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March 2026

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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](#).

New or Due Soon

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS, or Community Project Funding)



Application Deadline: TBD

The Offices of U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy will host informational webinars on the FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process, also known as Community Project Funding (CPF). CDS allows Members of Congress to request federal funding for specific projects in a defined location on behalf of public and nonprofit entities.

Webinar Option 1: **March 9, 2026 | 11 am – 12 pm**

Webinar Option 2: **March 12, 2026 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

[Register](#)

For municipalities, nonprofits, and community leaders, CDS can support locally identified priorities such as transportation improvements, public facilities, environmental projects, and community development initiatives. As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), CRCOG can assist with project coordination, letters of support, and helping communities navigate the request process and align proposals with state and federal priorities. [Contact CRCOG](#) for assistance.

For more information about this year's program, contact [Kasandra Navarro](#) and [Ashley Law](#) of Senator Blumenthal's Office and [Jacob Ecke](#) and [Jameson Foulke](#) of Senator Murphy's Office. Emailing all four representatives will ensure a response.

AmeriCorps Connecticut Funding Opportunities

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2026**

The State of Connecticut has [announced new AmeriCorps funding opportunities](#) to support service programs addressing critical community needs across the state. AmeriCorps programs place service members in nonprofits, municipalities, and community organizations to work on initiatives such as education support, environmental stewardship, workforce development, food security, and public health.

Funding supports AmeriCorps member living allowances, program operating costs, and training, allowing organizations to expand service capacity while addressing community challenges.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, municipalities, institutions of higher education, and other community-based organizations operating programs within Connecticut.

To apply, you must first [register and attend an informational session](#). More information can be found [here](#).

EPA Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG)

Application Deadline: **April 24, 2026**

The [EPA Wetland Program Development Grants \(WPDG\)](#) program supports the development and enhancement of state, tribal, and local wetland programs. These grants help governments build capacity to protect, restore, and manage wetlands, including activities such as mapping, monitoring, regulatory program development, and climate resilience planning. Wetlands provide critical ecosystem services, including flood mitigation, water filtration, and habitat protection.

Approximately \$2.87 million in total funding is available through the program, with individual awards up to \$350,000. Eligible applicants include state, tribal, and local government agencies, as well as interstate or intertribal entities working to develop or strengthen wetland protection programs.

Read more about the program [here](#). Apply on [Grants.gov](#).

EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Funding

Application Deadline: **Rolling**

The EPA's [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \(WIFIA\) Program](#) provides low-cost federal credit assistance for large-scale water infrastructure projects. The program supports drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, water recycling, and other water infrastructure projects that improve public health and environmental protection.

The EPA has announced \$7 billion in newly available funding, including \$6.5 billion through WIFIA and \$550 million through the State WIFIA (SWIFIA) program for state

infrastructure financing authorities.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, public utilities, state infrastructure financing authorities, private entities, and public-private partnerships undertaking eligible water infrastructure projects.

Learn [how to apply](#) and send a letter of interest to press@epa.gov.

CT DOT Transportation Rural Improvements Program (TRIP)

Application Deadline: **April 27, 2026**

The [Transportation Rural Improvements Program \(TRIP\)](#) provides between \$300,000 and \$2M in state transportation funding for a variety of transportation infrastructure projects in rural communities across the state.

TRIP funding can support projects such as roadway safety improvements, intersection upgrades, culvert rehabilitation, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and other transportation enhancements serve rural areas. TRIP funds can only be used for costs related to activities related to project construction.

Eligible applicants in the Capitol Region include the towns of Andover, East Granby, Somers, Stafford, Tolland, and Willington.

Learn more at [CRCOG's informational webpage](#) and [CTDOT's webpage](#). Apply by completing [this form](#) and emailing it to amaheer@crcogct.gov.

U.S. DOT FY2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)

Application Deadline: **May 1, 2026**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is making **\$680M** available through the [All Stations Accessibility Program \(ASAP\)](#). States and local governments are eligible to receive funding for planning and capital improvement projects that will upgrade legacy rail stations to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. Prior grant awards have ranged from \$1.3M - \$156M.



Review the [funding announcement](#) and [Program Webpage](#).
Apply online through [Grants.gov](#).

**The Funders Network & Urban Sustainability Directors Network —
Partners for Places Matching Grants**

Application Deadline: **April 13, 2026**

[Partners for Places](#) is a matching grant program led by The Funders Network in partnership with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN). The program supports equitable sustainability projects that advance climate action, environmental justice, and community-driven solutions, while fostering strong local partnerships between municipalities, community organizations, and place-based funders.

\$10 million is available nationwide, issued in grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000. to support collaboration and leverage local philanthropic investment place-based sustainability initiatives. Grant recipients must provide a 1:1 match. Examples of past awards include \$65,000 in Green Infrastructure developments in Hartford, and \$40,000 in the Mill River Trail Corridor in New Haven. Learn more about Partners for Places [here](#).

Municipalities and other local governments, community-based organizations, and place-based funders are eligible to apply.

Apply through the [TFN Online Application](#). Additional application resources are available [here](#).

CT DEEP Energy Resilience Construction RFP

Application Deadline: **May 8, 2026**

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued the [Final Energy Resilience Construction Request for Proposals](#) (under its expanded Climate Resilience Fund (DCRF)). This funding opportunity will provide up to \$24.295M to support energy resilience projects that strengthen community infrastructure, enhance reliability during extreme weather events, and deliver direct community benefits.

Eligible projects must incorporate a holistic approach to meet community energy needs and may include microgrids, backup power systems, distributed energy resources, and other resilience-focused infrastructure. Priority is given to projects serving vulnerable populations and critical community facilities. Eligible applicants include municipalities, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, utilities, and other qualified entities as defined in the RFP.

Email [DEEP](#) to apply.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) — Grant Programs

Application Deadline: **March 13, 2026**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) offer a range of grant programs that support museums and libraries in expanding access, enhancing learning, strengthening community engagement, and fostering innovation. Funding priorities and eligibility vary by program. Opportunities include:

Up to \$500,000 for museum projects that build career pathways, strengthen professional networks, and identify and share effective workforce education and training practices in the museum field.

Up to \$75,000 support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, and collections of stewardship activities.

Eligible museums, libraries, municipalities, and related institutions, depending on the specific grant program are all eligible to apply.

View grant programs and application guidance [here](#).

CT DECD Brownfield Remediation and Development Municipal Grant Program

Application Deadline: **March 25, 2026 (12 pm, noon)**

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) has announced Round 23 of the [Brownfield Municipal Grant Program](#). Four financial assistance programs are available:

1. [Brownfield Remediation and Development Municipal Grant Program](#), opening grants of up to \$6M per application. The minimum grant request amount is \$200,000. DECD encourages public-private partnerships for this funding. For more information, refer to the NOFA.
2. [Assessment-only Grant](#). The minimum request amount is set at \$100,000, and the maximum is \$200,000. Applicants who are Councils of Governments (COGs) and Brownfield Land Banks (BLBs) can submit grant requests that total up to \$500,000.
3. [Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program](#), provides low-interest loans of \$500,000 to \$6,000,000 to support the environmental remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites in Connecticut. This funding is designed for prospective brownfield purchasers and current owners who have no direct or related liability for the site's contamination. The loan program requires a minimum developer equity of 10% of total project costs.
4. [Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization \(BAR\) Planning Grant Program](#). This program provides up to \$200,000, with a required 10% cash match, to support comprehensive planning efforts focused on the remediation and redevelopment of areas impacted by multiple brownfields.

Apply by uploading applications and supporting documents to a custom DECD SharePoint folder, or email to brownfields@ct.gov by the deadline. SharePoint folders can be requested by emailing brownfields@ct.gov by **Monday, March 23, 2026, at noon**.

CTDOT Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program FFY 2025

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2026 (4 pm)**

The [Connecticut Department of Transportation \(CTDOT\) Section 5310 Program](#) seeks to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation options. Funding is available for Traditional Capital, Nontraditional Capital, and Nontraditional Operating projects. The program supports initiatives that enhance access to transportation services for eligible populations across Connecticut. Eligible projects include vehicle purchases, mobility management activities, and specialized transportation services designed to increase access and independence for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Applicants pursuing capital projects must publish a public notice in a major newspaper by **March 6, 2026**, and provide advance notification to transportation operators in the proposed service area. Additional eligibility details and program requirements are available on the [program website](#).

Review the [Program Overview and Guidance](#). Application materials are available through the State of Connecticut's contracting portal, [CTsource Bid Board](#) (search for solicitation #34347). Submit applications and supporting documentation as one (1) PDF file via email to DOT.Section5310@ct.gov and copy [Dagmar Noll](#), Principal Transit Planner at CRCOG.

CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program

Quarter 1 Application Deadline:
March 25, 2026



CRCOG is now accepting applications for the [CT Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Microgrant](#)

[Program](#). **\$750,000** is available to fund 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. Organizations may apply for a **\$5,000 grant**, and once spent, may apply for a second grant for \$5,000. No match/cost share is required.

Another round of applications is anticipated to be reviewed in June 2026, and quarterly thereafter, until funds are expended.

Read the [Program Guidance](#) and complete the [Application Form](#) and email it along with supporting documents to [Mike Cipriano](#). [Learn more](#).

U.S. DOT Build America Bureau

The U.S. Department of Transportation [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 CRCOG 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 CRCOG.

Environment and Energy-Related Funding Opportunities

SUBGRANTS & LOANS

CRCOG
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Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund

- \$500,000+ available for eligible cleanup activities
- Low rates, flexible terms
- Funded through CRCOG's Cooperative Agreement with U.S. EPA

Apply Now

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CRCOG's Brownfields Program

Application Deadline: **Rolling**

CRCOG is still accepting applications to access available funding for **eligible brownfield cleanup activities**. Through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), [CRCOG's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\) Program](#) will competitively review subgrant applications from CRCOG Member Municipalities and loan applications from other eligible applicants in Connecticut.

Apply by submitting completed application forms and supporting documents to Elizabeth Sanderson. [Learn more and access application materials.](#)

Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap | US EPA

Application Deadline: Rolling

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative](#) provides **no-cost technical assistance** to small, rural, and historically underserved communities with failing septic systems, cesspools, or little to no existing wastewater infrastructure. Through this initiative, EPA and its partners help communities assess their wastewater and septic needs, identify feasible technical and financial solutions, and prepare competitive applications for funding—particularly through the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)** made available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Rather than offering direct grant dollars to municipalities, the program supplies expert technical assistance, which can include needs assessments, evaluation of alternatives (such as onsite, cluster, or centralized systems), preliminary engineering support, rate and feasibility studies, and help with local ordinances and long-term operations and maintenance planning. EPA is expanding the initiative to support **150 communities nationwide**, with participation accepted on a **rolling basis**, so there is currently no fixed application deadline.

Communities may be strong candidates for this assistance if they are experiencing widespread septic failures or wastewater backups, lack adequate sewer service, or are still working to rebuild wastewater and septic infrastructure after storms or other disasters. Eligible requesters include local governments, utilities, Tribes, states, territories, and in some cases homeowner groups or community-based organizations working in areas with significant wastewater challenges.

Contact for questions: SepticHelp@epa.gov.

[Assistance request form](#)

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 DEEP ConneCTed Communities Program

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](#).

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](#)

Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY25 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program

Application deadline: Rolling basis until funds are expended

The U.S. Economic Development Administration has nearly \$1.5B 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 offers 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. A few opportunities are featured in the "New and Due Soon" section of this newsletter.



Learn more at [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 (CT DOH), 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. Homeowners and tenants of all income levels are eligible.** Although funding may no longer be available at this time, more may become available in the future. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the CT DOH to learn when more funding is available. [Learn more](#) and [apply](#).

You may also be interested in [HUD's Healthy Homes Program](#) and other efforts in the State of Connecticut to address lead poisoning, like the [CT Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#).

News and Upcoming Events

BASICS Act Webinar

On February 9, a new bipartisan House bill was introduced in U.S. Congress. The **Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act - BASICS Act (H.R. 7437)** is co-sponsored by Representatives McDonald Rivet (D-MI-08) and Bresnahan (R-PA-08), both members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. If passed, this bill will **help local governments access more federal resources to repair and rebuild roads and bridges.**

[Learn more about the BASICS Act and](#)

[how you can show your support](#). New marker bills and other legislation is anticipated to be released over the coming weeks, as Congress is charged with replacing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is set to expire September 30, 2026. CRCOG will share more information about the surface transportation act reauthorization process as we learn more.



CT DEEP Housing Environmental Improvement Revolving Loan and Grant Fund

Anticipated Launch: **Late 2026**

Governor Ned Lamont and the State Bond Commission have approved \$18M in bond funding to establish the **Housing Environmental Improvement Revolving Loan and Grant Fund**, a new statewide program created to support energy efficiency and environmental upgrades in existing homes. The program will be administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Loans and grants will be available to help homeowners reduce energy costs, improve building performance, and enhance housing sustainability. Expected eligible upgrades include insulation, heating and cooling systems, building envelope improvements, and related efficiency measures. DEEP is currently developing program guidelines and plans to recruit implementing entities in early to mid-2026, with the goal of launching the program by the end of 2026.

CRCOG will share more about this program and the application process once available from DEEP.

Review [Program Updates and Announcements](#) and read the [Governor's Announcement](#).

Tools and Resources

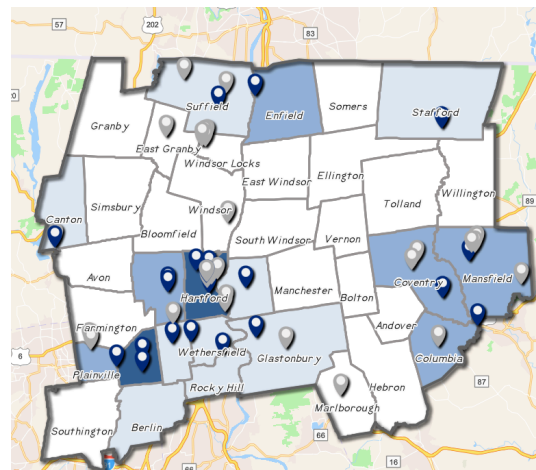
- **Transition to Release Based Cleanup Regulations** - In March 2026, new laws will go into effect related to brownfields. To educate about this transition, Robinson + Cole has published a [podcast entitled "The Release Report."](#)
- The University of Connecticut Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (UCONN TAB) has several resources available related to brownfield identification and redevelopment in CT: [UCONN TAB CT 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](#).
 - Learn about CT DOT's [Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program](#).
- Connecticut **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)** tools and resources:
 - Explore [CTDEEP's Funding Opportunities Dashboard](#),
 - [Signup](#) to receive municipal updates from DEEP, and
 - [Subscribe](#) to the *Municipal Connection* and other DEEP newsletters.
- 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.

Federal Competitive Grants Awarded in the CRCOG Region

Learn more about grant awards coming to our region. CRCOG'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 CRCOG 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](#).

Requests for Your Input

CT DEEP - Resilient Forestry Practices Grant Request for Information

Deadline - extended to : **March 13, 2026**

The CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Forestry Division requests input (through the survey linked below) from rural municipalities and Tribes to inform the Resilient Forestry Practices Grant. The upcoming grant opportunity will make about \$1M available to rural municipalities and Tribes to implement resilient forestry practices.

Learn more about [Resilient Forestry Practices](#), and the upcoming [Resilient Forestry Practices Grant](#).

[Complete the Survey](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) — [Request for Information](#)

Submission Deadline Extended to: March 20, 2026

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) [requests your input](#) to inform development of a comprehensive Transportation Digital Infrastructure (TDI) strategy that will modernize the nation's transportation system. Providing information about multimodal transportation, safety, asset management, cybersecurity, and the deployment of emerging technologies across all transportation modes will help U.S.DOT create research, development, and deployment activities.

Members of the public; municipalities and other state, local, and tribal transportation agencies; industry and technology developers; researchers; and other transportation stakeholders are encouraged to respond.

Submit written responses by email to TDI-Strategy-RFI@dot.gov by March 6, 2026. Responses should provide feedback to specific questions and be in the format described [here](#).

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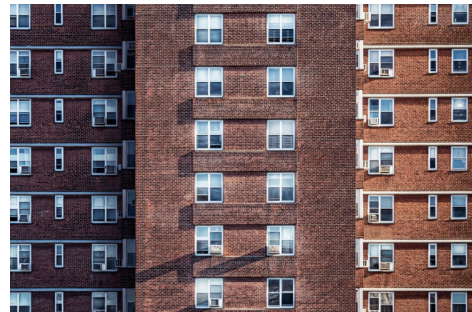
Conservative Deadline: **April 17, 2026**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is seeking public input about the **Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)** Program. Your feedback will be used to inform rural transportation policy and the development of future ROUTES activities. U.S. DOT requests responses to specific questions raised [here](#), and would like comments to "illustrate rural communities' needs and experiences with transportation infrastructure, including the condition of that infrastructure, its effect on safety and road user behavior, and how its use affects the community."

Use [this map](#) to determine if your community is located in a rural area, as defined by the U.S. DOT ROUTES program.

Comments will be accepted per instructions in the Request for Information, and will be accepted electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> (reference Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-0298).

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 CROG 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.

Promote Equitable Broadband

Governor Lamont's Funding Survey

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U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) — [Request for Information](#)

Conservative Deadline: **April 17, 2026**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is seeking public input about the **Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)** Program. Your feedback will be used to inform rural transportation policy and the development of future ROUTES activities. U.S. DOT requests responses to specific questions raised [here](#), and would like comments to "illustrate rural communities' needs and experiences with transportation infrastructure, including the condition of that infrastructure, its effect on safety and road user behavior, and how its use affects the community."

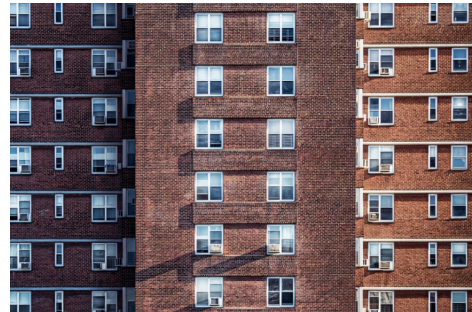
Use [this map](#) to determine if your community is located in a rural area, as defined by the U.S. DOT ROUTES program.

Comments will be accepted per instructions in the Request for Information, and will be accepted electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> (reference Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-0298).

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.

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.

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