



## Town of Lubec

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Deborah Johnson ([deborah.johnson@maine.gov](mailto:deborah.johnson@maine.gov))  
Office of Community Development  
Maine Department of Economic and Community Development

Re: Funding Issue

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Our town, Lubec, has changed tremendously for the better in the last five years. We have more business and tourism activity on Water Street, our downtown showcase, now than a decade ago.

We even have a new brewery since last spring. We know that microbreweries are among the fastest-growing jobs-creator segments in Maine.

On behalf of our selectmen and our Economic Development Committee, I am communicating our concern for the potential elimination of funding for downtown revitalization work across our state. This includes \$400,000 in community grants for downtown revitalization, in addition to the \$100,000 core funding for the Maine Downtown Center.

We are just beginning our coordinated work to continue bringing along our downtown. We have established the Lubec Revitalization Committee for the purpose of joining the Maine Downtown Network.

We plan on working hand-in-hand with the Maine Development Foundation's Maine Downtown Center, because that's been the source for richness and resources for small towns across our state for years.

To lose the funding for this crucial centerpoint for the revitalization of our downtowns would be an unfathomable disaster. Please -- let's keep this funding in place, and give small towns like ours a chance to grow, and to grow Maine's jobs base.

Sincerely,

John Sutherland  
Lubec Town Administrator