

**COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK
Commissioners' Office**

**Community Services
Director**
John Gibson

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2026
TO: Dana Gendreau, Interim County Administrator
FROM: John Gibson, Community Services Director
RE: Library/Recreation and Ambulance Services (Oxbow and North
Maine Woods)

Attached is the 2026 subsidy request from the Town of Ashland for Library and Recreation services for Oxbow North Twp and Ambulance Services for Oxbow and the North Maine Woods. (52 Townships)

AMBULANCE:	2025 - \$96,482	2026 - \$134,850	+28%
LIBRARY/RECREATION	2025 - \$7,382	2026 - \$5,133	-30%

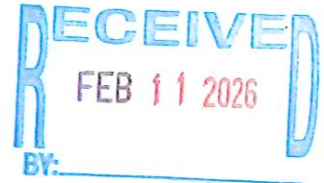
It is my recommendation that these subsidy requests be reviewed and approved by the County Commissioners



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"Gateway to the North Maine Woods"

February 6, 2026



Attn: John Gibson
 County Service Director
 144 Sweden Street Suite 1
 Caribou, Maine 04736

RE: 2026 County Subsidy

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Here are the 2026 subsidies for North Maine Woods and Oxbow. The chart below shows the breakdown for Library and Recreation services for Oxbow. The subsidy for Ambulance services has been updated; Oxbow is now included in the North Maine Woods figure.

Department	Oxbow (County)		County (North Maine Woods)	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
Library	\$ 3,867.27	\$ 2,119.16	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation	\$ 3,515.07	\$ 3,013.94	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ 11,357.21	\$ -	\$ 85,125.00	\$ 134,850.00
Total	\$ 18,739.55	\$ 5,133.10	\$ 85,125.00	\$ 134,850.00
			Total:	\$ 139,983.10

The figures used to calculate the ambulance subsidy have not been reviewed in the past two years. The updated figures reflect the rising costs incurred by offering 24-hour Emergency Medical Services to our vast coverage area. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Director of Ambulance Services, Tara Peterson.

Sincerely,

Alicia A. Burby
 Town Manager