

## Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2026 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program

### Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fact Sheet

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program

**Opportunity ID:** DOT-RCP-FY24-01

**Agency:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST)

**Purpose:** To advance community-centered transportation connection projects, with a priority for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration, and to provide technical assistance to further these goals.

**Funding:** \$607 million in total for FY24 (\$200 million), FY25 (\$202 million), and FY26 (\$205 million).

*Community Planning Grants and Technical Assistance:* \$150 million (\$50 million annually)

*Capital Construction Grants:* \$150 million in FY24, \$152 million in FY25, and \$155 million in FY26.

**Award Size:**

*Community Planning Grants:* \$2 million maximum award. There is not a designated minimum award.

*Capital Construction Grants:* \$5 million minimum award. The anticipated maximum award is \$100 million.

**Cost Share/Match:**

*Community Planning Grants:* 80% RCP / 20% local

*Capital Construction Grants:* 50% RCP / 50% local

- Other Federal funds may be used to bring the total Federal share up to a maximum of 80%.

**Deadline:** Monday, September 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

**Period of Performance/Availability of Funds:** Funds are available until expended.

- FY24 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2027
- FY25 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2028
- FY26 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2029

**BCA Required:** A benefit-cost analysis is only required for Capital Construction Grant applications. Community Planning Grant applicants do not need to submit a BCA with an application.

- A BCA *may* be required as part of Performance and Program Evaluation

**Eligible Applicants:**

*Community Planning Grants:*

- A State
- A unit of local government
- A Tribal government

- A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- A non-profit organization

*Capital Construction Grants:*

- Owner(s) of the eligible facility proposed for which all necessary feasibility studies and other planning studies have been completed; or
- Eligible Community Planning Grant applicants may submit the application in partnership with the facility owner to carry out the proposed project.

**Eligible Projects:**

*Community Planning Grants:* Fund the study of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing facility to restore community connectivity; public engagement; and other transportation planning activities.

*Capital Construction Grants:* Fund a project to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or to replace an existing eligible facility with a new facility that reconnects communities.

- Eligible construction grant activities include:
  - preliminary and detailed design activities and associated environmental studies;
  - preconstruction;
  - construction;
  - permitting activities including the completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process;
  - the removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an eligible facility;
  - the replacement of an eligible facility with a new facility that restores community connectivity;
  - meaningful public involvement throughout the project delivery process;
  - delivering community benefits and the mitigation of impacts identified through the NEPA process or other planning and project development for the capital construction project.

**Eligible Facility:** A highway or other surface transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors. Eligible facilities include limited access highways, viaducts, any other principal arterial facilities, and other facilities such as transit lines and rail lines.

**Multiple Applications:** A lead applicant may not submit more than three (3) applications and any additional submittals beyond this limit will not be reviewed. Unrelated project components may not be bundled into a single application to adhere to this limit.

**Eligible Costs:**

*Community Planning Grants:*

- Public engagement activities, including community visioning or other place-based strategies for public input and meaningful involvement into project plans.
- Planning studies to assess the feasibility of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility to reconnect communities.
  - Current traffic patterns on the facility and the surrounding street network.

- Capacity of existing transportation networks to maintain mobility needs.
- Alternative roadway designs or other uses for the right-of-way.
- The project's impact on mobility of freight and people.
- The project's impact on safety.
- The estimated cost to restore community connectivity and to convert the facility to a different design or use, compared to any expected maintenance or reconstruction costs.
- The project's anticipated economic impact and development opportunities.
- The project's environmental, public health, and community impacts.
- Other planning activities in advance of the project, such as:
  - Conceptual and preliminary engineering, or design and planning studies that support the environmental review for a construction project.
  - Associated needs such as locally-driven land use and zoning reform, transit-oriented development, housing supply, in particular affordable housing, managing gentrification and neighborhood change, proposed project impact mitigation, climate resilience and sustainability, green and open space, local history and culture, access and mobility barriers, jobs and workforce, or other necessary planning activities as put forth by the applicant that do not result in construction.

*Capital Construction Grants:* Projects for which adequate planning activities, such as engaging with the public to understand the public's needs and interests, evaluating relevant data, and/or developing a conceptual design have been completed.

- Projects must be consistent with the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan, included in the Metropolitan Long-Range Plan (if applicable), and in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and / or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) or equivalent, as applicable, prior to the obligation of the award.
- Transit projects must be included in the investment prioritization of the relevant Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan by the time of the obligation of the award.

**Merit Criteria:**

1. Equity and Justice<sup>40</sup>
2. Access
3. Facility Suitability
4. Community Engagement and Community-based Stewardship, Management, and Partnerships
5. Equitable Development
6. Climate Change Mitigation and/or Adaptive Resilience
7. Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity
8. Planning Integration

**Priority Considerations:** Priority consideration will be given to projects that support the goals of the Justice<sup>40</sup> Initiative. Additional consideration will be given to projects which support the following:

- Safety
- Transformation
- Thriving Communities

**USDOT Priorities:**

- Safety
- Equity
- Climate and Sustainability
- Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation

**Definitions:**

*Economically Disadvantaged Community:* For the purposes of the RCP NOFO, applicants may demonstrate the “economic disadvantage” of the project area using the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#) to identify geographically defined disadvantaged communities.

To identify communities that are located in an *area of persistent poverty* to further assess burdens or assess and demonstrate benefits of a project, applicants may use the CEJST and one or more of the following tools:

1. [EPA Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping tool \(EJSCREEN\)](#) – socio-economic indicator for low income, block groups in the 80th percentile or above, compared to the State.
2. [Areas of Persistent Poverty table](#) for the County or Census tract level.
3. Census tract identified in the [USDOT Equitable Transportation Community \(ETC\) Explorer](#)
4. [FHWA Screening Tool for Equity Analysis of Projects](#)

A project located in both (1) areas that are Disadvantaged Communities and (2) areas that are not Disadvantaged Communities will be designated as Disadvantaged Communities if the majority of the project’s costs will be spent in the areas that qualify as Disadvantaged Communities. For RCP Community Planning grants, the location being planned, prepared, or designed will be used for the Disadvantaged Community designation. Projects that fall on the border of a Disadvantaged and Non-Disadvantaged Community will be considered Disadvantaged Communities.

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June 2024

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## Recent Awards

We are thrilled to share that CRCOG's partnership with CTDOT and the Towns of Newington, Wethersfield and Berlin has paid off! The region has been selected to receive a **\$2M** grant from the **FY24 RAISE program** to study and design transportation improvements along an 11-mile stretch of the **Berlin Turnpike**. Read the full [press release](#).

## In This Newsletter

This edition includes the following upcoming events and funding opportunities:

- U.S. DOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Technology (SMART)
- U.S. DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)
- U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP)
- U.S. DOT Financing Programs - TIFIA and RRIF
- U.S. DOT FHWA National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration.. (Culvert AOP)
- U.S. DOT FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program
- U.S. DOT Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program - Northeast Corridor
- U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All
- U.S. DOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program
- CT DOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program
- U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program for Bridge Project Grants
- EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle (CHDV) Grants
- EPA Environmental & Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Discretionary Funding Opportunities

### **Summer Highlights:**

- There is still time to apply for **SS4A** - apply for Federal funds to promote safer roads and behaviors in our communities.
- The **SMART program** is back, accepting Stage 1 applications until 5 pm on **July 12, 2024**.



- Looking to promote the use of electric vehicles in your municipality? Consider applying for a **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant** - applications are being accepted now, learn more below.

- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program** - we anticipate the

NOFO to be announced in **early July**.

Keep scrolling to learn about these featured programs and other open and upcoming opportunities. If you would like to discuss these funding opportunities and how to fund the priority projects in your community, please contact [Elizabeth Sanderson](#).

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## Transportation-Related Funding Opportunities

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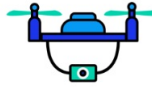
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## U.S. DOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program (SMART)

**Application Deadline: July 12, 2024**

U.S. DOT is now accepting **Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grant** applications for the **SMART** program. This program funds the development on demonstration projects focused on technologies and systems designed to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

Applicants must receive a Stage 1 grant to be eligible for Stage 2, and this is likely the last opportunity to apply for Stage 1. Learn more [here](#), or in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Apply online through [ValidEval](#) before the application deadline.



## U.S. DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program (CFI)

**Application Deadline:** New Applications are due by **August 28, 2024**

U.S. DOT is now accepting applications for Round 2 of the **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI)**. This program was developed to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle and alternative fueling infrastructure. Up to **\$1.3B** is available for new and previously submitted applications. If you applied last year, but were not awarded, your prior application can be reconsidered if you [notify FHWA](#) by July 1. View [CROCOG's Summary](#) and the [Program Webpage](#) to learn more.

View the [Public Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charging Infrastructure Playbook](#), developed by the U.S. Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) in

partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) program. The playbook offers interactive resources to help communities plan and build infrastructure that supports a **zero-emission transportation system**. The book is geared towards communities, planning organizations, local and state governments, Tribal Nations, and other decision makers to help them navigate important considerations when planning and deploying EV charging infrastructure.

Apply online through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) before the application deadline.



## RECONNECTING

*Communities and Neighborhoods*

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

-  **Program Purpose**  
To remove transportation barriers and connect the communities they serve. Three types of grants for capital construction, planning, and regional partnerships across two programs: **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP)** and **Neighborhood Equity and Access Program (NEA)**.
-  **Project Examples**  
Public transportation, infrastructure removal, ADA-compliant infrastructure, capping and lids, parks and trails, tree canopy cover improvement, roadway redesigns, complete streets reconversions, and main street revitalizations.
-  **Application Process**  
Visit the [Program Website](#) to learn more and sign up for email updates.



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## U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

U.S. DOT's **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program** is coming back. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected to be issued in early July. The program seeks to remove transportation barriers that have divided communities for decades, impairing mobility, access and economic development.

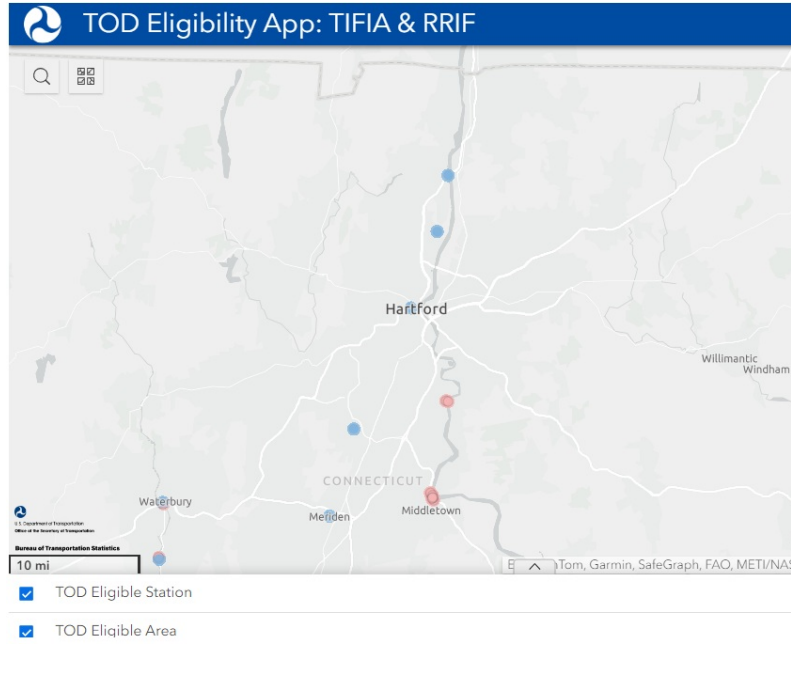
Learn more and sign up for updates [here](#). Explore the program's [FY23 RCN StoryMap](#) to get inspired!

## U.S. DOT Financing Programs - TIFIA, RRIF

In addition to the numerous discretionary and formula funding programs, U.S. DOT offers **flexible loan programs** like [TIFIA](#) and [RRIF](#) to finance **large transportation projects**. Funding for **Transit-oriented Development (TOD)** projects is now also available for eligible areas, which, per the [TOD Eligibility Map](#)

for TIFIA and RRIF include CROG municipalities of Berlin, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Enfield.

To learn more, [Register for US DOT's upcoming webinar on July 9 \(1:00-2:30 p.m. ET\) or July 15 \(3:00-4:30 p.m. ET\).](#)



## U.S. DOT FHWA National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants Program

Application Deadline: September 23, 2024

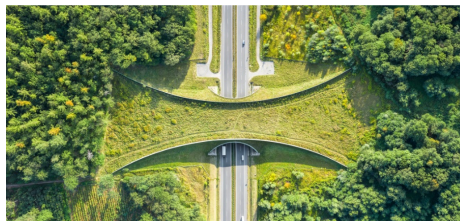


U.S. DOT is now accepting applications for the **National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP))**. This program seeks to improve passage of aquatic organisms through the removal, replacement, or restoration of culverts. [CROG's Summary](#) from FY2022 provides more information, including a [list of waterways in Connecticut that may be eligible](#) for this funding opportunity. Visit FHWA's [Program Webpage](#) to learn more.

Access the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and [apply online through Grants.gov](#) before the application deadline.

## U.S. DOT FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

Application Deadline: September 4, 2024



FHWA is now accepting applications for the **Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program**. This program seeks to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. [Learn more.](#)

[Access the Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) and apply online through Grants.gov](#) before the application deadline.



## Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Rail Grant Program - Northeast Corridor



**Application Deadline: July 14, 2024**

U.S. DOT Federal Railroad Administration is accepting applications for over \$2B in funding available from [FY24 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program](#) for projects located on the Northeast Corridor. Collaboration with CTDOT and rail owners/operators is required. [Learn more](#), and view the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

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## U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)



**Planning and Demonstration Grant  
Deadline: August 29, 2024**

U.S. DOT is now accepting applications for the **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)**. This is an excellent opportunity to fund projects and develop strategies that will prevent deaths and serious injuries on roadways. [Learn more](#), or in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

CRCOG has prepared guidance documents for each of the two types of grants. Please contact [Elizabeth Sanderson](#) if you are interested in receiving these documents or would like to discuss your project in greater detail.

[Apply online through ValidEval](#) before the application deadline.

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## U.S. DOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program



**Application Deadline **EXTENDED** to: July  
17, 2024**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced availability of \$44M for the [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#).

ATIIP seeks to fund projects that will provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in *networks* (connections between destinations within a community or metro-region) and *spines* (connections between communities, metro-regions, or States). Integrating active transportation with transit services is a goal of the program to improve access to public transportation.

Two types of grants will be awarded:

1. Planning and Design (minimum planning and design cost of \$100,000); and
2. Construction (minimum total costs of \$15M).

Visit [FHWA's ATIIP Webpage](#) and obtain the [NOFO](#) for more information.

## CT DOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program

**Application Deadline: Rolling Basis until funds are exhausted**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has created a new Active Transportation Microgrant Program to work in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School Program. The purpose of the program is to provide eligible applicants with **up to \$5,000** for non-infrastructure resources that advance safe, accessible, sustainable, and equitable walking, biking, and rolling.

**New Active Transportation Microgrant Program Now Available!**

Schools, school districts, municipalities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants up to \$5,000.

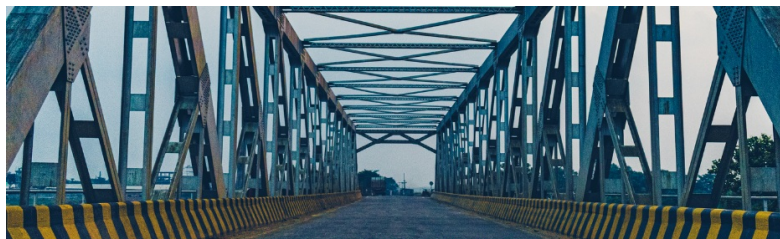
Icons: Padlock, Bicycle helmet, Safety vest, Bicycle.

Learn more at [ct.gov/SafeRoutes](https://ct.gov/SafeRoutes)

Eligible applicants include schools, school districts, municipalities, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Eligible items include bicycle helmets; bicycle locks; bicycle fleets; safety vests; bicycle maintenance training and materials; League Cycling instructors training; and programs, events, and materials for bicycle and pedestrian safety education.

**Up to \$500,000 is available for this program**, which will be administered and distributed by COGs until utilized. Applicants may apply for up to two grants per 12-month period. View the [Program Guidelines](#).

Apply online using this [Application Form](#) and send to [Mike Cipriano](#), CRCOG's Representative, once complete. Since this is a rolling application process with limited funds available, applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.



### USDOT BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

#### PLANNING GRANTS AND BRIDGE PROJECT GRANTS

\* **Program Purpose:** To reduce the overall number of existing bridges (or culverts) on the National Bridge Inventory that are in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis with the following upcoming deadlines:

- **Large Bridge** (eligible costs over \$100M) are due **August 1, 2024**;
- **Planning Applications** are due **October 1, 2024**; and
- **Bridge Projects** (eligible costs of \$100M or less) are due **November 1, 2024**

\* **Minimum Award Amounts** – **Bridge Project:** \$2.5M; **Planning Grants:** No minimum.  
\* **Maximum Award Amount:** up to 80%, except up to 90% for off-system bridges

\* Visit [CRCOG's Summary](#) or the [Program Website](#) for more information.

\* Apply Online: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (CFDA: 20.205).



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## U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program

**Large Bridge Application Deadline: August 1, 2024**

**Planning Grant Application Deadline: October 1, 2024**

**Bridge Project Application Deadline: November 1, 2024**

There is still time to apply for Federal funding from FY2023 and FY2024 for **Bridge Project Grants (under \$100M)** through **FHWA's Bridge Investment Program**.

This is an excellent opportunity for municipalities to improve existing bridges or culverts that are listed on the **National Bridge Inventory**. The goal of this program is to improve bridge condition and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over existing bridges.

There are two funding categories in this program: **(1) Planning;** and **(2) Bridge Project grants** (with total eligible costs not greater than \$100M).

- **Planning Grants:** Up to \$80M is available for FYs 2023 through 2026. There is no maximum or minimum grant award amount; however, grant awards must not exceed 80% of total eligible project costs (a 20% non-Federal cost share is required).
- **Bridge Project Grants:** Up to \$9.62 B is available for FYs 2023 through 2026 for projects with total eligible costs of **\$100M or less**. Minimum grant awards of \$2.5 M, and maximum grant awards of 80% of total eligible project costs (a 20% non-Federal cost share is required).
- **Large Bridge Project Grants:** Funding available for projects with total eligible costs greater than \$100M.

The [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#) establishes a “rolling application” process. The schedule, requirements, and selection process for applications is provided for the remaining available amounts of BIP funding.

View CRCOG's [three static maps](#) and/or [interactive online map](#) depicting bridges rated in poor or fair condition based on data from the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Some of the bridges have been allocated funding through state or other programs, while others have not.

See [CRCOG's Summary](#) and [FHWA's Program Webpage](#) for more information. FHWA provides application templates ([Planning](#) and [Bridge Project](#)) and a [Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool](#) to assist applicants.

If you have a bridge that is listed on the National Bridge Inventory, and it is rated in poor or fair condition, then please contact [Elizabeth Sanderson](#) to learn more about how a Planning Grant or Bridge Project Grant through the Bridge Investment Program could be used to improve road safety and connectivity in your town or city. Project bundling is encouraged. More information about this innovative practice is provided by FHWA [here](#).

Applications will be accepted at [Grants.gov](#) on a rolling basis.

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## **Environment and Energy-Related Funding Opportunities**

### **U.S. EPA Environmental & Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: Rolling Basis until November 21, 2024**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making **\$2B available** to fund community-driven projects to address climate challenges and reduce pollution through the **Community Change Grants**. The program will enable communities and their partners\* to overcome longstanding environmental challenges and implement meaningful solutions to meet community needs now and in the future.



There are two funding tracks:

1. **Community-Driven Investments for Change** will fund about 150 large,

transformational community-driven investment grants of **\$10 million - \$20 million** to meaningfully improve the environmental, climate, and resilience conditions affecting disadvantaged communities. A review of the **EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities Map** reveals that **19 CROG Member Municipalities** contain Census Tracts that meet EPA's definition of disadvantaged community: **Berlin, Bloomfield, Columbia, East Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, Manchester, Mansfield, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Southington, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.**

2. **Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance** will fund about 20 meaningful engagement grants of **\$1 million - \$3 million.**

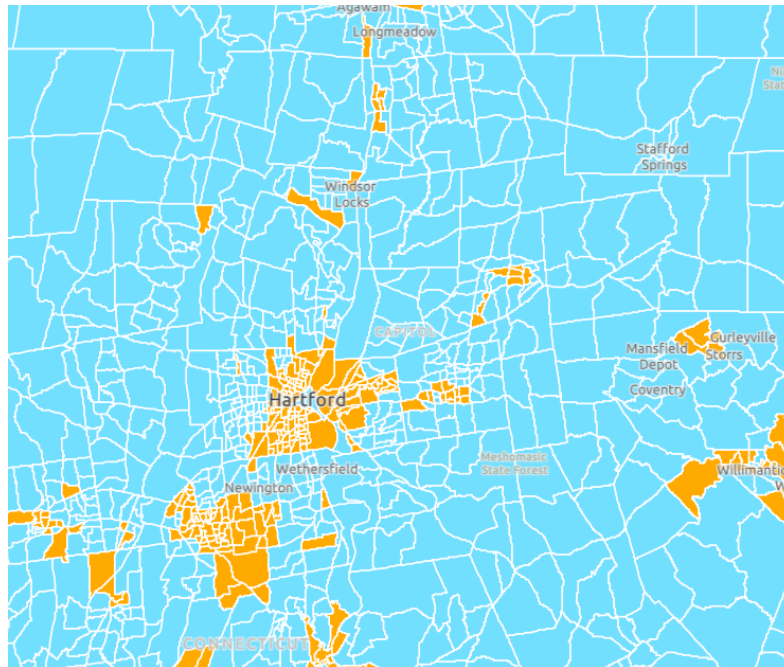
Grants may be used for:

- Air and other pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation, and investments that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions<sup>1</sup> and other air pollutants;
- Mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events;
- Climate resiliency and adaptation;
- Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution;
- Facilitating engagement of disadvantaged communities in state and federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes; or
- More, as detailed in the **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**.

Funds must be used within three years. EPA offers technical assistance for eligible entities for pre- and post-award activities. More information about the technical assistance program is available [here](#).

[Apply online at Grants.gov](#) at any time before the final application deadline.

\*Partners are expected to comply with competitive procurement contracting requirements. More information about partner selection is in the NOFO.



## **Brownfields Redevelopment**

**Application Deadline:  
Varies**

In Connecticut, a brownfield is defined as “any abandoned or underutilized site where redevelopment, reuse or expansion has not occurred due to the presence or potential presence of pollution in the buildings, soil or groundwater that requires investigation or remediation before or in conjunction with the redevelopment, reuse or expansion of the property.”



Such properties are common in Connecticut, due to our long-history and industrious roots. Brownfields are common contributors to blight, and it is important to take action to assess environmental conditions, identify pollutants, and establish a plan to remediate them so that these opportunity properties can return to productive re-use.

Federal, State, and local programs exist to incentivize redevelopment. [Let's talk](#) about options that may be available to address blight and pollution in your community.

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## **Housing and Community Development-Related Funding Opportunities**

### **HUD Discretionary Funding Opportunities**

Application deadlines vary by program.

HUD has over 20 [discretionary grant programs](#) available that support agency initiatives such as Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, Supportive Housing and Services:



### **FY2023 and FY2024 Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships**

Deadline: **June 30, 2025**

More information is available on [Grants.gov](#) or [HUD's Grant Information webpage](#).

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## **Useful Resources**

## Nature-Based Solutions for Stormwater Management



Join us for a seminar on  
sustainable stormwater  
practices.

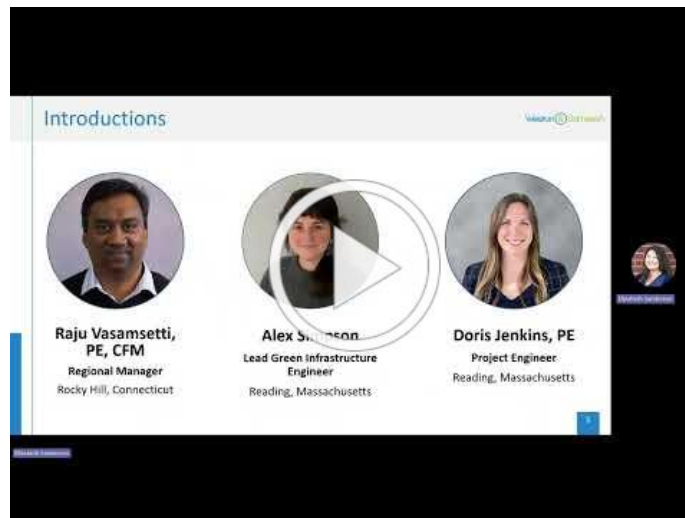
Learn about innovative approaches to  
managing stormwater using nature-  
based solutions.

Friday, May 31, 2024

Promoting green infrastructure for a  
resilient future.

### BIL Workshop Series: Sustainable Stormwater Management

Thank you to all who attended the Sustainable Stormwater Management Workshop that CROCOG and Weston & Sampson held on May 31. A recording of the presentations is available [here](#):



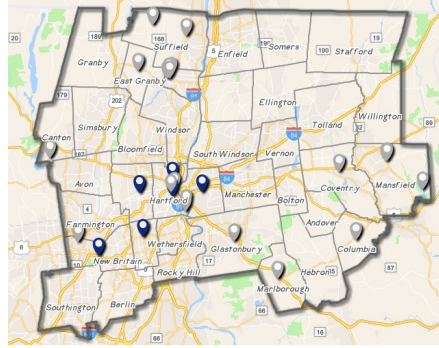
We enjoyed offering this informative presentation, which was followed by an engaging, lively discussion. Looking forward to holding similar events on topics of interest to you. Please complete the survey to share your feedback:

[Complete the survey](#)

### Discretionary Grants Awarded to the CROCOG Region

Learn more about discretionary grant  
awards coming to our region. CROCOG's  
GIS Team has developed an

[Interactive Online Map of Federal Discretionary Grant Awards](#). This map is updated quarterly with available information about awards in our region. As of April 11, 2024, **over \$56M** has been awarded to CRCOG and its Member Municipalities. Additional funding has been awarded to non-municipal entities.



More information about these grant awards is available on the map.

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## A Reminder About ARPA Funds

Time is running out to obligate and spend ARPA funds. If you have unobligated funds, consider the expanded uses now available. This is further explained in the U.S. Department of Treasury Interim Final Rule of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, a.k.a. ARPA Funds), which was published on September 20, 2023, and [CRCOG's Summary](#). The 2023 Interim Final Rule expands eligible uses of SLFRF to include:



1. Emergency relief from natural disasters;
2. Projects eligible under certain Surface Transportation Projects; and
3. Projects eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Restrictions and timelines apply. Watch U.S. Treasury's [webinar on YouTube](#).

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## Tools and Resources



- Connecticut's **Training and Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center)** provides a wealth of resources and training opportunities related to the transportation industry. Learn more about upcoming opportunities and get connected by visiting the [T2 Center Webpage](#).
  - View a recent T2 Center [webinar](#) about CT DOT's [Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program](#)
- Visit [FHWA's Complete Streets Funding Sheet](#) for more funding opportunity ideas.
- View [FHWA's Lighting Handbook](#) and [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more about how lighting can help save lives.

- A link to learn more about [FHWA's Proven Countermeasures](#) to improve road safety.
- View information about available U.S. DOT [technical assistance](#), including a [Rural Grant Toolkit](#) and a new [Benefit-Cost Analysis Spreadsheet Template](#), for your use.
- View [CRCOG's On-Call List of Qualified Consultants for Infrastructure Related Economic Analysis](#). Three consultants were selected for CRCOG and/or Member Municipalities to contract with to perform infrastructure related economic analysis services, such as Benefit Cost Analyses for studies or grant applications. Such technical assistance is in addition to the assistance CRCOG currently provides.
- Visit [CRCOG's BIL Webpage](#) for more information about many of the grants and funding opportunities featured in this newsletter.

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  - View [CRCOG Open RFPs/RFQs](#)
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