

Funding Opportunities for Municipalities

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This newsletter includes information about state and federal funding opportunities that municipalities are eligible to apply for.

CRCOG staff are here to help with your grant applications. We provide technical assistance for your grant applications and look forward to working with you to build

a better region. If you have questions or would like to discuss priority projects in your community, and how to fund them, please contact [Elizabeth Sanderson](#).

Due Soon!

CT DEEP Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA)



Application Deadline:

November 3, 2025

Appraisal Reviews Due:

December 1, 2025

The [Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program \(OSWA\)](#), established under CGS §7-131d–k, provides funding to support the **purchase or long-term protection of land with important ecological or recreational value**. Eligible projects may include acquiring full ownership of property or purchasing specific rights. All properties or interests in land acquired must predominantly remain in their natural, scenic and open condition. Funding is available to municipalities, non-profit conservation organizations (land trusts) and water companies.

Funding Details:

The maximum award is 65% of the fair market value. The maximum award increases to 75% of fair market value if the project is within an Environmental Justice Community, Distressed Municipality or Targeted Investment Community. Reimbursement available for incidental costs, survey costs, legal costs, and appraisal costs.

Grant Requirements

One year of completed yellow book appraisals. Appraisals for projects utilizing federal funding must include fee simple and easement values, and there must be one appraisal review confirming it is yellow book compliant.

[PROGRAM GUIDELINES](#)

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Contact: [Allyson Clark](#) of CT DEEP

Connecticut Main Street Center's EmPOWER Main Street Fund

Application Deadline: November 14, 2025

[Connecticut Main Street Center \(CMSC\)](#), in partnership with United Illuminating (UI), Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) and Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG), has **\$25,000** in grant funding available to support main street projects.



Projects that contribute to main street vibrancy may receive grant awards ranging from **\$2,500-\$10,000**. You must be a CMSC member in good standing to apply, have completed a CMSC Main Street Management Assessment within the past year, and be located in a UI, SCG, or CNG territory.

[Learn more](#) and [apply now](#).

CT DEEP CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Grant Program

Application Deadline:
December 5, 2025, by noon



CT DEEP was awarded \$4M from the U.S. EPA to fund assessment and cleanup activities on CT brownfields. The latest round of the CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Grant Program is now open. CT DEEP encourages applications that will enable the creation, preservation, or addition of park space, greenways, or other publicly accessible recreational spaces.

\$680,000 is available for grants of up to \$250,000 for assessment and \$250,000 for cleanup. There is no minimum request, and Applicants may apply for multiple projects/sites.

[ROUND 3 APPLICATION](#)

Email complete applications to DEEP.Brownfields@ct.gov, per instructions in the Application.

Contact: [Amanda Limacher](#) of CT DEEP

Transportation-Related Funding Opportunities

National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP)

Application Deadline: January 7, 2026

The U.S. DOT Federal Railroad Administration's [National Railroad](#)

[Partnership Program and Federal-State Partnership for Intercity](#)

[Passenger Rail \(FSP\)](#) program provides funding for projects not located on the Northeast Corridor that restore old rail infrastructure, improve train service and or create new intercity train routes. This funding is established in Sections 22106 and 22307 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. No. 117-58, November 15, 2021); 49 U.S.C. § 24911.

A project is eligible if it aims to replace, rehabilitate or repair infrastructure or equipment of a facility used for providing intercity passenger rail. Projects that expand rail services or further the planning, environmental review or final design are also eligible. **Over \$5B** in funding is made available for this program. Applicants may submit more than one project for consideration but must rank the projects in priority order.

Read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

[APPLY ON GRANTS.GOV](#)

Attend an upcoming webinar to [learn more](#).

Contact: FRA-NOFO-Support@dot.gov

U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program

Application Deadline: Varies by grant type

The Federal Highway Administration's [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\)](#) makes billions of dollars available to local, regional, and state units of government to fix eligible bridges and culverts on the National Bridge Inventory. This is an excellent opportunity to improve bridge condition and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over existing bridges.



There are **three types of grants**, each with separate application deadlines to be considered for FY26 funding:

1. **Large Bridge Projects** - total eligible project costs **greater than \$100M**;
2. **Bridge Projects** - total eligible project costs **less than or equal to \$100M**;
3. **Planning Grants** - for planning, feasibility analysis, and revenue forecasting of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for grant types 1 or 2.

An amendment to the [Notice of Funding Opportunity for Large Bridge Projects](#) was posted on June 2. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity for Bridge Projects and Planning Grants](#) was posted on December 20, 2023, but U.S. DOT is in the process of updating the NOFOs to meet the administration's current priorities. CRCOG will share more information about this as it becomes available.

CRCOG developed a [mapping tool](#) to assist municipalities with identifying potentially eligible projects.

[Learn how Project Bundling](#) could help you qualify for these funding opportunities, and visit the program webpage for [application templates and tools](#) to help you in applying.

Applications will be accepted through [Grants.gov](#).

CT DOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program

**Application Deadline:
Anticipated in March 2026**



Thanks to all who applied for the [CT Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Microgrant Program](#)!

CRCOG has reached our allotment for the 2025 calendar year but another solicitation with more funding is expected to be announced for 2026, with applications due in March. We will share more information as it becomes available.

This grant program funds schools, school districts, municipalities, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for the purchase of items like bicycle helmets; bicycle locks; bicycle fleets; safety vests; bicycle maintenance training and materials; and pay for League Cycling instructors training; and programs, events, and materials for bicycle and pedestrian safety education.

Please consider applying in 2026 and contact [Mike Cipriano](#) with questions.

U.S. DOT Financing Programs - TIFIA, RRIF

U.S. DOT offers **flexible loan programs** through the [TIFIA](#) and [RRIF](#) programs to finance **large transportation projects**. Funding for **Transit-oriented Development (TOD)** projects is now also available for eligible areas. The [TOD Eligibility Map for TIFIA and RRIF](#) identifies the following CRCOG municipalities as eligible: **Berlin, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Hartford,**

Important to note: the map does not identify all potentially eligible TOD areas in our region. Just because your municipality is not listed above or highlighted on the map does not mean you cannot pursue this loan program.

Build America Bureau

The [Build America Bureau](#) provides technical assistance and financing products for federal transportation projects. Through [technical assistance](#) and flexible, low-cost [financing](#), you can complete projects faster and at lower cost.

Eligible **large transportation projects** can benefit from **flexible loan programs** like Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act [Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \(TIFIA\)](#) and [Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing \(RRIF\)](#). Funding for **Transit-oriented Development (TOD)** projects is now also available for eligible areas.

While the [TOD Eligibility Map for TIFIA and RRIF](#) identifies the following CROCOG municipalities as eligible: **Berlin, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Enfield**, it is **important to note that:** the map does not identify all potentially eligible TOD areas in our region. Just because your municipality is not listed above or highlighted on the map does not mean you cannot pursue this loan program.

Contact [Build America](#) to apply or learn more. Copy [Elizabeth Sanderson](#) if you would like to include a representative from CROCOG.

Environment and Energy-Related Funding Opportunities

CT DEEP Urban Green & Community Garden Grant Program (UGCG)

Application Deadline: December 17, 2025

The [Urban Green & Community Garden Grant Program \(UGCG\)](#),

established under CGS §7-131d-k, is offering funding secured by State bonding. This funding may be used to **expand, create or enhance green spaces for recreation or environmental education**. This is a reimbursement-based grant and is open to municipalities and nonprofits. One application is allowed per property. **There is no maximum request**, and this is an accessible, flexible grant. Prior awards included up to \$500,000 for multi-use trail enhancements and



a \$10,000 award to replace planter boxes in a community garden.

The project site must be on land owned by or accessible to the applicant. The site must also be located within an [Environmental Justice Community](#), [Targeted Investment Community](#), or [Distressed Municipality](#).

Applicants must demonstrate that the project is supported by other funding sources in an amount at least equal to their UGCG request. For example, if \$20,000 is being requested, you must have \$20,000 secured for the project already.

[APPLY HERE](#)

Contact: [Steven Perry](#) of CT DEEP

CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant Program (CT RTP)

Application Deadline: December 18, 2025

The [Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program \(CT RTP\)](#), established under CGS §23-103, supports **planning, design, and construction of new trails (motorized and non-motorized), maintenance of existing trails, accessibility improvements, land acquisition, equipment, and safety/education programs.**

This grant is open to municipalities, non-profits, state departments and tribal governments. **Multiple applications are allowed and there is no maximum request**, but it is recommended to keep requests below \$500,000. The project site must be on land owned by or formally accessible to the applicant.

Applicants must demonstrate the project is supported by other funding sources, and that at least 20% of what they are requesting from CT RTP has been secured from other sources. For example, if an applicant requests \$100,000 from CT RTP for a \$125,000 project, then they must have already secured \$25,000 (20% of the total project value) from external sources for the project.

[APPLICATION GUIDELINES](#)

[APPLY HERE](#)

Attend the Grant Overview Webinar: October 16, 2025 - [Register](#)

Contact: [Kimberly Bradley](#)

USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistant Grant

[USDA's Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program](#) is accepting applications to help eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less are eligible to apply ([verify your project's address](#)).

Contact [CT's Rural Development Office](#) to learn more and to apply.

CT Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

Connecticut's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is accepting applications and letters of intent for all FEMA [Hazard Mitigation Grant](#) programs.


These programs fund projects aimed at reducing the impact of natural disasters.

[Learn more](#) and send your [letter of intent](#) to DEMHS.HMGP@ct.gov.



CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is expanding broadband access throughout the state.

We have two opportunities for municipalities to get involved through the ConneCTed Communities Grant Program.



Get money for broadband in your community!

Apply for grant funding to facilitate low-income and multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband buildouts in underserved areas. Municipalities can access funding for the construction and deployment of broadband infrastructure.

Learn more



Learn more about the ConneCTed Communities Grant Program on DEEP's website.

[ConneCTed Communities Grant Program](#)

Take this survey to identify buildings in need!

DEEP has approximately \$10M in ConneCTed Communities grant funds available to support broadband upgrades in Multi-Dwelling Units (MDUs) in communities that need it most.

Take a brief survey



By taking this brief survey you can help DEEP assess MDU eligibility and gather information to improve connectivity in your community.

[MDU Information Intake Form](#)

Application Deadline: Rolling

The [ConneCTed Communities Grant Program](#) has an estimated **\$6.7M** available for the construction and deployment of broadband upgrades in Multi-Dwelling Units (MDUs) in communities that need it most.

DEEP is seeking applications for grant funding to facilitate low-income and multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure buildout in underserved areas. All projects funded through this program must reach substantial completion before **December 31, 2026**. [Learn more](#) and [Apply Online](#).

Housing and Community Development-Related Funding Opportunities

Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY25 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program

Application deadline: March 3, 2026

The U.S. Economic Development Administration makes \$1.45B available to support economic recovery activities in major disaster declaration areas because of hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms and flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters that occurred in 2023 and 2024.

Read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) and visit the [Program Webpage](#) to learn more. Apply through [Grants.gov](#).

Urban Act Grant Program

Application deadline: Rolling basis

Connecticut municipalities that are designated as economically distressed, public investment communities, or urban centers are eligible to apply for the Urban Act Grant Program. This program seeks to promote community conservation and development and improve the quality of life for urban residents. A wide range of projects are eligible, including economic and community development; transportation; housing; recreation development; solid waste disposal; public safety; and social services-related projects. [Learn more](#).



Complete the [Application](#) and submit it, per instructions, to the **CT Department of Economic and Community Development**.

Connecticut Department of Housing Funding Opportunities

Application deadlines vary by program.

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) has numerous discretionary grant programs available that support agency initiatives such as Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Housing Affordability initiatives, Community Development, and Individual & Family Support.



Visit the [DOH Programs and Initiatives](#) page to see a list of opportunities and learn how to apply.

HUD Discretionary Funding Opportunities

Application deadlines vary by program.

HUD has over 20 [competitive grant programs](#) available that support agency initiatives such as Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, Supportive Housing and Services:



More information is available on [Grants.gov](#) or [HUD's Grant Information webpage](#).

Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program

Applications accepted on a **rolling-basis**.

The **Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program**, developed with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Connecticut Department of Housing, offers grants to improve the well-being of children. Funds can be used to **address the toxins and hazards often found in older or poorly maintained homes**. This program is eligible to **homeowners and tenants of all income levels**. [Learn more](#) and [apply](#). Although funding may no longer be available at this time, more may become available in the future.

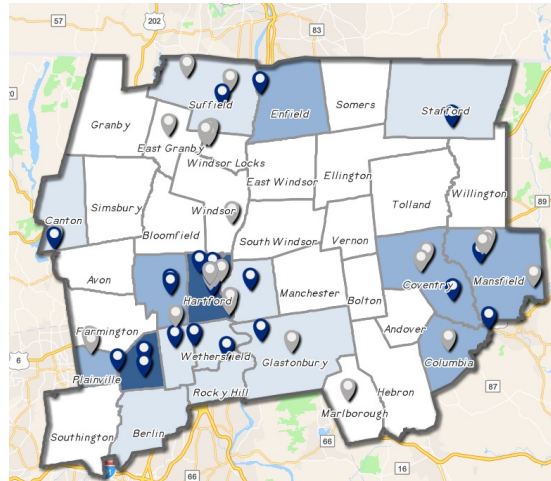


You may also be interested in [HUD's Healthy Homes Program](#) and other efforts

Recent Awards

Competitive Grants Awarded in the CROG Region

Learn more about grant awards coming to our region. CROG's GIS Team has developed an [Interactive Online Map of Federal Competitive Grant Awards](#). This map is updated quarterly with available information about awards in our region.



As of July 2025, **\$66.4M** has been awarded to CROG and its Member Municipalities. Additional funding has been awarded to non-municipal entities.

More information about these grant awards is available on [the map](#) and the related [Dashboard](#).

Tools and Resources

- Connecticut's **Training and Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center)** provides a wealth of resources and training opportunities related to the transportation industry. Learn more about upcoming opportunities and get connected by visiting the [T2 Center Webpage](#).
 - View a recent T2 Center [webinar](#) about CT DOT's [Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program](#).
- Connecticut **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)** offers many funding opportunities each year. Explore [CTDEEP's grants portal](#), [signup](#) to receive municipal updates from DEEP, and [subscribe here](#) to receive the *Municipal Connection* and other DEEP newsletters and updates.
- Visit [FHWA's Complete Streets Funding Sheet](#) for more funding opportunity ideas.
- View [FHWA's Lighting Handbook](#) and [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more about how lighting can help save lives.
- A link to learn more about [FHWA's Proven Countermeasures](#) to improve road safety.

- View information about available U.S. DOT [technical assistance](#), including a [Rural Grant Toolkit](#) and a new [Benefit-Cost Analysis Spreadsheet Template](#), for your use.
- View [CRCOG's On-Call List of Qualified Consultants for Infrastructure Related Economic Analysis](#). Three consultants were selected for CRCOG and/or Member Municipalities to contract with to perform infrastructure related economic analysis services, such as Benefit Cost Analyses for studies or grant applications. Such technical assistance is in addition to the assistance CRCOG currently provides.
- Visit [CRCOG's BIL Webpage](#) for more information about many of the grants and funding opportunities featured in this newsletter.

Requests for Your Input

CRCOG's Transportation Safety Action Plan/Vision Zero Survey

Your safety matters, and CRCOG **wants to hear from you!** CRCOG has been awarded a USDOT Safe Streets and Roads

for All (SS4A) grant to enhance our region's Regional Transportation Safety Plan. The new SS4A grant program aims to strengthen local safety planning through the Safe System approach and its Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

YOU can help shape the plan by sharing your feedback! Use our [interactive map and survey](#) to pinpoint safety concerns in the Capitol Region. Together, let's make our roads safer for everyone.

Please also visit us at events happening in your community. The project team attends various events - learn more on the [project webpage](#) or contact CRCOG's Project Manager, [Roger Krahn](#).

[Take the Road Safety Survey](#)

Help Shape Safer Roads in the Capitol Region!

As part of the CRCOG SS4A Transportation Safety Action Plan, we're gathering community input through an interactive map and survey to identify safety issues across the Capitol Region.

Scan the QR code to take our public survey on roadway safety in the Capitol Region ...and entered to win a \$25 gift card win

For more information visit: <https://crcog.org/safety-action-plan/>

CT DEEP's Broadband Infrastructure Improvements

for Multi-Dwelling Units

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (CTDEEP's) Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy (BETP) is seeking input from representatives of distressed municipalities and multi-



dwelling units (MDUs) to promote equitable broadband infrastructure and service across Connecticut for the **ConnectEd Communities Grant Program**. Complete the [Multi-Dwelling Unit Survey](#) to identify MDUs within distressed municipalities that could benefit from broadband infrastructure improvements. More information about this grant program is provided below.

For this program, the following CRCOG Member Municipalities are identified as "distressed":

- East Hartford
- Hartford
- Mansfield
- New Britain
- Enfield

The survey is also included on [DEEP's ConnectEd Communities webpage](#) along with this [map of underserved locations in CT](#) that are eligible for funding under this program.

[Respond to the Survey](#)

Governor Lamont's Funding Survey

Governor Lamont has released an **online reporting tool** for municipalities, nonprofits, and businesses to **report impacts of federal funding cuts**. The state aims to compile a central database to provide lawmakers with a better understanding of how federal directives are affecting various groups, geographical regions and sectors of the economy.



[Respond to the Survey](#)

Share Your Concerns About Federal Funding with Congressman Joe Courtney

Representative Joe Courtney has developed a survey that people can use to share their concerns about Federal funding attempted pauses.

[Respond to the Survey](#)

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- View upcoming [CRCOG Events](#)
- View [CRCOG Open RFPs/RFQs](#)
- We're Hiring! Spread the word, or better yet, [apply today](#)

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