

**§558. Maine Communities in the New Century Program**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Council" means the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council. [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

B. "Participating agencies" means the:

- (1) Maine Arts Commission;
- (2) Maine Historic Preservation Commission;
- (3) Maine State Library;
- (4) Maine State Museum;
- (5) Maine Historical Society;
- (6) Maine State Archives; and
- (7) Maine Humanities Council. [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

C. "Program" means the New Century Community Program established in subsection 2. [PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. DDDD, §2 (AMD).]  
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**2. Program established; objectives.** The New Century Community Program is established under the auspices of the council to further the following objectives:

A. Preservation of the State's historic resources, properties, artifacts and documents; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

B. Expanded access to improved educational resources; and [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

C. Community and economic development through strengthened local cultural resources, including through increased community access to the State's leading cultural institutions. [PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. DDDD, §3 (AMD).]  
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**3. Program components.** To assist communities in preserving, improving and providing access to cultural resources, the program shall provide matching grants, technical assistance and support services to local, nonprofit, community-based organizations.  
[PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Council duties.** The council shall:

A. Oversee the planning and implementation of the program and coordinated communication among the participating agencies on behalf of Maine communities; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

B. Establish an outside evaluation system for the project to be implemented in the 2nd year of the program; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

C. Provide a forum of interagency planning among the participating agencies; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

D. Receive and distribute notices and instructions from other governmental administrative agencies; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

E. Meet quarterly to assess the progress of the program; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

F. Coordinate the program with a statewide cultural alliance organization that is a private nonprofit educational agency supporting libraries, museums and arts and humanities organizations and with statewide groups of individuals and artists concerned about the health of the State's cultural resources; and [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

G. Submit an annual report to the Legislature on the program. [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]  
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**5. Participating agency duties.** The participating agencies shall:

A. Provide matching grants and services to eligible nonprofit and community-based organizations; [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

B. Participate in coordinated efforts of the council; and [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

C. Provide appropriate information for the annual report to the Legislature. [PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. LL, §1 (NEW).]

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#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1999, c. 401, §LL1 (NEW). PL 2001, c. 439, §§DDDD2,3 (AMD).

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