DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

This project provides funds to establish a partnership with providers in Maine's Community Action Program. The DHHS Community Partners will provide:

- 1. Psychosocial care psychological and emotional first aid. This service assures that the person, family, and community can understand the need for the public health response and are provided support to address the associated uncertainties and fears.
- 2. Housing to assure safe quarantine and isolation for patient/contact safety and to prevent transmission of the virus. Housing services are to be provided by Maine State Housing Authority.
- 3. Food security and support assure food is available for all in persons in isolation/quarantine. If not link to support for shopping and delivery, meals on wheels, or other mechanisms to provide food.
- 4. Health prevention activities and medical referral available as needed in situations where symptoms occur or worsen. This includes cases and controls and will require collaboration with Maine CDC to assure information is seamlessly and confidentially shared. In some cases, providing thermometers and masks may be undertaken.
- 5. Communication and social mobilization to assure that a community and its representative agencies are aware of COVID pandemic prevention and response actions and to prevent stigmatization or harms to all persons.
- 6. Address transportation needs.
- 7. Provide interpreter and cultural brokering services.