



CT DEEP Climate Resilience Funding

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CT DEEP Resilience

Office of Climate Planning in the Office of the Commissioner

- Leads climate planning and policy for emissions reduction and adaptation and resilience across DEEP

New Office in the Water Protection & Land Reuse Bureau

- Focus is on resilience implementation and project planning
- New home of the DEEP Climate Resilience Fund
- Coordinates across DEEP to implement Climate Resilience Fund projects

Office of Energy Supply & Infrastructure in the Energy & Technology Bureau

- Focus is on affordable, clean, and resilient energy policy
- Home of the Microgrid Grant Program (Climate Resilience Fund predecessor)



Proposed DEEP Climate Resilience Fund Structure

Planning

Advancement

*Formerly Project
Development

Deployment

Matching Funds

Microgrid & Energy

**LI Sound Study
& Coastal Zone Mgmt**



Deployment

New in 2024, this category includes multiple state and federal funding pools to support construction and implementation of climate and energy resilience activities.

- Separate RFPs and calls for applications will be released under each subcategory.
- DEEP may offer funding for applications using sources other than the DCRF state bond funds, including federal sources, other state funding sources, and/or recommending low-interest loans through the Connecticut Green Bank.
- Projects selected under Deployment funding may need to meet additional requirements of the applicable funding source.
- Funding levels and match requirements may also be determined by the applicable funding source.



Deployment – Matching Funds

Overview: Provides a portion of the non-federal cost-share required by resilience grant programs. Federal grant applications **MUST** be for construction or implementation. DEEP's long-term vision is to create a priority list similar to that created for the Clean Water Fund.

Proposed Funding Range: The base percentage 25% of the non-federal cost-share portion, which varies depending on grant program.

Additional amounts can be awarded to projects based on the following:

- Up to an additional 25% of the non-federal cost-share portion for projects that serve and/or benefit Connecticut's environmental justice communities
- Up to an additional 15% for projects that incorporate nature-based solutions
- The maximum percentage provided, **up to \$5 million**, is 75% of the non-federal cost share portion.



Deployment – Matching Funds

Additional Details:

- DEEP provides **non-transferable** letter of commitment
- Awardees must notify DEEP whether grant application is successful.
- **Following applications will be prioritized:**
 - Projects developed through the Resilient Connecticut process
 - Projects in environmental justice communities as defined by CEJST tool; in Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZs); or projects serving/benefitting vulnerable communities, as defined by in C.G.S. § 16-243y



Deployment – Matching Funds

Select RFI Questions:

- Should DEEP award the overall amount based on percentages for specific criteria, such as:
 - Project is located in an environmental justice community
 - Project includes nature-based solutions, and/or
 - Project is in a community with a stormwater authority
- Should DEEP allow a commitment letter to be transferable to subsequent applications if an applicant is unsuccessful in the first federal grant application?



Climate Resiliency Revolving Loan Fund

Public Act 24-151 § 58-59 awarded \$10 million in state bond funds to DEEP to establish a Climate Resiliency Revolving Loan Fund. The statute further states that:

- This revolving loan fund may be granted to “municipalities and private entities for infrastructure repairs and resiliency projects in response to unplanned climate events.”
- “Such repairs and projects may not include rehousing or temporary assistance costs.”
- DEEP shall develop eligibility criteria and application forms for selecting applicants.



Climate Resiliency Revolving Loan Fund

- Who should the eligible applicants and entities be? What sorts of projects should be eligible projects? What sorts of projects should NOT be eligible?
- Should this revolving loan fund only open for applications immediately following an extreme weather event?
- Should it be an additional funding source for projects submitted under Deployment in the DEEP Climate Resilience Fund?
- What is the level of interest in securing revolving loan funds for implementing climate resilience?



A stylized landscape illustration. The top right corner features a yellow sun. Below it are green hills of varying shades, separated by dark blue outlines. The bottom portion of the image shows light blue water with dark blue wavy outlines. The text is centered over the green hills.

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