GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

NOVEMBER 2026

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

TO BEGIN 1/1/2027

Census Tract 9512 in Caribou was included in the list of accepted Opportunity Zones in Maine.

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

- **The contractor for the demolition has been awarded.**

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

Project slated to be complete on November 20.

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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