



Creating Assets, Savings & Hope

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CASH Maine

CASH Maine is a statewide collaboration of ten coalitions, comprised of 50 non- and for-profit partners, working together to help empower Maine individuals and families to achieve long-term financial stability. Since 2003, we have offered **free tax preparation** to qualified filers during tax season and educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their **income**, **reduce debt**, and **build savings**. CASH Maine is a year-round resource, providing outreach and education about ways you can make the most of your money.

CASH Maine's Statewide Impact 2019

- **3,806** returns were filed statewide
- Saved tax filers an average of \$200 in filing fees per return for an overall savings of \$761,200.
- Generated nearly **\$6 million** in federal income tax refunds, including more than **\$1.5 million in EITC refunds**
- **2,040 individuals** received one-on-one intensive support by an Opportunity Guide trained to connect individuals to resources to improve their financial security



Western Maine CASH Coalition

Western Maine CASH Coalition is a community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and a member of **CASH Maine**. Western Maine CASH and York County CASH were the first CASH Coalitions in Maine, having started 18 years ago! The Coalition is currently comprised of non-profit and for-profit partners and, in 2020, 13 IRS-certified volunteers, and 7 volunteers who acted as Opportunity Guides and greeters made the program possible.

Western Maine CASH is a collaboration of United Way of the Tri-Valley Area and New Ventures Maine. Partners include Key Bank, University of Maine Farmington, Bangor Savings Bank, Western Maine Community Action, and the IRS.

Western Maine CASH Program Year Highlights 2003 – 2019

- Have filed **more than 3,000** federal and state tax returns since program's inception
- Helped clients claim **nearly \$4.5 million** worth of federal and state tax refunds
- Helped clients claim **more than \$1.7 million** in EITC
- Provided **financial education and asset building resources** to tax filers for 18 years.
- Mobilized countless **IRS-certified volunteers, Opportunity Guides, and greeters** who worked tirelessly during the tax season.

For details or to volunteer, call 778-5048 or visit us online at www.cashmaine.org

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