Approved

BY GOVERNOR

That the State Controller increase allotment in account 022-99S-Z294-01, ConnectMaine Fund by $12,000,000 in the All Other line category and decrease allotment in account 022-05A-Z081-95, Day Programming for School Age Children in the All Other line category to implement a program to connect students and teachers; and,

Be it further ordered,
that the State Controller authorize the expenditure in accordance with the attached "Revision of the Work Program for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021", for which this shall be our sufficient warrant.

Statement of Fact

Schools across the state have been unable to fully reopen and maintain the safety requirements set forth by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Schools have developed a hybrid strategy that allows for the student body to be divided into cohorts, with one cohort attending school, and the other cohort doing remote learning. Additionally, there are many students who are learning 100% remotely as a result of COVID-19. The challenge to this strategy is that many students lack access to adequate broadband connections and cannot participate in class fully, or sometimes at all. This program will utilize the structure of the existing ConnectMaine program to provide funding to internet service providers to connect these students to a high-quality service. Funds are from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Kirsten L. Figueroa
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FINANCIAL ORDER

That the State Controller increase allotment in account 022-01A-0393-01, Bureau of Agriculture by $500,000 in the All Other line category for the purpose of providing economic support to agricultural producers for e-commerce infrastructure; and,

Be it further ordered,
that the State Controller authorize the expenditure in accordance with the attached "Revision of the Work Program for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021", for which this shall be our sufficient warrant.

Statement of Fact
This financial order provides economic support for agricultural producers to transition from face-to-face transactions to online sales and order fulfilment through grants for e-commerce infrastructure. Farm businesses need access to the tools, products, and platforms required in order to adapt to changes in consumer habits and demands for safe shopping experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has been approved to use CRF funds to assist these agricultural producers in transitioning to e-commerce. Funds are provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES).

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