



October 15, 2024

Town of Steuben
294 US Rte 1
Steuben, ME 04680

RE: Annual Request for Local Match Funds

Dear Board of Selectpersons and residents of Steuben:

Downeast Community Partners (DCP) wishes to thank Steuben's selectboard and residents for your past support. DCP's mission is to improve the quality of life and reduce the impact of poverty in Downeast communities—a mission which we fulfill by providing opportunities for our neighbors across the lifespan. Attached is a flyer to assist you in informing townspeople of the services we offer. If you would like more copies or additional information, please reach out to us. You can also reference our website www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

As in years past, DCP requests your support to continue, and expand, services to your community. **Many of the supportive services offered by DCP have a direct impact on town expenditures by reducing reliance on your general assistance program and increasing the reinvestment in goods and services by those who receive support. This represents a true partnership with your town in responding to the needs of your citizens.**

We request \$7,505.05—representing roughly 5% of the value of the services we provided to residents of Steuben the last year—to help low-income and vulnerable seniors, families, and individuals in your community. During the last fiscal year, DCP provided **\$150,101.00** in services to your community. Steuben residents requested and received the following services:

Services Provided	Number of Households/Individuals	Amount Expended/\$\$ Value
Maternal and Child Health	/7	\$11,585.00
The Heating and Warmth Fund (THAW)	/15	1,479.38
HEAP (Fuel Assistance)	74/	40,832.00
ECIP (Energy Crisis Intervention)	11/	5,583.31
Care Fund (Family Crisis)	/4	833.00
Transportation (# rides, not individuals)	45	2,743.31
Elder Services Navigator	/1	3,513.00
Giving Magic (Holiday Gifts for Kids)	/21	840.00
Head Start	/5	78,120.00
Assurance 16 Electric Bill Credit	/9	900.00
Whole Family Coaching	/4	3,672.00

Total

\$150,101.00

In addition to the above, DCP operates the *Helping Auto Loans Program*, which makes reliable used cars available at reasonable rates and terms. Also, as one of the larger non-profits in eastern Maine, DCP employs 1 Steuben resident, further strengthening our connection to your town.

Thank you for your consideration. We would like to meet with you or your budget committee to answer any questions or address any concerns. Please let us know the appropriate meeting date so that we can be sure to have someone attend. You can reach us at 207-610-5910 or by email at development@dcpcap.org.

In Partnership,

Rota L. Knott
Chief Executive Officer