GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

OCTOBER 2026

OPPORTUNITY ZONES
TO BEGIN 1/1/2027

Caribou has applied for inclusion in the program. The White House sent a clarifying memo in mid-July. We expect to receive an announcement from the Governor's office this fall.

CDBG: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
$30,000

The 2026 application is open. Applications are due 10/30/2026 at 4:30pm.

NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION (NBRC)
RIVERFRONT PLAN & PROJECTS $472,550

- The Starch Plant RFP for demolition was awarded to Soderberg Construction.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS

SENATOR COLLINS:

FY23 - POLICE STATION $2.5 MILLION

Two existing buildings have been examined, remodeling costs received, working with Harriman on next steps.

FY23 - CARIBOU POND & PARK RECLAMATION PROJECT $4.459 MILLION

Excavation and dam work has begun in the Mill Pond.

FY24 - IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE STATION $1.359 MILLION

Abatement is complete, staged demolition and remodel has started.

SENATOR KING:

FY24 - ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS AT LIBRARY

Staff has been in touch with Senator King's office.

EPA BROWNFIELDS

FY2023 CLEANUP GRANT $900,000

- Demolition completed.

FY2025 CLEANUP GRANT $4 MILLION

- RFP for clean up is out, due 10/29/26 aat 2pm.

FY2026 ASSESSMENT GRANT $500,000

- EPA Cooperative Agreement received, RFP for QEP is out, proposals due 11/12/26 at 10am (info on website)

RLF AT BIRDSEYE: Nearing completion.

MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY
$1.8 MILLION

Construction phase of project will be completed this month.

ARPA NEU FUNDS:

ALL FUNDS MUST BE SPENT BY 12/31/2026

ARPA - AROOSTOOK COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS

FY2022	$150,000	Fire Department Upgrades
FY2023	$100,349	Public Safety Equipment: COMPLETE
FY2024	$269,425	Fire Department Upgrades
FY2024	$100,000	Public Safety Equipment: COMPLETE

DECD HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM GRANT

HOUSING NEEDS & ACTION PLAN $30,000

- COMPLETE

ORDINANCE UPDATES $10,000

- For ordinance amendments to comply with recent land use statutes.

FAA/MAINE DOT AVIATION DIV.

APRON PROJECT $628,445

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT $545,000

Both projects are complete.

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CARIBOU 2036

CARE for our community, **ENVISION** the future, then help Caribou **DO** what it takes to make it happen!

Did you know that a successful grant application starts with well-constructed planning documents? The City of Caribou is working on their 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan which will be the foundation for grant applications going forward.

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