

The background is a collage of four images: a scenic lake with picnic tables and trees in autumn, a wind turbine against a sunset sky, a black bear in a forest, and a close-up of a sun. A dark grey diagonal banner is overlaid on the bottom half of the collage.

The DEEP Climate Resilience Fund: Connecticut's Community Climate Resilience Grant Program

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2022 DEEP Climate Resilience Fund

- Up to \$10 million available in first round. **NO MATCH REQUIRED.**
- 40% of funds must go to vulnerable communities, including EJ
- Must develop strategy for local match funding for implementation
- Preparing federal grant applications for construction is required

**Track 1:
Planning**

**Track 2: Project
Development**

NOTE: Implementation & Construction to be funded by federal grants



2022 DEEP Climate Resilience Fund

- Received 58 applications requesting \$22.6 million
- Announcement June 14: **21 grants totaling \$8.8 million**
- **93%, or \$8.2 million for vulnerable communities**, including EJ
- This is more than double the target set in EO 21-3!



Track 1 – Planning: Overview

- **Received 22 applications requesting \$4.3 million**
- **Awarding 8 grants totaling \$1.8 million**
- **100% of planning funds to vulnerable communities**

Grantee	Plan Description
Groundwork Bridgeport	Neighborhood Extreme Heat
Norwalk	Flood resilience
Manchester	Flood resilience
Town of Groton	Climate resilience plan
Bridgeport	Climate resilience plan
Hartford	Project list
Stamford	Neighborhood extreme heat
Bristol	Flood resilience



Track 2 – Project Development: Overview

- Received **36 applications** requesting **\$18.4 million**
- **Awarding 13 grants** totaling **\$6.9 million**
- **92% of project development funds** to vulnerable communities

Grantee	Project Description
CRCOG	Stormwater Authority Studies
MetroCOG	Bridgeport Living Shoreline
NVCOG	9 culvert/drainage projects
Hamden	Flooding in Meadowbrook Co-op
New Britain	Willow Brook flooding
GNH WPCA	Westville flooding
Norwich Public Utilities	Bean Hill substation flooding
Norwich Public Utilities	Shipping Street pump station
Stamford	Cummings Pond flooding
Stamford	Toilsome Brook flooding
Waterbury	Clough Brook flooding
West Hartford	Kennedy/Kane Brook flooding
West Haven	Sanford St. Basin flooding



What Made Applications Competitive

Clear connections to climate resilience

Future climate impacts clearly incorporated

Community Engagement is meaningful and well-planned

Community support and involvement already IDed

Serving or benefiting vulnerable people/EJ

Letters of Support



Why is Community Engagement Essential?

Identifying solutions from ground up not top-down

Folding what residents want and support

Education is essential for dialogue

Creating an amenity people will use and ID real barriers

Making sure you are solving the problem(s), not creating new ones



Supporting Local Resilience Funding

DCRF grantees required to assess match funding opportunities

Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board expansion under Public Act 21-115

**Stormwater
Authorities**



Green Infrastructure at DEEP

Multiple Urban Forestry Grant Programs

Urban Green & Community Garden Grants

Clean Water Fund Green Infrastructure Set-Aside

Section 319 Stormwater and Long Island Sound Study Grants





What's Coming Next?



DEEP Climate Resilience Fund



Questions and Program Feedback?

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