

Maine
Cumberland **County**
POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	Courtney Kemp, Community Development Manager
DATE:	3/9/2026
SUBJECT:	City of Portland/Cumberland County HUD HOME Program Consortium Renewal

Requested Action:

Endorse continued participation in the City of Portland/Cumberland County HOME Consortium.

Authorize County Manager Jim Gailey to execute documents in conjunction with the renewal of the City of Portland/Cumberland County HOME Consortium.

Background & Purpose of Request:

The 25 municipalities participating in the Cumberland County Community Development program, the Town of Brunswick, and the City of Portland are members of a Consortium to receive and distribute HUD HOME partnership program funds. The Consortium was formed in 2009 and requires renewal every three years. This will be the seventh, three-year renewal. HUD HOME partnership program funds must be used for housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, construction of new rental housing or rental assistance.

The City of Portland as the “lead entity” is the administrative and financial agent responsible for the grant funds. While the renewal agreement contains an automatic renewal clause (if members do nothing the agreement renews) the City of Portland has requested affirmation by the County and the Town of Brunswick of their continued participation.

Funding Amount and Source:

The County’s portion of the HOME allocation is estimated to be \$309,853

Effective Date:

May 1, 2026

Attachments:

Memo from Mary Davis, City of Portland’s Housing and Community Development Division Director