

# MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENTS

## *For Adult Use Cannabis-Related Expenses*

An Act to Assist Qualifying Municipalities to Defray the Costs of Opting In to Permit Adult Use Cannabis Establishments was enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. **What does that mean for your town? Here are some quick FAQs.**



### **Where do the funds come from?**

They come from OCP's Adult Use Health & Safety Municipal Opt-In Fund, which is funded by taxes on adult use cannabis sales in Maine.

### **Which municipalities are eligible?**

Any municipality may request reimbursement for qualifying expenses if it has opted in to permit some or all adult use cannabis establishments (cultivation, testing, manufacturing facilities, and/or retail stores) within three years of the municipality's application for reimbursement.

### **Are there limits on expenses or reimbursements?**

Yes. Each municipality may submit only one application for reimbursement; OCP cannot provide reimbursement in excess of \$20,000. Also, expenses must have been incurred within three years prior to the application, and must be incurred before July 1, 2027.



### **What counts as a “qualifying expense?”**

Examples might include:

- Legal fees and costs associated with the drafting and adoption of a warrant article or the adoption or amendment of an ordinance.
- Costs (including staff time) incurred during the municipality's process of opting in to permit adult use cannabis establishment(s), like conducting a town meeting or election.
- Check with your legal counsel!



### **How can my town apply for reimbursement?**

The application form for municipalities to apply for reimbursement is available on OCP's website at <https://bit.ly/3Un9GWo>. Some of the required information includes:

- Advantage vendor number
- An accounting for all “qualified expenses”
- The warrant article/ordinance that resulted from the expenses

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