

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy Board

FROM: Pauline Yoder, Acting Executive Director

DATE: January 11, 2022

RE: ARPA funding – Transformational Projects, Municipal Participation

In December, the Municipal Services Committee met to discuss potential projects CRCOG could implement on behalf of its members using available ARPA funding. Based on that discussion, a few potential projects came to the forefront. These projects have been structured in such a way that individual members may choose to participate in each according to the members' needs or desires.

If your town is interested or potentially interested in any of the projects, please contact me by the end of January at pyoder@crcog.org or (860) 724-4285.

ARPA Technical Assistance

CRCOG shall provide assistance with interpretation, clarification and preparation of ARPA regulatory and statutory reporting.

- Preparing reports for review and submission by CRCOG towns
- Procurement assistance, ARPA compliance
- Other assistance on a regional basis
- Develop Reporting and Compliance Workshops, especially for those smaller towns and municipalities who require technical assistance in order to comply with the complicated ARPA updates to the Regulations recently released by the US Department of the Treasury.

Since ARPA review, preparation and assistance should generally be consistent, CRCOG proposes a flat rate tier based on the number of participating municipalities:

- 1 to 5 towns: \$1250 per month per municipality
- 6 to 10 towns: \$1100 per month per municipality
- 11 + towns: \$1000 per month per municipality

Workforce Development - Community Navigator

Advancing youth and secondary education and training opportunities for underserved populations (CRCOG in conjunction with Capital Workforce Partners). Support an updated navigation system to connect those most impacted by the COVID Pandemic (unemployed, dislocated workers, older youth, women, people of color and other impacted populations), to employment and training programs leading to high quality jobs and careers.

- Supporting a central Navigation Specialist working directly with the American Job Center(s) who would keep an updated list of employment and training opportunities (in real time)
- Supporting several Navigation Specialists in targeted municipalities who would assure a community networking and outreach system was in place in their respective municipalities, and who would connect with the American Job Center Navigator. The Specialist would be oriented and trained to support real time community outreach activities.

Cost estimate: TBD

Solid Waste – Curbside Organic and Food Waste Recycling

Conduct a Request for Information (RFI) for curbside organic and food waste recycling. Dovetailing on the current Connecticut Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CCMMS) as well as the current CRCOG effort of understanding the long-term options for MIRA. The CCMMS includes State of CT's 60% diversion of solid waste from disposal by 2024. Accomplishing this goal will require diverting approximately 2.1 million tons of waste annually statewide.

RFP/RFI for Curbside Organic Food Waste Recycling will be conducted by CRCOG as part of the MSC work plan for 2021-2022

Implementation: TBD - Based on results of RFI.

GIS Data Development and Platform Enhancement

Oblique Imagery Acquisition – Imagery captured from an angle as opposed to from directly above (orthogonal). This data allows users to see the sides of buildings and to rotate around structures. There are many municipal uses from public safety to assessment. (Cost TBD. Technology and vendors improve on an on-going basis. This will likely be an on-going subscription cost)

Municipal Parcel Data Correction – Several of our member municipalities have parcel polygon data that is spatially inaccurate or has other significant issues. Consultant evaluation of the regions parcel data and identification of the which municipalities need the most improvement is recommended in addition to performing the corrections or re-digitization. (\$50,000-\$150,000 per town depending on the current state of data within the municipality)