Summer 2025

MaineHousing News

Happy 4th of July!

New State Budget Dedicates Funding For Affordable Housing Development

Maine Legislative Session Over for Now

Lawmakers have finished their work for the second legislative session of the year. The Legislature's fiscal and policy committees have completed their work and the Legislature is now out until January.

Many affordable housing priorities including a historic state investment in affordable housing production, were included in the budget of all newly crossing hearing.

The budget includes a historic investment in affordable housing. Under the current state budget, we were able to leverage state dollars to secure federal funding, which will be used to fund the construction of affordable housing units. The budget includes $10 million in state funds to be matched with $10 million in federal funds. Ongoing funding for home ownership is also at a record high $17 million per year.

Other housing-related bills that were passed include a bill to allow the Maine State Housing Authority to provide financial assistance to Maine Veterans Homes for the purchase of land for veteran housing.

Subsidy Programs for Affordable Rental, Rural Rental, And Homeownership Awarded $47.2 Million Toward 391 Homes

A variety of private-sector Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and state-funded investments that typically leverage federal funds have been awarded to 391 homes across Maine. The awards announced in the 2025 round of LIHTC and state-funded awards will leverage $47.2 million in public investment.

- Learn the Homeownership awards $24.5 million in subsidies for 130 new rental homes in production and 261 homes in pipeline.
- Plus, the Multifamily awards $22.7 million in subsidies for 130 new rental homes in production and 261 homes in pipeline.
- Read the Rural Homeownership awards $24.5 million in Rural Affordable Rental Housing subsidies for 130 new rental homes.

MaineHousing All-Staff Day 2025

MaineHousing Executive Director Dan Jenkins, at the beginning of his remarks, said, "I'm glad to be here with you all today. I'm glad to be here with you all today because I'm a big believer in the power of the people who work at this organization to make a difference in the lives of people across the state of Maine."

In the highlight of the day, was the celebration of wonderful MaineHousing Partner Family Staff Member Jeff Lewis, who was presented with a special award for his 40 years of service. Jeff Lewis, who is pictured below, was one of the very first people who joined the staff of MaineHousing back in 1985.

A special celebration was held for Jeff Lewis, who is pictured above, who was celebrating his 40 years of service to MaineHousing.

Don't Miss MaineHousing's Affordable Housing Conference In September

This year's conference will include a focus on legislative advocacy housing priorities and how they appear in the upcoming legislative session. Also, there will be a focus on the state's housing production pipeline and how it is being impacted by the current economic environment. Finally, there will be a focus on the state's housing production pipeline and how it is being impacted by the current economic environment.

MaineHousing Commissioners Sworn In

Governor Janet Mills swore in Maine Department of Administrative Services Commissioner **Kenny Machado**, left, and Maine State Housing Authority Commissioner **Dan Jenkins**, right, at a ceremony in the Governor's Office on Tuesday, June 24.

Machado and Jenkins were confirmed by the Legislature's Committee on State and Local Government on June 12 and by the full Legislature on June 18. Machado and Jenkins are both Mills appointees who have been serving in their respective roles on an interim basis since January 6, 2025.

MaineHousing Celebrates Picker House Lofts

MaineHousing joined in an opening celebration for Picker House Lofts in Lewiston on July. Much **Congratulations** to the Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston Public Housing, Maine Housing, Maine Housing Partners, Maine Housing Development, Maine Housing Development Corporation, Maine Housing Development Corporation, Maine Housing Development Corporation