

Maine Municipal Association Announces
2020 Summer Municipal Intern Grant Award

The Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Executive Committee remains committed to assisting Maine's cities and towns with municipal workforce recruitment and development. MMA's "HoMEtown Careers" initiative heightens awareness of the good jobs and career opportunities available in Maine's local governments through digital and social media advertising and website resources. As part of this initiative, the Executive Committee identified the importance of municipal government internships as a way to introduce students to city and town careers, make professional connections and engage in meaningful work experiences. Municipalities gain from the opportunity to hire students with fresh perspectives who can contribute to the community.

The MMA Executive Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 Summer Municipal Intern Award Grant program with increased award amounts. The Association will award four (4) \$2000 grants to its member municipalities that commit to hire a summer intern through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Maine Government Summer Internship Program. In August 2019, MMA made four awards to Bridgton, Kennebunkport, Union and Brunswick.

MMA will make four grant awards of \$2000 each in 2020:

One \$2000 award will be for a municipality over 7,500 population.

Two \$2000 awards will be for municipalities under 7,500 population.

And, one \$2000 award will be made from all the remaining entries after the first three awards are drawn.

In order to enter the MMA Summer Internship Grant Award program, a municipality must send MMA a letter of commitment indicating the city or town's intent to hire a summer intern through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center's Maine Government Summer Internship Program. The letter should be signed by the chief elected official or chief administrative official (town or city manager) and addressed to:

Stephen Gove, Executive Director

Maine Municipal Association

60 Community Drive

Augusta, Maine 04330

Letters may be mailed or emailed to sgove@memun.org but must be received by Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

2019 MMA Summer Intern Grant Award winners are not eligible to enter the 2020 drawing.

All letters of commitment will be placed in a random drawing. The drawing will be conducted by the MMA Executive Committee at its March 26, 2020 meeting.

Winners will be notified of their grant award by April 3, 2020.

The \$2000 awards will be presented at the conclusion of the completed summer internship program in August 2020.

For more information about the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center's Government Summer Internship Program and its March 1 deadline, visit <https://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/>.