

Michaud Announces \$2,200,384 in Federal Funding for Lewiston and Auburn

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"I am pleased with HUD's decision to award this funding. These grants are crucial to Maine families and the towns and cities they live in," Michaud said. "This funding helps create safe, affordable, and thriving communities throughout the State of Maine."

According to HUD, the CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities.

The HOME grant program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the states and hundreds of localities nationwide.

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