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To all Maine Bicentennial Community Grant recipients:

In the midst of the pandemic response, the Maine Bicentennial Commission recognizes that many bicentennial events and programs must be postponed.

The Commission hopes that the funding provided to you will be used when it becomes safe to do so, to honor the spirit and intent of your application. To be clear: We do not expect that you return your grant money.

If it is impossible for you to reschedule within 2020, please look to the year ahead. We have every confidence that despite any delay, you will help us celebrate 200 years of statehood by showcasing the best of what you do and who you are.

May good health remain with you, and thank you for being part of Maine's Bicentennial.

Sincerely,

Sen. Bill Diamond,
Maine Bicentennial Commission Chairman

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