Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan (MJRP)

Summary of EMT-Administered Initiatives

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Legislative Context

- January 2021 – U.S. Congress enacted **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – federal stimulus bill
- Plan included **$350 billion** in funding for state, local, territorial and tribal governments
- Of Maine's **$4.6 billion** allocation, ~**$1 billion** was to be used at the discretion of the Governor and the Legislature
- May 2021 – Governor Mills put forth a proposal for these funds – the **Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan (MJRP)**
- July 2021 – Maine Legislature approved the plan, enacting **LD 1733, *An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds***



EMT and the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan

- LD 1733 allocated **$50 million** to the Efficiency Maine Trust to:
  - Accelerate weatherization and efficiency upgrades for homes in the State, especially for low-income, older residents and renters (**$25M**);
  - Assist municipal, county, school and community organizations to secure efficiency grants by providing matching funds (**$15M**); and
  - Support incentives for industries and businesses to invest in energy cost-savings and efficiency measures, especially those businesses struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic economic downturn, including through initiatives to develop and support climate change mitigation strategies designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at industrial facilities in the State (**$10M**).
- LD 1733 also allocated **$8 million** to the Maine Department of Transportation to expand state, municipal, and other publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and related infrastructure *in collaboration with the Trust*.

Summary of EMT Initiatives

	Initiative	Original Budget	Revised Budget
1	Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Weatherization Initiative	$25M	$30.2M
2	Hospitality Retrofit Initiative	$4M	$3.2M
3	Energy Efficiency Initiative for Local Government, Public Schools, and Congregate Housing	$15M	$12.4M
4	Efficiency in Manufacturing	$6M	$4.2M
5*	*EV Charging Stations*	$8M	$4.8M

**Technically a DOT initiative administered by EMT*

1. LMI Weatherization Initiative

- **Relevant EMT Program:** Income-Eligible Home Programs
- **Plan Eligibility:** low- and moderate-income (LMI) Mainers
- **Plan Priorities/Focus Areas:**
  - Weatherization
  - economically disadvantaged communities
- **Implementation:**
  - Funded weatherization incentives for LMI customers
  - Funded supplemental heat pump incentives for low-income customers





Number of Income-Eligible Homes Weatherized



1. LMI Weatherization Initiative

Performance Metric	Results
Funds invested	$30,053,995
Participants	4,510
Equity – number of participants in economically disadvantaged communities	2,548
Lifetime cost savings	$20,275,308
Lifetime carbon reductions	137,739 tons of CO_2
Number of participating contractors	194

1,998 LI Wx
2,044 MI Wx
468 LI heat pumps

2. Hospitality Initiative

- **Relevant EMT Program:** C&I Prescriptive Initiatives
- **Plan Eligibility:** businesses in the travel, tourism, and hospitality sector
- **Plan Priorities/Focus Areas:**
  - small businesses
  - HVAC beneficial electrification; retrofits in buildings using unregulated fuels
- **Implementation:**
  - 2 rounds of a Funding Opportunity Notice (FON) targeting small restaurants, hotels, motels, inns, and B&Bs for HVAC electrification measures using heat pump technology

Glenmoor By The Sea



- **Location:** Lincolnville, ME
- **Project Description:** 40 single-zone heat pumps systems to replace electric and propane heating systems
- **Incentive:** $112,000
- **Project Cost:** $152,000
- **Energy Savings:** 108,813 kWh and 2,200 gallons of propane annually; $35,600 in first year energy bill savings

2. Hospitality Initiative

Performance Metric	Results
Funds invested	$3,184,670
Participants	81
Equity – number of participants with minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned business status	25 minority-owned, veteran-owned, and women-owned businesses
Equity – number of participating small businesses	73
Equity – number of participants in rural areas and small towns	80 in rural areas 43 in small towns
Lifetime cost savings	$6,733,422
Lifetime carbon reductions	24,888 tons of CO_2

3. Local Government, Schools, and Congregate Housing

- **Relevant EMT Program:** C&I Prescriptive Initiatives
- **Plan Eligibility:**
  - Properties leased or owned by local governments (municipal, county, and tribal)
  - public schools
  - community organizations providing congregate housing (e.g., long-term care, group home, supportive housing)
- **Plan Priorities/Focus Areas:**
  - Entities a) serving small population sizes, b) located in rural areas, c) serving economically disadvantaged communities
  - HVAC beneficial electrification; retrofits in buildings using unregulated fuels

3. Local Government, Schools, and Congregate Housing

Implementation Solicitations:

- **Municipalities**
  - 1 – municipalities with <5,000 residents and tribal governments (HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
  - 2 – municipalities with 5,000-10,000 residents (whole-building HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
  - 3 – municipalities with under 10,000 residents (whole-building HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
- **PreK-12 Public Schools**
  - 1 – PreK-12 public schools in smaller towns and districts (HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
  - 2 – PreK-12 public schools statewide heated with oil or propane (whole-building HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
- **Congregate Housing**
  - 1 – senior long-term care facilities (HVAC electrification with heat pumps)
  - 2 – assisted housing facilities (whole-building HVAC electrification with heat pumps, heat pump water heaters)
  - 3 – long-term care facilities currently heated with oil, propane, or electric resistance systems (whole-building HVAC electrification with heat pumps)

Winthrop Fire Department





- **Location:** Winthrop, ME
- **Project Description:** 2 Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) systems to replace a propane boiler
- **Incentive:** $146,790
- **Project Cost:** $164,779
- **Energy Savings:** 6,300 gallons of propane annually; $9,500 in first year energy bill savings

Calais Elementary School



- **Location:** Calais, ME
- **Project Description:** 6 Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) systems to replace an oil boiler
- **Incentive:** $199,296
- **Project Cost:** $367,880
- **Energy Savings:** 14,300 gallons of oil annually; $56,000 in first year energy bill savings

Bartlett Woods



- **Location:** Rockland, ME
- **Project Description:** 28 Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) systems to replace oil boilers and propane heating systems
- **Incentive:** $673,932
- **Project Cost:** $989,900
- **Energy Savings:** 16,500 gallons of oil and 11,300 gallons of propane annually; $79,500 in first year energy bill savings

3. Local Government, Schools, and Congregate Housing

Performance Metric	Results
Funds invested	$12,440,722
Participants	205
Equity – number of participants in economically disadvantaged communities	125
Equity – number of participants in rural areas and small towns	202 in rural areas 164 in small towns
Lifetime cost savings	$28,315,953
Lifetime carbon reductions	88,838 tons of CO_2

136 municipalities
60 schools
9 congregate housing

4. Manufacturer Initiative

- **Relevant EMT Program:** C&I Custom Program
- **Plan Eligibility:** Properties leased or owned by businesses in the manufacturing industry
- **Plan Priorities/Focus Areas:**
  - Measures that achieve significant reductions in energy costs and/or carbon emissions.
- **Implementation:**
  - Program Opportunity Notice (PON) targeting projects that reduce the use of natural gas, oil, biomass, and other fuels, granting bonus incentives for beneficial electrification and heat recovery projects

McCain Foods





- **Location:** Easton, ME
- **Project Description:** energy recovery system upgrade to offset central boiler plant fuel use
- **Incentive:** $445,000
- **Project Cost:** $800,000
- **Energy Savings:** 22,353 MMBtu compressed natural gas with a 16,300 kWh electric penalty; $210,000 in first year energy bill savings

4. Manufacturer Initiative

Performance Metric	Results[1]
Funds invested	$3,969,232
Participants	7
Equity – number of participants in rural areas and small towns	4 in rural areas 2 in small towns
Lifetime cost savings	$9,273,228
Lifetime carbon reductions	59,466 tons of CO_2

[1] Do not include 1 final pending project ($250K)

5. EV Charger Initiative

- **Relevant EMT Program:** EV Initiatives
- **Plan Eligibility:** Hosts of public EV charging stations
- **Plan Priorities/Focus Areas:**
  - Less populous, more remote routes, towns, and destinations that are not eligible for federal infrastructure funds (especially in areas not served by existing charging infrastructure)
  - Charging opportunities for apartment dwellers who cannot install a charger at home
  - Economically disadvantaged communities

5. EV Charger Initiative

Implementation Solicitations:

- 1 – Rural Level 2 EV chargers in all counties except Cumberland and York
- 2 – Rural Level 2 EV chargers in Cumberland and York Counties
- 3 – DC fast chargers along state priority corridors, targeting installations in Aroostook and Washington Counties
- 4 – Same as 3 (second round)
- 5 – DC fast chargers at popular Maine destinations (Rangeley, Greenville/Moosehead, Millinocket, Gorham/Standish, and Orono)
- 6 – Level 2 and DC fast chargers along state priority corridors, focusing on rural areas
- 7 – DC fast chargers on 1-95 between Exit 53 and Exit 63 (within one mile)

Rangeley Hideaway



- **Project:** Two (2) DC fast chargers
- **Installer:** Revision Energy
- **Incentive:** $381,589
- **Project Cost:** $509,226
- **Activity to date:** >38,000 kWh across roughly 1,000 charging sessions (since July 2025)

Gray Service Plaza



- **Project:** Four (4) DC fast chargers
- **Installer:** Applegreen Electric
- **Incentive:** $685,445
- **Project Cost:** $856,807
- **Activity to date:** >2,100 kWh across roughly 75 charging sessions (since Sep 2026)

5. EV Charger Initiative

Performance Metric	Results[1]
Funds invested	$3,421,023
Total number and size of EV charger plugs (ports) installed and total number of sites added to the state's network of public chargers	170 Level 2 plugs between 62 sites 13 Level 3 plugs at 6 sites
Equity – number and power levels (kW) of plugs installed in disadvantaged communities (DACs); investment in DACs as a percentage of total investment	56 Level 2 plugs at 21 sites in a DAC 5 Level 3 plugs at 2 site in a DAC 20% of incentives were paid in DACs

[1] Excluding 2 final pending projects (~$1.37M)