An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Historic Properties for Maine’s Bicentennial
The funds provided by this bond issue will be used to undertake, as part of the commemoration of the State's Bicentennial, a program to preserve historic properties listed or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

BENEFITS

This fund helps nonprofit organizations and governmental bodies preserve and rehabilitate some of Maine’s most significant and diverse buildings used for the benefit of the public, while also serving as a powerful tool for local economic and community revitalization.

WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The funds authorized by this bond can be used by qualified nonprofit organizations and local governments to preserve important properties that reflect the state’s cultural heritage and are listed or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Up to 20% of the funding will be allocated for the preservation of privately owned historic properties that have a significant association with the state’s maritime or agricultural history.
WHO CAN APPLY FOR THESE FUNDS?

Any nonprofit or governmental body or any party that owns a significant maritime or agricultural property.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Contact your local legislators and let them know that you support LD 423 as an incredibly important tool for preserving Maine’s heritage and celebrating the bicentennial.

Let legislators know that saving historic places helps support tourism, Maine’s #1 economic driver.

- Heritage tourists stay longer and spend more than typical visitors
- Tourism creates more jobs, strengthening local, state and regional economies
- Tourism contributes to a strong sense of place, attracting new residents and visitors