

Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program Grant Opportunity (2019) Information

The RPI Program grant opportunity is open after a hiatus. Initial outlines / vision statements are due on December 31st with specific information due in the spring.

The goal of the RPI Program is generally to encourage municipalities to participate in voluntary inter-municipal or regional shared services projects. Based on survey results and CRCOG's strategic plan, the following are the three staff proposes to put forward to OPM for the 2019-2020 round applications.

School/Town Back Office Consolidation Assistance to Towns

(estimate: variable and adjustable depending on scope)

Based on CRCOG's Strategic Planning Survey conducted in 2018-2019, School/Town Back Office Consolidation is an area of high interest for many of CRCOG's members. Some have already implemented such consolidation, and many are interested. CRCOG believes a program to assist towns in implementing school/town back office consolidation could enable towns to realize efficiencies within the municipalities.

Planimetric Data

(estimate \$600,000 - \$100,000 of which will come from CRCOG Regional fund)

Planimetric data such as edge of pavement, sidewalks and driveways, buildings, trees, etc. (transportation, MS4 applications), leveraging existing orthophotography and lidar data.

Transit-Oriented Development Marketing and Deal Structuring Assistance

(estimate: variable and adjustable depending on scope)

Applicable towns: Berlin, Enfield, Hartford, New Britain, Newington, West Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks

Hire a firm or firms to assist towns along CTrail and CTfastrak to do the following:

- Prepare concept visions, concept plans, and marketing materials for proposed TOD sites
- Draft and issue requests for proposals to developers
- Assist with RFP reviews
- Assist with structuring development deals
 - Financing (including potential innovative financing like TIF)
 - Risk mitigation
 - Community benefit agreements

For CTrail towns without current stations or in need of new stations (West Hartford, Newington, Enfield, Windsor, and potentially Windsor Locks)

- Assist with developing RFPs (or a single RFP) for a station-area public private partnership
 - Initial concept is that station platforms would be built by the state/town
 - Developers would be asked to develop a multi-use structure on the site
 - First floor train station and waiting area
 - First floor retail/office
 - Upper floors office or residential
 - Shared parking

Staff Proposed But Not Applying

Finance / Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

(estimate: \$500,000)

In CRCOG's Strategic Planning Survey, Finance and ERP had a relatively higher level of interest among members. A regional finance or ERP system would require significant capital and staff investment. CRCOG believes leveraging a regional program could bring efficiencies and savings to municipalities. The challenges include a long implementation timeline (1.5 to 2 years for smooth transitions) and significant municipal staff time and project management expertise and implementation.

Regional Building and Fire Inspection Services

(estimate: unknown and depends on scope. Request will most likely be: \$50,000 - \$250,000)

Franklin Council of Governments in Massachusetts has regional building official and inspection services for some of its towns. Some of CRCOG's smaller towns may benefit from a similar program that leverages town resources more effectively.

Electronic Document Management System Program Expansion

(estimate: variable, depending on scope: \$75,000 - \$250,000)

CRCOG's current EDMS program is in pilot stage and will be in program phase this fiscal year. The current program includes agenda management, HR File management, and Land Use documents. CRCOG believes expanding the program to include additional file types and categories will enable more municipalities to take advantage of this resource.

CRCOG Data Portal

(estimate: \$50,000 - \$95,000)

Procure consultant assistance, training and additional software to leverage existing GIS infrastructure and datasets. CRCOG has recently deployed an ArcGIS Enterprise environment and would like to utilize ArcGIS Portal (already have license) and possibly ArcGIS Hub (additional purchase) to provide more robust interactive web mapping and self-serve data downloads. This would serve as a 'one stop shop' portal for all of CRCOGs data products, not just limited to geographic data and functions. The commitment to staff training for maintaining and growing this deployment will be critical.

Region-wide Dataset(s)

(estimate \$70,000)

Compile and homogenize Parcel-based Land Use, dwelling unit and other information to assist with our the CRCOG Scenario Planning Program

Past RPIP Projects

- CAPTAIN 4G (2012)
- Back Office Study (2012)
- Regional Online Permitting (2008)
- Anchor Institutions (2016)
- Regional Orthoflight (2008) and GIS Upgrade (2012)

Past Unsuccessful Applications

- Regional Computer Forensics Lab
- Municipal Regional CRM System
- Economic Development Grant for four towns (Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland)