

2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations and Related Work

Updated for the GOC: 8/3/2021

| Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations (2021-2022) | | | | | | |
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| Evaluation Topic | General Scope | Request Presented | Project Approved by GOC | Scope/Parameters Approved | Target Report Date | OPEGA Work Phase by Year |
| GOC Approved Projects | | | | | | |
| Child Protective Services <i>(project sub-title under development)</i> | <i>Scope of work is under development, to be considered at August 11, 2021 meeting.</i> (Agencies: DHHS/OCFS) | 7/14/2021 | 7/14/2021 | | | |
| Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) - Part II: Indigency Determination | Effectiveness of financial oversight of the commission and economical use of resources. Part II: Indigency determination. (Agencies: MCILS, Judicial Branch) | 2/17/2017 2/22/2019 | 4/12/2019 | 12/10/2019 | 2021 Q3 | 2021: Fieldwork / Report [Part II] |
| Child Protective Services: Follow-up Survey of Frontline Workers at DHHS/OCFS | Perspectives of OCFS frontline staff following implementation of strategic changes and time since first survey; staff views of work load, quality of work, adequacy of resources, job satisfaction and other factors. (Agencies: DHHS/OCFS) | n/a | 3/22/2019 | | | <i>To be incorporated in the Child Protective Services review approved on 7/14/2021</i> |
| Child Protective Services: Out of Home Placements for Children Removed from Care by DHHS/OCFS | Out-of-home placement options; extent of hoteling; foster parent recruitment, retention, training, and licensing and responsibilities; support provided to foster parents. (Agencies: DHHS/OCFS) | n/a | 3/22/2019 | | | <i>Paused pending completion of other Child Protective Services work</i> |
| Credit for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties | Tax Expenditure Evaluation: fiscal impacts; effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving purposes and goals; extent to which program is coordinated, complementary or duplicative with respect to other programs. (Agencies: Maine Historic Preservation Commission; Maine Revenue Services) | n/a | n/a | 5/14/2021 | 2021 Q4 | 2021: Prelim Research / Fieldwork / Report |
| Research Expense Tax Credit | Tax Expenditure Evaluation: fiscal impacts; effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving purposes and goals; extent to which program is coordinated, complementary or duplicative with respect to other programs. (Agencies: Maine Revenue Services) | n/a | n/a | 5/14/2021 | 2022 Q1 | |

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| Upcoming Projects Required by Statute | | | | | | |
| Shipbuilding Facility Credit | | n/a | n/a | | | |
| Tax Benefits for Media Production Companies | | n/a | n/a | | | |
| Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2021: Conformity with Internal Revenue Code & Inputs to Tangible Products Exemptions | | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2021 Q4 | 2021: Research / Report |
| Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2022: Necessity of Life Exemptions | | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2022 Q4 | 2022: Research / Report |

Record of GOC Approvals and Amendments to Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations

03/26/2021: GOC Approved 2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations

07/14/2021: GOC Approved Addition of new review of Child Protective Services to Work Plan

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| Recently Completed Evaluations (2021-2022) | | | | | | |
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| Evaluation Topic | Report Presented | Public Comment | Work Session | GOC Vote | Follow-up Actions by GOC | Link to Report |
| Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) – Part I | 11/9/2020 | 2/12/2021 | 2/12/2021 | 2/12/2021 Endorsed | <p>2/12/21 - Requested billing data assessment from OPEGA; requested GOC Chairs meeting with State Auditor; requested quarterly reporting from MCILS for rest of 130th Legislature (letter to MCILS 3/10/21)</p> <p>3/26/21 - Requested OPEGA to coordinate meeting with State Auditor and MCILS to discuss assistance State Auditor may provide (meeting 4/8/21)</p> <p>6/4/21 - MCILS delivered first quarterly update to GOC; State Auditor also attended and spoke to discussions with MCILS</p> | Click for Report |
| Pine Tree Development Zones – Limited Scope Review | 11/20/2020 | 2/26/2021 | 2/26/2021 | 2/26/2021 Endorsed | <p>2/26/21 – Requested DECD to respond to four questions; sent letter to DECD (3/11/21).</p> <p>4/13/21 - Responses received from DECD</p> <p>4/23/21 - Commissioner Johnson presented responses and answered questions</p> | Click for Report |
| Maine Citizen Initiative Process | 6/25/2021 | scheduled 8/11/2021 | scheduled 8/11/2021 | | | Click for Report |
| Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit | scheduled 8/11/2021 | | | | | |

| New Requests under Consideration (2021-2022) | | | |
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| Evaluation Topic | Request Presented | GOC Vote(s) | Activity and Status |
| Wild Blueberry Commission | 2/26/2021 | 2/26/2021 5/14/2021 | <p>2/26/21 – Request presented; GOC voted to request input and assistance from ACF committee (memo to ACF dated 3/5/21)</p> <p>3/22/21 - Memo received from ACF Committee proposing report back to GOC by the end of April</p> <p>4/13/21 - Wild Blueberry Commission briefing in ACF Committee</p> <p>5/14/21 - ACF report back to GOC; GOC voted to table the request until further review</p> |
| DAFS, Workday Maine | 3/26/2021 | 3/26/2021 4/23/2021 | <p>3/26/21- Request presented; GOC voted to request information and a presentation by DAFS at next meeting of GOC</p> <p>4/9/21 - Presentation from Commissioner Figueroa to the GOC; GOC requested second session with Commissioner on 4/23/21 and asked OPEGA staff to review/summarize documents</p> <p>4/23/21 - Follow-up with Commissioner Figueroa; GOC voted to table the review request and carry as "unfinished business" for consideration at a future meeting</p> |
| RFP Process Administered by the DPS/BHS and associated DAFS procurement policies | 5/14/2021 | | <p>5/14/21 - Requested presented; GOC deferred action pending further information and consideration</p> <p>6/4/21 - GOC discussion; directed OPEGA to compile certain information for the 6/25/21 meeting and to invite DPS, DAFS and sponsor to respond to questions at that meeting</p> <p>6/25/21 - GOC discussion; agreed to keep as unfinished business and revisit at the August GOC meeting</p> |
| Child Protective Services, within Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) | 7/14/2021 | 7/14/2021 | <p>7/14/21 - Requested presented; GOC voted to add to OPEGA work plan</p> |