

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: **Maine Rural Development Authority**
Umbrella-Unit: **99-626**
Statutory authority: 5 MRS §§ 13120-L, 13120-R
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 3**, Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program, *Amendment 1*
Filing number: **2020-132**
Effective date: 6/7/2020
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

To create the parameters for and implement a new round of grants under the program.

Basis statement:

This rule amendment makes certain changes to implement a second round of Program grant awards in connection with a sub-grant program known as the “Increasing Prosperity in Maine’s Forest Economy Communities” sub-grant program approved for funding from the Northern Border Regional Commission pursuant to a Grant Agreement dated August 13, 2019 between the Northern Border Regional Commission and the Maine Development Foundation. The rule creates a sub-category of projects that could be eligible for this second round of grants, and establishes the procedures, guidelines and criteria for application, review, and award of such grants, within the confines of the Program statute, 5 MRS §13120-R(1).

Only two comments were received during the public comment period. The first comment was from the Town Manager from the Town of Madison, Tim Curtis, who expressed general support for the amendment. The second comment was from Emily Atkins, Assistant Attorney General with the Maine Attorney General’s Office, who suggested certain minor language clarifications, which were made but are not substantive.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None; any additional costs will be absorbed by existing agency resources.