

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: February 25, 2026

Subject: Resolution to Approve Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application for Shared Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter Manager

Background: The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) accepts applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) on a rolling basis. CRCOG staff have been discussing the possibility of a shared manager for the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) that serves East Hartford, Manchester, and South Windsor. The three towns have a long history of jointly using this facility, and the facility is currently managed in a disjointed fashion by all three towns. The shared manager would allow for smoother operations and cooperation within the facility.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The shared TRACS manager offers an opportunity to efficiently handle the managerial duties for the shared facility. CRCOG staff believe a shared program would present an opportunity for member towns to reduce costs and increase service levels.

Financial/Operational Impact: The RPIP grant would offer an opportunity for CRCOG to use state funding to help start the regional manager program. The grant would require a minimum of 50% match (local or from CRCOG) and the program must be self-sufficient after the three-year grant period is complete. The participating towns would be responsible for the match. CRCOG's Regional Services Grant (RSG) would serve as match for CRCOG staff time.

Project Schedule: OPM reviews RPIP applications on a rolling basis with its next review scheduled for October 2026. The RPIP grants are awarded for a maximum of three years.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Policy Board approve the resolution authorizing CRCOG's Executive Director to submit the RPIP grant application to support a shared TRACS Manager for East Hartford, Manchester and South Windsor.

Attachments:

- Proposed resolution

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION FOR SHARED TYLER REGIONAL ANIMAL CARE
SHELTER MANAGER**

WHEREAS, Section 4-124s of Public Act 13-246 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments desires to apply for Shared Manager for the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management administers the statewide grants; and requires a 50% match for the grant, of which CRCOG will provide from local municipal funding from participating municipalities, TRACS operating funds (contributed by participating municipalities), CRCOG Regional Fund or CRCOG Regional Services Grant funding; and by the end of the grant award period, the local municipalities, or TRACS operating funds will fund 100% of the cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Capitol Region Council of Governments, be approved to provide 50% match, of which CRCOG will provide from local municipal funding from participating municipalities, TRACS operating funds, CRCOG Regional Fund or CRCOG Regional Services Grant funding; and by the end of the grant award period, participating municipalities or the TRACS operating fund will fund 100% of the cost; and the Executive Director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of CRCOG with the Office of Policy and Management if and when such grants are awarded as well as any additional related contractual instruments related and to affix the corporate seal.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board at its meeting of February 25, 2026.

Rodney Fournier, Secretary
Capitol Region Council of Governments

Date