

**Fund for the Efficient Delivery of
Local and Regional Services**



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**The Fund for the Efficient Delivery of
Local and Regional Services**

\$1,000,000

- 13 Cooperative Services Grants
 - Larger - Up to \$120,000
 - Prior experience in collaboration
 - Definite and defined regionalization project
- 13 Planning Grants
 - Smaller - Up to \$10,000
 - No prior experience necessary
 - Seed funds to explore potential projects

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7 Primary Project Focus Areas

- Storm Water Management
- Joint Purchasing
- Joint Assessing
- Accounting and Finance
- Joint Dispatch/Emergency Services
- Joint Equipment Purchasing
- Other Municipal Services

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

2 Projects



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Veazie - Planning Grant (\$9,800)

Partners:

Bangor	Orono
Brewer	Veazie
Hampden	University of Maine
Milford	Maine Air National Guard
Old Town	



Windham – Cooperative Services Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Biddeford	Portland	Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District
Cape Elizabeth	Saco	
Cumberland	Scarborough	
Falmouth	So. Portland	
Freeport	Westbrook	
Gorham	Windham	



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JOINT PURCHASING

3 Projects



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JOINT PURCHASING

Wayne – Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Readfield	Fayette	Livermore Falls	
Manchester	Mt. Vernon	Winthrop	
Monmouth	Farmingdale	Hallowell	Maranacook School District

Oakland - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Augusta	Waterville	Richmond	Erskine Academy
Fairfield	Winslow	Fayette	Capital Area Education Alliance
Gardiner	Winthrop	Monmouth	Kennebec Education Alliance

Hermon - Cooperative Services Grant (\$110,000)

Partners:

Penobscot Valley Council of Governments and its Member Communities

JOINT ASSESSING

3 Projects



JOINT ASSESSING

Dexter - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Dexter Garland Exeter

Augusta - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Augusta Gardiner Kennebec County
Winthrop KVCOG

Calais - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Calais Greenbush Penobscot County
Brownville Stetson Piscataquis County

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

3 Projects



ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mapleton - Cooperative Services Grant (\$35,000)

Partners:

Mapleton Castle Hill Chapman

Fort Kent - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Allagash St. Agatha Caribou
New Canada Madawaska Fort Fairfield
Frenchville Van Buren County of Aroostook

Standish - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Standish Gorham Falmouth
Freeport Gray GPCOG

JOINT DISPATCH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

5 Projects



JOINT DISPATCH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Lewiston-Auburn 911 - Cooperative Services Grant (\$100,000)

Partners:

Auburn Lewiston

Waterville - Cooperative Services Grant (\$30,500)

Partners:

Waterville Winslow

Farmington - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Farmington Jay Wilton
Livermore Livermore Falls



JOINT DISPATCH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Scarborough - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Scarborough
Cape Elizabeth
South Portland



Cumberland & Yarmouth Regional Dispatch – Cooperative Services Grant (\$100,000)

Partners:

Yarmouth Cumberland

JOINT EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES PURCHASES

4 Projects



JOINT EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES PURCHASES

Madison - Cooperative Services Grant (\$20,000)

Partners:

Madison Skowhegan
Norridgewock Anson

Wiscasset - Cooperative Services Grant (\$20,000)

Partners:

Wiscasset
Lincoln and Sagadahoc
Multi-county Jail Authority



JOINT EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES PURCHASES

Pittsfield - Cooperative Services Grant (\$75,000)

Partners:

Canaan	Detroit	Hartland
Palmyra	Plymouth	Solon

Oakland - Cooperative Services Grant (\$110,000)

Partners:

Vassalboro	China
Belgrade	Fairfield



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OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES

4 projects



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OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Lewiston-Auburn - Cooperative Services Grant (\$45,000)

Partners:

Lewiston Auburn

Norway - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

AVCOG Wales Poland
Lewiston Farmington

OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Pittsfield - Planning Grant (\$4,700)

Partners:

Palmyra Detroit Canaan

North Yarmouth - Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Partners:

Yarmouth North Yarmouth

Lessons Learned

1. The State's investment is working already paying dividends.

Of the 24 completed projects:

- 7 saved monies in excess of investment*
- 8 saved monies roughly equal to investment*

Lessons Learned

2. State incentives are critical for overcoming inertia and for catalyzing relationships, efficiencies and tax savings.



Lessons Learned

3. Setting aside some portion of funds for planning grants has been wise.

Planning Grants:

- *examine the feasibility of a bigger project*
- *allow people to come together in a non-threatening way*
- *build trust and enable higher-order projects in the future*

Lessons Learned

4. Successful collaboration and efficiencies can be found in the joint provision of virtually any services.

There were projects within all 7 major categories that realized short-term savings that exceeded or were roughly equal to the State's investment

Lessons Learned

5. Direct involvement of municipal decision-makers in the grant project greatly enhances likelihood of implementation and savings

Lessons Learned

6. Flexibility and ongoing support throughout the grant period strengthens the return on the State's investment

Lessons Learned

***7. Setbacks and failures happen
and should not provide reason
to eliminate the program.***

And...

Regionalization is NOT for the faint of heart!

