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[AVCOG is Now Hiring](#)

Loan Officer - [job description](#)

- This is a full-time position operating out of AVCOG's Auburn location.
- Applicants should submit cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to Lisa Bonney, Lbonney@avcog.org.

Transportation Planner - [job description](#)

- This is a full-time position operating out of AVCOG's Auburn location.
- Applicants should submit their resume, minimum salary requirements, and three professional references to Lisa Bonney, LBonney@avcog.org.



Wishing George Well

George Peterson was a great addition to the AVCOG team, and we are sad to see him go. George has accepted the Project Engineer position at the Public Works Department in Lewiston, where he will further advance his engineering experience.

We wish him all the best, and we look forward to crossing paths with him in his new role.

Last Day of the Season: HHW Collection

Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 8:00 - 11:45am is the last day of the season to dispose of household hazardous waste at The Western Maine Environmental Depot, co-located with the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility on 424 River Road in Lewiston.

The Depot will re-open in May 2021.

Please check our [website](#) as this information will be updated with future depot and satellite collection dates.

LWCF 2021 Grant Round Open

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF) was established to assist federal, state and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation.

- This year they have increased the maximum award to \$500,000 for eligible projects.
- The first step in any application is to request a pre-approval site inspection no later than **5:00pm Friday, October 30, 2020** by [submitting this form](#).

- Applications are due by 5:00pm, Friday, May 28, 2021.

Learn more about the application process by visiting the Bureau of Parks and Lands, [Land and Water Conservation Fund website](#).



Maine Economic Recovery Grant Program - Phase 2

Governor Janet T. Mills and Maine DECD are providing extended relief to small business and non-profits through Phase 2 of Maine's Economic Recovery Grant Program. The expanded program offers grants of up to \$100,000 for Maine businesses and nonprofits, changes include:

- Small businesses and nonprofits with 250 or fewer employees may now apply
- Licensed childcare and behavioral health organizations are now eligible
- Small businesses in operation less than 12 months are now eligible

[Apply Here](#)

[PDF of Application](#)

Funding Opportunities for FMA and BRIC Grants

On August 4, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officially announced the [Notice of Funding Opportunities](#) (NOFOs) for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program and the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant program. This year there is \$660 million available for these two programs combined. Click [here](#) for more information on the MEMA Mitigation Grants website.

- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the new [FEMA Grants Outcome \(FEMA GO\)](#), which is now the management system for FMA and BRIC. A Letter of Intent is due to the State by **October 30, 2020** and applications must be received in the [FEMA GO Portal](#) by **January 29, 2021 at 3:00pm**.
- Contact Anne Fuchs, Anne.P.Fuchs@maine.gov (State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maine Emergency Management Agency) for more information.

FEMA hosted a Summer Engagement Series to discuss key elements of the newly developed BRIC program. View [recordings and presentations from the sessions](#) describing the program and how it relates to building codes, Community Lifelines,

nature-based solutions, and more.

Now Accepting Maine DEP Grant Proposals

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) is administering \$5 million dollars in a single round of grant funding to assist municipalities with stream crossing upgrades and replacements. These monies fund a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings to improve fish and wildlife habitats and increase community safety.

The grant RFP application is available starting September 1, 2020, with proposals due by **November 16, 2020**.

- Click [here](#) for a pre-recorded online workshop to understand the program and requirements.
- Click [here](#) for the RFP, Application, Question & Answer Summary, and more.

For more information contact:

[John Maclaine](#), Non-Point Source Training Coordinator, (207) 615-3279

[David R. Madore](#), Communications Director, (207) 287-5842



Micro-Enterprise Grant Program for Income Eligible Applicants Affected by COVID

The Maine Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) in partnership with the Maine Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) will provide grants of up to \$5,000 for businesses with five or fewer employees, with an owner whose income is in the low to moderate range as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Click [here](#) to review the eligibility criteria.

Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Business owners must meet with a Maine SBDC business advisor to determine eligibility and submit an application.

If your business is located in Androscoggin, Franklin or Oxford Counties, contact our local SBDC business advisors directly:

[Email Lori Allen](#), 207-783-9186 ext. 254

[Email Raynor Large](#), 207-783-9186 ext. 214

"I would encourage anyone with a very small business such as mine to apply for the Community Development Block Grant [Micro-Enterprise Grant Program]. It was extremely easy to apply if you have good business records. My small dance studio was shut down due to COVID-19 and I am now stuck with debt and overdue bills. I will use this grant money to pay those bills down quite a bit and be able to jump start my business again as I open up on September 14th. Thank you all for your hard work!"

- Tina Titzer School of Dance, Fryeburg

[Register Now: AVCOG 2020 Planning Day & General Assembly Meeting via Zoom](#)

Wednesday & Thursday, November 4 & 5, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(registration closes Nov. 2)

Click [here](#) to register and see the full agenda.

Free – Member / \$15 (per day) – Non-member

This registration will only reserve your space. Payment for non-member towns is payable to AVCOG. Once we receive your registration, AVCOG will send you an invoice via the email you used to register.

All registered attendees will receive the link to attend a few days prior to the event.

[Municipal Solar Guidance](#)

Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), the state government, Maine Audubon and various other organizations, want to make sure municipal officials are aware of a 2019 law change that may make the development of solar power projects more appealing at the local level.

The Maine Audubon and the NRCM created a best practices guide, model solar ordinance, FAQ's, and more. Visit the Maine Municipal Association's [website](#) for these resources.



Maine Municipal Association

AVCOG Programs and Resources

- **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day:**
The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on **Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10:00 - 2:00pm**. Check our [website](#) in October for more information about this drive-thru event and drop-off locations near you.
- **Apparel Impact:**
There are currently 21 communities with Apparel Impact collection boxes. Check our [website](#) for a complete list of bin locations in the tri-county region.
- **Organics and Composting:**
Agri-Cycle Energy, our organics service provider, is continuing to service participating communities. It was reported prices were to go up, but Agri-Cycle suspended the price increase.
- **PaintCare:**
Most Sherwin-Williams, Aubuchon Hardware Stores and some transfer stations are accepting latex and oil base paints at no-charge. Please call stores for hours and to make sure they can accept the amount and type of paint you would like to recycle. For more information visit [PaintCare](#). Click on "Find a drop-off site near you" enter your zip code and participating stores in your area will be listed.
- **Universal Waste:**
AVCOG assists member municipalities with regional universal waste recycling and education program (CRTs, electronics wastes, mercury containing wastes and fluorescent bulb collection). The agreement with North Coast Services provides municipalities' transfer stations a collective price for pickups.



To learn more about any of the above programs, please contact Lisa Bonney at (207) 783-9186 or email Lbonney@avcog.org.

AVCOG Business Loans

AVCOG is now offering the following loan programs:

COVID Loan Program

- Borrow up to \$10,000
- 3 years at 3% interest

- Click [here](#) for more details

Micro Loan Program

- Up to \$50,000
- Quick loans available for qualified borrowers
- Click [here](#) for more details

Business Loan Program

- Up to \$150,000
- Click [here](#) for more details

For assistance contact [Jane Mickeriz](#), (207) 783-9186 x220.



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