



CASH Greater Portland, managed by United Way of Greater Portland, is a partnership of community leaders and industry experts encouraging families and individuals in Cumberland County to increase income, reduce debt, save for the future and achieve financial stability.

CASH is a year-round resource for the community, offering free tax preparation to qualified filers during tax season, helping employers bring financial education tools to their employees, and educating hard-working residents about how they can make the most of their money.

Why CASH?

In Cumberland County:

- A household's basic needs budget is \$5,000 more than the average median income.
- 63% of lower-income working families have no more than \$300 in a bank account.
- \$4 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) are left unclaimed every year.

CASHGP.org

CASH connects the community to local programs and services, and utilizes its Web site, www.cashgp.org, as a financial education clearinghouse. This unique tool lists local and national online learning tools, electronic resources, and free area workshops.

Workplace Education

In the workplace, CASH Greater Portland hosts Lunch & Learn sessions, provides access to computer-based learning, printed and electronic resources, and access to the CASH Greater Portland Web site.

Free Tax Preparation

IRS-certified volunteers prepare and file federal and state income taxes for free—helping clients avoid high-priced filing fees and Refund Anticipation Loans. Participants often learn that they qualify for tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can put thousands of dollars back into their pockets.

Since 2004, 2,738 households have:

- Saved \$400,733 in tax preparation fees;
- Applied for \$4,213,160 in federal and state tax refunds;
- Received \$1,279,950 in Earned Income Tax Credits.

CASH Greater Portland Coalition: AARP Tax-Aide, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Services, City of Portland, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Maine, Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, Internal Revenue Service, KeyBank, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Portland Housing Authority, People's Regional Opportunity Program, United Way of Greater Portland, and Women, Work and Community.

