 2018
12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Margarita's Restaurant
390 Western Avenue
Augusta, ME

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. *Welcome and Introductions by Stephen Dyer, President MCDA 2017-2019*
2. *Approval of August 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes*
3. *Treasurer's Report and Financials*
4. *Election of Officers 2019 - Nominations Committee*
5. *Secretary's and Newsletter Report – Joella R. Theriault*
6. *Membership Report – Tony Levesque*
7. *Professional Development Committee Report – Tracey Steuber*
8. *Next Meeting Date*
9. *Adjourn*

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

2017-2019 Board of Directors		Term Expiration
Stephen Dyer President	Ransom Environmental Consulting 400 Commercial Street, Suite 404 Portland, ME 04102 (207) 772-2891	October, 2019
Tracey Steuber Vice President	Town of Lisbon 300 Lisbon Street Lisbon, ME 04250 (207) 353-3000	October, 2019
Mathew Eddy Treasurer	Eddy Consulting 45 McKeen Street Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 729-9694	October, 2018
Joella R. Theriault Secretary	Northern Maine Development Commission P.O. Box 779 Caribou, ME 04736 (207) 551-5812	October, 2018
Gail Chase Immediate Past President	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments 17 Main Street Fairfield, ME 04937 (207) 453-4258	October, 2019

Other Board Members		Term Expiration
Suzie Paradis Member-At-Large	Town of Madawaska 328 St. Thomas Street Madawaska, ME 04756 (207) 728-3612	October, 2018
Scott LaFlamme Member-At-Large	Town of Yarmouth 200 Main Street Yarmouth, ME 04096 (207) 846-2401 Ext. 227	October, 2019
Darryl Sterling Member-At-Large	Economic and Community Empowerment Consultant 1 Tulip Street Richmond, ME 04357 (207) 807-9062	October, 2019
Thomas Martin Member-At-Large	Hancock County Planning Commission 395 State Street Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 667-7131	October, 2018

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