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## **Bangor Savings Bank Commemorates the Great Fire of 1911 with \$100,000 pledge to Five Downtown Nonprofits!**

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**Bangor, Maine** As a way to remember the Great Fire of 1911 and to commemorate 100 years since this significant Bangor event, Bangor Savings Bank announced today that it will provide \$100,000 in grants to five local non-profit organizations, all of which are located in the area the fire destroyed.

Jim Conlon, President and CEO of Bangor Savings Bank met with the Board of Directors last week to discuss how the Bank could respond in a meaningful way and to salute the City of Bangor for having overcome such hardship 100 years ago. "While Bangor Savings Bank is now Maine's largest independent bank, our first branch was in the midst of The Great Fire of 1911. Our building was destroyed but our vault was spared and customers' savings were left unscathed. We're pleased to provide significant funds to five important non-profits that share our commitment to a vibrant downtown and its continued growth."

Today's announcement comes just after Bangor Savings Bank announced the winners of the Bank's annual Community Matters More program which granted \$100,000 to 68 non-profits around the entire state. Conlon talked about the Bank's culture of community involvement and support. "Every day, we do everything we can to provide excellent service and maintain strong relationships with our customers. Supporting our communities is also important to us as an institution and we're proud when we can have the opportunity to help strengthen a Maine downtown."

The five non-profit organizations include Downtown Bangor Beautification Project, Bangor Public Library, Penobscot Theatre, Bangor Museum & History Center, and Hammond Street Senior Center.

When she got the call from Bangor Savings Bank, Shirar Patterson, The City's Business & Economic Development Officer was overjoyed. "The Downtown Bangor Partnership has invested a great deal of time, energy and resources in the Downtown Beautification Project. We believe that going the extra mile to maintain the flowers and provide the community with the seasonal decorations adds to an overall good feeling of everyone who lives and works in Bangor. The grant from Bangor Savings Bank is such a wonderful gift and on behalf of all of the Downtown Businesses; we thank Bangor Savings Bank, its leaders, and its 700 employees for their dedication and support."

**About Bangor Savings Bank** *Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$2.5 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine businesses. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 159th year of service to the people of Maine, with 56 branches and on the Web at [www.bangor.com](http://www.bangor.com). The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation was created in 1997. Together the Bank and its Foundation invest more than a million dollars per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.*

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