

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

- Upcoming Grant Opportunities:
 - Governor Mills and Efficiency Maine have announced a \$4 million program from the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan to help Maine hospitality businesses make energy-efficient improvements and reduce their energy costs. Some of the initiatives include the installation of high-efficiency heat pump systems, incentives for employing LED lighting and upgrading refrigeration systems. The initial phase of the program prioritizes smaller, lodging businesses located in Maine that have less than 100 beds, and must not be a franchisee of, or owned by, a chain. Applications are currently open and will be available until May 1, 2023 or until the funds are exhausted. More information on the program can be found [here](#).
 - There are currently two open disaster-related grant opportunities in Maine related to Hazard Mitigation:
 - DR-4647: On March 15, 2022, President Biden awarded Knox, Waldo and York counties a Disaster Declaration for the 2021 Halloween Storm Event. The grant has \$300,000 available and a cost share requirement of 10% for non-federal funding, which can be in-kind. Applications are due to MEMA by February 1, 2023. Click [here](#) for more information.
 - DR-4522: Almost \$4 million in hazard mitigation funding is available for Maine because of the disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are due to MEMA by October 1, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Job Opportunity:
 - The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick is seeking to hire a Deputy Director for Innovation and Development. Please [click here](#) for more information on the job, including a job description and application details.
- Upcoming Forums/Workshops:
 - Housing Forum, July 19th, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. The Midcoast Council of Governments invites you to a housing forum focused on housing supply and demand issues in our region. Dan Brennan (Executive Director, Maine Housing) and Greg Payne (Senior Advisor, Housing Policy, Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and Future) are invited to share their understanding of Maine housing issues and their impacts on the Midcoast. The forum will include a presentation from Greg and Jeff Levine on LD2003 and the new housing requirements facing local municipal governments. The forum will be held live in Waldoboro and broadcast via Zoom. Watch for further information.