

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Herbig of Waldo Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Small Communities Tourism Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to provide grants to small communities to promote tourism and events from funds received from appropriations, allocations and contributions from private and public sources. The Small Communities Tourism Fund will require Other Special Revenue Funds base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to allow expenditure of any funds received other than General Fund appropriations.

Additional costs to the Office of Tourism associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.