

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (OCP)**

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The Office of Capital Projects is currently managing a portfolio of over \$100 million of active infrastructure and construction projects funded by Urban Act, STEAP, and Special Act funds, including more than \$50 million of projects supporting arts and cultural institutions across the state.

Our projects go through the State Bond Commission approval process. OCP Projects either go through a DECD application process or are assigned to us by OPM once a project is on the Bond Commission Agenda. Over the past few years, we have noticed a decrease in requests for municipal development projects so we wanted to just remind the municipalities that OCP can act as a conduit in getting state financial assistance for these much needed projects approved through the Bond Commission. More importantly, we can evaluate, assess, and review your potential projects in the planning stages from a CEPA prospective to make sure these project can move forward with state funding.

Example of Past/Present Regional Projects administered by the DECD under the Urban Act Program

- East Hartford - \$12,000,000 to the Town for public infrastructure improvements associated with the Rentschler Field Corridor.
- Mansfield - \$10M to finance the construction of a parking garage to serve the Storrs Center mixed use development. An additionally \$2.5M was utilized to fund the State DOT/OSTA mandated roadway improvements.
- New Britain - \$850K for certain roadway/sidewalk improvements along Hartford Road (CT Route 71) to support economic development.
- Suffield - \$980K to finance the extension of water/sewer lines along Route 75. The extensions will allow for future development of approximately 80 acres of buildable land within the Bradley International Airport Development Zone.

STEAP Program

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program funds economic development, community conservation and quality-of-life capital projects for municipalities is managed by OPM through a yearly competitive application process. Program is approximately \$20M a year, with a \$500K cap per town grants per year. STEAP Awards are now made on a rolling basis. There are no set dates for award announcements as was previously the cause. Of the 169 towns in CT, 108 are eligible to participate in the STEAP Program

2014 STEAP LEAN EVENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Delete the DECD PROPOSAL phase
- Standardize the AA CONTRACT (pre-approved by AG)
- Establish a GRANT ASSIGNMENT GROUP (OPM, DOT, DEEP, DECD) to facilitate assignment of STEAP projects between agencies

Arts, Cultural, & Historic Preservation Projects

We also work alongside of the DECD Office of the Arts. We currently manage a broad array of capital improvement projects which provide financial aid to many significant non-profit organizations throughout Connecticut.