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Community Connectivity Grant Program Funding Open for Connecticut Municipalities to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Access

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) today announced a third solicitation for Community Connectivity Grants to towns and cities across Connecticut to fund municipal construction projects.

The Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) is an infrastructure improvement program that provides funding for local initiatives to improve the safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users in urban, suburban, and rural communities. The program goal is to provide equitable access to transportation by making conditions safer for all people and encouraging more use of these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel.

“The Community Connectivity Grant Program has projects underway in 59 towns already, and it will continue to make downtowns and town centers more vibrant, useable, and safe for residents and visitors using all modes of transit,” **said CTDOT Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto**. “Improving the safety and accessibility of municipal sidewalks, crosswalks, and streetscapes for everyone remains a top priority for our team at the DOT. I am confident this renewed focus will continue to make our state’s community centers more attractive places to live, work, and play.”

Grant awards are contingent upon the State Bond Commission’s approval of \$10 million. The funding limits for grants awarded in this solicitation are between \$100,000 and \$800,000 and can only be used to fund activities related to project construction. To be considered for this solicitation, municipalities previously awarded a grant under this program must have submitted and received approval of their final project design submission package by the application deadline.

Although not required for this round of solicitation, additional consideration will be given to municipalities that have developed a Complete Street Plan or Policy, ADA transition plan, or comprehensive safety action plan, as recommended by the state’s **Vision Zero Council** (<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/VisionZeroCouncil/WhatIsTheVisionZeroCouncil>). For future solicitations, municipalities will be required to have an adopted Complete Streets Plan or comprehensive safety action plan to be eligible to apply for funding under the CCGP; this was a recommendation that came from the state’s Vision Zero Council.

Grant applications are available on the Community Connectivity portal and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023.

For more information on the Community Connectivity Program, please visit portal.ct.gov/DOT/PP_Intermodal/CTConnectivity/CT-Connectivity-CCGP (https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/PP_Intermodal/CTConnectivity/CT-Connectivity-CCGP).

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