Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 17, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

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

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

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