



Spark Clean Energy Solutions for Maine Cities and Towns

Provide Maine towns and cities with matching grants to invest in clean energy and energy efficiency projects, from solar on landfills to modern wood heating for schools and public buildings.

All Maine people benefit when our towns and cities can invest in clean local energy projects that lower costs and support local economies.

Maine municipalities are eager to invest in clean energy projects.

- Municipal officials and residents want practical solutions that will lower energy costs, reduce climate change pollution, and support local clean energy businesses.
- Cities and towns across Maine have begun to invest in clean energy solutions like solar power, energy efficiency upgrades and efficient heating systems, but they have just scratched the surface of what is possible.
- Many municipalities struggle to find or allocate money to make the upfront investments in clean energy solutions (despite longer-term savings).



This bill will let voters decide on a \$10 million bond to help cities and towns.

- If approved by voters, the money would be used to provide matching grants to municipalities.
- Funds could be used for projects in areas not already covered by Efficiency Maine, such as solar projects and commercial-scale modern wood heating.
- The grants would be dispersed to maximize geographic representation and target towns and cities that are making commitments to support public and private-sector investment in clean energy.

This bill will:

- Help towns and cities across Maine invest in local, clean energy solutions.
- Lower municipal energy costs over the long term, leading to reduced property taxes for Maine people and businesses.
- Keep our energy dollars flowing in Maine's economy.

Support An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Municipal Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 31 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive.

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| Acadia Center | Maine People's Alliance |
| Appalachian Mountain Club | Maine Public Health Association |
| Atlantic Salmon Federation | Maine Rivers |
| Bicycle Coalition of Maine | Maine Wilderness Guides Organization |
| Conservation Law Foundation | Midcoast Conservancy |
| Environmental Health Strategy Center | Natural Resources Council of Maine |
| Environment Maine | Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter |
| Friends of Casco Bay | RESTORE: The North Woods |
| Islesboro Island Trust | Sierra Club, Maine Chapter |
| Maine Association of Conservation Commissions | Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative |
| Maine Audubon | The Ocean Conservancy |
| Maine Center for Economic Policy | The Trust for Public Land |
| Maine Conservation Alliance | The Wilderness Society |
| Maine Council of Churches | Toxics Action Center |
| Maine Council of Trout Unlimited | Upstream |
| Maine Interfaith Power & Light | 350 Maine |
| Maine Lakes Society | |
| Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association | |