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Bangor – Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) is pleased to announce that Bar Harbor Bank & Trust has awarded the organization’s Northern Maine AmeriCorps Collaborative with a \$2,500 donation.

The Northern Maine AmeriCorps Collaborative will increase economic opportunity throughout Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock counties. Members will serve at host sites, such as educational institutions, municipalities, non-profits and faith-based organizations throughout the tri-county region. AmeriCorps Members will assist individuals with soft skills training among other activities, in turn preparing them for long-term employment.

“Bar Harbor Bank & Trust recognizes and appreciates the important work being done by EMDC,” said Director of Community Giving, Jack Frost. “We are pleased to provide a charitable contribution of \$2,500 and are impressed with the design of this creative program. The aim to engage AmeriCorps members who themselves are economically disadvantaged, to serve other economically disadvantaged individuals by providing training and assistance that will lead to gainful employment or further education is unique.”

The Northern Maine AmeriCorps Collaborative is seeking \$19,000 in local matching support from outside businesses, foundations, and other organizations. Bar Harbor Bank & Trust’s donation comes at a crucial time.

“The financial contribution from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is a wonderful example of their commitment to investing in our communities,” said AmeriCorps Program Manager, Hook Wheeler. “Coupled with funding from the United States Department of Labor and the Maine Commission for Community Service, the donation will allow us to provide members with a stipend and create partnerships with host sites throughout Hancock County.”

To learn more about the Northern Maine AmeriCorps Collaborative program, please visit www.emdc.org/amicorps.

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