

Connecticut Grant Program Updates

It is about Planning!

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Agenda:

- Municipal needs
- Available resources
- Upcoming trends/matters to note
- What can we at UConn CLEAR do to assist

Need Project Prioritization Assistance

- ❑ **Community 1: Have not prioritized capital projects or community priorities (related to resiliency, climate change)**

Resiliency and Infrastructure Projects Take Time! May need assistance.

May be a good candidate for free technical assistance

Strategy:

Seek no-cost technical assistance to identify, prioritize, and scope out grant-eligible projects.

- ❑ **FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities Direct Technical Assistance** (rolling application)
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities/direct-technical-assistance/communities>
- ❑ **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund Liaison & Direct Assistance through Throwe Environmental LLC** (rolling application)
<https://throwe-environmental.com/category/nfwf/ncrf>

Need Planning Assistance

Community 2:

- Identified a number of capital projects or priorities related to resiliency, climate change
- Not sure if it is worth their time to go after grant funding

May be a good candidate for a planning grant

Strategy:

Seek a planning grant to help further plan, scope, design, and meet all technical requirements related to an implementation grant.

- FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities
- FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund
- CT DEEP Climate Resilience Fund-Track 2

Need Implementation Grant Assistance

- ❑ **Community 3:** Have a capital improvement project identified, planned, designed and ready to go!

May be a good candidate for an implementation grant.

Strategy:

Seek Technical Assistance to identify an appropriate implementation grant, review grant requirements and pre-requisites, and improve your application.

- ❑ **FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities Direct Technical Assistance**
- ❑ **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund Direct Assistance**

Grant writing assistance grants may be available/ Grants may include admin \$

Strategy:

Seek a grant to hire a grant writer.

Seek a grant that includes funding for grant management.

Grant Resources

- ❑ **Pre-planning and No-Cost Technical Assistance: Identify, prioritize, scope out grant-eligible projects**
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- ❑ **Planning and Implementation Grants:**
 - ❑ FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>
 - ❑ FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>
 - ❑ Connecticut Community Investment Fund (CIF) https://portal.ct.gov/communityinvestmentfund/Application?language=en_US
 - ❑ Municipal Brownfield Grant Program-Assessment https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Community-Development/03_Funding_Opportunities/Brownfields-Remediation/Brownfield-Municipal-Grant-Program
 - ❑ EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grants <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/current-and-upcoming-funding-opportunities>
 - ❑ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND www.nfwf.org
 - ❑ Community Project Funding Contact your congressional office for more information
 - ❑ US EPA The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/cprg-implementation-grants> (see next slide for more details)

Of note:

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)

- CPRG Implementation Grants <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/cprg-implementation-grants>
- Due April 1, 2024
- Funding Available: Approximately \$4.3 Billion
- EPA anticipates awarding approximately 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million

Mapping Changes

- 2023 Statewide Data Acquisition – currently being processed
- Final delivery expected by the end of the calendar year
- Will be posted on CTECO - <https://maps.cteco.uconn.edu/>
- 0.5 m bare earth digital elevation model/1 ft contours/statewide building footprints and 3D buildings (statewide)

Big Picture & CLEAR Assistance:

- Community Education
- Land Use Commissioner Training

- Adopt /Revise Regulations and Ordinances
 - Riparian Buffer Zone
 - Update Storm Water Manual
 - Flood Regulations
 - Zoning/Subdivisions

- Alternatives
 - Storm Water Utility
 - Managed Retreat

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