

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 184 - L.D. 286

**An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for
Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (10) to read:

(10) Costs associated with broadband and fiber optics expansion projects, including preparation, planning, engineering and other related costs in addition to the construction costs of those projects. If an area within a municipality or plantation is unserved with respect to broadband service, as defined by the ConnectMaine Authority as provided in Title 35-A, section 9204-A, subsection 1, broadband and fiber optics expansion projects may serve residential or other nonbusiness or noncommercial areas in addition to business or commercial areas within the municipality or plantation; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (11) to read:

(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:

(a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing economic development efforts, including the further development of the downtown tax increment financing districts; and

(b) Housing programs and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in the municipality or plantation as defined in the municipality's or plantation's development program; and

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (12) to read:

(12) Up to 50% of the capital costs related to the construction or renovation of a municipality's or plantation's central administrative office, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district;

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 148, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Unauthorized project costs. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph C, ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs (9) and (12) and subsection 1, paragraph D, the commissioner may not approve as a project cost the cost of facilities, buildings or portions of buildings used predominantly for the general conduct of government or for public recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, city halls and other headquarters of government where the governing body meets regularly, courthouses, jails and other state and local government office buildings, recreation centers, athletic fields and swimming pools.