

Annual Report 2015-2016

Highlights



CTfastrak celebrates one year of operations; ridership exceeds targets.



\$1.6 million saved by member municipalities through the Purchasing Council.



CRCOG is managing statewide aerial imagery flyover. Online permitting system serves 24 municipalities.



Re-launched MetroHartford Brownfields Program and initiated a workshop series on Next Generation Economic Development in Connecticut

Return on Investment

\$1 of local dues helps CRCOG access \$11 of state, federal, and other funding.

Financial Highlights 2015-2016 Projections

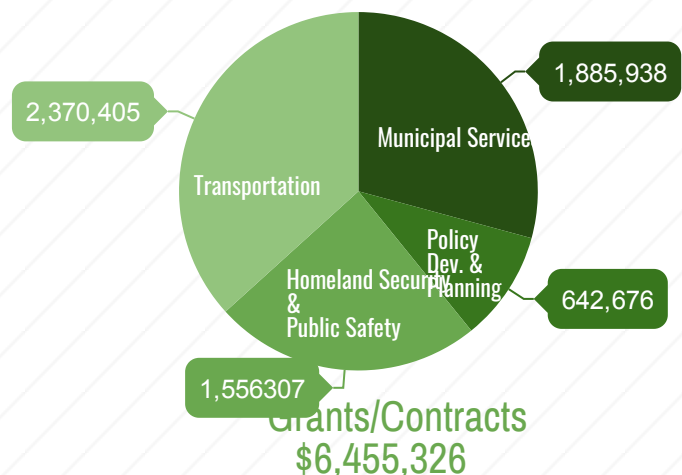
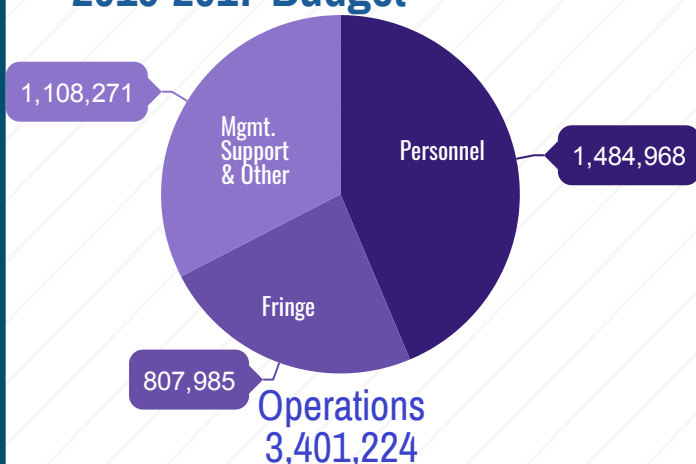
Revenues: \$8,318,228



Expenditures: \$8,050,710



2016-2017 Budget



Homeland Security & Public Safety



The Get Ready Capitol Region website was fully upgraded and continues to be the go to site for citizen emergency preparedness in the region. An ambassador program was launched to promote the site and a new partnership formed with the Hartford Marathon Foundation.

The CAPTAIN mobile data communications system is currently undergoing an upgrade and the CT-CHIEF Records Management System is being piloted by the State Criminal Justice Information System.

CRCOG delivered the FEMA Student Tools for Emergency Preparedness Program for all 5th grades students in both Bristol and Canton and will continue to offer this service.

CRCOG also began receiving funding from the Department of Public Health for infectious disease preparedness. A functional exercise was held and Healthcare Coalition planning well underway.



CRCOG conducted several After Action Reviews of Real Life Incidents at the request of our member communities along with a variety of Table-Top exercises. CRCOG also sponsored several FEMA Courses including "Integrating Whole Community Inclusive Planning into the Emergency Management Process"

Municipal Services

CRCOG expanded upon the CRCOG Data Center with the expertise of CRCOG's IT Strategic Partner, CCAT. CT OPM provided at total of \$529,000 to CRCOG to establish a "home" for all five Nutmeg Network Demonstration Project services. In addition, the CRCOG Data Center will be able to house future IT cooperative software licenses and IT services through a sustainable cost model that allows for expansion as services and storage needs grow. Early savings estimates for the 17 pilot towns participating in these efforts are from 32% to 58% each year for the various projects versus commercially available options. Dollar savings for the initial pilots are \$805,876 with more to come as the services are rolled out statewide.



CRCOG also convened three meetings on a variety of topics of interest to municipal Human Services and Social Services directors from the CRCOG region as part of the CRCOG Human Services Coordinating Council. We were able to raise more complex issues than would otherwise have been discussed at the regional level for the first time through this group.

Policy, Planning and Development



In FY 2016, CRCOG advanced projects that are helping to create a more connected, competitive, vibrant, and green Capitol Region by:

- Improving the redevelopment potential of contaminated properties through environmental investigations conducted under the MetroHartford Brownfields Program. This year, the program worked on seven sites, six of which hold potential for transit oriented development (TOD).

- Providing technical assistance on TOD to member communities through the CTfastrak and CTrail-Hartford Line Corridor Advisory Committee, and TOD on-call technical assistance.

- Advancing regional complete streets planning through education on best practices in assessing and implementing complete streets, implementation of the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and monitoring trends in walking and biking in the region.



- With the CRCOG Foundation hosting a three-part workshop series on Next Generation Economic Development in Connecticut. Topics covered included Talent Development and Advanced Manufacturing, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Anchor Institutions, Neighborhood Involvement, and the Innovation Economy.

- Partnering with the CHART Coalition of the Eastern Highlands Health District on the Plan4Health Project, which produced an on-line Healthy Communities Toolkit to help rural planning and zoning commissioners better understand their roles in developing healthier communities through active transportation and access to healthy foods.

Transportation



CTfastrak, CT's first Bus Rapid Transit System, celebrated its 1 year anniversary and surpassed the year one ridership goal. April 2016 had a total of 377,717 corridor passenger trips.

In addition, CRCOG's transportation department:

- Continued administration of the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program and programmed approximately \$11.2 million in funding under this program for municipally sponsored projects

- Programmed approximately \$10.3 million in federal 2015 Surface Transportation Urban funds

- Approved over \$55 million for new municipally sponsored transportation projects to improve regionally significant roads, sidewalks and multi-use trails

- Completed Capitol Region Intelligent Transportation System Strategic Plan

- Initiated or advanced 7 planning transportation studies

- Continued general transportation planning and mobility management with the region (freight, vehicular, bus transit, rail, aviation, vulnerable users)

