



CT. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING – OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND HOUSING SUPPORT

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

**CT. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND THE OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND HOUSING SUPPORT
ROLLING OUT NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

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CT's DOH will begin to rollout a new Technical Assistance (TA) Program in the Spring of 2024 that has been designed to support the implementation of the locally adopted Affordable Housing Plans also known as the 8-30j plans. Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno recently created the program that will run from 2024 through 2027. It will operate through the Office of Policy, Research and Housing Support (OPRHS) and be staffed by Benjamin Lovejoy, Project Manager (PM), and supervised by Michael Santoro, OPRHS Director.

The program will offer direct support to municipalities that request agency assistance to further implement their locally adopted 8-30j Affordable Housing Plans. The technical assistance will be designed to meet local need, empower municipalities, and support the development of additional housing units within participating communities.

Services will be tailored to support recommendations and goals identified in the Affordable Housing Plans, the current POCD, and other associated local planning documents. Examples of assistance include but are not limited to, ***Trainings, Workshop Management, Research, Grant Assistance & Coordination, Program Referrals, Public Participation Support, and Resource Allocations.***

The TA will be provided on an as needed basis, to municipalities that contact the Project Manager and set up a preliminary intake meeting. Following the meeting, the PM will review applicability and determine next steps for effectively assisting the community.

The goal of the program will be to ensure that all participating municipalities receive services and assistance that helps create a local environment suited for furthering housing unit development. The program will also seek to coordinate assistance efforts with the Councils of Governments and regional housing committees as well as seek to align agency programs with local efforts.

Given the current allocated resources, the program is expected to serve approximately 10 municipalities concurrently and will also require local commitment from municipal leadership. The services will be offered exclusively to municipalities that request assistance and only after a final determination of need is completed by DOH staff.

To schedule an intake meeting, or to receive any additional information, contact the Program Manager using the email provided below.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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