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PUBLIC LAW

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 1263 - L.D. 1700

An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, establishes the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

Whereas, the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be used to provide funds to the State to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to its negative economic effects, including by providing assistance to households and small and nonprofit businesses, aid to affected industries, such as tourism, travel and hospitality, and assistance to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, funding is needed to ensure the proper coordination, processing, tracking, reporting, reconciling, compliance, auditing and program guidance monitoring and summarizing of the funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to support all aspects of financial management oversight of funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including state discretionary and direct funds as well as the local passthrough funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

American Rescue Plan Economic, Workforce and Innovation

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for preliminary program, metrics and assessment tool development for economic development, innovation and workforce programs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.