



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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**Meeting Notice & Agenda
South Central Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization and
South Central Regional Council of Governments**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

This is a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance at the SCRCOG Office and remote access via Zoom.

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- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Presentation: 2023-2028 South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)**
- 3 **Adopt Minutes of 2/22/23 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 3-6
- 4 **Adopt Minutes of 3/15/23 SCRCOG Special Meeting (motion)** Pages 7-24
- 5 **Treasurer’s Report for month ending 2/28/23 (motion)** Pages 25,26
- 6 **MPO Business**
 - a) Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2022-2023 TIP Amendment Twenty-Five (motion) Pages 27-33
 - b) Adopt Resolution to Commit to the Goal of Zero Traffic Deaths Following the Principles of Vision Zero (motion) Pages 34,35
 - c) Adopt Resolution to Amend 2022-2023 UPWP (motion) Pages 36-38
 - d) Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Report
 - e) Transportation Staff Report
 - f) Greater New Haven Transit District Report
- 7 **COG Business**
 - a) FY2023 Budget Revision #2 (motion) Pages 39-41
 - b) Resolution in Support of SCRCOG’s Application to CT DEEP for Technical Assistance Funding to Study the Formation of a Regional Waste Authority Page 42
 - c) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application for a Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection Program Page 43
 - d) Executive Director’s Report Pages 44-56
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 - g) REX Development Report Pages 58-78
 - h) Congressional Reports

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- i) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
- j) DEMHS Report

8 **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**

9 **Adjournment**



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Planning for Our Region's Future

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Secretary**
DATE: **March 15, 2023**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023**

Present:

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Vice Chair*
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Immediate Past Chair*
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Treasurer*
Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, *Chair*
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven Lee Tiernan, *proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi*
Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Benjamin Lovejoy, Rebecca Andreucci, Heba Naqvi

Guests: Michelle Benivegna, *City of East Haven*; Joseline Tlacomulco, *City of New Haven*; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Jennifer Pacacha, *CT Department of Transportation*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Michael Muszynski, *CCM*; Betsy Gara, *COST*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Marisa Kaplita, *CT Rides*; Nicole Velardi, *DEMHS*; Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority*; Nancy Dutta and Bridget Moriarty, *VN Engineers*; Sharon Freilich, *Pullman & Comley*; Pam Roach, *SCRCOG Solid Waste & Recycling Consultant*; Mark Zaretsky, *New Haven Register*; Brian Popovich, *USA Hauling & Recycling*;

NOTE: The February SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chairman Zeoli called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the January 25, 2023 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

First Selectwoman Lyons presented the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of January 25, 2023, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-6. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve. First Selectman Hoey seconded, and all voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report for the month ending 1/31/23

First Selectwoman Lyons presented the Treasurer's Report on pages 7-8 of the agenda packet. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$2,540,000 with \$1,120,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also

\$278,900 due from CTDOT, \$97,000 due from DEMHS, and \$27,000 due from DECD. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Lyons moved to accept the report, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. The vote was unanimous.

4. **MPO Business**

a. **Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2022-2023 TIP Amendment Twenty-Four (motion)**

Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee report on pages 9-16 of the agenda packet. He made a motion to approve TIP Amendment Twenty-Three. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded, and all voted in favor.

b. **Transportation Staff Report**

Deputy Director Francis, James Rode, and Rebecca Andreucci provided staff reports on the ongoing transportation planning projects, including UPWP studies, LOTCIP projects, and the MTP update process. SCRCOG is reviewing the RFP for Microtransit pilot projects from CTDOT for a potential regional application or municipal partnership.

c. **Transit District Report**

Mario Marrero from the Greater New Haven Transit District reported that free fares on buses are continuing through March. He reported that the Transit District has hired several new drivers. The transit district is working on a microtransit pilot program called “Encompass” through a local taxi company.

d. **CT Rides Report**

Marisa Kaplita from CT Rides reported they have been promoting the Hartford Line by mailing postcards to residents who live in the rail corridor. Their Facebook page saw 3 million impressions in the month of February, which is double the impressions from the previous month. K-12 schools are encouraged to reach out to CT Rides to discuss the “All About Trains” program which teaches train safety and ridership information to students.

5. **COG Business**

a. **Approval of Annual SCRCOG Self Certification (motion)**

Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on pages 17-18 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Heller made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. All voted in favor.

b. **Adoption of 2023 SCRCOG Affirmative Action Policy Renewal (motion)**

Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on pages 19-21 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. All voted in favor.

c. **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Documents in Connection with Moving SCRCOG Section 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and SCRCOG Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan from Principal to Empower and PASI (motion)**

Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on pages 22-23 of the agenda packet. He introduced Sharon Freilich, an attorney at Pullman & Comely who has been reviewing SCRCOG’s retirement plan options. She has been working on the proposal to move all staff retirement accounts from Principal to Empower and PASI after soliciting quotes from them and two other vendors. She discussed that Principal has been difficult to work with and does not provide staff with guidance on how to manage their funds. Principal is also not transparent about the fees that their users are paying.

Mayor Blake asked if there was a formal RFQ process? Sharon Freilich responded no, but three quotes were received in accordance with SCRCOG’s bylaws. Mayor Blake stated it was still best practice to go out to RFQ for this type of change. He asked if all the firms that provided quotes had fees associated with the 457b

plan? Sharon Freilich stated yes, and PASI would also have maintenance fees. First Selectman Hoey asked if staff requested an RFQ process? Sharon Freilich responded that she didn't recall, but that the informal process of soliciting quotes was in alignment with the SCRCOG bylaws. Chairman Zeoli stated that this item should be tabled until it can be determined what the proper next steps are. First Selectman Hoey made a motion to table the item, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded.

d. Regional Planning Staff Report

Benjamin Lovejoy reported on the Housing Working Group meetings. Several municipalities requested a more hands-on housing workshop, which is being planned. The Housing Action Plan is currently being drafted and will be incorporated into the Regional Affordable Housing Plan. Ben Fink, SCRCOG's housing outreach consultant, has been meeting with municipalities. At DEMHS, Region 2, ESF-17 Cybersecurity has a new chair. The RPC met in February with many of the proposed regulation changes dealing with cannabis. Interviews for filling the vacant Regional Planner position are ongoing. SCRCOG staff had a meeting with UMass to discuss the creation of a demographic data dashboard. COG staff are currently analyzing survey responses for peer-to-peer meetings of municipal staff members performing similar functions.

Rebecca Andreucci reported that the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan draft has been made available to the SCRCOG municipalities, and municipal staff are currently reviewing it before it is submitted to DEMHS.

First Selectman Cofrancesco asked if the RPC reviewed the proposed legislation for the outdoor firing range in Prospect. The proposed site is adjacent to Bethany and residents have been very concerned. Benjamin Lovejoy responded that the RPC did review the amendment and determined that there was no negative intermunicipal impacts as the amendment was concerning the removal of "Outdoor Firing Range" as an allowed use not the location of a new proposed range. The new location of the existing outdoor firing range was approved prior to this proposed amendment, is grandfathered in from previous regulations its allowing use. The RPC did not review this move as they are not responsible for making comments on individual special permit applications, only proposed text and map amendments.

e. Regional Planning Commission February Action Tables

The RPC Action Table was reviewed on page 24 of the agenda packet.

f. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed their report on pages 25-45 of the agenda packet. She reviewed employment data for the New Haven-Milford MSA. There are 17,000 open jobs in the region. Nursing has the highest number of vacant positions. There are 95,000 open jobs in CT. Chairman Zeoli thanked Ginny Kozlowski for the helpful information. She stated that we haven't seen construction layoffs due to the mild winter, and it is expected that we will see vacant landscaping positions soon. Mayor Blake discussed Electric Boat proposing the creation of employee housing to attract new people. One of Electric Boat's impediments to attracting new talent is their three-month unpaid onboarding timeline.

g. Congressional Reports

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office had no report this month.

Ellen Graham from Senator Richard Blumenthal's office reported that congressional directed spending (formerly referred to as "earmarks") will open in a few weeks. The Senate is currently in recess.

h. State Legislative Reports – CCM/COST

Betsy Gara from COST reported the Elections committee is discussing early voting and how that will proceed. There is a cost associated with keeping polling stations open. It may also be required for municipal budget referendums. In the Environment Committee, solid waste is the big issue with discussions focused on

Extended Producer Responsibility, tires, a smoke detector bill, and reconstituting MIRA. The Planning & Development Committee is reviewing TOD as-of-right. Fair Share housing legislation would require the state to create affordable housing goals, while towns implement those goals. There is a bill to allow posting legal notices by municipalities on the internet.

Michael Muszynski from CCM reported on the chaotic public hearing process. The Labor Committee is reviewing the firefighter cancer bill regarding workers compensation. A lot of municipal feedback has been received on that bill. They are looking at how to create a more sustainable funding stream for that program. A proposed Pension Offset bill would allow employees to collect both their pension and workers compensation. There are also discussions on expanded PTSD benefits. In the Public Safety committee, there is a bill mandating MERS benefit enrollment. The House bill for ECS funding has bipartisan support. However, the Governor's proposal maintains funding at the status quo level.

i. DEMHS Report

Benjamin Lovejoy reported the DEMHS budget is being developed for the 2023/24 grant cycle. DEMHS is looking for projects from municipalities, including security issues and homeland security projects. First Selectman Cofrancesco noted she would like to see more municipal leaders at REPT quarterly meetings. She stated it has been difficult to get a quorum.

6. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 46-58 of the agenda packet. He discussed upcoming grant opportunities. He discussed putting together a regional application for cybersecurity, and there will be a Special Board Meeting in March to discuss that application. A CEDS presentation and draft report will be presented to the SCRCOG Board in March. He reported meeting with DEEP to discuss food waste reduction. West Haven has seen 50% of its residents voluntarily participate in the program. Schools are the easiest target for program expansion.

7. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

First Selectman Hoey asked if anyone had experience with a four-day work week. The Town of Vernon implemented this type of schedule and it has helped them attract staff. Chairman Zeoli asked if anyone had experience having one day a week open late hours? First Selectwoman Lyons stated that Madison has flexible hours Monday-Thursday and a half day on Friday. Mayor Dickinson stated that he believes that residents expect a set schedule and want someone to be available in Town Hall for normal business hours.

Mayor Blake reported that he will be stepping down from his position and will be appointed to the position of an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Connecticut Workers Compensation Commission. He thanked everyone around the table for their cooperation throughout the years. Chairman Zeoli congratulated him, gave him well wishes for his future endeavor, and all gave Mayor Blake a round of applause.

8. Adjournment

First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to adjourn, and Chairman Zeoli seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Secretary
DATE: March 15, 2023
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2023

Present:

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Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven Michelle Benivegna, proxy for Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Immediate Past Chair*
Hamden Brian Murphy, proxy for Mayor Lauren Garrett
Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*
Meriden Tim Coon, proxy for Mayor Kevin Scarpati
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SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, Benjamin Lovejoy

Guests: Carl Fazzina, Greg Bugbee, Jason Anderson, and Calvin Brown, *Novus Insight*; Debi Mirto and Jim Finch, *Town of Branford*; Dennis Pannone and Anthony Esposito, *Town of North Branford*; Art Sickle and Cassie Morrison, *Town of Madison*; Alex Linos, *Town of North Haven*; Justin Rosen, *City of Milford*; Tony Genovese, *Town of Woodbridge*; Charles Carrossa, *City of Meriden*;

NOTE: The March Special SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting

1. Call to order and Introductions

First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Discussion of Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP)

Executive Director Amento and Benjamin Lovejoy introduced the proposal for a RPIP grant application. They introduced Novus Insight, a consultant working with SCRCOG on cybersecurity in the region.

3. Novus Insight – Regional Cyber Security Assessment and Protection Presentation

Carl Fazzina, Greg Bugbee, Jason Anderson, and Calvin Brown from Novus Insight presented their proposal for a regional grant application.

4. Q&A – Novus and SCRCOG Staff

SCRCOG and Novus Insight staff answered questions from those in attendance.

5. Adjournment

First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*

NOVUS INSIGHT

Technology that empowers.

RPIP Municipal Security Program SCRCOG & Novus Insight, Inc.

Greg Bugbee, CISSP
Jason Anderson, CISSP
Carl Fazzina
Calvin Brown

novusinsight.com



Overview



1. Why cybersecurity?
2. Ad-hoc vs. Programmatic Approach
3. RPIP Funding
4. Security Program Overview
5. Timelines & Costs
6. Open Discussion / Q&A



What is cybersecurity?

Cybersecurity is the art of protecting networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal use and the practice of ensuring:

- confidentiality
- integrity
- availability of information

Cybersecurity is not just about IT

Why is cybersecurity important?

- 44% of global ransomware attacks in 2020 targeted municipalities.¹
- At least 2,323 local governments, schools and health-care providers were affected by ransomware in 2021.¹
- In the spring of 2022, a ransomware attack in **Plainfield, CT** held **both** the Town and Police Department hostage for several weeks due to lack of proper network segmentation. Attackers demanded almost \$200,000 in Bitcoin to restore systems.²
- In **Hamden, CT** in the Spring of 2022, a cybersecurity event compromised the town’s IT system and affected government email for weeks; cost town roughly \$500,000.³
- Costs included “legal expenses, a forensics investigation, consultation services, a multi-factor authentication upgrade, security awareness training and increased storage space.”
- Without adequate protections in place, municipalities are prime targets for attackers.
- Attacks can take weeks to months to resolve, can cost millions of taxpayer dollars, and can irreparably damage reputations.

1. **Source:** [The Increasing Concern of Public-Sector Cybersecurity in State and Local Government \(govtech.com\)](#)

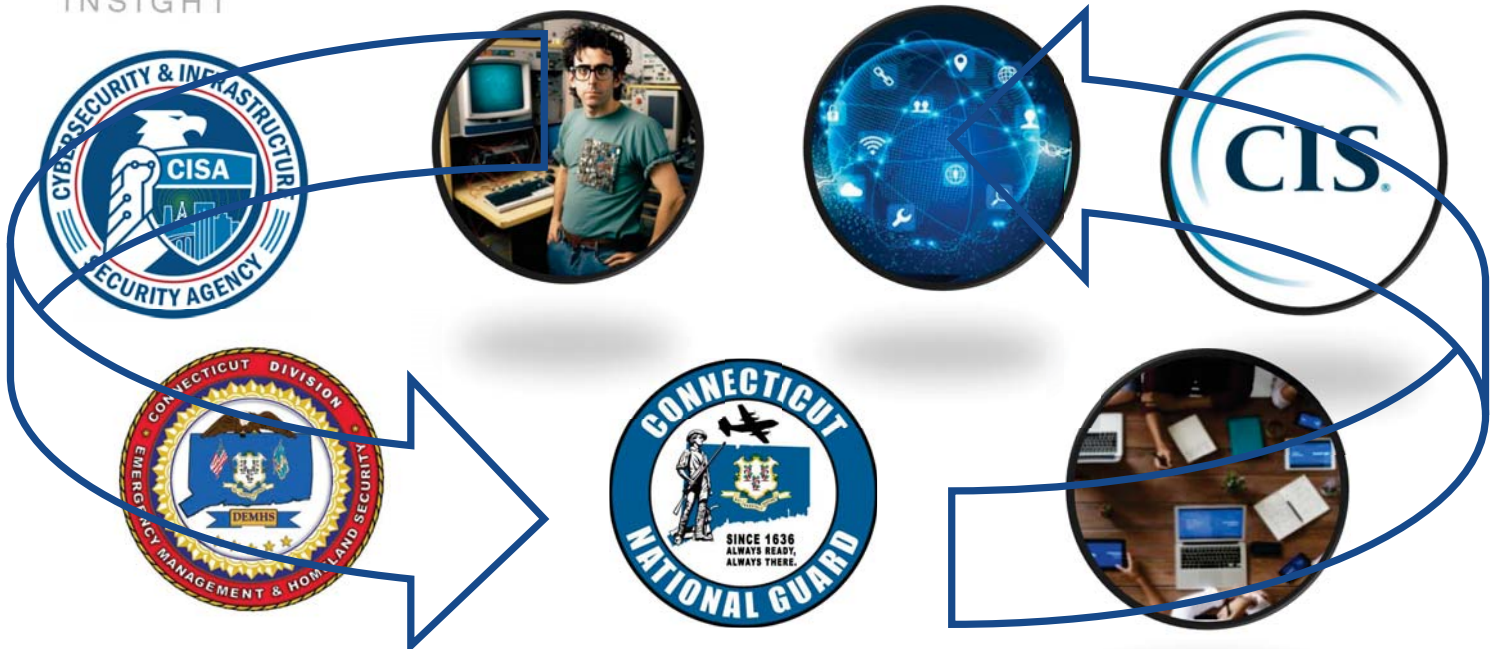
2. **Source:** [Ransomware attack hits Plainfield police, town hall computers \(wtnh.com\)](#)

3. **Source:** [Hamden mayor estimates \\$500K to address spring cyberattack \(nhregister.com\)](#)

Think of cybersecurity similarly to public safety.
 Police and Fire are here to keep the community safe AND respond to crises.
 So too is cybersecurity about maintaining a safe digital environment, not just responding to crises.
 Invest in cybersecurity to keep data safe so you're not left **paying double when the incident occurs.**



The Ecosystem of Help





Ad-hoc
vs.
Programmatic

Ad-hoc vs. Programmatic

Ad-Hoc approach:

- Reactive—fixing things when they break.
- Treats cyber security as a cap-ex vs op-ex.
- Minimal data and analysis that creates:
 - technology sprawl
 - shadow-IT (including 3rd party vendor shadow IT)
 - unmanaged assets (unknown security risks)
- Not sustainable, less secure, noncompliant.

Programmatic approach:

- Proactive—continuous monitoring, early detection & response.
- Structure for governing technology-related decisions are more compliant and help achieve:
 - efficient
 - sustainable
 - secure
- Is a customized approach to fit YOUR needs.

Think of cybersecurity similarly to public safety. It's not enough to invest only after the incident occurs.

NOVUS The Proposed Solution

INSIGHT

Regional vCISO & Security Operations Center

- Ad hoc to programmatic approach is a big change for municipalities.
- We propose a **regional** program to support and provide cybersecurity services:
 - Virtual Chief Information Security Officer (VCISO)
 - Security Operations Center (SOC)
- Municipalities will develop operational maturity and resiliency via a managed cybersecurity program.
- Each municipality will have solutions tailored to their greatest risks and a program that enables sustainable security over time.
- The program will be continuously reassessed for efficacy and the changing security landscape.

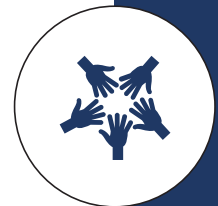


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NOVUS Benefits of Regional Approach

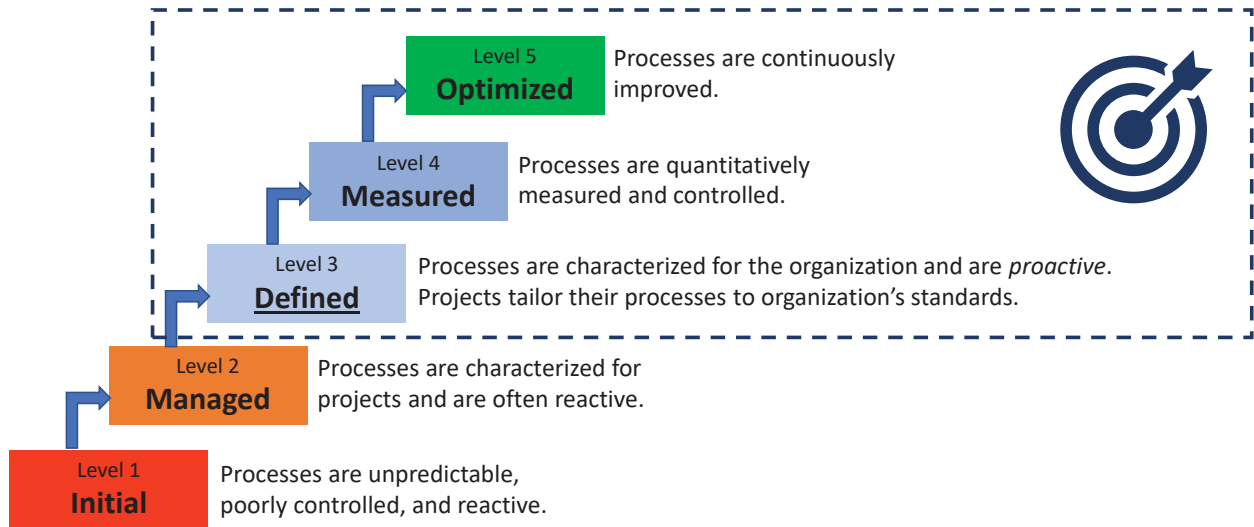
INSIGHT

- Volume pricing discounts on cyber products and services.
- Group vetting of solutions.
- Peer-to-peer measuring of performance and outcomes.
- Sharing of best-practices.
- Full-Time Equivalent vCISO position.
- Security Operations Center (SOC) implementation.
- Regional pool of services and resources.
- Program Partnership—Novus, SCRCOG, CISA, CEN, DEMHS



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Measuring Program Maturity



CMMI = Capability Model Maturity Integration



Election Security Assessment

CT Municipality Assessment Checklist	Covered by Regional Security Program	Detail
1A. End User Training	Yes	KnowBe4 (in place)
1B. Patching Vulnerability Management	Yes	3 rd party patching, EDR
1C. Multifactor Authentication & External Access	Yes	Secure configuration baselines & policies, MFA solution, vendor management program
1D. Endpoint Hardening & Security	Yes	EDR, secure configuration baselines, asset configuration management
1E. Network Boundary Hardening & Security	Yes*	CIS Benchmarks, network segmentation, SIEM, advanced message filtering, DLP

* Email migration to a ".gov" domain not included. Would be a separate project.

CT Municipality Assessment Checklist	Covered by Regional Security Program	Detail
2A. Operational Policies	Yes	Policies & procedures and program development, configuration & training to implement policies, procedures, and standards
2B. Detecting, Responding, & Recovering from Attack	Yes*	Backup & recovery, SIEM, SOC, EDR, baseline configuration, policies & procedures (IRP) and program development
3A. Vendor Management and Audit	Yes**	Program development
4A. Physical Security & Elections Equipment	Partially	Physical security evaluated as part of assessment; voting hardware is out of scope

* Security program assists municipalities in obtaining cyber insurance and reducing premiums, however it is not itself cyber insurance.

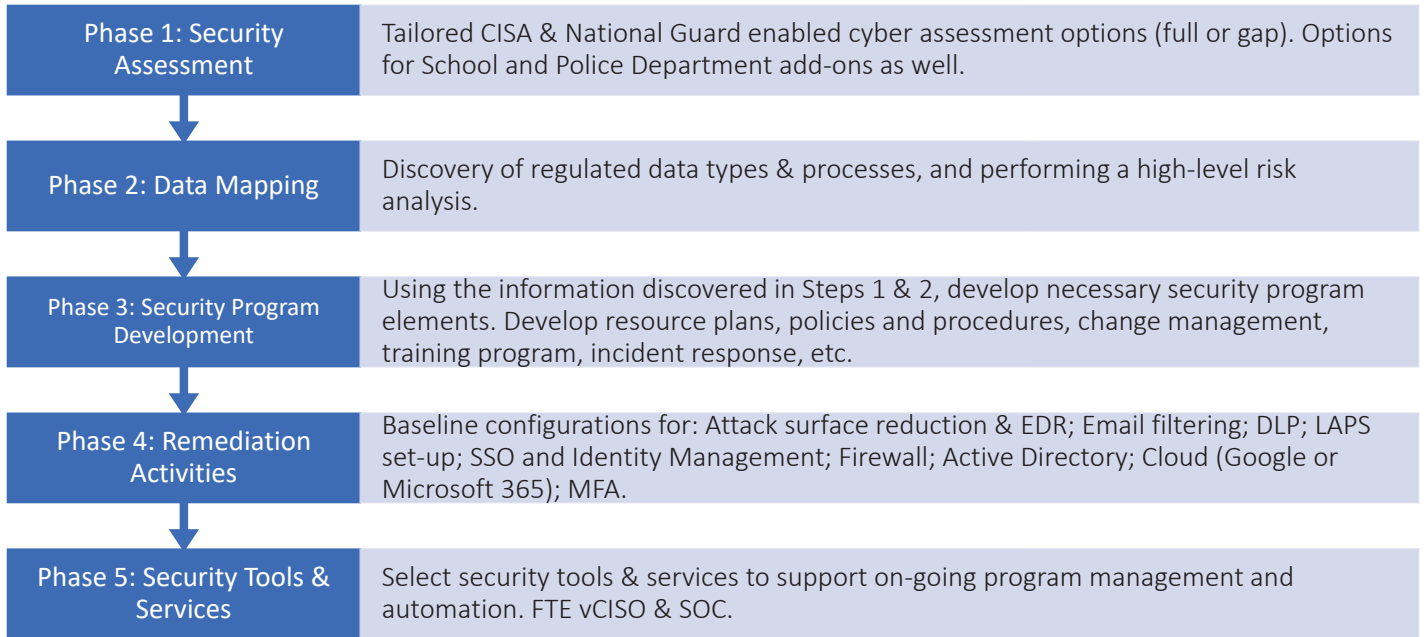
** Dedicated full-time IT support not included in Regional Security Services Program.

Overview:

“(RPIP)... encourage municipalities to participate in . . . regional shared services projects that have the potential to produce measurable ‘economies of scale,’ provide . . . public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with the provision of [those] services.”

- Each proposal may be for up to 3 years in duration.
- 50% match total, 25% in the first year.
- Self-funding by no later than the start of the fourth year.
- Up to \$2M ask.



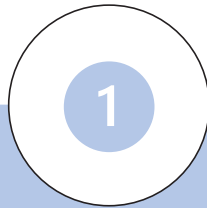


- **The Phase I Assessment & Phase II Discovery determine the potential paths for a town or city– like a “choose your own adventure” for what happens in Phases III, IV, V.**
- **The town or city then decides which path to follow.**
- **RPIP program supplements 50% for whatever they want to do.**



Small Town Journey Example 1

- **Small town agrees to participate in the RPIP process.**
- **Their minimum investment is the Phase I, Phase II assessment related items.**
- **They will pay for half of that, about \$10,000.**
- **After that, it depends on the assessment findings and what they want to do about it.**



Small Town Journey Example 1

Phase	Phase Name	Year	Cost	Town Portion
I	Assessment	1	\$17,550	\$8,775
II	Data Mapping	1	\$3,280	\$1,640
III	Security Program Development	1	???	???
IV	Remediation	2	???	???
V	Ongoing programs and services	2	???	???
V	Ongoing programs and services	3	???	???
V	Ongoing programs and services	4+	???	???

Year	Cost	Subsidy	Town Portion
1	???	50%	???
2	???	50%	???
3	???	50%	???
4	???	0%	???

Summary by Phase

Small-Medium Town

Program estimates for Bethany, Madison, North Branford, Orange, Woodbridge

Phase	Phase Name	Budget
I	Assessment	\$17,550
II	Data Mapping	\$3,280
III	Security Program Development	varies, but 50% subsidized
IV	Remediation	varies, but 50% subsidized
V	Ongoing programs and services	varies, but 50% subsidized during RPIP period
Minimum	Minimum buy-in \$ for municipality	\$10,415 (is ½ of Phase I \$17,550 + Phase II \$3,280)
Maximum	Total potential \$ for municipality	\$10,415 + (Phase III, Phase IV, Phase V investments) = X

Summary by Phase

Medium-Large Town

Program estimates for Branford, East Haven, Guilford, North Haven, Wallingford

Phase	Phase Name	Budget
I	Assessment	\$26,325
II	Data Mapping	\$6,560
III	Security Program Development	varies, but 50% subsidized
IV	Remediation	varies, but 50% subsidized
V	Ongoing programs and services	varies, but 50% subsidized during RPIP period
Minimum	Minimum buy-in \$ for municipality	\$16,442 (is ½ of Phase I \$26,325 + Phase II \$6,560)
Maximum	Total potential \$ for municipality	\$16,442 + (Phase III, Phase IV, Phase V investments) = X

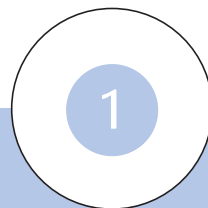
Summary by Phase

Large Town-City

Program estimates for Hamden, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, West Haven		
Phase	Phase Name	Budget
I	Assessment	\$35,100
II	Data Mapping	\$13,120
III	Security Program Development	varies, but 50% subsidized
IV	Remediation	varies, but 50% subsidized
V	Ongoing programs and services	varies, but 50% subsidized during RPIP period
Minimum	Minimum buy-in \$ for municipality	\$24,110 (is ½ of Phase I \$35,100 + Phase II \$13,120)
Maximum	Total potential \$ for municipality	\$24,110 + (Phase III, Phase IV, Phase V investments) = X

Small Town Journey Example 1

- **The Phase I Assessment & Phase II Discovery is performed.**
- **There's a potential of \$198,700 projects and \$56,000 ongoing programs and services.**
- **The Small Town decides what they want to do.**
- **There is money in the RPIP program waiting to supplement 50% for whatever they want to do.**
- **So what did Small Town 1 decide to do? And what does that look like across 4 years?**



Small Town Journey Example 1

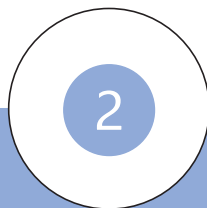
Phase	Phase Name	Year	Cost	Town Portion
I	Assessment	1	\$17,550	\$8,775
II	Data Mapping	1	\$3,280	\$1,640
III	Security Program Development	1	\$28,562	\$14,281
IV	Remediation	2	\$19,420	\$9,710
V	Ongoing programs and services	2	\$32,600	\$16,300
V	Ongoing programs and services	3	\$32,600	\$16,300
V	Ongoing programs and services	4+	\$32,600	\$32,600

Year	Cost	Subsidy	Town Portion
1	\$49,392	50%	\$24,696
2	\$52,020	50%	\$26,010
3	\$32,600	50%	16,300
4	\$32,600	0%	\$32,600

Small Town Journey Example 2

Phase I Assessment & Phase II Discovery revealed potential of \$232,400 projects and \$43,000 ongoing programs and services...

- **So what did Small Town 2 decide to do?**
- **What does that look like across 4 years?**



Small Town Journey Example 2

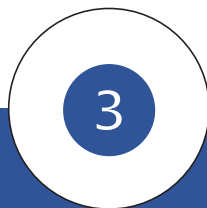
Phase	Phase Name	Year	Cost	Town Portion
I	Assessment	1	\$17,550	\$8,775
II	Data Mapping	1	\$3,280	\$1,640
III	Security Program Development	1	\$48,562	\$24,281
IV	Remediation	2	\$68,712	\$34,356
V	Ongoing programs and services	2	\$23,653	\$11,826
V	Ongoing programs and services	3	\$23,653	\$11,826
V	Ongoing programs and services	4+	\$23,653	\$23,653

Year	Cost	Subsidy	Town Portion
1	\$69,392	50%	\$34,696
2	\$92,365	50%	\$46,182
3	\$23,653	50%	\$11,826
4	\$23,653	0%	\$23,653

Small Town Journey Example 3

Phase I Assessment & Discovery revealed potential of \$199,400 projects and \$73,000 ongoing programs and services...

- **So, what did Small Town 3 decide to do? (in this example, NOT MUCH)**
- **What does that look like across 4 years?**



Phase	Phase Name	Year	Cost	Town Portion
I	Assessment	1	\$17,550	\$8,775
II	Data Mapping	1	\$3,280	\$1,640
III	Security Program Development	1	\$5,000	\$2,500
IV	Remediation	2	\$12,000	\$6,000
V	Ongoing programs and services	2	\$2,000	\$1,000
V	Ongoing programs and services	3	\$2,000	\$1,000
V	Ongoing programs and services	4+	\$2,000	\$2,000

Year	Cost	Subsidy	Town Portion
1	\$25,830	50%	\$12,915
2	\$14,000	50%	\$7,000
3	\$2,000	50%	\$1,000
4	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000

Bonus: “The Highway Story”

- How much would it cost to replace every highway and roadway in the US?
 - \$80M/\$1M per mile of Highway/Roadway (20+ Trillion?)
 - 161,000 miles of highway/4 million miles of roadway
 - Civil Engineers estimate \$2.6 Trillion for repairs alone
- Massive disruption and coordination to minimize disruption w transformation.
- Minimum Cost is the studies to assess where the greatest needs are and the costs to remediate those sections of road/highway/bridges and is \$2.6 Trillion.



Open Discussion / Q&A

Appendix

Phase 1: Assessment

- Municipalities will be assessed against the National Institute of Science & Technology’s Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF)
- Data systems will be assessed for their ability to maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information in accordance with the NST CSF.
- This is a department-by-department review on how the organization operates, not simply a technology review. It is expected that each department will spend an hour or two with the assessor reviewing how they handle data, where data is stored, knowledge of end user best practices, etc.
- Municipalities will be provided with detailed findings and a plan to remediate any security deficiencies, as well as a resource plan and budget for implementation.
- Assessment includes an internal/external vulnerability scan with a high-level analysis of the findings.
- Municipalities that have gone through the National Guard Election Security assessment are eligible for a discounted assessment fee due to the work that’s already been done.
- Goal of the assessment is to understand “Why?” the municipality is where they are at and develop a roadmap of “How” they will increase maturity.

Phase 2: Data Discovery

- Includes discovery of sensitive/regulated data types, data processes, and high-level risk analysis.
- Prerequisite for any security related project (managed security services, IRP, IAM, BCP).
- Municipalities will receive a table of key data systems, sensitive data types within them, risk areas, and a table of data owners, custodians, and other key parties.
- Internal and third-party data handling processes will be explored in detail during this phase.

Municipalities can choose to include their Police Department and/or School system as part of the assessment and discovery processes at additional cost.

- School Districts and Police Departments present their own unique data and technological challenges related to cybersecurity.
- Novus is available to conduct Assessments and Discovery for Schools and Police Departments at the discretion of the individual municipality.
- Including either Schools or the Police Department or both will incur additional assessment and discovery fees. A rough order-of-magnitude calculation for these additional costs is as follows:
 - Police Department Assessment = \$17,550
 - Includes CJIS/NIST CSF Gap Analysis
 - School Assessment = \$35,100*
 - Includes NIST CSF Assessment/Gap analysis for education, remediation plan w/budget, internal/external vulnerability scan plus high-level analysis, and security program roadmap
 - * Note: Very large school districts may incur additional costs. A separate scoping discussion would have to occur in order to provide more accurate cost estimates for a very large school district.

Phase 3: Program development

- Incident response plan development and tabletop
- Asset management program
- Vulnerability management program
- Change management program
- Configuration management program
- Log management program
- Event and alert management program
- Awareness and training program
- Risk management program
- 3rd party vendor management/system and service acquisition management program
- Identity management program
- Patch management program
- Backup, recovery, and continuity program
- Security operations program
- Access Control Management Program
- Data retention and e-discovery program
- Acceptable Use & Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program



Step 4: Baseline configurations

- Endpoint Security
- Attack surface reduction
- Email filtering
- DLP (Data loss prevention)
- LAPS (Local Administrator Password Solution)
- SSO (Single Sign On) and Identity Management
- Firewall
- Active Directory
- Cloud environment (Google or Microsoft 365)
- MFA Configuration and Proof of Concept

Step 5: Tools & on-going services

- Asset management/Configuration Management Database
- Patch management as a service
- Continuous Vulnerability Scanning
- EDR (endpoint detect & response)
- Log Management and Alerting/SIEM
- Annual audit of current security practices; adjusting towards best practices
- Annual incident response plan update and test
- Cyber security training
- Enhanced MFA solution
- SSO/Identity management platform
- Security operations center (SOC)
- VCISO (Virtual Chief Information Security Officer)
- Password manager
- Backup as a service
- Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace license right-sizing
- Device and application management
- Training



Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/28/2023

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	65,902.46
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	820,240.39
New Haven Bank	108,336.16

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	324,943.05
CT DESPP – FEMA Grant	112,137.45
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	(534.80)
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	1,399.80

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	5,077.11
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	23,867.11
Furniture & Equipment	10,574.46
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	1,193,827.26
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	34,813.69
Amortization	(243,376.32)

Total Assets	2,457,207.82
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Liabilities

Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	775.10
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	65,150.49
Deferred Revenue - OPM	259,605.65
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	180,769.77
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77

Total Liabilities	509,991.78
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	730,272.15
Designated Fund Balance	300,000.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,204.19
Investment in Equipment	10,574.46
Lease Obligation	984,489.53
Change in Fund Balance	(90,324.29)

Total Fund Balance	1,947,216.04
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	2,457,207.82

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/28/2023

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Resources			
Municipal - Revenue	29,966.15	128,749.51	303,094.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		2,581.63	2,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	34,793.53	313,825.91	573,101.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	181,935.06	562,848.26	1,699,588.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	5,920.55	19,756.83	203,611.00
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan	14,957.10	83,690.55	108,000.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)		41,841.51	358,006.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,690.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant			15,139.00
Miscellaneous	.02	.02	0.00
Interest - Revenue	2,963.12	19,176.61	2,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	1,399.80	1,399.80	6,600.00
Total Resources	271,935.33	1,173,870.63	3,275,656.00
Direct Expenses			
Retiree Benefits	1,399.80	1,399.80	6,600.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	159,587.82	257,538.82	1,078,600.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	18,580.00	105,079.50	143,500.00
Other Consultants	17,425.78	188,255.84	380,200.00
Travel	138.34	1,557.90	7,800.00
Data Processing		2,000.00	4,000.00
Commercial Printing		34.10	2,500.00
Subscriptions and Books		50.00	3,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	2,341.59	9,935.07	19,200.00
Miscellaneous		157.63	152.00
Transportation - Reserved			193,589.00
LOTICIP - Reserved			161,449.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved			178,973.00
Total Direct Expenses	199,473.33	566,008.66	2,179,663.00
Direct Labor			
Direct Labor - Employees	30,817.30	261,542.63	458,472.00
Overhead			
Indirect Labor - Employees	12,550.50	109,670.75	184,816.00
Employee Benefits	22,429.02	178,469.72	264,755.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing		14,298.83	18,600.00
Rent	19,146.58	85,650.76	114,500.00
Telephone and Internet	844.92	3,585.36	7,400.00
Office Supplies	62.91	1,817.33	3,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,143.18	17,128.67	18,300.00
Insurance and Professional Services	2,252.50	25,571.50	24,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	89.87	89.87	650.00
Miscellaneous	32.20	360.84	700.00
Total Overhead	58,551.68	436,643.63	637,521.00
Total Operating Expenses	288,842.31	1,264,194.92	3,275,656.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 25

Project **0170-3668** **2023-A25-5** **STATEWIDE TDM: NY-NJ-CT MODERATE**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason Using selected contractors, CTDOT will market, educate and provide outreach to individuals and employers in support of CTDOT's statewide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program under the brand name CTrides.

Project **0170-3682** **2023-A25_1** **NEVI Program Administration**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program with the intent of creating a national electric vehicle charging network. A CTDOT hired consultant will oversee implementation of the first phase of this program for the installation of electric vehicle fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors at up to 11 sites. Activities will include but are not limited to developing and deploying a solicitation process; evaluating and awarding grants; developing contract materials; and stakeholder outreach.

Project **0170-3684** **2023-A25-2** **Resilience Improvement Plan**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) added the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program in Section 176(c) of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C.). Under this program, States are encouraged to create a Resilience Improvement Plan to help inform decisions and allow for an increased Federal cost share for each listed project that receives PROTECT funding. The Resilience Improvement Plan will contain a vulnerability assessment of the State's transportation assets. Federal approval of this plan will allow municipalities within the State to receive increased Federal funding of 87% on projects prioritized within the plan that are selected to receive competitive PROTECT funds.

Project **0171-0496** **2023-A25-3** **D1 Retaining Walls Pod 1A**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason Retaining walls to be included are State owned, located on the Federal-Aid Highway System, within or adjacent to the State right-of-way, and are critical to the safe operation of the transportation facility. Many retaining walls inspected years ago were found to have deficiencies that categorized them in poor condition. Our State's inventory was divided into 12 sections called PODS with similar numbers of retaining walls in each POD and along District borders to better organize construction packages geographically. Other walls within the area designated as Pod 1A will be inspected as part of the project to identify walls that need rehabilitation or replacement. Retaining walls that are not currently in the State's inventory will be logged and inspected for deficiencies. The PE phase includes a PD/FD split.

Project **0173-0510** **2021-A10-1** **Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3**

Changes Amendment 25 adds the construction phase funding

Reason Add new CON phase. This was previously programmed with 100% state funds but is now being federalized based on funding availability.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0170-3668
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25-5
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name STATEWIDE TDM: NY-NJ-CT MODERATE

Description Provide funds for Statewide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) project (NY-NJ-CT moderate portion) for the period 07/01/2023-06/30/2024; PAED 6/30/2026.
 This project replaces P/N 170-3625OP which expires on 06/30/2023.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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	OTH	Federal			2,031		
		State			508		
TIP Funds	\$2,539		0	0	0	2,539	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

State Project #0170-3682
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25_1
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name NEVI Program Administration

Description Program development and administration for the NEVI Program Phase 1 to oversee a grant program for installation of electric vehicle fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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>
EVFP	PL	Federal			800		
		State			200		
TIP Funds	\$1,000		0	0	0	1,000	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0170-3684

SCRCOG # 2023-A25-2

Municipality Statewide

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Resilience Improvement Plan

Description Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan and vulnerability assessment under the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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>
PRPL	PL	Federal			600		
		State			150		
TIP Funds	\$750		0	0	0	750	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0171-0496
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25-3
AQ Code X6

Current

Project Name D1 Retaining Walls Pod 1A

Description Replace, rehabilitate, or eliminate deficient retaining wall structures and inspect walls to replace, rehabilitate or eliminate within the area (POD) in various locations in a region designated Pod 1A, located in District 1.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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>
STPA	PD	Federal			947		
		State			237		
	FD	Federal				398	
		State				99	
	ROW	Federal				80	
		State				20	
	CON	Federal					6,939
		State					1,735
TIP Funds	\$10,455	0	0	0	1,184	597	8,674

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0173-0510

SCRCOG # 2021-A10-1

Municipality District 3

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3

Description Add new project. This project was previously in the 2018 STIP, but has no entries in the current STIP. Construction phase 100% state funded.

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>
STPA	FD	State		406			
	ROW	State		110			
Total Cost	\$516		0	0	516	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>
STPA	FD	State		406			
	ROW	State		110			
	CON	Federal			4,560		
		State			1,140		
TIP Funds	\$6,216		0	0	516	5,700	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 10 adds a new project. FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds CON phase funding



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-Five

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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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-Five (Continued)

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

The Program Amendment *Twenty-Five* 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 **March 22, 2023**

Date March 22, 2023

By: _____
First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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Resolution

To a Commitment to the Goal of Zero Traffic Deaths Following the Principles of Vision Zero

WHEREAS, crashes resulting in roadway deaths and serious injuries are preventable and not an inevitable result of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Council Of Governments (SCRCOG) and its member municipalities strive to create a region that provides safe mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to the value and life of the residents of and visitors to the South Central Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has created a cross-agency Vision Zero Council to examine ways to improve roadway safety throughout the State, tasked with developing a statewide Vision Zero implementation plan and presenting data and targets to the Legislature for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the number of fatalities and serious injuries in the region is a public health issue that must and can be addressed to ensure the wellbeing and benefit of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a data-driven strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, improvements to roadway safety, especially for non-motorized users, aligns with the various Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and governing policies of the CT DOT;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero uses a safe systems approach to traffic engineering that recognizes that humans make mistakes, and that transportation infrastructure should account for those mistakes; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero road safety goals are accomplished through a combination of engineering, education, emergency response, and enforcement measures; and

WHEREAS, preventing crashes within the region requires a comprehensive response from all municipalities, the SCRCOG, and the CTDOT, that looks at transportation planning, design, policy, enforcement, education, and communication in order to most greatly impact the flaws within our transportation system; and



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WHEREAS, improvements to roadway safety, especially for non-motorized users, aligns with the various Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and governing policies of the CT DOT;

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

The region's Vision Zero efforts will take into account equity and ensure that the most vulnerable roadway users receive the necessary attention to ensure their safety and mobility; and that ongoing public engagement will be a critical component of development and implementation of this plan, gathering input from residents, users of the roadway system, safety advocates, and municipal staff.

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 **March 22, 2023**

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MEMORANDUM

To: SCRCOG Board

From: Laura Francis, *Director of Transportation Planning*, Jim Rode, *Principal Transportation Planner* and Rebecca Andreucci, *Senior Transportation Planner*

Re: UPWP Amendment for Conference Room Upgrades

Date: March 15, 2023

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines all of SCRCOG's transportation funding and where it is being programmed. Programs are given an estimated cost at the beginning of the fiscal year. On occasion, after soliciting proposals for consultant support, a program may not need the full amount of funding that was originally estimated. Amendments to the UPWP allow us to reprogram our existing funding to complete new projects.

At the time of developing the UPWP, \$100,000 was budgeted towards the update of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan. After negotiating the scope and budget with the selected consultant, it was determined that that plan could be accomplished with \$50,000. This amendment would move \$20,000 of that remaining funding from Consultant-Supported Studies to Capital Purchases. SCRCOG Staff are looking at making technological upgrades to the conference room to enhance the public outreach capabilities of the agency.

The UPWP document will be amended and be available for consideration by the Board at their meeting on March 22. The UPWP budget tables are attached for your reference. It is requested that you recommend these changes to the Board for approval.

We will be available to answer any questions.

Table 13
Fiscal Year 2023 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance

<i>FY 23 Funds</i>		<i>FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	
	Cost		Cost
<i>New Haven 1-Way 2-Way Conversion Study</i>	222,000	<i>Travel and Tourism Enhancement</i>	50,000
<i>Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study</i>	55,000	<i>Hamden Dixwell Ave. and Whitney Ave. Interseci</i>	50,000
<i>Madison Bicycle-Ped. Safety Improvements Study</i>	40,000	<i>Branford Walkability/Sidewalk Study</i>	75,000
<i>Public Participation Guidelines Update</i>	50,000	<i>Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study</i>	25,000
<i>Congestion Management Process</i>	65,000	<i>West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan</i>	25,000
<i>Wallingford Northrup Road Study</i>	40,000	<i>GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting</i>	25,000
<i>Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations</i>	35,000	<i>New Haven Conditional Eval. of Existing Structu</i>	87,500
<i>Milford Feasibility Study</i>	33,500		
<i>Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study</i>	75,600		
		<i>FY23 Additional Funds</i>	
		<i>Regional Safety Plan Update</i>	80,000
<i>Total</i>	616,100	<i>Total</i>	417,500

Table 14
Fiscal Year 2023 - Total UPWP Program Cost

	Cost
<i>SCRCOG Salaries</i>	351,881
<i>Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3674)</i>	481,165
<i>Print & Reproductions</i>	1,356
<i>Travel</i>	3,045
<i>Data Processing</i>	1,700
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Funds</i>	616,100
<i>Consultants - FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	337,500
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Additional Funds</i>	80,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	6,796
<i>Capital</i>	20,000
<i>Total</i>	1,899,542



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Resolution

Amending the approved Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas: The Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program on May 26, 2021; and

Whereas: The Unified Planning Work Program was last amended on October 26, 2022; and

Whereas: Changes in the consultant planning study budgets have resulted in additional funding to be programmed; and

Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee reviewed the amended *Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* on March 8, 2023 and recommends that the Council of Governments adopt the amended work program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of Governments

That the amended *Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* is hereby adopted.

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 March 22, 2023.

Date March 22, 2023

By: _____
First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments

FY 2022-23 Budget Revision # 2

This budget revision incorporates the CT DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant into the FY 2022-23 budget. It also aligns the budget with the amended FY 2022-FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Revenue

Budget Revision #2 adds a total of \$139,000 to the adopted FY 2022-23 budget for the CT DEEP SMM Grant, broken down as follows.

- \$139,000 of CT DEEP SMM Grant Funds

Expenses

Budget Revision #2 includes the following changes.

- Other Consultants increases by \$40,000.
- CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved increases by \$99,000.
- Transportation Consultants decreases by \$20,000.
- Capital increases by \$20,000

Actual line item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #2.

FY 2022-23 Budget Revision # 2

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Municipal Contribution			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	193,900		193,900
Municipal Contribution - Special Projects	2,827		2,827
Fund Balance	78,771		78,771
Designated Fund Balance	30,423		30,423
Transportation Planning			
U.S. DOT	1,169,634		1,169,634
U.S. DOT - FY 23 Additional	80,000		80,000
U.S. DOT - Carryover	270,000		270,000
CTDOT	146,204		146,204
CTDOT - Carryover	33,750		33,750
CTDOT - LOTCIP	203,611		203,611
Regional Planning	0		-
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	573,101		573,101
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691		3,691
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	341,226		341,226
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	16,780		16,780
CIRCA - ResilientCT Grant	15,139		15,139
Federal Emergency Management Agency	108,000		108,000
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	-	139,000	139,000
Other			
Investment Income	2,000		2,000
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	6,600		6,600
TOTAL	3,275,656	139,000	3,414,656

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Salaries	643,288		643,288
Benefits	271,355		271,355
Travel	7,900		7,900
Computer Supplies & Software	22,600		22,600
Rent	114,500		114,500
General Office Expenses	79,702		79,702
Transportation Consultants	1,078,600	(20,000)	1,058,600
Other Consultants	523,700	40,000	563,700
Capital	-	20,000	20,000
Contingency	-		-
Transportation - Reserved	193,589		193,589
LOTICIP - Reserved	161,449		161,449
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	178,973		178,973
Hazard Mitigation - Reserved	-		-
CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved	-	99,000	99,000
Total	3,275,656	139,000	3,414,656



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

**South Central Regional Council of Governments
Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Budget Revision # 2**

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) adopted an operating budget for FY 2022-23 on May 25, 2022; and

Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #1 on July 27, 2022; and

Whereas: SCRCOG has been awarded a \$139,000 Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to assist the municipalities participating in the SMM pilot program; and

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board, at its March 22, 2023 meeting, amended the FY 2022 - FY 2023 United Planning Work Program to move \$20,000 from the Transportation Consultants line item to the Capital line item.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments:

That Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Revision # 2, which adds \$139,000 of revenue to the adopted SCRCOG Budget for the CT DEEP SMM Grant and aligns the SCRCOG Budget with the amended FY 2022 – FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, is adopted.

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 South Central Regional Council of Governments on February 22, 2023.

Date: March 22, 2023

By: _____
First Selectman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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Resolution in Support of SCRCOG's Application to CT DEEP for Technical Assistance Funding to Study the Formation of a Regional Waste Authority

Whereas: The CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has announced the availability of \$1.5 million in state grant funding through the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program to help municipalities and regional waste authorities evaluate interest and identify governance in order to form new or to expand existing regional waste authorities and engage in planning activities for diversion programs and infrastructure development; and

Whereas: SCRCOG municipalities have been active in seeking solutions to Connecticut's waste crisis and recognizes the need for a viable long-term regional solution that coordinates and enhances the regions' existing efforts including:

- (1) Findings from the Solid Waste & Recycling Working Group, which has convened regularly for the past 4 years, and
- (2) The rollout of several Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) municipal grants including facilitating pilot projects focusing on co-collection of food waste and MSW, food waste diversion, including to an aerated static pile compost facility, and the implementation of Unit-Based Pricing, and
- (3) SCRCOG applying for and being awarded an SMM grant to provide outreach and education to the municipal pilot projects on a regional basis.

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

The SCRCOG Board authorizes and supports the application to CT DEEP for Technical Assistance funding to conduct a study focused on identifying a pathway for creating a Regional Waste Authority that would serve the SCRCOG member municipalities.

Be It Further Resolved:

Certificate

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Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to submit a Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application for a Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection Program

Whereas: Pursuant to Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-2, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is accepting applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP); and

Whereas: The objective of the RPIP is to encourage municipalities to participate in voluntary regional shared services that have the potential to produce measurable economies of scale, provide desired or required public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with the provision of such services; and

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) acts as a convenor and facilitator of shared services projects in the SCRCOG Region; and

Whereas: SCRCOG recognizes that a multi-town, structured approach to cybersecurity can be more efficient, sustainable, and secure; and

Whereas: SCRCOG is in support of a grant to fund the costs of implementing a Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection Program in the SCRCOG Region; and

Whereas: Per the terms of the RPIP, 25% of the cost for the first year of the Program will be provided from local funding from the participating municipalities and by the fourth year of operation, the participating municipalities or SCRCOG will fund 100% of the cost.

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

The South Central Regional Council of Governments' Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for a RPIP Grant to fund the costs of implementing a Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection Program in the SCRCOG Region.

Be It Further Resolved:

Certificate

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NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2023

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New SCRCOG Staff Member

SCRCOG is pleased to announce that Stephanie Camp will be joining the team as our new Regional Planner later this month. Stephanie will assist Ben Lovejoy and Carl Amento with our Regional Planning and Municipal Services programming. She is a Connecticut native and grew up in the neighboring community of Stratford CT. Stephanie attended UCONN Storrs, where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Community Development. Shortly after finishing her undergraduate degree, she enrolled in the Regional Planning Graduate Program at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. At UMass, she completed a dual master's degree in Regional Planning and Sustainability Science. Prior to joining SCRCOG, she served as a Program Manager at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for approximately 18 months. In that role, she helped coordinate events such as the Consortium for Scenario Planning 2023 National Conference. Stephanie has a deep passion for serving her community and brings a wealth of knowledge in environmental and community development planning and is overjoyed to be working in her home state.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2023 Housing Working Group Update

SCRCOG continued its work towards building community and educating residents, advocates, and municipal staff throughout the first half of 2023.

The upcoming March 29th workshop (described below) will be a little different. This event will focus on urban housing and is specifically designed as a response to requests from our region's larger municipalities New Haven, Meriden, West Haven, and Hamden, but all are welcome to attend. This event will also be in-person only and will provide a preview of the next iteration of the Housing Working Group programming for the second half of 2023. This workshop should not be missed.

RSVP by emailing blovejoy@scrcog.org or dpaulfink@gmail.com.

March Workshop

*Housing Work Group Session: Urban Housing Issues: Ideas, Tools and Strategies for Dealing With All Of Them! March 29, 2023 12:30pm – 4pm – **IN-PERSON ONLY***

Dense, urban municipalities deal with a range of unique issues, from abandoned and blighted properties to increasing homeownership and rehabilitating aging housing stock, to engaging residents and redeveloping existing structures and neighborhoods. In a roundtable discussion, a Dream Team of CT urban housing experts will be on hand to share thoughts, hear ideas and answer questions in a wide-ranging 2-3-hour conversation. Plus, lunch will be provided!

Guest presenters:

- Jackie Alves, *Housing Development Fund*
- Aicha Woods, *Center for Housing Opportunity*
- Kevin Taylor, *Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury*
- Jon Cabral, *The Connecticut Project*
- Melvyn Colon, *Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance*
- Jim Paley, *Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven*
- Patrick McKenna, *Community Solutions*
- Don Chapman, *Rebuilding Together Hartford*
- Calvin Richardson, *Hartford Community Loan Fund*

- Judith Rothschild, *City of Hartford Director of Blight Remediation and Hsg Code Enf.*

Past Meetings

For those of you who missed The Missing Middle: What Options Exist Between Large Colonials and Dense Apartment Developments on February 22nd , SCRCOG has uploaded a recording that can be viewed [here](#).

All other meeting recordings are available upon request.

[LINK | FY23 Housing Working Group Meeting Schedule](#)

Community Conversations with Ben Fink

Ben continues his mission to build as broad and diverse a base as possible to support expanded housing options in our municipalities. The goal is to be inclusive of residents with varying experience and open to all perspectives on housing, while working in tandem with municipal governments as they implement their affordable housing plans.

Training Opportunity - One-to-One Relational Workshop – March 24th 9am – 11am

Effective interpersonal communication is a useful skill in many aspects of the work you do. It is a key to improving communications with the communities you serve, whether it be about affordable housing, education or economic development opportunities.

SCRCOG is excited to work with community engagement specialist Ben Fink to provide a special training opportunity to learn about hosting meaningful one-to-one conversations. This high energy, hands-on training will teach participants the basic practices and principles of one-to-ones. We hope to show you how they work in action and give you the chance to practice with fellow participants! The skills you will learn can be useful for the facilitation of effective community engagement and robust public participation. We will also discuss how SCRCOG is incorporating community engagement and relationship-building into our own work and offer opportunities for how each of you can utilize this service.

Use the link below to register for in-person or Zoom attendance.

[One-to-One Relational Meetings Workshop Registration.](#)

Workshop flyer can be found [here](#).



HAZARD MITIGATION

Hazard Mitigation Update

SCRCOG and its municipalities are currently reviewing the draft Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The public comment period is open through March 17. The draft plan will be submitted to DEMHS at the end of the month before getting submitted to FEMA for their review. The draft documents are available [here](#).



MUNICIPAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Writing Services

SCRCOG continues to offer free grant writing support and education through a partnership with consultants Renata Bertotti and Juliet Burdelski. SCRCOG will be hosting another Grants event in the Spring of 2023 and planning is underway for this workshop. We welcome any input and suggestions to ensure this workshop is best designed to meet our members' needs.

The Municipal Grants webpage is now live on [SCRCOG's website](#) and contains a wealth of information on the services we offer. The page contains an updated Grant Opportunities Worksheet, links to recordings of past webinars, sample documents, and more.

Please reach out to bllovejoy@scrcog.org if you require additional assistance.

Grant Opportunities

Coastal Resiliency Projects

The Long Island Sound Futures fund is seeking grant applications for planning and implementation of coastal resilience projects in CT. Grant awards in the range of \$50,000 to \$500,000 are available for planning, design, or permitting. \$50K-\$1.5M is available for "shovel ready projects". All SCRCOG members are eligible to apply.

Applicants must register in Easy Grants to apply. Go [here](#) for more information on how to get started.

There will also be a CT specific workshop offered in New Haven later this month that will provide additional information on this grant program. The workshop is on March 28th at 2:00pm– 3:30pm at the University of New Haven in the Alumni Lounge, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516.

Register for this event [here](#).

All applications are due Thursday, May 10, 2023

More information on the grant can be found [here](#).

Community Connectivity Grants

CT DOT is soliciting grant applications for Community Connectivity. Grants awarded in this solicitation are between \$100,000 and \$800,000 and can only be used to fund activities related to project construction. The Community Connectivity Program seeks to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians in urban, suburban and rural community centers.

Applications are due July 21, 2023.

More information can be found [here](#).

CT Communities Challenge Grant

The Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”) is undertaking a competitive grant application process to fund multiple projects under the CT Communities Challenge Grant Program with an eye on projects that improve livability, vibrancy, convenience, and equity of communities throughout the state. The Program is intended to potentially create approximately 3,000 new jobs. Grant awards are \$1M to \$10M per project and it is DECD’s goal to allocate up to 50% of the funds to eligible and competitive projects in distressed municipalities.

Application Deadline - Wednesday, May 3, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).

School Security Grants

Governor Ned Lamont recently announced that his administration is now accepting applications for new rounds of funding under two competitive state grant programs that help with the costs associated with implementing needed security infrastructure improvements and upgrades to emergency communication systems at schools throughout Connecticut.

Applications Due by March 31, 2023, at 3PM

More information can be found [here](#).

Smart Policing Initiative Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), seeks applications for funding to support innovative and evidence-based policing practices, more effective information sharing, and multiagency collaboration under the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) Program. This program furthers the

Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal jurisdictions in reducing crime and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system. This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

More information can be found [here](#).

Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program Request for Applications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Cooperative Forestry staff, requests applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program or CFP). This is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through the fee simple acquisition of private forest land from a willing seller. Interested local government and nonprofit applicants must submit applications to the State Forester. Tribal applicants must submit applications to the appropriate Tribal government officials. All applications, either hardcopy or electronic, must be received by State Foresters or Tribal governments.

Due by: March 31, 2023.

More information can be found [here](#).

COPS Hiring Program

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office has been appropriated more than \$20 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 136,000 officers. COPS Office information resources, covering a wide range of community policing topics such as school and campus safety, violent crime, and officer safety and wellness, can be downloaded via the COPS Office's home page, www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Application Deadline: May 4, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).

National Endowment for the Humanities Cultural and Community Resilience

The National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications to support community-based efforts to mitigate climate change and coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic impacts, safeguard cultural resources, and foster cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, and/or collecting cultural heritage and community experience. Applicants may apply for up to \$150,000.

Application Deadline: [May 16, 2023](#)

More information can be found [here](#).



SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, & FOOD WASTE DIVERSION

SMM Grant Updates

SCRCOG has been awarded a \$139,000 SMM grant from DEEP to assist municipal co-collection programs with education and outreach.

West Haven's pilot residential co-collection of food waste and MSW has begun with funding from a DEEP SMM grant. SCRCOG is assisting with educational materials for residents.

The next SMM pilot co-collection programs in the SCRCOG region will be in Guilford and Madison, which are expected to launch later this month.



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)

[LINK | March 2023 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[DOWNLOAD | March 2023 RPC Action Table](#)



SUSTAINABLE CT

Sustainable CT Fellows

SCRCOG is excited to begin the interview phase and plans to host 1 to 2 fellows this summer that will work directly with the towns on a variety of projects. This partnership has always yielded great results and we look forward to developing a robust program to assist member municipalities this summer.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

MTP Update

- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2023-2050 draft is available for comment through April 8. The document will then be revised to incorporate the public comments received before it receives SCRCOG Board approval in April. The draft document is available [here](#).

UPWP Update

- The Regional Transportation Safety Plan is currently in the data collection and analysis phase. VN Engineering is identifying intersections and corridors with high crash volumes. A Safety Committee is being formed with representatives from each SCRCOG municipality to review those locations and propose safety improvements. The collection of proposed safety improvement projects will be put into a Safe Streets for All implementation grant.
- Draft versions of both the Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study and the West Haven Bike Ped Plan are being reviewed by municipal staff and SCRCOG.

Parking Lot Counts

- Counts for the region's commuter parking lots were taken on March 9. Counts are taken once per season and are available on the [SCRCOG website](#).

Collection of Bus Fares Resumes on April 1st in Connecticut

New Fare Payment Option Available for CTtransit and CTfastrak Customers

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) wants us to remind residents that the collection of fares on all buses and ADA paratransit in Connecticut will resume on April 1, 2023. Customers are encouraged to purchase tickets ahead of time to avoid lines at customer service centers and at fareboxes when boarding buses.

Also, on April 1, a new fare payment option will become available for all CTtransit and CTfastrak customers to purchase bus passes and board the bus with their smartphones. This pilot program with Token Transit will allow customers to buy two-hour Adult, Senior/Disabled, and Youth bus passes for all local CTtransit and CTfastrak buses. To use Token Transit, customers can download the Token Transit mobile app or use Transit App, Moovit, Agile Mile, or Google Maps, which are all integrated with Token Transit.

As the bus approaches, customers who purchased passes via Token Transit will open their app and tap on the pass to activate it. The two-hour window begins once the pass is activated. Once on the bus, customers should follow the instructions in the app to validate the ticket and show the bus operator. Several security features are used to prevent fraud, including moving imagery to prevent screenshots and a current time ticker to prevent screen recordings.

If passengers need to transfer to another bus operated by another participating Connecticut transit agency, they can request a paper transfer upon boarding the initial CTtransit or CTfastrak bus. For a list of the transit agencies that accept transfers from CTtransit and CTfastrak, please visit cttransit.com/fares/transfers.

In Connecticut, 9-Town Transit, Middletown Area Transit (MAT), Southeast Area Transit (SEAT), and Windham Regional Transit District (WRTD) have already begun successfully offering their customers the choice to use Token Transit to pay for fares. With Token Transit as an option, all existing fare payment options will continue to be offered.

Customers can use Token Transit to purchase a two-hour pass for \$1.75. For seniors (ages 65+) and people with disabilities, the cost is \$0.85. A two-hour pass for youth ages five through 18 is \$1.40. Children four years old and younger can ride free, with a maximum of three free children per fare-paying adult. Any person seeking a reduced fare must have either a Medicare I.D. card or a Transit Reduced Fare photo I.D. card.

All CTfastrak and CTtransit local buses will accept Token Transit, including the Hartford, New Haven, and Stamford Divisions, as well as CTtransit in Bristol, Meriden, New Britain, Wallingford, and Waterbury.

CTtransit Express buses are not included as part of this pilot program. Any customer who uses Token Transit on a CTtransit local bus and transfers to a CTtransit Express bus will need to pay the difference in fares with cash at the farebox of the express bus.

Token Transit partners with 143 other United States and Canada transit agencies.

The Go CT card will continue to be available to CTtransit and CTfastrak customers and will use a system called Fare Capping to calculate their fares and pay the lowest possible price with no guesswork for the user.

For more information, help planning a trip, and a list of routes, visit [CTtransit.com](https://www.cttransit.com).



LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Legislative Updates

The legislative session continues to be in full swing and most of the smaller committees have completed the bulk of their business for the session. Budget discussions continue in Appropriations and Finance Revenue and Bonding. The deadline for legislative committees to send bills for full consideration is either fast approaching or passed. Below is a curated list of legislation that has been voted out of committee to be considered by the full House and Senate chambers. Follow the hyperlinks for further information. They are organized by the origin committee. Be aware that Planning and Development, Environment, and Labor all still have a week or more to send bills for consideration. If you have any questions on individual bills, please email Ben Lovejoy at blovejoy@scrcog.org.

Banking

- [HB 6751](#) An Act Concerning The Assignment Of Tax Liens.
- [SB 1084](#) An Act Concerning The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Mortgage Programs.

Childrens

- [HB 6719](#) An Act Concerning Emergency Services And Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cognitive Impairments And Nonverbal Learning Disorders.
- [SB 1046](#) An Act Concerning The Reduction Of Food Waste In Schools.

Commerce

- HB [6597](#) An Act Concerning The Department Of Economic And Community Development And Infrastructure Improvement.
- SB [1092](#) An Act Concerning The Acquisition And Conveyance Of Certain Properties By Connecticut Brownfield Land Banks.

Environment

- HB [5575](#) An Act Requiring The Department Of Agriculture To Revise Municipal Animal Shelter Regulations.
- HB [5577](#) An Act Concerning Surplus Food Donation And Establishing Food Composting Requirement
- HB [6397](#) An Act Concerning Zero-Carbon Emissions.
- HB [6479](#) An Act Concerning Climate Resiliency Funds And Projects.
- HB [6482](#) An Act Authorizing Bonding For Bikeways, Greenways And Recreational Trails
- HB [6483](#) An Act Concerning The Open Space And Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program.
- HB [6609](#) An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Smoke Detectors.
- SB [100](#) An Act Establishing An Account In The General Fund To Provide Grants To Towns That Need Pfas Testing And Remediation.
- SB [895](#) An Act Concerning Deposit Initiator Accounts, The Labeling Of Certain Beverage Containers And The Review Of Municipal Programs Funded By Nip Payments.
- SB [965](#) An Act Providing Funding For The Removal Of Hazardous Or Dead Trees By Municipalities.
- SB [979](#) An Act Promoting Energy Affordability, Energy Efficiency And Green Cities.

General Law

- HB [5317](#) An Act Concerning Online Building Permit Applications.

Housing

- HB [6592](#) An Act Requiring The Consideration Of Housing Needs For Individuals With Developmental Disabilities In Municipal Affordable Housing Plans.

- HB [6633](#) An Act Concerning A Needs Assessment And Fair Share Plans For Municipalities To Increase Affordable Housing.
- HB [6777](#) An Act Concerning Property Tax Abatements For Certain Senior-Owned Deed-Restricted Properties.
- HB [6781](#) An Act Addressing Housing Affordability For Residents In The State.
- SB [939](#) An Act Concerning Property Tax Abatement For Certain First-Time Home Buyers.

Labor

- SB [937](#) An Act Providing Workers' Compensation Benefits For Certain Cancers In Firefighters.

Planning And Development

- HB [5796](#) An Act Requiring Public Comment Periods At Public Agency Meetings.
- HB [6558](#) An Act Concerning Property Tax Abatement For Certain First-Time Home Buyers.
- HB [6559](#) An Act Concerning Zoning Regulations And Community Residences
- SB [1003](#) An Act Establishing A Municipal Tree Removal Grant Program.
- SB [1004](#) An Act Concerning Alternate Members Of Municipal Planning Commissions.

Veterans

- SB [634](#) An Act Concerning Municipal Veterans Services.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

March

- March 17th – DEMHS Region 2 Monthly REPT Meeting – 9:30am
- March 22nd – SCRCOG Monthly Board Meeting – 10am
- March 24th – 1 to 1 Relational Meetings Training w/ Ben Fink – 9am
- March 29th – Housing Working Group Urban Housing Workshop – 12:30pm

April

- April 12th – Transportation Committee Meeting – 12pm
- April 13th – SCRCOG RPC Monthly Meeting – 5:15pm
- April 20th – IT Workshop – 10am
- April 21st - DEMHS Region 2 Monthly REPT Meeting – 9:30am
- April 26th – SCRCOG Monthly Board Meeting – 10am
- April 26th – Housing Working Group Converting Strip Malls Workshop – 1pm



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Regional Planning Commission**

March 2023 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	2/14/2023	Town of Cheshire: Petition for Zone Text Change Accessory Apartments,	Wallingford, Meriden, Prospect, Southington, Bethany	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	3/2/2023	Town of North Haven: Proposed Text Amendment Change Section 5.2.1.17	Wallingford, Norhtford, North Branford, New Haven, Hamden	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	3/2/2023	Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment Section 678 Adult Use Cannabis.	Cheshire, Bethany, Woodbridge, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning map amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	3/2/2023	Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment – Outdoor Display and Storage.	Milford, Shelton, Ansonia, Woodbridge, West Haven, New Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.

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March 15, 2023

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

At the March 22 SCRCOG meeting, we will present an overview of the 2023-2028 South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The full document will be emailed to you after the meeting. The draft documents are posted on the REX website for public review and comment. The document is also under review by DECD. We will ask for a vote of approval from SCRCOG at the May meeting.

An economic overview of the Milford-New Haven MSA is attached with the following reports: Demographic Profile, Employment Trends, Unemployment Rate, Wage Trends, Cost of Living Index, Industry Snapshot, Occupation Snapshot, Industry Clusters, Education Levels, and Gross Domestic Product.

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) announced funding availability under Round 17. The announcement letter is included in the packet.

EDA has received additional funding for those regions and communities in Connecticut impacted by natural disasters that occurred in FY21 & FY22. These Disaster Declarations are not associated with any COVID-related injuries and only those injuries that occurred due to the result of Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storm Isaias in FY21 (FEMA Declarations Nos. 4629 & 4580) and Hurricane Henri in FY22 (FEMA Declaration No. 3564). Additional details are available at: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations>

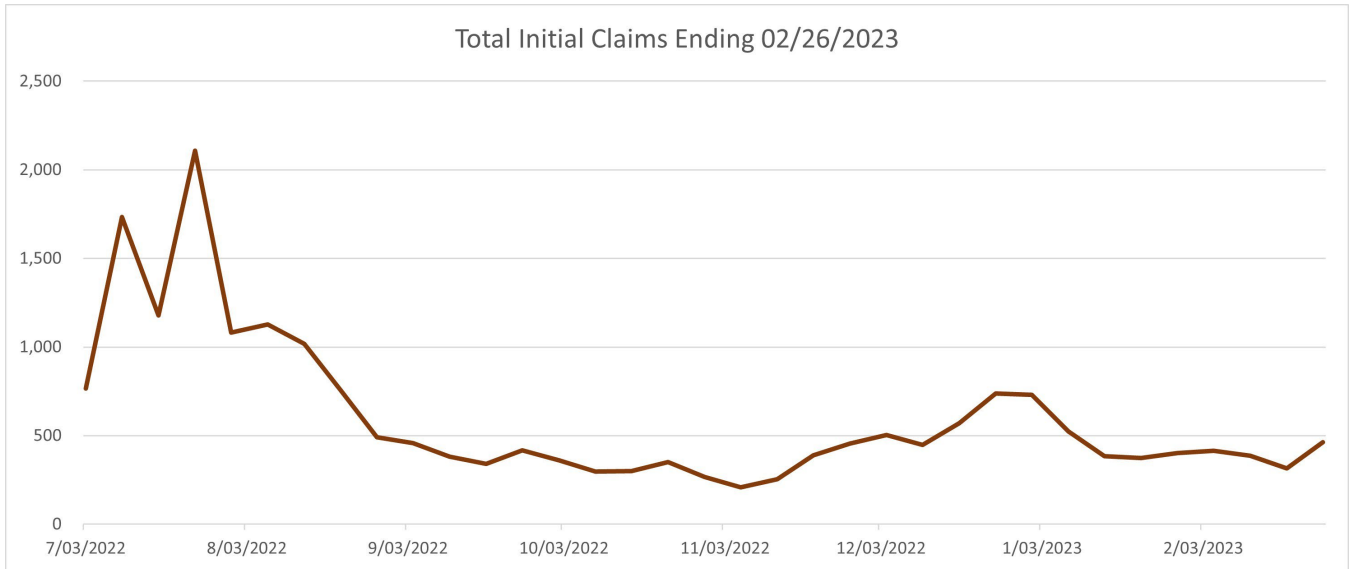
On the tourism front, we will attend the Discover New England Summit in Boston at the end of March. Discover New England invites more than 60 tour operators from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, other European countries, Australia, Japan, and China. All of our available appointment slots are booked. In addition, we are hosting familiarization tours for tour operators and media in conjunction with Brand USA, the national destination marketing organization. With Aer Lingus' service to Dublin (and beyond) returning to Bradley International Airport this month, this is an ideal time to reintroduce European and Asian tour operators to Greater New Haven. In addition, the 2023 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide will be published in April.

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

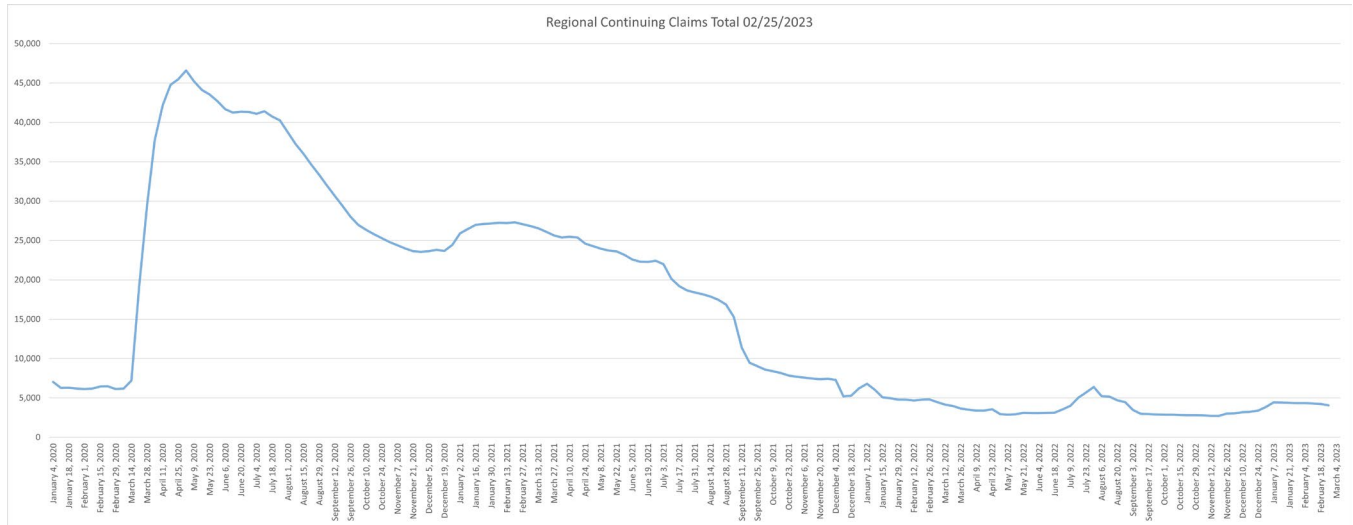
Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director

Regional Initial Unemployment Claims – Updated March 6, 2023
 Dept. of Labor Office of Research



Regional Continuing Claims – Updated March 6, 2023 Dept. of Labor Office of Research





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New Haven-Milford, CT MSA



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Demographic Profile

The population in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA was 855,733 per American Community Survey data for 2016-2020.

The region has a civilian labor force of 458,876 with a participation rate of 65.1%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA, 38.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 34.3% in the nation.

The median household income in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is \$71,370 and the median house value is \$252,300.

Summary¹

Demographics	Percent			Value		
	New Haven-Milford, CT MSA	Connecticut	USA	New Haven-Milford, CT MSA	Connecticut	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	855,733	3,570,549	326,569,308
Male	48.2%	48.8%	49.2%	412,404	1,741,688	160,818,530
Female	51.8%	51.2%	50.8%	443,329	1,828,861	165,750,778
Median Age ²	—	—	—	40.5	41.1	38.2
Under 18 Years	20.2%	20.6%	22.4%	173,017	735,584	73,296,738
18 to 24 Years	9.9%	9.7%	9.3%	84,656	345,760	30,435,736
25 to 34 Years	13.4%	12.4%	13.9%	114,417	443,917	45,485,165
35 to 44 Years	11.8%	11.9%	12.7%	100,973	426,097	41,346,677
45 to 54 Years	13.4%	13.8%	12.7%	114,471	493,186	41,540,736
55 to 64 Years	13.9%	14.3%	12.9%	119,342	510,539	42,101,439
65 to 74 Years	9.8%	9.7%	9.4%	83,534	345,407	30,547,950
75 Years and Over	7.6%	7.6%	6.7%	65,323	270,059	21,814,867
Race: White	71.6%	74.2%	70.4%	612,877	2,649,994	229,960,813
Race: Black or African American	13.6%	10.7%	12.6%	116,368	382,161	41,227,384
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%	1,555	9,079	2,688,614
Race: Asian	4.1%	4.6%	5.6%	34,662	163,262	18,421,637
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	153	1,189	611,404
Race: Some Other Race	5.9%	5.4%	5.1%	50,912	192,217	16,783,914
Race: Two or More Races	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%	39,206	172,647	16,875,542
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	18.6%	16.4%	18.2%	159,144	587,212	59,361,020
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	851,948	3,557,006	329,484,123
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.6%	-1,145	-2,217	2,015,698
People per Square Mile	—	—	—	1,414.0	736.3	92.9
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	65.1%	65.9%	63.2%	458,876	1,923,759	164,759,496
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	85.0%	85.3%	82.4%	280,146	1,158,613	105,137,520
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	240	9,386	1,143,342
Veterans, Age 18-64	2.7%	3.0%	4.5%	14,576	65,820	8,920,267
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	80.1%	81.9%	76.8%	11,676	53,894	6,853,673
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$71,370	\$79,855	\$64,994
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$39,134	\$45,668	\$35,384
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	25.5	26.7	26.9
Commute via Public Transportation	3.5%	4.4%	4.6%	14,526	77,433	7,044,886
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	8.1%	7.7%	10.5%	36,549	144,196	17,929,220

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	New Haven- Milford, CT MSA	Connecticut	USA	New Haven- Milford, CT MSA	Connecticut	USA
High School Graduate	28.9%	25.0%	25.4%	129,842	468,610	43,289,555
Some College, No Degree	17.4%	17.3%	20.5%	78,323	323,625	34,959,338
Associate's Degree	7.4%	8.0%	9.3%	33,144	149,788	15,776,790
Bachelor's Degree	20.9%	24.2%	21.6%	93,757	453,421	36,888,244
Postgraduate Degree	17.3%	17.8%	12.7%	77,588	334,099	21,630,870
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	367,990	1,521,199	138,432,751
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$252,300	\$279,700	\$229,800
Homeowner Vacancy	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	2,957	14,409	1,129,755
Rental Vacancy	6.4%	5.6%	5.8%	8,727	27,938	2,704,553
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	37.9%	33.9%	35.6%	125,955	470,029	43,552,843
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	11.2%	8.5%	8.5%	37,134	118,355	10,344,521
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	11.2%	9.8%	12.8%	92,566	339,156	40,910,326
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	14.2%	11.6%	11.4%	47,193	160,438	13,892,407
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	11,934	51,722	4,358,865
Disconnected Youth ³	1.0%	1.4%	2.5%	495	2,817	433,164
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	39.3%	33.2%	34.0%	65,070	235,820	23,628,508
Uninsured	4.9%	5.1%	8.7%	41,791	179,066	28,058,903
With a Disability, Age 18-64	8.9%	8.8%	10.3%	47,113	191,637	20,231,217
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	44.6%	47.4%	43.2%	20,997	90,860	8,740,236
Foreign Born	13.0%	14.6%	13.5%	111,518	521,384	44,125,628
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%	65,148	275,126	25,312,024

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2016-2020, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

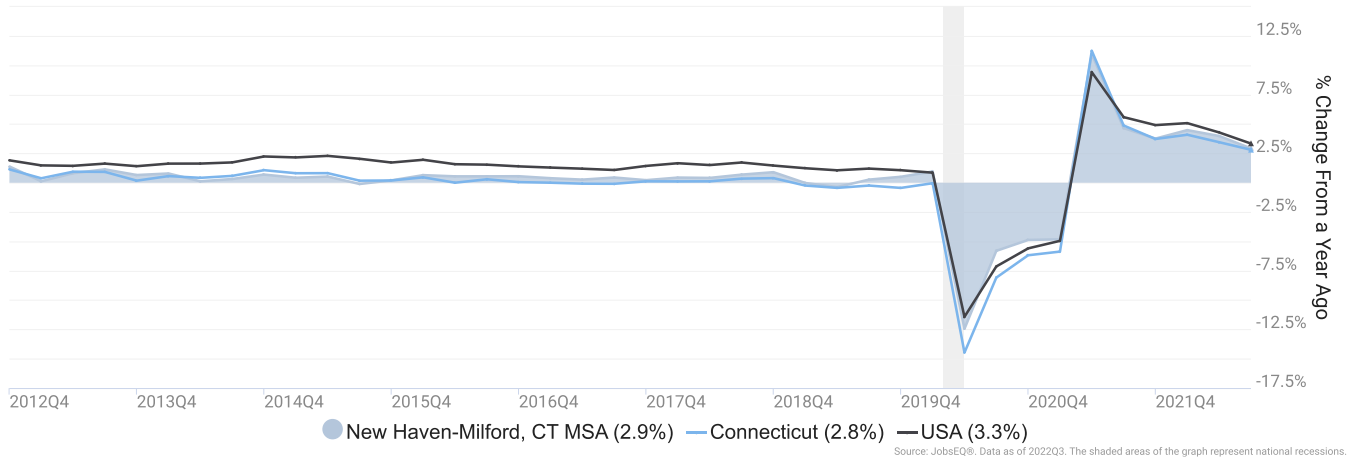
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2020, annual average growth rate since 2010.

Employment Trends

As of 2022Q3, total employment for the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA was 393,386 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2022Q3, employment increased 2.9% in the region.

Employment for New Haven-Milford, CT MSA

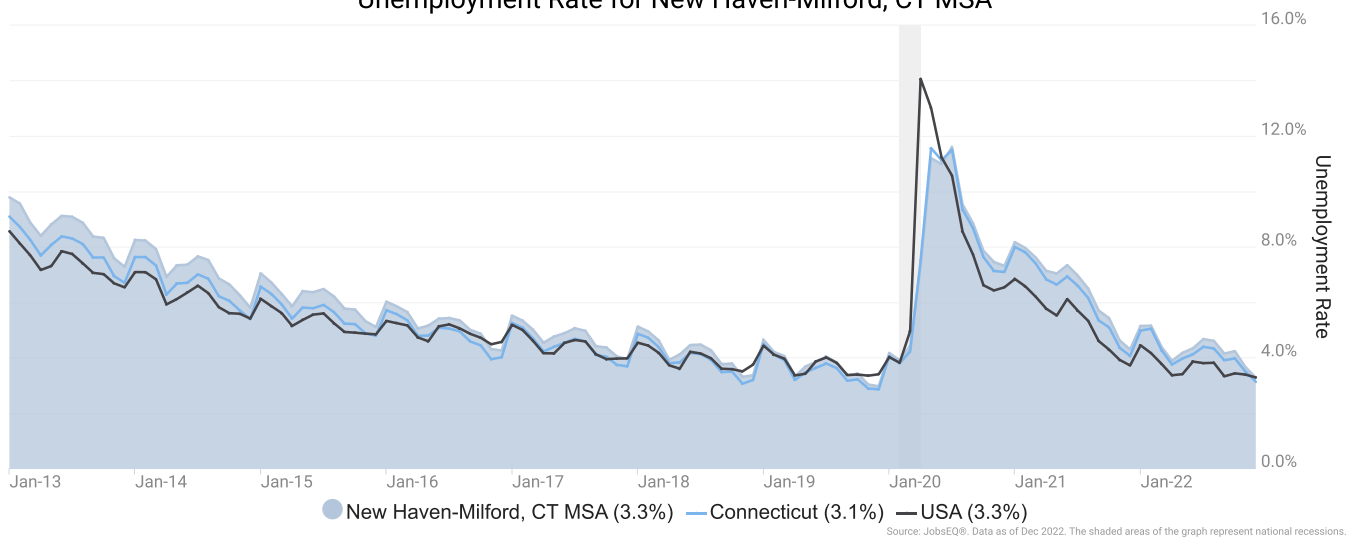


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA was 3.3% as of December 2022. The regional unemployment rate was the same as the national rate of 3.3%. One year earlier, in December 2021, the unemployment rate in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA was 4.3%.

Unemployment Rate for New Haven-Milford, CT MSA

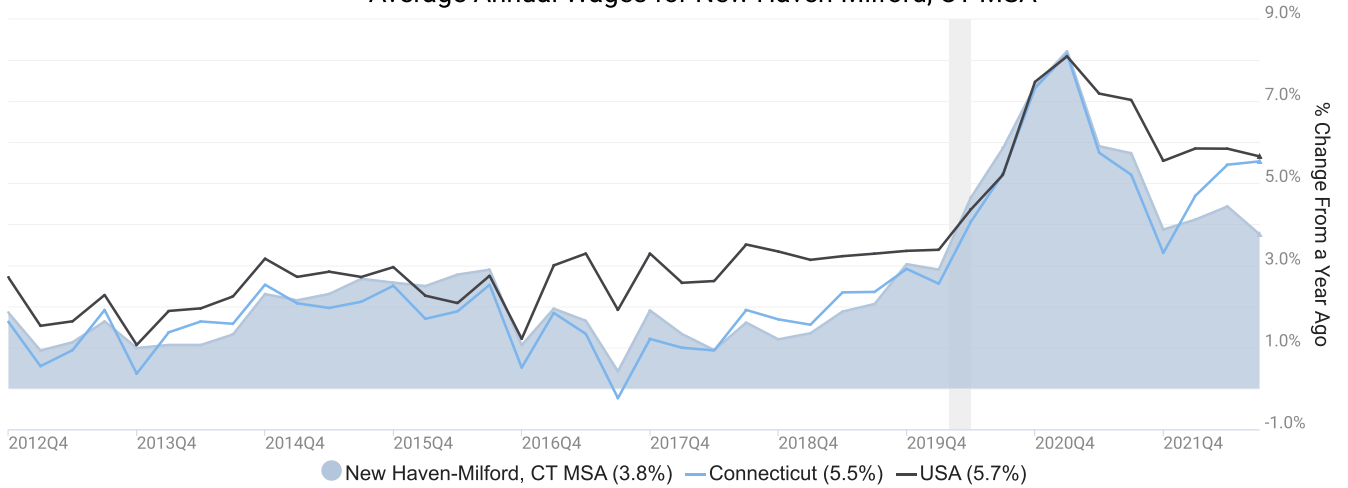


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through December 2022.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA earned annual wages of \$66,301 as of 2022Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$68,132 in the nation as of 2022Q3.

Average Annual Wages for New Haven-Milford, CT MSA



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 13.8% higher in New Haven-Milford, CT MSA than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
New Haven-Milford, CT MSA	\$66,301	113.8	\$58,261
Connecticut	\$79,326	114.0	\$69,573
USA	\$68,132	100.0	\$68,132

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

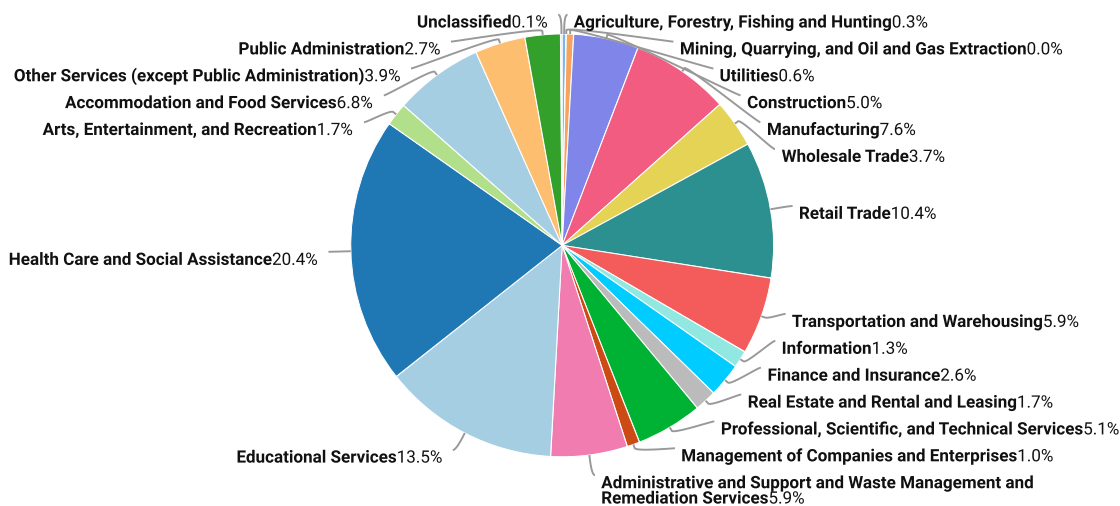
Data as of 2022Q3

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2022Q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 80,265 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Educational Services (53,025 workers) and Retail Trade (40,984). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Educational Services (LQ = 1.69), Health Care and Social Assistance (1.42), and Transportation and Warehousing (1.19).

Total Workers for New Haven-Milford, CT MSA by Industry



Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2022Q3

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3.

Sectors in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$135,651), Utilities (\$122,290), and Finance and Insurance (\$114,912). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+9,766 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+2,231), and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (+1,592).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is projected to contract by 1,339 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Accommodation and Food Services with a +0.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+173 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+133), and Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+32).

New Haven-Milford, CT MSA, 2022Q3¹

NAICS	Industry	Empl	Current		5-Year History		Total Demand	1-Year Forecast			
			Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %		Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	80,265	\$63,186	1.42	2,231	0.6%	8,430	3,803	4,454	173	0.2%
61	Educational Services	53,025	\$81,270	1.69	921	0.4%	5,131	2,480	2,741	-91	-0.2%
44	Retail Trade	40,984	\$38,695	1.03	-2,795	-1.3%	5,209	2,485	3,281	-557	-1.4%
31	Manufacturing	29,723	\$75,593	0.93	-866	-0.6%	2,873	1,193	2,029	-349	-1.2%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	26,821	\$26,124	0.81	-1,180	-0.9%	4,822	2,121	2,567	133	0.5%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	23,297	\$51,061	1.19	9,766	11.5%	2,715	1,133	1,655	-74	-0.3%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	23,028	\$54,881	0.90	1,592	1.4%	2,692	1,131	1,654	-93	-0.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	19,956	\$109,402	0.69	964	1.0%	1,769	660	1,131	-22	-0.1%
23	Construction	19,495	\$69,604	0.83	1,225	1.3%	1,764	683	1,218	-136	-0.7%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	15,152	\$37,990	0.90	-3,710	-4.3%	1,836	769	1,060	6	0.0%
42	Wholesale Trade	14,443	\$95,002	0.98	-163	-0.2%	1,487	591	1,008	-112	-0.8%
92	Public Administration	10,669	\$89,132	0.59	-471	-0.9%	933	436	620	-123	-1.2%
52	Finance and Insurance	10,177	\$114,912	0.64	-1,051	-1.9%	889	362	593	-65	-0.6%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6,876	\$31,999	0.91	-630	-1.7%	1,052	428	592	32	0.5%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,585	\$65,472	0.95	-313	-0.9%	621	305	375	-59	-0.9%
51	Information	5,143	\$101,853	0.64	-1	0.0%	506	179	324	4	0.1%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,855	\$135,651	0.64	-1,268	-5.5%	337	135	228	-26	-0.7%
22	Utilities	2,215	\$122,290	1.11	39	0.4%	179	77	135	-33	-1.5%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,170	\$38,797	0.22	21	0.4%	143	65	83	-5	-0.5%
99	Unclassified	435	\$63,554	0.59	371	47.0%	50	21	30	-1	-0.3%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	74	\$73,820	0.05	-113	-17.0%	7	3	5	0	-0.6%
Total - All Industries		393,386	\$66,301	1.00	4,569	0.2%	43,943	18,930	26,352	-1,339	-0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](http://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq)

Data as of 2022Q3

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 48,856 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (33,862 workers) and Sales and Related Occupations (33,527). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (LQ = 1.55), Healthcare Support Occupations (1.39), and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (1.31).

Occupation groups in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$132,600), Legal Occupations (\$118,000), and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$102,800). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.4% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 8.6% among Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.7% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+175 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (+85). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Office and Administrative Support Occupations (5,607 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (5,068).

New Haven-Milford, CT MSA, 2022Q3¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	Current			5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
				LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	48,856	\$51,100	1.01	2,086	3.9%	1,346	-4,398	-1.7%	4,955	2,512	3,095	-652	-1.3%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	33,862	\$44,700	0.98	2,664	7.0%	1,197	7,490	5.1%	4,590	1,868	2,825	-103	-0.3%
41-0000	Sales and Related	33,527	\$52,000	0.91	2,067	5.6%	1,819	-2,846	-1.6%	4,006	1,943	2,465	-402	-1.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	32,461	\$73,000	1.55	940	2.8%	969	-71	0.0%	2,973	1,513	1,463	-3	0.0%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	29,739	\$102,800	1.31	397	1.4%	3,129	1,862	1.3%	1,697	883	848	-34	-0.1%
11-0000	Management	29,229	\$132,600	1.09	722	2.4%	1,781	2,665	1.9%	2,396	771	1,614	11	0.0%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	27,316	\$36,100	0.88	2,878	8.6%	1,122	-1,698	-1.2%	5,152	2,324	2,744	85	0.3%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	24,011	\$38,600	1.39	1,257	4.9%	994	1,575	1.4%	3,569	1,566	1,828	175	0.7%
51-0000	Production	19,825	\$49,000	0.89	1,348	5.3%	503	-1,693	-1.6%	1,913	831	1,348	-267	-1.3%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	18,878	\$83,100	0.75	495	2.5%	952	2,491	2.9%	1,609	562	1,092	-45	-0.2%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	14,386	\$65,600	0.81	1,183	6.7%	188	212	0.3%	1,289	490	883	-84	-0.6%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	13,076	\$61,800	0.86	475	3.1%	586	-134	-0.2%	1,169	465	772	-68	-0.5%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	13,034	\$41,800	1.00	1,027	6.5%	317	-1,490	-2.1%	1,666	804	922	-60	-0.5%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	10,161	\$39,600	1.07	830	7.1%	265	-1,397	-2.5%	1,750	691	1,012	47	0.5%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	9,354	\$100,000	0.69	166	1.7%	771	1,919	4.7%	670	203	451	17	0.2%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	8,947	\$62,300	1.29	231	2.4%	846	-96	-0.2%	926	357	518	51	0.6%
33-0000	Protective Service	7,669	\$62,700	0.91	345	4.1%	192	140	0.4%	848	429	467	-48	-0.6%

New Haven-Milford, CT MSA, 2022Q3¹

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	6,208	\$69,500	0.90	335	5.5%	350	-199	-0.6%	663	276	386	1	0.0%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	5,587	\$97,300	0.87	118	2.0%	392	50	0.2%	365	150	243	-29	-0.5%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	3,368	\$95,300	0.97	85	2.6%	377	315	2.0%	297	76	223	-2	-0.1%
23-0000	Legal	3,082	\$118,000	0.92	65	1.9%	84	-170	-1.1%	211	95	113	3	0.1%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	809	\$37,100	0.32	70	7.0%	9	41	1.0%	121	41	85	-4	-0.6%
Total - All Occupations		393,386	\$65,800	1.00	19,783	4.6%	18,187	4,569	0.2%	42,908	18,852	25,395	-1,339	-0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2022Q3 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.

2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

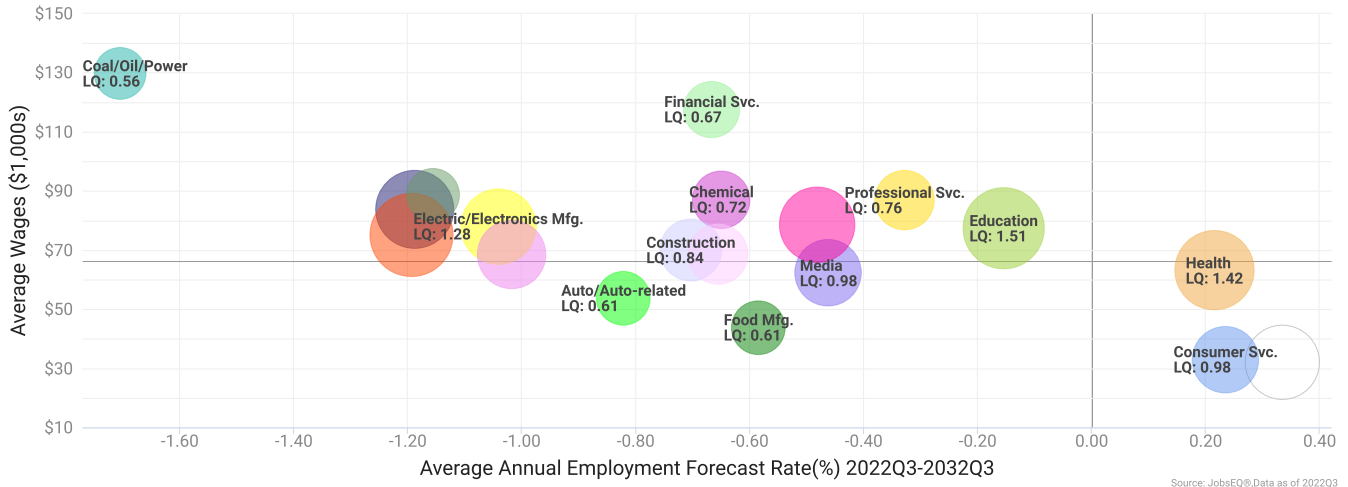
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2022Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2022 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA with the highest relative concentration is Metal & Product Mfg. with a location quotient of 1.58. This cluster employs 4,522 workers in the region with an average wage of \$75,029. Employment in the Metal & Product Mfg. cluster is projected to contract in the region about 1.2% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for New Haven-Milford, CT MSA as of 2022Q3

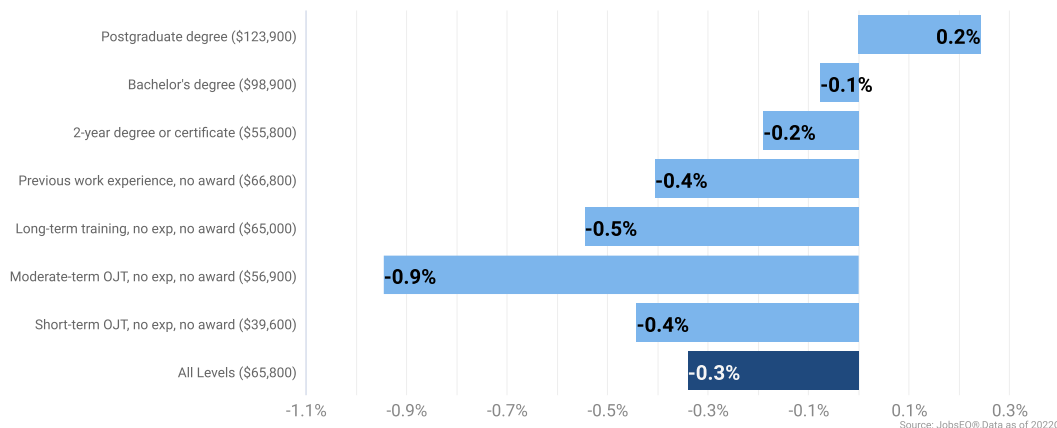


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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is projected to contract 0.3% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.2% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are expected to contract 0.1% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.2% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required

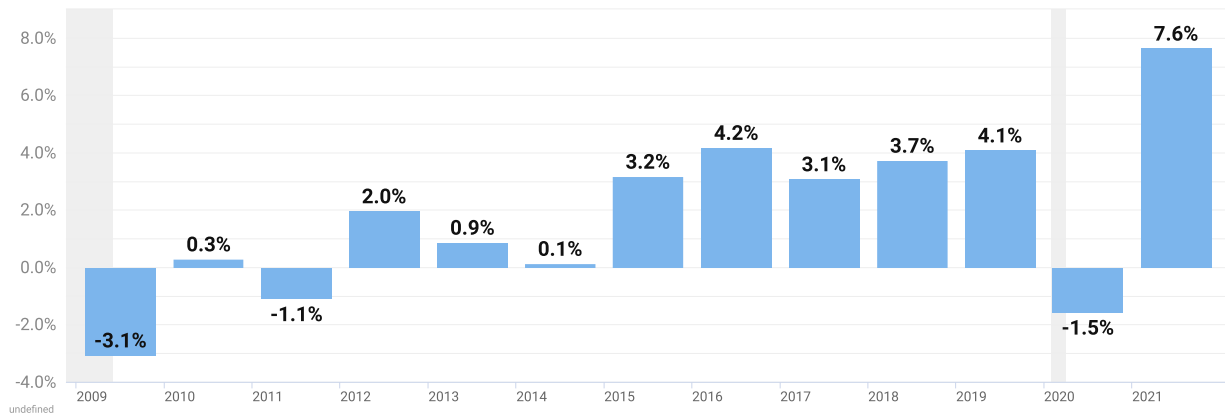


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Gross Domestic Product

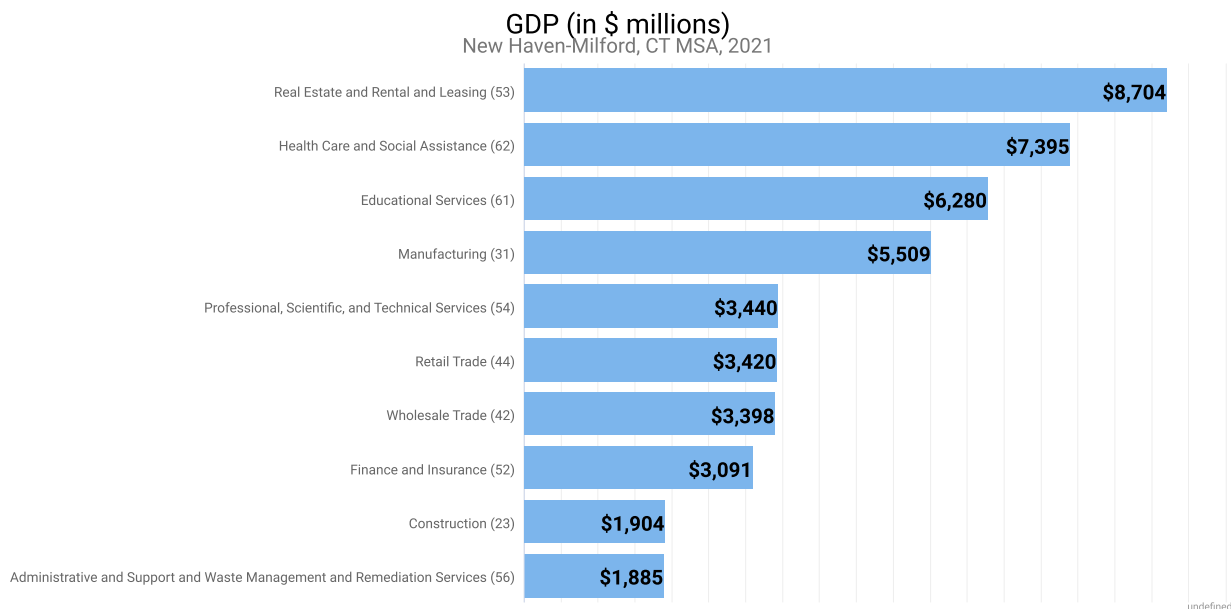
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2021, nominal GDP in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA expanded 7.6%. This follows a contraction of 1.5% in 2020. As of 2021, total GDP in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA was \$55,349,708,000.

1 year % Change in GDP



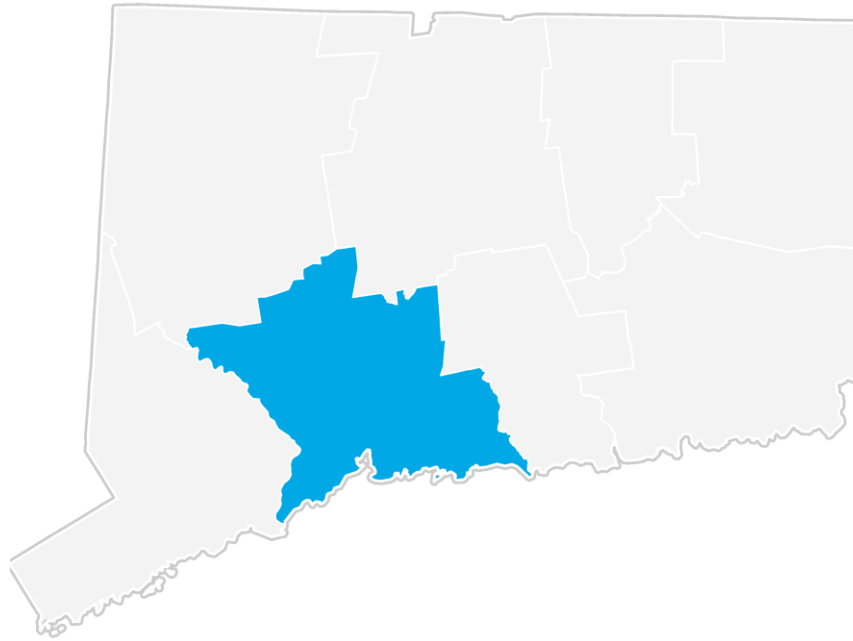
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Of the sectors in the New Haven-Milford, CT MSA, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2021, \$8,704,024,000. The next-largest contributions came from Health Care and Social Assistance (\$7,395,472,000); Educational Services (\$6,279,674,000); and Manufacturing (\$5,509,319,000).



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New Haven-Milford, CT MSA Regional Map



Region Definition

New Haven-Milford, CT MSA is defined as the following counties:

New Haven County, Connecticut

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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February 15, 2023

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) is pleased to make the following announcement of funding availability under Round 17 (follow below links to the Notices Of Funding Availability (NOFA)):

- [Municipal Grant Program – Remediation & Limited-Assessment](#) (max. of \$4 million)
- [Municipal Grant Program – Assessment-Only](#) (max. of \$200K OR \$500K for Land Banks/COGs)
- [Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program](#) (max. of \$4 million)

The total funding pool available for all Round 17 notices is \$25 million. The review and decision process for all programs will be simultaneous. The NOFA includes details on funding amounts, application material access, process, award criteria, schedule etc. Follow this link to see [what's new in this round](#).

- Deadline to submit applications: **Friday, April 14, 2023 @ Noon**
- Tentative dates for award announcements: **June (3rd or 4th week) 2023**

Questions regarding this announcement must be directed to brownfields@ct.gov or 1.860.500.2395 by March 17, 2022. Additionally, OBRD will be conducting online **Presentations and Walk-in Question/Answer Hours over Microsoft Teams** between 1 and 2 PM on March 1, 15, and 22, 2023. The session will include a brief topical presentation (see topics below) followed by time for Q&A.

March 1	What's New in Round 17?
March 15	Application Form Budget Tables
March 22	Public-private Partnerships

Microsoft Teams meeting info: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
or call in (audio only) 1.860.840.2075; **Phone Conference ID:** 575 626 335#

For the latest updates and tentative schedule of future rounds, visit our website, www.ctbrownfields.gov, or sign up to [join our mailing list](#).

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