



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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Lyle Wray
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Dear Mr. Wray:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66r, I hereby approve the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) spending plan for FY 20. With this approval, I want you to know that I will also be executing CRCOG's FY 20 Regional Services Grant (RSG) award.

Please note that the General Grant Conditions associated with your RSG award include a Non-Supplanting provision and an OPM waiver process in Section 16.2. As you know, CTDOT has committed to providing a 10% state match for MPO-PL funds for each of the next two fiscal years' MPO work plans. However, CTDOT is unable to provide the traditional 10% state match for MPO-PL carryover funds. Therefore, I hereby waive the Non-Supplanting requirement of the General Grant Conditions, so that CRCOG may use a portion of its FY 20 RSG funds to cover up to 10% of the match requirement associated with the expenditure of any MPO-PL carryover funds.

I understand that the 2019 legislative session presented some challenges in meeting the spending plan requirements of CGS Section 4-66r, and recognize that CRCOG's adopted spending plan is reflective of its capacity to provide the types of activities and services desired by its member municipalities.

Governor Lamont is committed to making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly through collaboration with interagency, intergovernmental and interstate partners. The COGs have been diligent in their work with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) and the regionalism task force under PA 19-117 Sec. 366.

In order to assist the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) with this vision, I am asking each COG to submit to me by no later than December 31, 2019 two items. The first is to evaluate two areas of potential regionalization, Public Service Answering Points and Municipal Assessment. The second is for a brief description of your top three opportunity

areas for future regionalization. I encourage you to consult with ACIR and OPM's Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division Acting Undersecretary Martin Heft in your efforts to identify and assess which types of regional functions make the most sense for your member municipalities.

Looking ahead, I have directed Dan Morley to provide earlier guidance and coordination to COGs in the preparation and review of FY 21 spending plans, so that together we can explore all possible efforts that best promote regionalism and shared services to help drive down costs for your member municipalities.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

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