

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF Policy Innovation and the Future

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### HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- Release of \$15m senior housing bond
- \$80m State Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program
- \$38m in new funding from refinance of affordable housing bonds
- \$50m allocated through Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan:
  - \$10m Affordable Homeownership Program (January 2022)
  - \$10m Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program (May 2022)
  - \$30m 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Subsidy (Summer 2022)

## AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP Program



Overview	<ul> <li>\$10 million program to increase the supply of moderately-priced homes available to Maine households</li> <li>Lowers the costs to developers of building single-family homes by providing 0% interest, forgivable loans</li> <li>Homes must be sold to households with incomes up to 120% of Area Median Income; price caps apply</li> <li>15-year affordability covenant attaches to all homes funded through program</li> </ul>
Candidates & Eligibility	Developers (for-profit or non-profit) of single-family homes may apply. Homes need not be detached in order to be eligible for funding.
Accessing this program	Developers should submit applications to MaineHousing pursuant to the process described in the guide available on the program website (link below).
Timing	<ul> <li>Program launched January 26, 2022</li> <li>Applications are accepted on an on-going basis and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funding is available.</li> </ul>
Website	https://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/housing-development/developmentdetails/affordable- homeownership-program
Who can I contact with questions?	Mark Wiesendanger, Director of Development, MaineHousing <u>mwiesendanger@mainehousing.org</u>

#### JOBS AND RECOVERY PLAN

# Rural AFFORDABLE rental housing program

Overview	<ul> <li>\$10 million program to increase the supply of affordable rental homes in rural Maine communities</li> <li>Lowers the costs to developers of building 5–18 unit rental housing properties by providing 0% interest, forgivable loans</li> <li>Homes must be rented to households with incomes up to 80% of Area Median Income</li> <li>45-year affordability covenant attaches to all homes funded through program</li> <li>New construction, adaptive reuse and acquisition/rehabilitation projects are eligible for funding</li> </ul>
Candidates & Eligibility	Developers (for-profit or non-profit) of rental homes may apply. Funding available for projects in communities deemed rural pursuant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development
Accessing this program	Developers should submit applications to MaineHousing pursuant to the process described in the guide available on the program website (link below)
Timing	<ul> <li>Program launched May 10, 2022</li> <li>Applications are accepted on an on-going basis and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funding is available</li> </ul>
Website	https://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/development/program-guides/rural-affordable-rental- housing-program-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=32c08615_1
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### Thank You!

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