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**Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations
throughout Maine**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and
Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, LANDRY of Farmington, McDONALD of
Stonington, MEYER of Eliot, O'NEIL of Saco, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide funds to**
 2 **recovery community centers. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human
 3 Services shall provide grant funds in an expedited manner, beginning within 60 days after
 4 the effective date of this legislation, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to recovery community
 5 centers located in Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and York
 6 counties serving individuals with substance use disorder. For purposes of this section, a
 7 "recovery community center" means a peer-operated organization whose primary purpose
 8 is to provide the community-based connections necessary for a person to enter and sustain
 9 recovery from substance use disorder by serving as a source of information on recovery,
 10 making referrals to local resources and providing or referring an individual to mutual-help
 11 or peer-support organization meetings or social activities.

12 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services
 13 shall appear periodically before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
 14 jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report on the implementation of this
 15 legislation.

16 **Sec. 3. Funds may not be transferred. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the
 17 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary,
 18 funding provided in this legislation may not be transferred to any other appropriation or
 19 program of an appropriation made by the Legislature.

20 **Sec. 4. Funds may not lapse. Resolved;** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised
 21 Statutes, Title 5, section 1589 or any other provision of law to the contrary, any
 22 unencumbered balance of appropriations contained in this legislation remaining at the end
 23 of each fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same
 24 purposes.

25 **Sec. 5. Request for proposals. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and
 26 Human Services shall provide grant funds using the competitive request for proposal
 27 bidding process set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155. The
 28 department shall issue a request for proposals no later than October 1, 2021 to award annual
 29 grant funds beginning no later than 60 days after the effective date of this legislation.

30 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 31 appropriations and allocations are made.

32 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

33 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679**

34 Initiative: Provides expedited grant funding for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years
 35 through a competitive request for proposal process to recovery community centers located
 36 in Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and York counties serving
 37 individuals with substance use disorder.

38	GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2022-23
39	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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41	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

42 **SUMMARY**

1 This resolve provides expedited funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 total for the 2021-
2 22 and 2022-23 fiscal years through a competitive request for proposal process to recovery
3 community centers located in Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo
4 and York counties serving individuals with substance use disorder.