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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

August 25, 2021– 10:00 A.M.

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, CT 06473**

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all guests will participate remotely**

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – *First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair*
2. Approval of 7/28/21 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – *First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary* Pages 2-5
3. Treasurer's Report for month ending 7/31/21 – *First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Treasurer* Pages 6,7
4. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair* Pages 8-12
Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Eight Pages 11,12
5. Region 2 DEMHS Report- *Jacob Manke, Region 2 Coordinator*
6. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Notice of Grant Award for the 2021-22 Regional Services Grant Page 13
7. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 14-27
8. Grant Opportunities—*Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 28,29
9. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 30-41
10. Regional Planning Commission August Action Table Page 42
11. CT Rides Quarterly Report (April-June 2021) Attached
12. **Member-Panel Discussion of Municipal Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding** Page 43
Panelists: Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Michael Muszynski, CCM
13. Adjournment

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary**
DATE: **August 18, 2021**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2021**

Present:

Bethany	Tom Ellis, <i>proxy for First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco</i>
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Vice Chair
Hamden	Adam Sendroff, <i>proxy for Mayor Curt Leng</i>
Madison	First Selectman Peggy Lyons
Meriden	Timothy Coon, <i>proxy for Mayor Kevin Scarpato</i>
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven	Kevin Alvarez, <i>proxy for Mayor Justin Elicker</i>
North Branford	Michael Paulhus, <i>proxy for Mayor Bob Viglione</i>
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
Woodbridge	First Selectman Beth Heller, Immediate Past Chair

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Stephen Dudley, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Eugene Livshits, Rebecca Andreucci, Andy Cirioli, Antoine Campbell (intern)

Guests: Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Sara Radacsi, *CTDOT*; Louis Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Michael Muszynski, *Connecticut Conference of Municipalities*; Betsy Gara, *Council of Small Towns*; Jake Manke, *DEMHS/DESPP*; Meg Haffner, *Kennedy Center*; Garrett Sheehan and Anne Benowitz, *Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina Law Firm*; Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority*; Daniel Fitzmaurice, *Arts Council of Greater New Haven*; Richard LoPresti, *Town of North Haven*.

NOTE: The July 2021 SCRCOG Board meeting was hybrid with both in-person and virtual attendance.

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chairman Freda called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the June 23, 2021 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Zeoli presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of June 23, 2021, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. He moved for their approval, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report for month ending June 30, 2021

Tom Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2021, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 6-7. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$1,382,000 with \$1,184,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$118,000 due from CTDOT and \$400 due from CIRCA. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Hoey moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Heller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Transportation Committee Report

Stephen Dudley reviewed the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-19 of the agenda packet, with the resolutions found on pages 12-19.

- Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Seven:
First Selectman Zeoli moved to adopt the resolution, and Tim Coon seconded. All voted in favor.
- Adopt Resolution to Approve LOTCIP Program Priorities
Tim Coon moved to adopt the resolution, and Kevin Alvarez seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to enter into agreements for FY 22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Consultant Services

Stephen Dudley reviewed the resolution on page 20 authorizing the Executive Director utilize consultant services for UPWP work. Tim Coon moved to accept, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. The vote was unanimous.

6. FY 2021-22 Budget Revision #2

Executive Director Amento presented Budget Revision #2 to the SCRCOG FY 2021-22 Budget on pages 21-23 of the agenda packet, which was recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. First Selectman Hoey moved to approve. Kevin Alvarez seconded, and all voted in favor.

7. Resolution Designating the Arts Council of Greater New Haven as the SCRCOG's Local Arts Agency for the purpose of Making Application for a National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Daniel Fitzmaurice from the Arts Council of Greater New Haven presented their proposal for being designated as SCRCOG's Local Arts Agency for purposes of applying for a National Endowment for the Arts Grant. The Arts Council will be applying for \$500,000 to support small arts organizations, an arts corps, and paid internships for artists. Daniel noted that the Arts Council will track which local organizations receive funding, and will be able to report back on the impact. Michael Paulhus moved to approve, and First Selectman Heller seconded. All voted in favor.

8. Region 2 DEMHS Report

Jacob Manke reported that the CDC has released updated guidance on mask wearing. Governor Lamont nominated a new Department of Housing commissioner. DEMHS has been working with the COGs on recovery, and is now waiting to hear about the EDA grant application. Jacob noted he sent out the municipal damage request for municipalities with damage from Tropical Storm Elsa, though it does not appear that the state will qualify for any financial support. Mayor Blake asked if the State of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergency will be extended again. Jacob stated he would need to check with the Governor's office, as that is where the decision is made.

9. Congressional Reports

Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office reported that she is managing the appropriations process. There has been an overall delay in constituent services caused by the pandemic. His office has seen an influx of reports of delayed processing of tax returns and passports.

10. State Legislative Reports

Michael Muszynski from CCM discussed that he will be sharing a summary of public acts with municipal impacts. CCM is working on hosting a roundtable discussion on recreational marijuana guidance. CCM has created an American Rescue Plan toolkit which is on the CCM website and was sent around last month. They are currently working with Sustainable CT to list out ARPA projects eligible for credit within that program. Mayor

Blake asked for a list of cities and towns adopting legislation on recreational use of marijuana. Michael stated he can share their ongoing list of municipalities with various ordinances that have passed.

Betsy Gara from COST reported they are working on assisting towns with compliance with new laws. COST is currently working on scheduling webinars on some of the new laws adopted, including those related to stormwater, labor, and affordable housing. The first round of Town Aid Road funding has been released. They have been monitoring the increase in juvenile car break-ins and are waiting to hear recommendations.

11. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 25-29 of the agenda packet. The newsletter has been updated to include news on transportation planning in addition to regional planning and municipal services. SCRCOG entered into an agreement with RKG Consultants to complete the Regional Affordable Housing Plan. Six SCRCOG municipalities have begun cybersecurity training, and three more have started the on-boarding process or are waiting for additional training seats to open up. The Purchasing Consortium published their on-call list for engineering services. SCRCOG municipalities, as members of the Consortium, may utilize the selected On-Call Engineering Services providers. The Solid Waste and Recycling Working Group is working with the CT DEEP and Waste Zero (Kristen Brown, DEEP consultant) on the creation of a regional consortium involving municipal food waste diversion to local composting sites.

12. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed her written report on pages 30-32 of the agenda packet. The region was featured in TripAdvisor's "The Weekend" which included 9 of SCRCOG's towns. Travel is starting to pick up again, though business travel is still down. First Selectman Cosgrove asked for an update on the hotel industry. Ginny stated there are two in the region under construction, but several others looking for a buyer. Chairman Freda reported that the Hampton Inn in North Haven is moving forward now that banks are lending money for hotel construction again.

13. ResilientCT Report

Executive Director Amento reported that the draft ResilientCT report would be available for review in September. They will be looking for feedback on the report and maps created.

14. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero from the Greater New Haven Transit District was not in attendance.

15. Regional Planning Commission July Action Table

The Action Table was reviewed on page 33 of the agenda packet.

16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

Chairman Freda asked if an unvaccinated employee contracts COVID-19, is the town required to pay them while they are out? Mayor Blake stated most likely yes, because of collective bargaining agreements. Kevin Alvarez stated the city is considering mandatory weekly tests for New Haven employees who are unvaccinated. Tim Coon stated Meriden is trying to focus on providing vaccination incentives rather than mandates.

First Selectman Zeoli discussed a proposed solar array on a family farm. The farm is currently tax exempt from agricultural production, but they are expecting to remain tax exempt though no farming would occur on the land with the panels. Chairman Freda stated they had a similar situation in North Haven. They had the assessor calculate the value as if it were taxable, and created a PILOT agreement with the facility. Mayor Blake noted there was a similar case in Storrs that can be used as an example.

17. Adjournment

First Selectman Zeoli moved to adjourn, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman James Zeoli, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2021

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	221,785.19
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	898,645.64
New Haven Bank	107,433.32

Accounts Receivable	
CT Department of Transportation	108,432.68
CT Office of Policy and Management	35,145.73
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	435.84

Other Assets	
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	31,197.52
Furniture & Equipment	27,183.40

Total Assets	1,430,259.32
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Liabilities

Deferred Revenue - Municipal	143,851.95
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	205,945.36
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	10,826.63

Total Liabilities	364,314.71
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	1,002,300.26
Amount for Accrued Leave	19,534.60
Investment in Equipment	27,183.40
Change in Fund Balance	16,926.35

Total Fund Balance	1,065,944.61
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,430,259.32

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2021

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Resources			
Municipal - Revenue	7,308.43	7,308.43	325,950.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			10,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	35,643.75	35,643.75	573,101.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	47,620.47	47,620.47	1,318,898.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	321.82	321.82	211,465.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,690.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant	435.84	435.84	19,000.00
Interest - Revenue	81.28	81.28	2,000.00
Total Resources	91,411.59	91,411.59	2,464,931.00
Direct Expenses			
Transportation Planning Consultants			660,500.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			8,000.00
Other Consultants	4,500.00	4,500.00	377,200.00
Travel	24.64	24.64	7,800.00
Data Processing	2,400.00	2,400.00	4,000.00
Commercial Printing			500.00
Subscriptions and Books			3,675.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	78.51	78.51	16,200.00
Miscellaneous			532.00
Transportation - Reserved			158,674.00
LOTCIP - Reserved			199,248.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Reserved			10,827.00
Total Direct Expenses	7,003.15	7,003.15	1,447,156.00
Direct Labor			
Direct Labor - Employees	37,622.73	37,622.73	437,378.00
Overhead			
Indirect Labor - Employees	15,630.67	15,630.67	173,434.00
Employee Benefits	31,264.78	31,264.78	227,463.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	1,048.49	1,048.49	13,600.00
Rent	9,344.79	9,344.79	112,300.00
Telephone and Internet	225.92	225.92	7,400.00
Office Supplies	212.00	212.00	3,725.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,299.52	1,299.52	17,500.00
Subscriptions and Books			425.00
Insurance and Professional Services	8,850.95	8,850.95	23,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			700.00
Miscellaneous	54.84	54.84	650.00
Total Overhead	67,931.96	67,931.96	580,397.00
Total Operating Expenses	112,557.84	112,557.84	2,464,931.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 8

Project **0092-0682 2016-A18-2 Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations**

Changes Amendment 8 moves project schedule

Reason This Action is necessary based on a revised schedule

Project **0170-3548 2021-A0-77 PIN & HANGER ASSEMBLIES FOR FRACTURE
CRITICAL INTERSTATE NBI BRIDGES**

Changes Amendment 8 moves project schedule and increases estimate

Reason Action is necessary as the latest reports have warranted further investigation into 2 of the bridge structures. Load ratings and additional studies will determine the necessary scope of work for each. The cost increase will cover the fees associated with the additional work required by State DOT, Consultant Liaison Engineer, and design consultant staff.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 8

State Project #0092-0682

SCRCOG # 2016-A18-2

Municipality New Haven

AQ Code X8

Proposed

Project Name Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations

Description Traffic signal Modernization on SR 706 (North Frontage Rd./Martin Luther King Blvd.) at Rte. 10 (Ella T. Grasso Blvd.) and Sherman Ave. and on Rte. 34 (Legion Ave.) at Rte. 10 and Sherman Ave./Winthrop Ave in New Haven.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	CON	Federal	1,537				
		Local	865				
Total Cost	\$2,402	0	2,402	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	CON	Federal		1,537			
		Local		865			
TIP Funds	\$2,402	0	0	2,402	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY15 Amendment 18 adds a new project. FY18 Amendment 16 moves FD funds to FY19. FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding. FY21 TIP Amend 8 moves schedule

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 8

State Project #0170-3548

SCRCOG # 2021-A0-77

Municipality Statewide

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name PIN & HANGER ASSEMBLIES FOR FRACTURE CRITICAL Brdg

Description Project will address fracture critical Pin & Hanger and Hinge Pin Assemblies on (4) bridges. Bridge Nos. 03367, 03160A and 03160B in Hartford And Bridge No. 03015A in New Haven carries I-91 Southbound over State Street and Mill River

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP-BRX	FD	Federal	135				
		State	15				
	ROW	Federal	45				
		State	5				
	CON	Federal			14,940		
		State			1,660		
Total Cost	\$16,800		0	200	0	16,600	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP-BRX	FD	Federal		495			
		State		55			
	ROW	Federal		45			
		State		5			
	CON	Federal			14,940		
		State			1,660		
TIP Funds	\$17,200		0	0	600	16,600	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP added project. FY21 TIP Amend 8 moves schedule



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eight

- Whereas:* U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 *CFR* 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP)* conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and *SIP*-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:* The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program* on September 23, 2020, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* The Council, on *September 23, 2020*, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas:* Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas:* Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eight
(Continued)***

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments:

The Program Amendment *Eight* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **August 25, 2021**

Date August 25, 2021

By: _____
First Selectman James Zeoli, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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***Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement
for Acceptance of 2021-22 Regional Services Grant***

Whereas: SCRCOG has been awarded \$573,100.68 for the 2021-22 Regional Services Grant for Councils of Governments from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management; and

Whereas: The Office of Policy and Management requires an adopted resolution by the SCRCOG Board.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments:

That SCRCOG execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the "Agreement") in the amount of \$573,100.68 for the 2021-22 Regional Services Grant; and

Be It Further Resolved:

That Carl Amento, as Executive Director of SCRCOG, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of SCRCOG and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement, including executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by the Agreement.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on August 25, 2021.

Date: August 25, 2021

By: _____
First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments



NEWSLETTER

Volume I, Issue 2

AUGUST 2021

Welcome to the SCRCOG monthly newsletter where you can find updates on our transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs.

Please visit the [SCRCOG website](#) for more information on who we are, what we do, and opportunities for public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING

Affordable Housing

The Regional Housing Plan Kick-off meeting was held on Wednesday, July 28th. The meeting hosted by SCRCOG, along with RKG Associates, and David Fink, provided an opportunity to discuss the project approach, timeline, and survey with individuals representing the thirteen participating municipalities.

A Housing Survey is in the process of being revised based on the feedback received and will be provided to the participating municipalities in early September.

RKG Associates have begun their data collection and analysis efforts, along with developing a report template for each municipality. SCRCOG staff, along with David Fink have started developing educational materials that will be distributed during the municipal meetings.

Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

[August 2021 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[August 2021 Action Table](#)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

CT Transit Presentation to SCRCOG Transportation Committee

CT Transit presented to the Transportation Committee on extended service hours for many of their bus lines. Late night service will be added seven days per week, and will go into effect August 22, 2021. [Click here](#) for the DOT Press Release.

Planning and Environmental Linkages Training Course

SCRCOG staff members James Rode and Rebecca Andreucci completed a Federal Highway Administration training course on Planning and Environmental Linkages.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resources Webpage

SCRCOG recently launched an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resources webpage designed to provide municipal leaders with the latest local, state, and federal ARPA information in one, easy to navigate place. [Click here](#) to access the webpage.

Energy Conservation

Live Green held an [Electric Vehicle Zoning Regulation Workshop](#) for municipal employees and elected officials. The Workshop provided techniques on how to develop and implement EV zoning regulations.

The State announced new/increased electric vehicle incentives for CT residents. The newly approved incentives of the [CHEAPR Rebate Program](#) increased rebate amounts and expanded the CHEAPR program to cover both new and used EV's. This expansion also includes additional incentives for income-eligible consumers.

Information Technology / Cybersecurity

Nine SCRCOG municipalities have begun a SCRCOG-sponsored integrative cybersecurity awareness training for their employees. If those cities and towns would like to expand the amount of training seats available to them, please contact [Andy Cirioli](#).

Solid Waste, Recycling, Food Waste Diversion, and Municipal Composting

Consultant Pamela Roach, along with Kristen Brown of Waste Zero, assisted the City of Meriden on its UBP/Co-Collection pilot application which was recently approved and awarded a grant by CT DEEP.

Executive Director Carl Amento and Consultant Pamela Roach participated in Naugatuck Valley COG's (NVCOG's) first solid waste & recycling working group meeting. NVCOG is planning to duplicate SCRCOG's efforts in their region.

CT DEEP held a public hearing on the [Bottle Bill Stakeholder Process](#). SCRCOG submitted a letter addressed to DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes requesting that the Bottle Bag Drop Program be considered eligible for funding. The Bottle Bag Drop Program would allow residents to deposit a bag full of their redeemable bottles into containers that would be placed locally in parking lots of grocery stores, liquor stores, and municipal lots. Residents would receive credit for their containers or they may donate proceeds to a local charity.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Transportation Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Regional Planning Commission Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM

Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

SCRCOG Board Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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2021 Annual Report

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

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Bethany	FS Paula Cofrancesco
Branford	FS James Cosgrove
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford	FS Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Curt Leng
Madison	FS Peggy Lyons
Meriden	Mayor Kevin Scarpati
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
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North Haven	FS Michael Freda
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Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven	Mayor Nancy Rossi
Woodbridge	FS Beth Heller

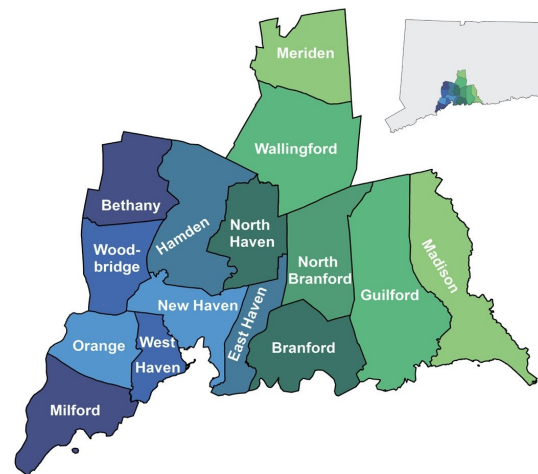
SCRCOG STAFF	
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Stephen Dudley	Deputy Director
Christopher Rappa	Finance Director
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Eugene Livshits	Sr. Regional Planner
Rebecca Andreucci	Transportation Planner
Andy Cirioli	Municipal Services Manager

This report highlights the major activities of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. SCRCOG primary role is to bring together local governments to coordinate transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs on a regional basis. All fifteen municipalities also belong to the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

SCRCOG's transportation responsibilities include administering a regional metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), developing a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and developing the region's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

SCRCOG's regional planning responsibilities include maintaining the South Central Region Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and a Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Program. Additionally, the regional planning commission reviews zoning regulations, subdivision applications, and land use changes that affect member municipalities.

SCRCOG's municipal services programs promote efficiencies and cost-savings initiatives through regional energy conservation, finance, grants, information technology, public works, purchasing, and solid waste and recycling programs.



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Transportation Planning Program

SCRCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2045 complements the South Central Region: Plan of Conservation and Development and the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) Master Transportation Plan. The FFY '21 - FFY '24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) advances the Region's transportation goals and provides a project-by-project guide for use of available U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), state, and municipal funding. A biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) guides the planning process for the Region.

The Transportation Committee, composed of chief elected officials, and the Transportation Technical Committee, composed of municipal staff, work with transit operators and CTDOT to shape, review, and prioritize plans and programs.

Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP)

The Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) provides State funding to urbanized areas. This funding allows municipalities to perform needed capital infrastructure improvements with less burdensome requirements.

Since 2013, this program has provided over \$17,000,000 in funding to 11 projects throughout the region. SCRCOG's transportation committee has compiled a list of 47 projects that are eligible for funding. Currently over \$24,000,000 in projects is under review at CTDOT.

Mobility Management

SCRCOG continues to support the Mobility Management Program for the South Central Urbanized Area. With funding provided by Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program, The Kennedy Center maintains a website for the Mobility Management Program, entitled "Know How to Go South Central Connecticut," which provides valuable travel-related information to help seniors and persons with disabilities better access their communities. The website address is www.knowhowtogoscct.org. In addition to maintaining the website, the Kennedy Center also conducted outreach to various senior and community centers.

Data Collection

SCRCOG continues to serve as a resource for its member municipalities and constituents with data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as other sources. Annually, SCRCOG compiles social, economic, housing, and demographic data. The SCRCOG Demographic and Socioeconomic Trends report is available on the SCRCOG website, www.scrcoq.org.

SCRCOG conducts Quarterly Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Surveys for the region. For over 20 years, SCROG has compiled this Data into a report that includes one-day counts of commuter parking lots and Shoreline East stations. Vehicles parked adjacent to commuter lots are included in the count total and represent demand. The information collected is posted on our website <https://scrcoq.org/reports-and-data/data-collection/>.

Transportation Planning Program

Unified Planning Work Program

SCRCOG's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) addresses major regional transportation issues and opportunities through a combination of staff effort, consultant support, coordination with CTDOT, and staff work at the member cities and towns. Each year, studies are undertaken for the benefit of all member municipalities and the region. Due to the COVID Pandemic, the following consultant supported studies were delayed, and have been included in the new 2-year UPWP for FY22 and FY23:

Town of Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study

Review current conditions and limitations and provide recommendations, concept plans and cost estimates for improved connectivity and circulation, with a particular focus on cyclists and pedestrians, in the Village area, including Selden Plaza and the Commercial Park.

City of West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan

Creation of a City-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan coordinated with other City Plans and with emphasis on intermodal connections and addressing all areas of the City.

City of New Haven Two-way Transit Study

Completion of study started in FY 20 building on previous traffic two-way studies, study transit routing options made viable by changes to traffic flow directions on city streets.

Town of Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations

Evaluation, concept design safety improvements and recommendations with cost estimates for 21 at grade crossings on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail between Goodrich Street and Mt. Sanford Road.

City of New Haven One Way Two Way Conversion Study

Building upon 2014 Study, evaluate Elm Street between York Street and State Street and Grove Street/ Tower Parkway between Broadway and State Street and evaluate other additional roadway sections.

City of New Haven Conditional Evaluation of Existing Structures

Inventory, documentation and evaluation of Traffic structures including span poles overhead sign poles and other similar structures.

Town of Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study

Existing conditions evaluation and recommendations for implementation of complete streets improvements on Route 10.

Town of Hamden Dixwell Avenue and Whitney Avenue Intersection Roundabout Feasibility Study

Build upon previous discussions to determine feasibility of creation of a roundabout at this intersection to improve current level of service "F" with concept plans and preliminary cost estimates.

New Haven Port Transportation and Freight Security Study

Study to review transportation and freight security and possible transition for the area south of I-95 into a secure port zone. Review options for possible abandonment of city streets, secure entry points and freight laydown areas for more efficient and secure goods and commodities movement.

Regional Planning Program

Affordable Housing

The second year of the Regional Housing Initiative concluded in June 2021. The initiative consisted of a series of monthly workshops facilitated by SCRCOG's Housing Consultant David Fink and included presentations from subject matter experts. The workshop sessions were attended by representatives from each SCRCOG municipality. The sessions were designed to provide in-depth information on a variety of topics/themes within the affordable housing context. The themes included Equity Conversation, Energy Efficiency, Creating Housing Groups, Working with Developers, Blight Remediation, and Transit Oriented Development.

An RFP was issued for a consultant to assist in the creation of a SCRCOG Regional Housing Plan with unique sections/plans pertaining to each of the thirteen participating municipalities. RKG Associates was selected to develop the Housing Plan in a manner compliant with the statutory requirements set forth in the CGS Section 8-30j. David Fink was selected to assist in the outreach strategy and community engagement components of the planning process for the development of the Housing Plan. A kick-off meeting with the Regional Housing Working Group has been scheduled for July 28, 2021.

EDA Grant Application – FY2020 PWEAA / CARES ACT Funding

SCRCOG in partnership with REX Development submitted an application for the FY2020 PWEAA / CARES ACT. The funding will allow for the implementation of programs associated with economic recovery and resiliency planning, assistance to local governments, business through educational webinars and/or other virtual networking functions, and support of tourism business through integration of technology. In addition, the grant funding will allow for regional coronavirus recovery planning efforts that advance equity and resilience among our most highly-impacted communities. EDA will notify applicants of their decision in late 2021.

Regional Planning Commission

The South Central Regional Planning Commission (RPC) continued to hold monthly meetings to review statutory referrals, which included amendments to Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Applications, and Municipal Plans of Conservation and Development. The RPC resolutions/comments are advisory, and are forwarded to applicable municipalities. The RPC reviewed a total of eighteen applications from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Regional Recreational Trails Program

The Regional Recreational Trail Brochures are available on the SCRCOG Trails Webpage and in the Regional GIS Interactive Viewer. SCRCOG has continued to make periodic changes and adjustments to the Trail Maps and Brochures through collaboration with municipal staff, land trusts, conservation commissions, and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA). SCRCOG is planning to convert the existing trail maps into geo-referenced PDFs, and continue to collaborate with CT Trail Finder on its GIS Data needs, and regional trail information.

A total of eight trail maps were updated during the fiscal year. These include Ida Carrington Lowell Land, and Mendell's Folly in Bethany, The Supply Ponds & Pisgah Brook Preserves, and Stony Creek & Hoadley Creek Preserves in Branford, Brooksville Park in Hamden, and Newton Road in Woodbridge. An additional trail map and brochure was created for Massaro Community Farm in Woodbridge.

Regional Planning Program

Regional Hazard Mitigation

South Central Region: Multi-Jurisdiction Plan

The South Central Regional Council of Governments has submitted an application to the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program (BRIC) for funding to update the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The application has been identified for further review by FEMA. The update will provide an opportunity to include the City of Meriden, and have all fifteen SCRCOG jurisdictions become part of the regional HMP.

SCRCOG has continued to update its member municipalities of funding opportunities for Mitigation Projects, and advance Regional Mitigation Actions. An annual update meeting with the Regional Hazard Advisory Commission has been scheduled for July 15, 2021 to review the local and regional mitigation actions identified in the regional HMP, and begin planning for the next update. The regional HMP update process will be coordinated with the Resilient Connecticut work program.

Resilient Connecticut

This initiative, which is focus on New Haven and Fairfield Counties, is a coordinated effort between CIRCA, state agencies, regional councils of governments (COGs) and municipalities. The focus of the initiative is regional resilience and adaptation planning through engagement and risk assessments that inform municipal to regional scale actions. The program is currently in its second phase, which will focus on the development of resiliency tools (climate change vulnerability index, zones of shared risk).

SCRCOG has participated in a series of GIS-focused meetings, and contributed a variety of datasets needed for the development of a climate change vulnerability index. There was additional collaboration associated with regional engagement, including Regional Workshops to refine the findings from resiliency tools, and provide input on resilience projects with regional significance. The feedback received from the workshops allowed for the identification and prioritization of highly vulnerable areas and potential resilience opportunity areas.

Products for Resilience Planning

Importantly, Resilient Connecticut builds off existing planning efforts at the local and regional levels and uses CIRCA's climate research and tools for decision making. Many of these products will be used to create a Municipal Toolkit to help local and state agency staff. The Toolkit will help decision makers better understand climate vulnerabilities and how to plan for them.



Excerpt from CIRCA's Resilient Connecticut Project Handout: <https://resilientconnecticut.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2761/2021/05/CIRCA-RC-fact-sheet2021.pdf>



FY 2020 Subapplication Status

On July 1, 2021, FEMA announced the selection of the FY 2020 grants for the \$700 million available through its BRIC and FMA programs. This selection announcement is not an award; it's a decision on the status of all subapplications. **While FEMA has announced the selections for FY 2020, the actual awards are anticipated to be made beginning in September 2021.**

[Learn more about the BRIC selections](#)

[Learn more about the FMA selections](#)

Excerpt from FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC): <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

Municipal Services Program

Energy Conservation

SCRCOG continued to convene the Energy Conservation and Fleet Manager Working Groups to share ideas and collaborate on programs that result in energy efficiencies, cost savings, and environmental benefits.

SCRCOG collaborated with CT Green Bank to bring six solar projects to municipal buildings and schools in Branford and Woodbridge resulting in immediate savings/utility incentives. CT Green Bank provided support that simplified each step of the process to develop solar photovoltaic (PV) projects by analyzing and identifying opportunities for solar, connecting municipalities with a contractor through a competitive process, and by providing attractive financing through Green Bank Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

SCRCOG was awarded Silver designation by SolSmart, a U.S. Department of Energy Program. As the ninth regional government organization in the U.S. to receive designation, SCRCOG demonstrated a commitment to making the region more solar-friendly and environmentally sustainable by promoting programs and practices that make it faster, easier, and more affordable to go solar. SCRCOG also assisted the region's municipalities in earning designation by hosting two trainings for municipal officials in Planning and Zoning, Permitting and Inspection. Additionally, achieving SolSmart designation qualifies municipalities for 20 Sustainable CT points.

SCRCOG collaborated with Live Green to enlist municipal staff to attend twelve Free EV Readiness Modules last fall and share the availability of an EV Readiness toolkit, to accept Live Green's free support EV projects, and to attend their free informational sessions. Participating in these programs qualify municipalities for Sustainable CT points. Additionally, Live Green published a municipal EV readiness study for the Town of Hamden and will publish more studies within our region as funding becomes available.

Finally, SCRCOG launched two new energy conservation webpages (1) Electric Vehicle Initiative: <https://scrcog.org/municipal-services/electric-vehicle/> and (2) Solar Energy Initiative: <https://scrcog.org/municipal-services/solar/>.

Information Technology and Cybersecurity

The primary focus of the Information Technology and Cybersecurity program was cybersecurity self-assessment surveys and cybersecurity training for municipal employees. SCRCOG contracted with Novus Insight, Inc. to deliver these services and provide consultation opportunities to the region's municipalities.

Cybersecurity Self-Assessments

SCRCOG recognizes the need for municipal vulnerability assessments and has been encouraging each municipality's Information Technology Director to complete a pre-assessment survey. The survey is a self-evaluation which will guide and inform a future vulnerability assessment program. The survey results are directly submitted to Novus who has offered to individually review the results with the municipality's IT staff. This initial phase will inform SCRCOG on how to design vulnerability assessments.

Cybersecurity Training for Municipal Employees

A critical area of vulnerability for any type of organization are its end users (i.e. employees). In an effort to minimize potential exposure to ransomware and other cyber-attacks within the region's municipalities, SCRCOG offered a regional interactive cybersecurity program for SCRCOG municipal employees. The training platform, KnowBe4, is an integrated simulated phishing program designed to increase employees' cyber-awareness by training them to detect fraudulent emails. In the 2021 fiscal year, SCRCOG proportionally distributed 1,000 training seats to its fifteen municipalities. Six municipalities started the training program, while three additional towns are either in the process of on-boarding or waiting for the next round of training seats to become available. In the 2022 fiscal year, SCRCOG will expand the program to the remaining municipalities and provide available additional training seats as needed.

Municipal Services Program

Purchasing

In the past fiscal year, the Purchasing Initiative focused on procurement training for municipal employees, joint-purchasing opportunities, best practices in purchasing policies, and consultation opportunities. SCRCOG's purchasing consultant, Wilma Petro, CPM, assisted in delivering these programs and engaged a range of municipal employees, including purchasing officers, finance directors, public works directors, and municipal engineers.

Municipal Procurement Training Series

The Municipal Procurement Training Series offered municipal employees and officials an opportunity to develop their purchasing skills and knowledge through seven, 1.5 hour virtual sessions. Each session focused on a specific topic related to procurement, including an overview of the basics, bids, request for qualifications and proposals, contacts, and construction delivery methods. Training materials and video recordings of each session were made available to participants and municipal employees.

Purchasing Consortium

Municipalities with small or no purchasing staff and those looking to leverage economies of scale expressed interest in region-wide procurement facilitated by SCRCOG. While regional purchasing associations exist, member municipalities requested a more flexible and responsive collaborative that supplemented and enhanced their purchasing operation.

In February 2021, the SCRCOG Board passed a resolution authorizing SCRCOG to establish and function as a regional purchasing consortium, officially titled "SCRCOG Regional Purchasing Consortium." Additionally, the Board adopted general guidelines and rules of procedure for the Consortium. A webpage dedicated to the Consortium was created and contains relevant information: <https://scrcog.org/purchasing/>.

The first solicitation of the Consortium was a request for qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Engineering Services. SCRCOG received forty-one responses from engineering firms across Connecticut and surrounding states. Twenty-six firms were invited to interview before a selection panel of six municipal engineers from the region. Ultimately, eighteen firms spanning twenty-eight disciplines were selected to be on the On-Call List. The On-Call List will be active for three years with a mutual option for the firm and SCRCOG to renew for another three years. The official RFQ results can be found on the SCRCOG Purchasing Consortium webpage: <https://scrcog.org/purchasing/closed-bids/>.

To assist municipalities in using this On-Call List, Wilma Petro facilitated a training session focusing on best practices and techniques on how to utilize the On-Call List.



The flyer is titled "MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT TRAINING SERIES" and lists Wilma Petro, CPM as the SCRCOG consultant. It states that each monthly session is exclusive and free for municipal employees in the SCRCOG region. The SCRCOG logo is prominently displayed. Below, seven sessions are listed, each with a "Register Here" button. The sessions cover topics from basic procurement to on-call engineering services.

Session	Topic	Date	Time	Description
SESSION 1	MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT 101	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Purchasing for those who are not in purchasing or for those who just got there. We will discuss all of the basics, including the meanings for all those weird acronyms, how to quote, and best practices.
SESSION 2	MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT 201	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020	2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	An introduction to bonds, select state bid requirements, and the differences in municipal purchasing. We will discuss vendor relationships and continue to explore acronyms of the purchasing world.
SESSION 3	BIDS	THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Things to know for a successful bid. What are the differences between minor defects and major flaws? We will also discuss select State bidding requirements.
SESSION 4	REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021	10:00 AM - 11:45 AM	When to RFP and when to go from RFQ to a RFP? We will talk about successful proposals, complete with sample scoring sheets, questions, and debriefing tips.
SESSION 5	CONTRACTS	THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	What are the basic elements of a contract, and why you shouldn't just sign the vendor's form? We will talk about the various types of contracts as well.
SESSION 6	CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHODS	THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	GC, CM, CM at Risk, subcontractor, - what do all those terms mean and how do you know which one to use? Do I need an owner's rep? Oh, by the way, what is a PLA?
SESSION 7	HOW TO USE THE ON-CALL ENGINEER SERVICES LIST	THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2021	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	In this session, we will discuss how to coordinate your bid schedule with a Consortium, how to award a selected vendor, and how to use the SCRCOG On-Call Engineer Services List.

Municipal Procurement Training Series Flyer

Municipal Services Program

Solid Waste, Recycling, Food Waste Diversion, and Municipal Composting

SCRCOG, with the assistance of a consultant, Pamela Roach, has continued to convene the Solid Waste & Recycling (SW&R) Working Group to share and collaborate on waste reduction measures such as food waste diversion, recycling, and composting.

SCRCOG has been an active participant in Connecticut's Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) meetings where regional and statewide waste reduction solutions are being discussed such as Unit Based Pricing, Co-Collection and organics diversion.

The SW&R Working Group and the Regional Food Waste/Compost subgroup is working to develop the infrastructure for a regional system of food waste diversion to local compost sites. SCRCOG municipalities may consider contracting with an operator to manage operations, sales & marketing to acquire feedstock, and to sell compost. Three or four food waste compost sites would provide the infrastructure needed to make it easy to implement food waste diversion programs for municipalities, schools, businesses, and residents by lowering tipping fees and transportation costs. West Haven will be the first municipality within the SCRCOG region to add food scraps to their current leaf and yard waste compost site. Their demonstration project was approved by CT DEEP is expected to begin by September 2021.

SCRCOG has been collaborating with the City of Meriden and Kristen Brown for SMART grant funding and a CT DEEP application for a UBP/Co-collection pilot in Meriden over a four-month period with 1000 households. During the pilot, residents will receive two free trash bags/week and one bag for food scraps/week and will be asked to try to limit their trash to two bags/week. This pilot program has the potential to provide significant financial and environmental benefits and may serve as model for other municipalities across the State.

SCRCOG held the first Regional Backyard Composting Sale within the SCRCOG region in April 2021. Residents purchased over 200 backyard composters, over 60 rain barrels and other accessories on-line. During the last week of April, residents picked up their merchandise at one of three pickup locations in the Towns of Woodbridge, Hamden, and Guilford.



Backyard Composter sold at SCRCOG's Regional Backyard Composting Sale event.

Presentations to SCRCOG Board

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
July 2020	<i>No Presentation</i>	
August 2020	Garrett Eucalitto, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut DOT	CTDOT Update
September 2020	David Fink, SCRCOG Consultant	SCRCOG Regional Housing Working Group Report
October 2020	Sukh Grewal, President and CEO, Veoci	Veoci's Municipal Software Programs
November 2020	<i>No Presentation</i>	
December 2020	<i>No Presentation</i>	
January 2021	Sara Bronin, Founder, Desegregate CT	Desegregate CT
February 2021	<i>No Presentation</i>	
March 2021	Kristen Brown, Waste Zero, Consultant to CT DEEP	Cost-Saving Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Option: Unit-Based Pricing and Food Waste Diversion
April 2021	Toyah Barigye, Senior Program Manager, The Solar Foundation	SolSmart Update
May 2021	Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, Rex Development	Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2020 Update
	Joanna Wozniak-Brown, UConn CIRCA	Resilient CT Project Update
June 2021	Daphne Dixon, Live Green	Municipal Readiness Program for Electric Vehicles (Fleet Electrification and Charging Infrastructure)

Internship Program

University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy Graduate Intern Program

This past May, Burton Guion and Daria Larson, UConn Master of Public Policy students, concluded their nine-month internship with SCRCOG. Burton and Daria dedicated most of their time and skills to SCRCOG's regional planning and municipal services programs. Specifically, they contributed to two municipal purchasing comparative analyses, a regional affordable housing needs assessment template, a spreadsheet to keep track of regional trail updates, an affordable housing inventory, and overall planning and preparation for Working Group meetings and initiatives.

Summer Internship Program

In June, SCRCOG on-boarded three municipal services and regional planning interns for the summer:

- Charles Butler, Master of Arts in Political Science student at Southern Connecticut State University
- Antoine Campbell, Law (JD) student at Quinnipiac University
- Michelle Skowronek, Master of Public Administration student at the University of Connecticut

They developed a municipal housing factsheet template, researched and compiled key housing data points, surveyed each municipality's assets and fleet management software, and contributed to the overall planning for energy conservation, solid waste and recycling, and municipal purchasing programs.

SCRCOG Partnerships

SCRCOG staff actively participate in the meetings and activities of several statewide and regional organizations. Executive Director Amento is a member of the Connecticut Councils of Government (CTCOG), and he represents SCRCOG on the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum, a multi-state transportation planning organization. He is also a member of the Hartford Line Advisory Committee, and was appointed to U.S. Senator Murphy's Transportation Advisory Committee. He was recently appointed as Co-Chair of the DEMHS Region 2 Long-Term Recovery Plan Steering Committee. Executive Director Amento was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR). He is also an active member of the DEEP's CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM). SCRCOG staff are involved in the Region 2 DEMHS Regional Emergency Preparedness Team (REPT) and SustainableCT.

In the areas of energy conservation and solid waste and recycling, SCRCOG fostered partnerships with CCSMM, SolSmart, Live Green, Waste Zero, Brand Builders, Blue Earth, Haven's Harvest, Simple Recycling / BayState Textiles, the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), and the CT Energy Network.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

New! EPA American Rescue Plan - Improving Ambient Air Quality Monitoring to Address Health Income Disparities - \$100 million

Applications Due: EPA plans to issue calls for proposals in fall 2021

Eligible Entities: State, tribal, and local governments and community groups

On July 7, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of \$50 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to improve ambient air quality monitoring for communities across the United States. EPA will receive a total of \$100 million from the ARP to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic, with \$50 million specifically to advance environmental justice, and another \$50 million to enhance air quality.

On August 17, 2021, EPA will host a webinar from 2:00-3:30pm EST to provide an overview of the intended distribution of the air quality monitoring funds, with a focus on the competitive grant criteria. In addition, there will be a short overview on the \$50 million in funding aimed at advancing environmental justice. The purpose of this session is to discuss the proposed grant solicitation and timelines, answer questions and receive feedback from environmental justice communities/organizations.

[Register](#)

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

New! DHS FEMA Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - \$1 billion

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: U.S territories, states, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change¹, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in the future.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

New! DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge - \$500 million

Applications Due: January 26, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO), the Economic Development Agency (EDA) aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The goal of regional workforce

training systems is to create and implement effective employer-driven training programs that will connect the existing and emerging skills needs of employers with workers and will help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen career path.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

New! DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance - \$500 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this ARPA EAA NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. EDA's ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. This is the broadest NOFO EDA is publishing under ARPA and any eligible applicant from any EDA Region may apply. EDA expects to fund a number of projects under this NOFO that support communities negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, supporting transitioning away from coal.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOI Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program - \$13 million

Applications Due: September 30, 2021

Eligible Entities: Tribal, state, county governments, tribal organizations, city or township governments, independent school districts, and others

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the Coastal Program directs resources to conserve habitat for Federal trust species.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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DEVELOPMENT

August 18, 2021

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Over the past several weeks, we have been collaborating with partners at the local, regional, and national levels to establish the priorities of South Central Connecticut for our recovery. We have participated in multiple planning and information sessions with the US EDA, SBA, CT Communities and AdvanceCT. As the regional Economic Development District, all requests for EDA funding must be submitted to REX for review prior to submission to the US EDA.

We have indicated to CT DECD that REX is vetting the applications for American Rescue Plan Act funding in the following areas (NOFOs included):

- Build Back Better
- Tourism & Outdoor Rec
- Econ Adj Assistance
- Good Job Challenge

Applications are reviewed in relation to the region's 5-Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2018-2023). As the pandemic exacerbated many of our existing concerns detailed in the CEDS, this is an opportunity to address pressing regional issues. As we move forward in this process, we will be seeking input from our municipalities as well as our community partners.

While we move forward on these systemic issues, we will continue to re-enforce public health protocols for the benefit of our residents and business owners.

Graphs of regional unemployment claims are attached. If you would like the spreadsheet by town, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Ginny Kozlowski

Executive Director

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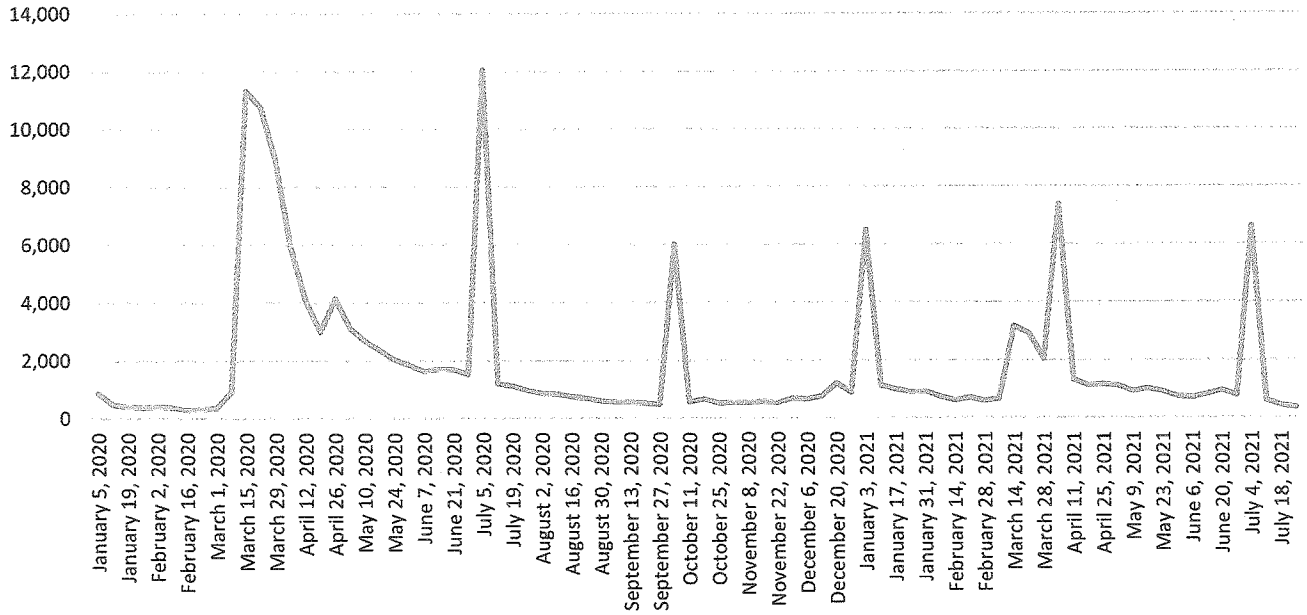
Regional Initial Claims – Updated August 16, 2021

Dept. of Labor Office of Research

Claims after July 18, 2021 are incomplete.

Note: The spikes, January 3, 2021 & April 4, 2021 & July 4, 2021, are due to the QRS (Quarterly Record Search)

Initial Regional Unemployment Claims

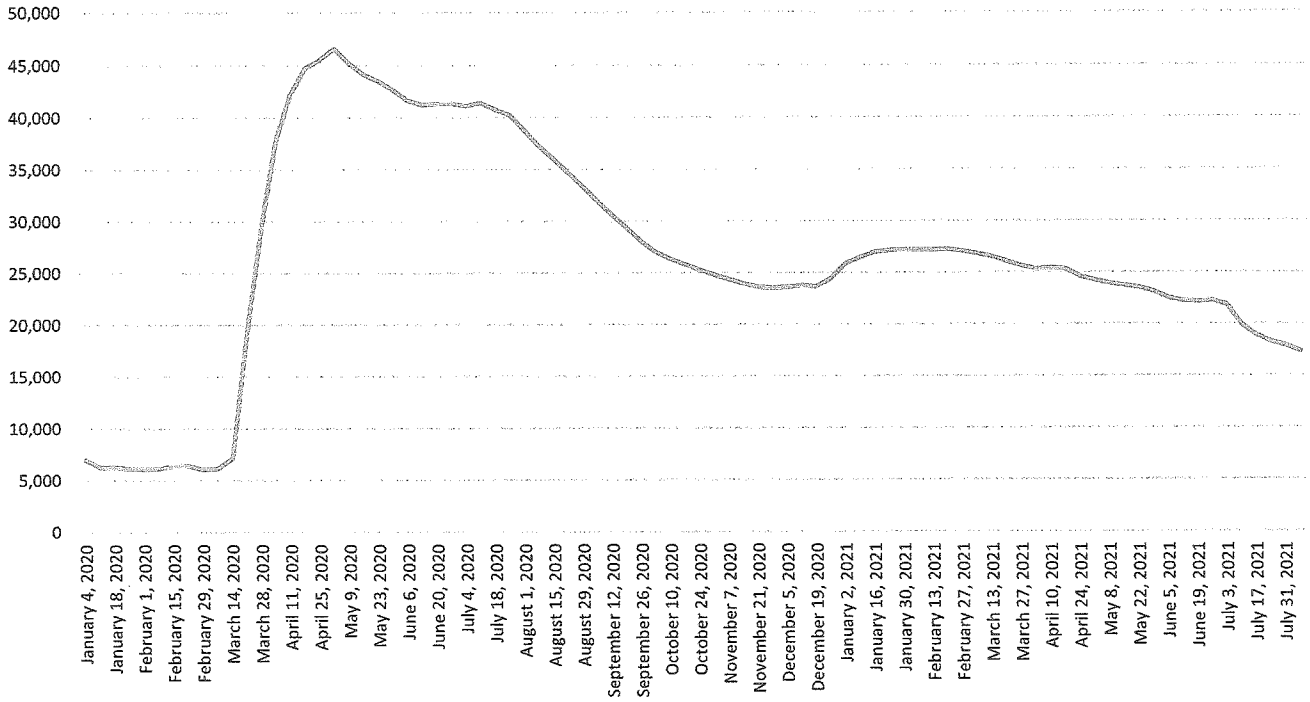


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Regional Continuing Claims – Updated August 16, 2021
 Dept. of Labor Office of Research
 Claims after July 24, 2021 are incomplete.

Continued Regional Unemployment Claims



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**EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976****FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge**

Department of Commerce

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	Economic Development
Expected Number of Awards:	55
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No
Version:	Synopsis 4
Posted Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Last Updated Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Archive Date:	Nov 14, 2021
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$30,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Award Floor:	\$200,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:	Public and State controlled institutions of higher education Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) Special district governments Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Private institutions of higher education Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) County governments State governments
Additional Information on Eligibility:	Pursuant to section 3(4) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(a)) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 (Eligible Recipient), eligible applicants under this NOFO include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. Under this NOFO, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Department of Commerce

Description:

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA BBBRC NOFO), EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA BBBRC NOFO is designed as a two-phase competition to (1) help regions develop transformational economic development strategies and (2) fund the implementation of those strategies that will create and grow regional growth clusters. Such efforts will help regional economies recover from the pandemic and build economic diversity and resiliency to mitigate impacts of future economic disasters.

In Phase 1, EDA will provide technical assistance grants to approximately 50-60 coalitions (through a lead institution). These coalitions will be considered "finalists" and the grants will be used by the finalists to prepare more detailed applications for transformational projects that benefit their respective geographic regions and are aligned around a holistic approach to building and scaling a strategic industry.

In Phase 2, EDA will award each of the 20-30 finalist coalitions \$25-75 million (and potentially up to \$100 million) to fund the collection of projects they identified. The projects will be funded through grants to coalition members.

This particular Funding Opportunity is for Phase 1 Concept Proposals ONLY.

Funding Amount Information

EDA anticipates up to \$30,000,000 in total being awarded in Phase 1, in technical assistance grants of up to \$500,000 each. In Phase 2, EDA anticipates funding regional growth clusters with component projects that collectively cost between approximately \$25,000,000 and \$75,000,000, though EDA will consider regional growth clusters above and below these amounts depending on the strength of the Proposal and quality of the individual component projects. EDA anticipates that the cost of individual non-construction and construction component projects within regional growth clusters will range from approximately \$750,000 to \$25,000,000, or more if the cluster or project warrants it.

Read the attached full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for more information and for instructions on how to apply.

Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents**Grantor Contact Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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EDA-2021-ARPATOURISM
FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDA-2021-ARPATOURISM
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Notice of Funding Opportunity
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	Economic Development
Expected Number of Awards:	150
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Version: Synopsis 3

Posted Date: Jul 22, 2021

Last Updated Date: Jul 22, 2021

Original Closing Date for Applications: For EDA Competitive Tourism Grants, there are no application submission deadlines. While EDA encourages eligible applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible, EDA strongly advises eligible applicants to submit complete applications no later than January 31, 2022 so that EDA can review and process the application in time to get a potential award in place prior to deadlines imposed by Congress. Submission by January 31, 2022 is not a guarantee of funding. Any award is subject to the availability of funds. See Section E of this ARPA Tourism NOFO regarding EDA's review process.

Current Closing Date for Applications: For EDA Competitive Tourism Grants, there are no application submission deadlines. While EDA encourages eligible applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible, EDA strongly advises eligible applicants to submit complete applications no later than January 31, 2022 so that EDA can review and process the application in time to get a potential award in place prior to deadlines imposed by Congress. Submission by January 31, 2022 is not a guarantee of funding. Any award is subject to the availability of funds. See Section E of this ARPA Tourism NOFO regarding EDA's review process.

Archive Date:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$240,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$10,000,000

Award Floor: \$100,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:

State governments
 Private institutions of higher education
 Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 City or township governments
 Special district governments
 Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
 County governments
 Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility: For EDA Competitive Tourism Grants, eligible entities include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. 42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(A); 13 C.F.R. § 300.3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name: Economic Development Administration

Description:

Through this ARPA Tourism NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions in recovery from the coronavirus pandemic's significant negative impact on the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors.

EDA's ARPA Tourism NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions to rebuild and strengthen their travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation industry through various infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders.

EDA's travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation grants will be delivered through two components: (1) State Tourism Grants and (2) EDA Competitive Tourism Grants.

This NOFO posting is for the EDA Competitive Tourism Grants ONLY.

Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents

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EDA-2021-ARPAEAA
FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of
Funding Opportunity
Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDA-2021-ARPAEAA
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	Economic Development
Expected Number of Awards:	250
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Version:	Synopsis 3
Posted Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Last Updated Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Original Closing Date for Applications:	While EDA encourages eligible applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible, EDA strongly advises eligible applicants to submit complete applications no later than March 31, 2022 so that EDA can review and process the application in time to get a potential award in place prior to deadlines imposed by Congress. Submission by March 31, 2022 is not a guarantee of funding. Any award is subject to the availability of funds. See Section E of this ARPA EAA NOFO regarding EDA's review process.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	While EDA encourages eligible applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible, EDA strongly advises eligible applicants to submit complete applications no later than March 31, 2022 so that EDA can review and process the application in time to get a potential award in place prior to deadlines imposed by Congress. Submission by March 31, 2022 is not a guarantee of funding. Any award is subject to the availability of funds. See Section E of this ARPA EAA NOFO regarding EDA's review process.

Archive Date:	
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$500,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$10,000,000
Award Floor:	\$100,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
 Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 State governments
 Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 Private institutions of higher education
 County governments
 Special district governments
 City or township governments

Additional Information on Eligibility: Pursuant to section 3(4) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(A)) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 (Eligible Recipient), eligible applicants under the EAA program include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. Under the EAA program, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Agency Name:**

Economic Development Administration

Description:

Through this ARPA EAA NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways.

EDA's ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. This is the broadest NOFO EDA is publishing under ARPA and any eligible applicant from any EDA Region may apply. EDA expects to fund a number of projects under this NOFO that support communities negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, supporting transitioning away from coal.

EDA anticipates funding approximately 300 non-construction and construction projects that cost between approximately \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 with this appropriation, though EDA will consider applications above and below these amounts.

Contact your EDA Regional Office Point of Contact with any questions.

Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents

Grantor Contact Information: If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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EDA-HDQ-ARPGJ-2021-2006964
FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge
Department of Commerce

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type: Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: EDA-HDQ-ARPGJ-2021-2006964

Funding Opportunity Title: FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Economic Development

Expected Number of Awards: 50

CFDA Number(s): 11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Version: Synopsis 3

Posted Date: Jul 22, 2021

Last Updated Date: Jul 22, 2021

Original Closing Date for Applications: Jan 26, 2022

Current Closing Date for Applications: Jan 26, 2022

Archive Date: Feb 25, 2022

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$25,000,000

Award Floor: \$1,000,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
State governments
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Private institutions of higher education
Special district governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
County governments
City or township governments
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Pursuant to section 3(4) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(a)) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 (Eligible Recipient), eligible applicants under this NOFO include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association, including labor unions, acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. Under this NOFO, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Department of Commerce

Description:

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO), EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways.

This ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The goal of regional workforce training systems is to create and implement effective employer-driven training programs that will connect the existing and emerging skills needs of employers with workers and will help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen career path. Regional workforce training systems and sectoral partnerships funded under this NOFO should connect employers in an industry with key regional stakeholders, including state and local governmental entities, economic development organizations, workforce development boards, employer-facing organizations, education and training providers, community-based organizations (CBOs), worker-serving organizations (WSOs), and/or labor unions. The system or partnership should be led by a System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization, respectively, serving as an intermediary that has convening power in the region and the capacity to coordinate all necessary stakeholders. EDA also encourages systems and partnerships to address populations with labor market barriers such as persons with disabilities, at-risk youth, individuals in recovery, individuals with past criminal records including justice-impacted and reentry participants, and veterans.

EDA anticipates making approximately 25 to 50 awards under this ARPA Jobs Training NOFO and scaling awards as appropriate to the proposed geographic, industry, and worker role coverage of a given regional system.

Link to Additional Information: www.eda.gov

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**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission**

August 2021 Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	07/26/2021	Town of Wallingford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment pertaining to Cannabis Establishments	Hamden, Meriden, North Branford, North Haven	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	08/03/2021	Town of Southington: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment pertaining to Recreational Cannabis/Marijuana	Meriden	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	07/20/2021	Town of Durham: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment pertaining to Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments	Guilford, Madison, North Branford, Wallingford	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	7/30/2021	City of Meriden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Cannabis Retail and Hybrid Retail establishments	Wallingford	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. The RPC does recommend defining the terms “Cannabis Retail and Hybrid Retail Establishments” within the proposed regulations.
2.5	8/03/2021	Town of Woodbridge: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Opportunity Housing	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, Orange	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

After the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, it guaranteed direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States.

The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grants are *formula grants* and under the formula every municipal government is entitled to receive a calculated share of the \$65.1 billion for cities, towns and villages. In addition, in Connecticut, municipalities will receive funds earmarked for “counties” in other states on the basis of population.

These are NOT *competitive grants* and local governments will NOT have to submit an application or certification to justify their needs in advance.

Non-competitive ARPA Funds

Recipients may use these funds to:

- **Support Public Health Expenditures**
For example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
- **Address Negative Economic Impacts Caused by the Public Health Emergency**
Including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- **Replace Lost Public Sector Revenue**
For example, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
- **Provide Premium Pay for Essential Workers**
For example, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
- **Invest in Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure**
For example, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.

Competitive ARPA Grants

Under the American Rescue Plan, EDA was allocated \$3 billion in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

- [Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#)
- [Good Jobs Challenge](#)
- [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#)
- [Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation](#)

For more detailed information regarding ARPA and allowable uses of ARPA funding, please visit the SCRCOG webpage on ARPA Resources at <https://scrcog.org/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa-resources/>

CTrides: Quarter 2 Activity Summary

April—June 2021

"Connecticut in Motion" Webinar Series

In April, the first episode of "Connecticut in Motion" series aired. This first episode, "The Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Public Transit," had 242 registrants, 193 post event views and a total reach of 435 people. The webinar series was being produced in partnership with the Hartford Business Journal who was handling webinar logistics and promoting the webinar through its digital and print publications.

Soon after that air date, the development of the second episode "The Impact of COVID-19 on Current Workplace Trends and Commuting" started. A pre-production meeting with the speakers and moderator to review the webinar content before recording was held, the script for the webinar was sent to the Hartford Business Journal (HBJ) for distribution to the participants, and the print assets were completed. The promotion of webinar began with ads in HBJ and New Haven Business Journal, social media posts, e-blast to CTrides email subscribers, emails to CTrides stakeholders, inclusion of registrations link on CTrides website banner, and emails to all CTrides partners.

On May 18th, the second episode of "Connecticut in Motion: The Impact of COVID-19 on Current Workplace Trends and Commuting" premiered. This episode had 266 registrants, 81 post event views, and a total reach of 347 people.

"Along the Lines" Podcast

During this quarter, episodes 11-15 were recorded, episodes 10-13 were reviewed and edited, and Episode 9 – 12 were released and promoted throughout the quarter on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), including paid posts on Facebook and Instagram. By the end of this quarter, the podcast had a total of 1,835 downloads for these episodes: Episode 9: Climate Change in Connecticut, Episode 10: CTfastrak - 6 years later, Episode 11: Biking as Essential Transportation, and Episode 12: The Future of Rail Travel in CT - Part 1 - Trends in Ridership.

CTrides Website

In April, the development of the News and Materials pages continued, website content was reviewed and revised, and the Transportation Leaders language was updated.

During May, the Alerts Banner on the homepage was modified to promote the second episode of the Connecticut in Motion webinar. In addition, the strategic outline with the goals and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for website revisions was developed.

In June, editing of the homepage and commuter homepage began. A number of news links were collected for the new section called "News" and several updated materials were identified for inclusion in the Materials page.



CTrides: Quarter 2 Activity Summary (Continued)

April—June 2021

CTrides News Roundup

April, May and June's editions were distributed. The April edition included content for Earth Day, the first episode of the Connecticut in Motion Webinar, Mask-ot Campaign, and Along the Lines podcast. The email address for outgoing marketing content was also updated to "news@CTrides.com."

May's edition included content for the second episode of the Connecticut in Motion Webinar, Along the Lines podcast, bike education, and increased mobility options in Hartford.

Finally, June's edition included content for Weekend Wheels - Fare-free Summer Bus Service, Return to Work Survey, ParkConnect, CT in Motion Webinar Series, mask reminder, and the launch of a new E-scooter program in Hartford.

Marketing Collateral

In April, the Emergency Ride Home program language to clarify "eligible" green modes was updated on all print material, digital sell sheets and website. Safe Travel on Transit, and Safe Travel on Carpool and Vanpool one-pagers were initiated and completed, and the redesign process for enabling marketing materials to be downloadable in a PDF form on CTrides website continued. Several updates were made to the Transportation Leaders materials including adding the 2021 generic seals, combining the brochure and insert, new eligible activities were added, the language was updated to refer to organizations instead of employers, and a clickable PDF with eligible activities was created for employers.

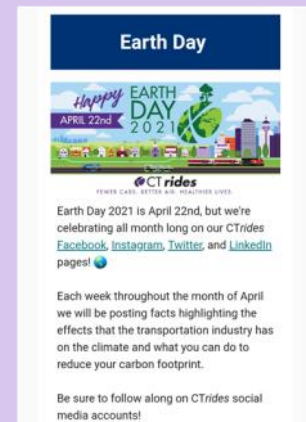
In May, the redesign process for marketing materials to be downloadable in PDF format on CTrides website continued.

2021 Return to Work Survey

During April, GreatBlue Research (GB) developed a first draft of the survey questions for review. Following an internal team review, a final draft was sent to DOT for comments. Once DOT feedback was implemented, the revised survey was sent to DOT for approval.

In May, the survey was approved by DOT.

The survey draft and QA/QC for English and Spanish versions were completed and went live from June 11th to June 28th. An extensive promotion was conducted, which included: outreach to all partners and stakeholders to promote the survey to their employees and members; a social media campaign encouraging people to take the survey ran throughout the month; a CTDOT Press Release was issued on June 11th; an announcement post and survey link were added to CTrides.com; emails were sent to CTrides subscribers and CTrail alert members; and the survey



CTrides: Quarter 2 Activity Summary (Continued)

April—June 2021

was promoted in the June edition of CTrides News Roundup. A total of 5,885 completed survey responses were received.

CTrides Media Campaign

In April, a media buy was submitted to DOT and approved. The media campaign promoted the CTrides services for employees who work from home and commute to work during COVID-19 pandemic. Print media assets were developed throughout the month with all versions being completed in early May. The campaign ran from April 5 to June 30, 2021.

RFP for CTrides Marketing Services

In April, a Marketing Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed for DOT review. The DOT comments were received and a revised RFP was sent back for approval. When the RFP was approved by DOT, it was published in the CTsource solicitation portal on April 27.

During May, 17 submissions were received, and a review committee was created with DOT membership. The submissions were reviewed, and 8 finalists were selected for interviews.

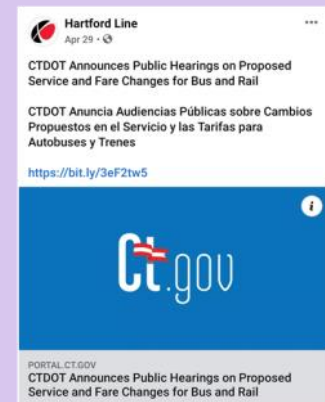
By June, interviews were conducted with 7 finalists, the Selection Team scored the finalists and selected a winning bidder. The winning bidder's references were contacted, and the successful bidder and other finalists of the Selection Team's decision were notified.

Social Media

In the second quarter, numerous campaigns were posted on all social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube) of CTrides, CTrail Hartford Line, CTrail Shore Line East and CTfastrak. In April and May, posts to promote the webinar series "Connecticut in Motion" were posted on all the CTrides social media channels. A series of posts were also shared on CTrides, CTrail, and CTfastrak profiles to promote Earth Day. Other posts included the information pertaining to sanitation practices on CTrail, and information on downloading the Go CT Card mobile app for CTfastrak.

In the month of May, information pertaining to the ParkConneCT and Weekend Wheels program was posted on the CTrides profiles. Additionally, a new graphic was created to be shared on CTrides, CTrail, and CTfastrak profiles to promote mask-wearing during the month of May. During this month, there were also posts to inform CTrail customers of a schedule change on May 5, and the special schedule for Memorial Day.

During the month of June, several posts went out on the CTrail social media accounts to promote using CTrail Hartford Line and CTrail Shore Line East to visit locations such as Hartford Jazz Fest, Pratt Street in Hartford, and



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Mohegan Sun. On CTfastrak in June, posts went out to promote using the service to visit similar locations, such as New Britain Summer Music Series, CT Open House Day, and Parkville Market. Also in June, CTrides ran posts to promote green transportation methods to reach Imagine New Haven and the Hartford Yard Goats. A promoted post was also published to increase participation on the Commuting Survey. Also, all CTrides accounts promoted episodes of “Along the Lines”.

Weekend Wheels Summer Campaign

In May, a campaign logo for the fare-free weekend bus service program was created. A budget was also approved to promote the initiative and a media buy was developed and approved. The development of creative assets to support the plan began, which included digital ads in English and Spanish. Radio scripts for English and Spanish stations were also developed, approved, and recorded. The social media assets and an ad were approved for the Jazz Fest Hartford Festival. The media started on June 7th, and the creation of a list of events and destinations for social media promotion of Weekend Wheels began.

In June, promotions for the events and destinations were continued.

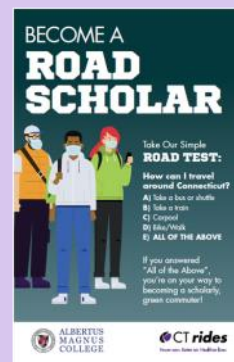
DEEP Summer Parks Promotions - ParkConnect

In May, the CTrides team worked with the DOT and DEEP to help promote the free weekend/holiday bus service to state parks and beaches. A name was approved and logo development was initiated. Collateral pieces were created with transit connections to each of the five participating state parks.

By June, the marketing assets for the five participating state parks and one for the overarching program were developed, a bus wrap design for the Silver Sands shuttle was created, the creation of social media assets began, and the media buy for the program was implemented.

Road Scholar

In June, the QA/QC process for our bi-annual Road Scholar promotion of transit options for forty participating schools was conducted. Each version was reviewed and the U-Pass CT graphic was updated to reflect the current version for the Fall '2021 semester. Digital versions for each school were created along with print coordination for seventeen schools who requested hard copies.



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Residential Transit Promotion Program

In June, a program action plan was developed, and an internal working group was assembled to map out the execution of this new initiative. Data collection and marketing strategy discussions were initiated. Also, a meeting with Josh Rickman, Assistant General Manager from CTtransit and his team was held on June 23 to discuss the inclusion of select express bus routes in the second phase of the residential promotion program.

RFP for Direct Mail Services

A Request for Proposal was issued on May 20th to find a vendor to assist with the previously mentioned Residential Transit Promotion. Three submissions were received and reviewed in June, and interviews were also scheduled and conducted with the three bidders.

Miscellaneous

- The development of the new creative concepts for the CTrail overarching paid media campaign was completed and the assets were delivered to the media agency.
- Earth Day collateral piece was designed for an event hosted by Sustainable Fairfield in April. Also, a customized Earth Day themed CTrides presentation was created for Sikorsky in a lunch-n-learn format.
- A customized poster and a commuter presentation for a virtual event was created for Albertus Magnus College.
- A Transit Safety Facts slides were added to the current CTrides employer presentation deck.
- A poster reminding passengers of the mask requirement on transit, in stations, and on platforms was developed.
- Initial proposals for a CTrail themed ride events were developed and sent to DOT for review.
- A meeting was held with CT Operation Lifesaver coordinator at DOT, as well as two peer programs, to support the plan development for the new Education Outreach program. A full project plan was created and presented to DOT.
- The development of social media illustrations (holidays, campaigns, and transit) began.
- The 2020 Connecticut Return to Work Survey was nominated as a finalist for the ACT Awards in the research category. Award will be announced at the ACT International Conference on Aug 4, 2021.



Participating Organization Activity

As of June 30, the total number of CTrides employer participants, stakeholders and community participants is **314**.

Highlights:

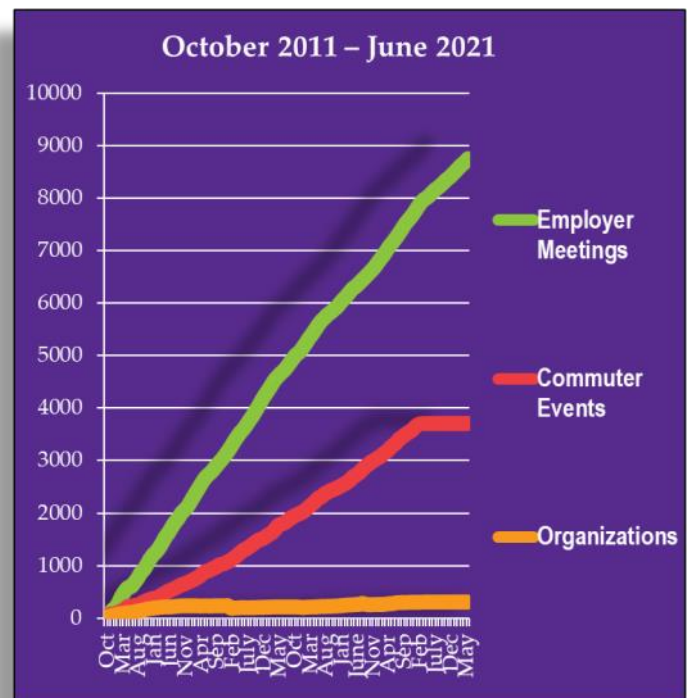
- Hosted several Earth Day activities in conjunction with Transportation Leaders
- Distributed revised travel guidelines for transit and ridesharing to partners
- Invited the members of the Transportation Leaders (TL) program to the Connecticut in Motion webinars
- Recruited 8 new TL members and worked with existing members to achieve higher levels in the program
- Canvassed participating colleges and universities in the Road Scholar program on their Fall return to school plans
- Coordinated Road Scholar updates with colleges and universities
- Promoted Return to Work survey with employers and stakeholders
- Assisted employers with their return to office plans

New Transportation Leaders:

- Amazon HVN
- Utitec
- Watertown Plastics
- Mintz & Hoke, Inc.
- Amazon Delivery Station
- World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE)
- Vineyard Wind
- Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance Partnership

The CTrides Outreach Team held **175 Events and Meetings** with our worksite partners during Q2. The total number of currently participating organizations is at **314**.

This quarter's worksite activity, segmented by region, can be found on the following pages. A complete list of program organizations/stakeholders is in Appendix A.





Regional Worksite Highlights

Western CT includes Litchfield, Housatonic, Bridgeport & Stamford regions

Highlights

Sikorsky

Hosted a two-part commuter education series with a lunch-n-learn presentation and virtual event

Sustainable Fairfield

Distributed CTrides Earth Day flyers at their event

Bridgeport Regional Business Council

Presented at Stratford, Trumbull & Bridgeport Chamber meetings that resulted in one new Transportation Leader member (Beacon Hill Staffing), reengaged three former members (City of Bridgeport, Bridgeport Hospital, and Blue Crest), and connected with Housatonic Community College to discuss future engagement

Stamford Downtown Special Services District

Arranged to have District update their website with CTrides information

Global Steering Systems

Coordinating with CTtransit & Commute with Enterprise on potential transportation solutions for second shift employees

City of Bridgeport

Invited us to attend Summer Downtown Farmer's Markets as well as connected us with a new contact at Bridgeport Hospital

Transportation Leader Promotion

Coordinated marketing efforts with Post University and UCONN to promote their TL status externally

University of Connecticut

Leveraged ETC at main campus to re-engage with new ETCs at Stamford and Waterbury campuses

Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District

Conducted CTrides presentation during Executive Board Meeting

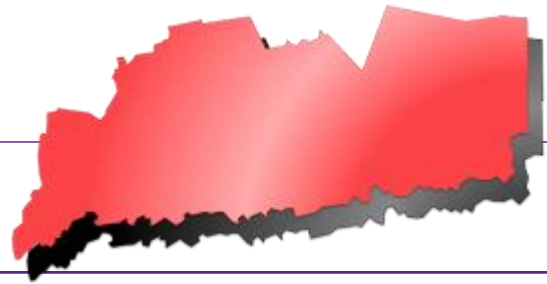
New Transportation Leader Members

Recruited new partners: World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE), Vineyard Wind (through Bridgeport Regional Business Council Chamber membership), Utitec, and Watertown Plastics from the Watertown Industrial Park

Meetings

- Accessible Pharmacy
- Amazon Delivery Station BDL1
- Bridgeport Hospital
- Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- CAACE The Connecticut Association of Adult & Continuing Education
- Charter Communications, Inc.
- City of Bridgeport
- Connecticut Department of Labor (NW and SW Business Service Teams)
- Global Steering Systems
- Greater Bridgeport Transit
- Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
- Housatonic Community College
- Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
- North East Transportation Co., Inc.

- Northwestern Connecticut Community College
- Post University
- Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation - Stratford
- Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation - Trumbull
- Silgan Dispensing
- Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- Stamford Downtown Special Services District (SDSSD)
- Stone Academy - Waterbury
- Sustainable Fairfield
- University of Connecticut - Stamford
- University of Connecticut - Waterbury
- Utitec
- Vineyard Wind
- Watertown Plastics
- Western Connecticut Council of Governments
- World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE)



Regional Worksite Highlights

Southern CT includes Middlesex, New Haven & coastal regions

Highlights

Albertus Magnus - New Haven

Conducted presentation to the Commuter Council and hosted a virtual event

Sustainability Roundtable with Greater New Haven Universities

Attended meeting to discuss mobility, transportation, sustainability and reengaged Quinnipiac University in the Transportation Leader program

South Central Regional Council Of Governments (SCRCOG)

Met with SCRCOG to update them on CTrides services and upcoming episodes of Along the Lines podcast

Stone Academy

Hosted a virtual presentation and virtual room event for three campuses

West Haven VA

Met with Employer Transportation Coordinator (ETC) to discuss future shuttle promotions and outreach opportunities

Eastern CT State

Attended 10 in-person new student orientations

South Central Regional Water Authority

Hosted a commuter presentation and virtual event as part of monthly educational series

CTrail presentation in New Haven

Conducted a rail presentation for the International Festival of Arts and Ideas at the New Haven State Street rail station

New Transportation Leader Members

Recruited Amazon HVN in Orange, Amazon Delivery Station in Wallingford, and reengaged Amazon Sorting Center BDL5

Meetings

- Albertus Magnus College - New Haven
- Amazon Delivery Station
- Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL3
- Amazon HVN, Delivery Station
- Amazon Sorting Center BDL5
- American Job Center (New Haven)
- City of New Haven
- East River Energy
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Greater New Haven Employment Network

- Quinnipiac University
- Roto Frank of America, Inc. Window & Door Technology Management Process
- South Central CT Regional Water Authority
- South Central Regional Council of Governments
- Stone Academy - West Haven
- Town Green Special Services District
- University of New Haven
- Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System - West Haven
- Yale University



Regional Worksite Highlights

Eastern CT includes the Hartford, North and Central regions of Connecticut

Highlights

The Jackson Laboratory

Met with a new Employer Transportation Coordinator to plan a joint campus activity with UConn Health

City of Hartford

Hosted two Earth Day virtual events for city employees and residents

Voya

Conducted an Earth Day presentation, assisted employees with using their pre-tax benefits, and helped them download the CTrides mobile app

Bradley Development League

Gave a presentation on CTrides programs and services at the League's quarterly meeting, which resulted in member cities and towns providing employer lists for future outreach efforts

The Jackson Laboratory/UConn Health (Hartford)

Hosted a joint meeting to discuss future campus-wide Try-It Day initiatives

Horizon Services Company

Held a planning meeting to help them develop an external media campaign to promote their membership in the Transportation Leader program

CTtransit

Met to discuss demand for a new route to serve Windsor Locks and how CTrides could promote this new service through outreach efforts targeting businesses in the area

Mintz & Hoke

Working with Mintz & Hoke on their return to office plans

DEEP New Britain

Hosted virtual event and attended their monthly meeting

Capital Community College

Worked with ETC to record a new student orientation for upcoming virtual fall orientations

New Transportation Leader (TL)

Recruited new stakeholder Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance Partnership

Meetings

- Beacon Hill Staffing Group
- Bradley International Airport
- Capital Community College
- Capital Workforce Partners
- Capitol Region Council of Governments
- Center for Latino Progress
- City of Hartford
- Commute with Enterprise
- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - Hartford
- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - New Britain
- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Connecticut Green Bank
- Connecticut Transit
- Conning
- East Hartford Adult & Continuing Education
- Edenred Commuter Benefit Solutions

- Horizon Services Company
- Manchester Community College
- MetroHartford Alliance
- Mintz & Hoke, Inc.
- Shipman & Goodwin LLP
- Silver
- Southside Institution Neighborhood Alliance
- The Hartford
- The Jackson Laboratory
- Town of Manchester
- Town of Windsor Locks
- UConn Health
- Voya
- Wesleyan University

Customer feedback:

- *“Cindy was excellent!! Very helpful with planning to get my young daughter home from school in NYC”*
- *“Paola was really helpful and quick to respond”*
- *“Lisa Povetz was very kind, patient, helpful and thorough. I had a lot of questions. She research the questions and call me back in a timely manner”*
- *“Was expecting an email, happy to have received a phone call response because all of my questions were answered quickly. Thank you to the agent who helped me for your time and suggestions”*
- *“She was amazing, Michele did her job well. Made the experience very comfortable while I was nervous on my options. Give her a raise. I would vote 10”*

Customer Service Highlights

CTrides/CTrail calls: 5,116

Custom Commute Plans: 16

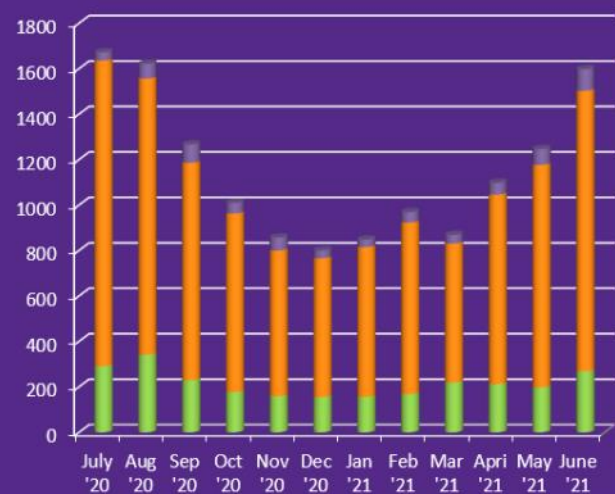
Total Number of Website Form Submissions: 367

Total Number of Emails Sent and Received: 679

Customer Service Details:

- **3,943 Total** cases into CTrides
 - * **3,047 calls**
10 inquiries about available disabled services
11 bilingual inquiries
 - * **Sent and received 679 emails**
Great or OK rating on 90% of emails surveyed
 - * **Facilitated 217 live online chats of which 36 were SMS (text) chats**
4.9 out of 5 (best) avg. rating on all chats
- **Provided 0 Emergency Ride Home**
- **Processed 138 CTrail Hartford Line and 58 CTrail Shore Line East** complaints, suggestions, questions
- **Distributed 0 trial bus passes to commuters** due to massive decrease in ridership caused by COVID-19.

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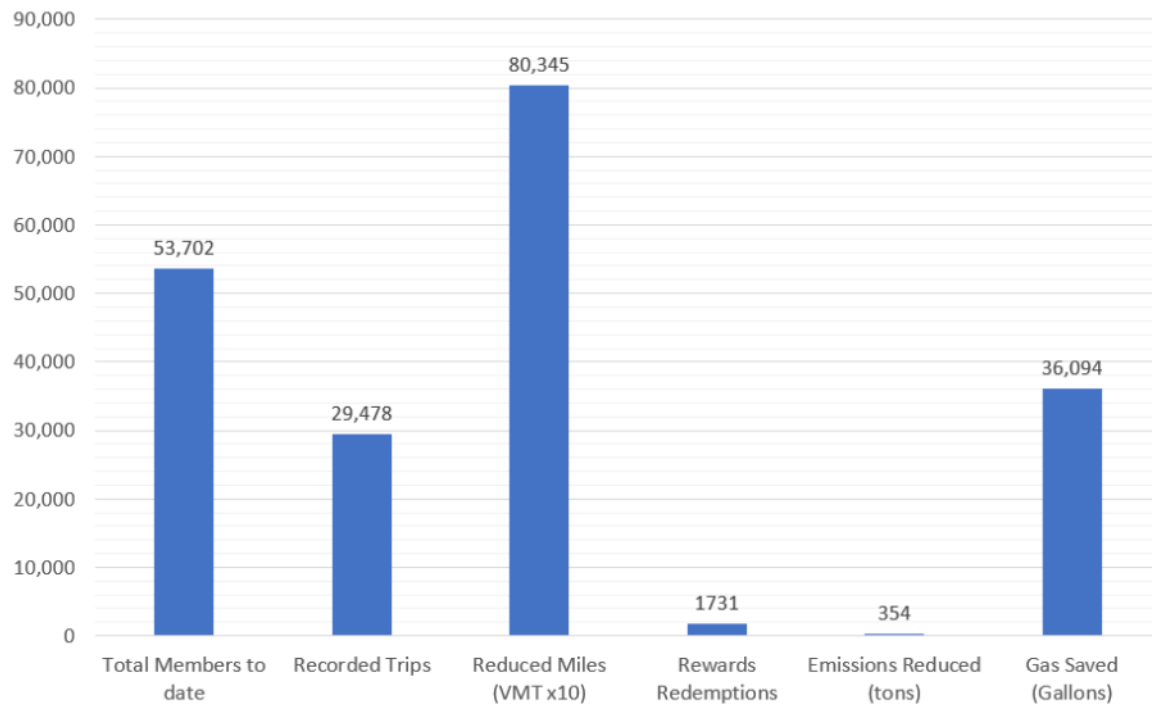


▶ **3,047— Inbound Calls**

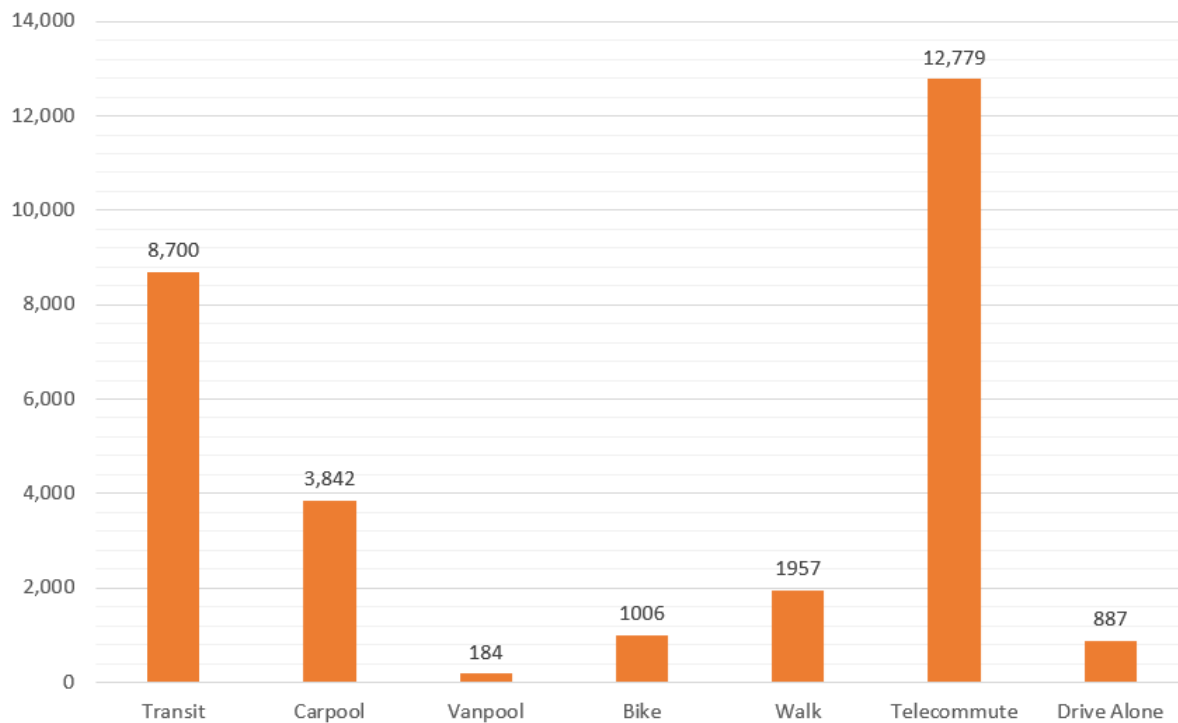
▶ **217— Online Chats**

▶ **679 — Emails**

Membership and Impacts



Breakdown of Recorded Trips



As of Q2 2021, there are more than 300 businesses, agencies and municipalities working with CTrides

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| 1. 3PL Worldwide | 38. Central Connecticut Coast YMCA | Department |
| 2. 9Town Transit | 39. Central CT State University | 67. Connecticut Valley Hospital |
| 3. Advance Auto Parts | 40. Chabaso Bakery, Inc. | 68. Connecticut Valley Industries |
| 4. Advanced Behavioral Health | 41. Cigna | 69. Connecticut Water |
| 5. AECOM | 42. City of Bridgeport | 70. Conning, Inc. |
| 6. Aetna | 43. City of Danbury | 71. Continuum of Care Inc. |
| 7. Albea | 44. City of Meriden | 72. CT Department of Labor |
| 8. Albertus Magnus | 45. City of New Britain | 73. CTtransit |
| 9. Albertus Magnus (East Hartford) | 46. City of New Haven | 74. CTfastrak |
| 10. Alexion Pharmaceuticals | 47. City of Stamford | 75. Datto, Inc. |
| 11. All Our Kin | 48. City of Waterbury | 76. Department of Administrative Services |
| 12. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-2 | 49. City of Waterbury - Public Health | 77. Department of Economic and Community Development |
| 13. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-5 | 50. Community Health Center of New London | 78. Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection |
| 14. Amazon Sorting Center Wallingford | 51. Connecticare | 79. Department of Public Health (Hartford) |
| 15. American Institute | 52. Connecticut Children's Medical Center | 80. Department of Rehabilitation Services |
| 16. Aptar Group | 53. Connecticut College | 81. Department of Revenue Services |
| 17. ARC of Litchfield County | 54. Connecticut Department of Developmental Services | 82. Department of Social Services (Hartford) |
| 18. Artspace New Haven | 55. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Hartford) | 83. Diageo, Inc. |
| 19. ASML, Inc. | 56. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (New Britain) | 84. Dollar Tree Distribution Center |
| 20. Asnuntuck Community College | 57. Connecticut Department of Labor | 85. DRS |
| 21. Avon Health Center | 58. Connecticut Department of Transportation | 86. East River Energy |
| 22. Becton Dickinson and Company | 59. Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs | 87. Eastern Account System, Inc. |
| 23. BHcare | 60. Connecticut Green Bank | 88. Eastern Connecticut State University |
| 24. Bigelow Tea | 61. Connecticut Innovations | 89. Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium |
| 25. BikewalkCT | 62. Connecticut Mental Health Center | 90. Eastern Workforce Investment Board |
| 26. BLT Office (Norwalk) | 63. Connecticut National Guard | 91. Electric Boat |
| 27. BLT Office (Stamford) | 64. Connecticut Probate Court | 92. Empire State Realty Trust |
| 28. Bradley Airport | 65. Connecticut Spring and Stamping | 93. Enterprise Holdings |
| 29. Branford Hall (Branford) | 66. Connecticut State Insurance | 94. Enterprise Rideshare |
| 30. Branford Hall (Southington) | | 95. ESPN |
| 31. Bridgeport Public Schools | | |
| 32. Cabelas | | |
| 33. Capital Community College | | |
| 34. CARTUS | | |
| 35. CDM Smith | | |
| 36. Center for Latino Progress | | |
| 37. Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce | | |

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Appendix A: Partner List

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| 96. Essex Steam Train and Riverboat | 132. Hubbell Incorporated | 165. Middletown Area Transit |
| 97. ExecutNet | 133. Human Resource Leadership Association of Eastern CT | 166. Milford Transit District |
| 98. Fairfield University | 134. i2systems | 167. Mitchell College |
| 99. Foxwoods Resort and Casino | 135. IFG Companies (Guilford Specialty Group) | 168. Mohegan Sun Casino |
| 100. FTD Florists | 136. Inertia Dynamics Corporation | 169. Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation LLC |
| 101. Fusco Corporation | 137. Innovate Stamford | 170. Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa |
| 102. From You Flowers | 138. IRS | 171. Nalas Engineering |
| 103. Gateway Community College | 139. Jackson Laboratory | 172. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Danbury) |
| 104. Gaylord Specialty Healthcare | 140. JCC of Greater New Haven | 173. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Waterbury) |
| 105. Global Steering Systems | 141. Jewett City Savings Bank | 174. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments |
| 106. GoNHGO | 142. Job Corps (Hartford) | 175. Naval Submarine Base New London |
| 107. Goodwill of Western & Northern CT | 143. Job Corps New Haven | 176. New Britain CT Works Center |
| 108. Goodwin College | 144. Jones Lang Lasalle Americas | 177. New Britain Downtown District |
| 109. Greater Bridgeport Transit | 145. Key Bank - New Haven | 178. New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation |
| 110. Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce | 146. Knights of Columbus | 179. New Haven Mayor's Task Force on Bike Education |
| 111. Greater Waterbury YMCA | 147. Konica Minolta Business Solutions | 180. North East Transportation Co. |
| 112. Greenwich Board of Education | 148. Law offices of John Andreini | 181. Northwest Hills COG |
| 113. Greenwich Chamber of Commerce | 149. Lawrence + Memorial Hospital | 182. Northwestern CT Community College |
| 114. Group CBS Circuit Breaker Sales | 150. Lincoln Life Insurance/Freemont Group Management | 183. Norwalk Community College |
| 115. Hartford Adult Education Center | 151. Lincoln Technical Institute | 184. Norwalk Housing Authority |
| 116. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving | 152. Live Green CT | 185. Norwalk Transit |
| 117. Hartford HealthCare System Support Office | 153. Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments | 186. Nucor Steel (Wallingford) |
| 118. Hartford Hospital | 154. Manchester Community College | 187. NWCC Center for Workforce Development |
| 119. Hartford Public Library | 155. Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation | 188. Office of Policy and Management |
| 120. Hartford Steam Boiler | 156. Marcus Partners Mgmt. | 189. Office of the Attorney General |
| 121. HARTransit | 157. Mary Wade Home | 190. Office of the Secretary of the State |
| 122. Henkel Corporation | 158. MassMutual | 191. Office of the State Comptroller |
| 123. Hispanic Advisory Council of Greater Stamford (HACGS) | 159. MedSource Consultants | 192. Oracle Corporation |
| 124. Hologic | 160. Medtronic | 193. Paier College of Art |
| 125. Honeywell | 161. Middlesex Community College | 194. Paradigm Property Management |
| 126. Hotchkiss School | 162. Middlesex Community College - Meriden Campus | 195. Pathway Lighting Inc. |
| 127. Horizon Services Company | 163. Middlesex Hospital | 196. Paul Bailey Architects |
| 128. Homegoods Distribution | 164. Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center | |
| 129. Homes For the Brave | | |
| 130. Hospital for Special Care | | |
| 131. Housatonic Community College | | |

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Appendix A: Partner List

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| 197. Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects | 229. Society for Human Resource Management | 260. Town of East Hartford |
| 198. People Friendly Stamford | 230. South Central Regional Council of Governments | 261. Town of Fairfield |
| 199. People's United Bank | 231. Southeast Area Transit | 262. Town of Farmington |
| 200. PEP - Lacey Manufacturing | 232. Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments | 263. Town of Greenwich |
| 201. Pierce Care | 233. Southern Connecticut State University | 264. Town of Trumbull |
| 202. Pitney Bowes-Danbury | 234. Southwest Community Health Center | 265. Town of Windsor |
| 203. Pitney Bowes-Shelton | 235. St. Mary's Hospital | 266. Town of Woodbridge |
| 204. Porter & Chester Institute (Branford) | 236. St. Vincent's College | 267. Travelers |
| 205. Porter and Chester Institute (Enfield) | 237. St. Vincent's Medical Center | 268. Trinity College |
| 206. Porter and Chester Institute (Stratford) | 238. Stamford Chamber of Commerce | 269. Triumph |
| 207. Porter and Chester Institute (Waterbury) | 239. Stamford Downtown Special Services District (SDSSD) | 270. TSKP Studios |
| 208. Pratt & Whitney - Middletown | 240. Stanley Black & Decker | 271. Tunxis Community College |
| 209. Pratt and Whitney | 241. State Education Resource Center | 272. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| 210. Prudential (Hartford) | 242. State of Connecticut | 273. UConn Hartford |
| 211. Quinebaug Valley CC | 243. Stone Academy (East Hartford) | 274. UConn Health Center |
| 212. Quinnipiac University | 244. Stone Academy (Waterbury) | 275. UConn Law School |
| 213. Quinnipiac University - North Haven Campus | 245. Stone Academy (West Haven) | 276. Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Special Metals |
| 214. Radiall USA Inc. | 246. Sun Life Financial | 277. United Bank |
| 215. Randstad | 247. Tauck Tours | 278. United Healthcare |
| 216. Reckson/SL Green | 248. The Business Council of Fairfield County | 279. United Illuminating |
| 217. Regal Care | 249. The Hartford | 280. United States District Court: District of Connecticut |
| 218. RGIS | 250. The Independence Center | 281. United Technologies Corporation |
| 219. Rich Product Corporation | 251. The Kennedy Center, Inc. | 282. University of Bridgeport |
| 220. Saint Francis Hospital | 252. The Watermark at 3030 Park | 283. University of Connecticut—Avery Point |
| 221. Saybrook Point | 253. The Workplace | 284. University of Connecticut—Storrs |
| 222. Sea Corp | 254. Three Rivers Community College | 285. University of Connecticut—Stamford |
| 223. SeeClickFix | 255. Thule Inc | 286. University of Connecticut—Waterbury |
| 224. Shipman & Goodwin | 256. Tower Labs Ltd. | 287. University of Hartford |
| 225. Siemon Company | 257. Town Green Special Services District | 288. University of New Haven |
| 226. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Bridgeport | 258. Town of Branford | 289. University of Saint Joseph |
| 227. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Shelton | 259. Town of Burlington | 290. University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy |
| 228. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Stratford | | 291. USI Consulting |

- 292. U.S. Federal Highway Administration
- 293. Valley Transit District
- 294. Veterans Affairs Connecticut
Healthcare System (Newington)
- 295. Veterans Affairs Connecticut
Healthcare System (West Haven)
- 296. Voya
- 297. Washington Inventory Systems
- 298. Waste Management
- 299. Watch For Me CT
- 300. Waterbury Hospital
- 301. Watson Foods
- 302. Wesleyan University
- 303. West Hartford Health and Rehab
- 304. Western Connecticut State
University
- 305. Western CT Council of Governments
- 306. Wiggin & Dana, LLP
- 307. Windham Region Transit District
- 308. Windham Regional Community
Council
- 309. Windsor Health and Rehabilitation
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- 310. Wiremold/Legrand
- 311. Workers' Compensation
Commission
- 312. Yale University
- 313. Yale-New Haven Hospital
- 314. YMCA Greater Hartford