



MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENTS FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS- RELATED EXPENSES - FAQ'S

Recently, the Maine legislature enacted and Governor Mills signed *An Act to Assist Qualifying Municipalities to Defray the Costs of Opting In to Permit Adult Use Marijuana Establishments*.

What does that mean for your town? Here are some quick FAQ's.



Where are the funds coming from?

They come from the OCP's Adult Use Health & Safety Municipal Opt-In Fund, which is funded by taxes on recreational 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.



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 incurred conducting a town meeting or election, or the process of opting in to permit some or all adult use cannabis establishments within the municipality.
- Check with your legal counsel!

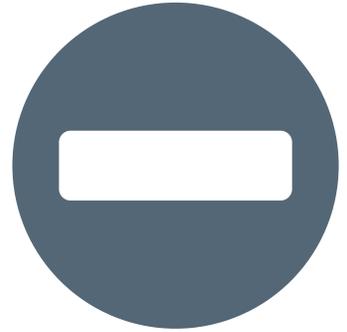




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Are there limits on expenses or reimbursements?

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.



How can my town apply for reimbursement?

In the coming months OCP will launch an online application form for municipalities. Some of the required information will be:

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

The form is expected to launch later this summer!



Who should I contact with additional questions?

Please contact Lisa Roberts at 207-287-3282 or lisa.roberts@maine.gov.

Also, be sure to provide OCP with your contact information to make sure that your municipality receives a notice via e-mail when that online application submission form is launched!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!