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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 625, L.D. 857, “An Act To Create a
Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13073-C is enacted to read:

§13073-C. Municipal Grant Fund

The Municipal Grant Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund within the Office of
Community Development. The Director of the Office of Community Development shall
administer the Municipal Grant Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund." The fund
may receive appropriations, allocations, grants or gifts from any federal agency or
governmental subdivision or the State or its agencies.

1. Fund purpose. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for municipalities
for projects that further the goals of sustainable economic development as outlined by the
Maine Economic Growth Council, established in Title 10, section 929-A and referred to in
this section as "the council," in the council's annual "Measures of Growth" report, or
successor report, and by the "Maine Economic Development Strategy 2020-2029," or
successor economic development strategy for the State, as administered by the department.

2. Application process. The department shall adopt rules establishing an application
process for municipalities for fund grants for the purposes set forth in this section.

3. Competitive procedure. Funds must be dispersed in accordance with a
competitive, quality-based selection procedure as established and administered by the
department.

4. Maximum award. A grantee may not be awarded a total amount in excess of
\$50,000 in a legislative biennium.

5. Rules. The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Source of funding. The Legislature shall allocate to the Municipal Grant Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13073-C funds derived from the Federal Government through stimulus or relief funds to counter the effects of the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, that are received by the State in calendar year 2021 and are eligible to be used for the purposes of the Municipal Grant Fund.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
Municipal Grant Fund N389**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize the expenditure of funds received from federal or private sources to provide funding for municipalities for projects that further the goals of sustainable economic development.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a reference to the 10-year Maine Economic Development Strategy administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. It also removes the funding source for the Municipal Grant Fund and replaces it with the ability for the fund to receive funds from appropriations, allocations, grants or gifts from any federal agency or governmental subdivision or the State or its agencies. Initial funding comes from the Federal Government through stimulus or relief funds received by the State in 2021 to counter the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and eligible for the purposes of the Municipal Grant Fund. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)