

# Maine to Receive Nearly \$100 Million in Stimulus Funding for Federal Facility Upgrades

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&ldquo;This is tremendous news for our state,&rdquo; said Michaud. &ldquo;These major construction projects will create jobs in our state and build world class federal facilities. The improved port of entries will help facilitate commerce and reduce congestion for folks travelling to and from Maine and Canada. This funding comes at an extremely important time. Many people are out of work and the direct and indirect jobs and economic activity created by these projects will create positive ripple effects for the surrounding communities.&rdquo;

GSA funding for the State of Maine:

- Bangor Margaret Chase Smith U.S. Post Office Courthouse &ndash; \$52,820,000
- Calais U.S. Land Port of Entry &ndash; \$6,300,000
- Madawaska U.S. Land Port of Entry &ndash; \$750,000
- Van Buren U.S. Land Port of Entry &ndash; \$39,727,000
- Portland Edward T. Gignoux Courthouse &ndash; \$193,000

According to the GSA, the agency selected the projects on two overarching criteria: the ability of the project to put people back to work quickly, and transforming federal buildings into high-performance green buildings.

GSA&rsquo;s Public Buildings Service is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of thousands of federally owned facilities for more than one million civilian employees of the federal government. The Recovery Act directs \$750 million to renovate and construct federal buildings and courthouses, \$300 million to renovate and construct land ports of entry and \$4.5 billion to convert federal buildings to high-performance green buildings.

The complete list of projects will be made available on-line at: [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

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