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An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 13, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, provides,
4 through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, funding for 3 categories:
5 metropolitan cities, counties and nonentitlement units of local government; and

6 **Whereas,** amounts identified for nonentitlement units of local government will be
7 provided to the State for distribution; and

8 **Whereas,** while it is expected that metropolitan and county funds will be provided
9 directly to those entities by the Federal Government, it may be possible these funds will
10 also be provided to the State for distribution; and

11 **Whereas,** according to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the funds must be
12 distributed to the local governments after receipt by the State within 30 days; and

13 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
14 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
15 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
16 therefore,

17 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

18 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
19 allocations are made.

20 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
21 **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds N359**

22 Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to distribute the local fiscal recovery
23 funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
25	All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500
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27	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500	\$500
28	TOTAL			

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
30 takes effect when approved.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill establishes the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Local Fiscal Recovery
33 Funds program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to receive
34 and distribute to units of local government funds received pursuant to the federal American
35 Rescue Plan Act of 2021.