

# Announcement

Downtown  
Preservation Grants  
Announced

**X** The Maine Development Foundation (MDF) and its partner, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) are administering a grant program for historic preservation and economic development entitled REvitalizeME Downtown (RMD). RMD is supported through a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program as administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

RMD grants are for preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in the downtown areas of 23 current MDC member communities (Main Street or Affiliates, listed below). The properties eligible for this subgrant program will be those that provide infrastructure (broadly defined) that contribute to the social and economic life of the town and the surrounding area, and that represent the history of the local community. In order to stimulate local investment, subgrants will be matched by the recipients at 20% percent of the requested grant funds.



Old Jail- Ellsworth, ME

## **X** QUICK FACTS

- Grant award amounts for projects will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000
- This is a matching grant program that requires recipients to have a 20% match of the grant amount requested.
- All applications need to be accompanied by plans and specifications prepared by an historical architect.
- Application Deadline: 5:00pm August 14, 2025, due electronically

### Mark Your Calendars:

Pre-Application Zoom Webinar May 1, 2025 12:30-2:00PM ([Register on MDF's website](#))

The project property must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the time the application is submitted or have been submitted to the Keeper of the Register by Commission staff prior to the application deadline. For more information on the Register and the listing process visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/programs/national-register-of-historic-places/application-process>

or

contact [Michael Goebel-Bain](#) at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission

## ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES

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| • Augusta        | • Gardiner  | • Rumford    |
| • Bath           | • Hallowell | • Saco       |
| • Belfast        | • Houlton   | • Skowhegan  |
| • Biddeford      | • Lisbon    | • Van Buren  |
| • Brunswick      | • Madawaska | • Waterville |
| • Calais         | • Norway    | • Westbrook  |
| • Dover-Foxcroft | • Old Town  |              |
| • Ellsworth      | • Rockland  |              |



Additional Information will be coming in March 2025 at [www.mdf.org](http://www.mdf.org)