



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Town Council ~ AGENDA ~

Chairman S. Naomi
Rodriguez

Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

6:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

II BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. MOTION to rescind the following, as approved by the Town Council at their February 12, 2025 meeting:

MOTION to approve the proposed “Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects as presented in the Plan dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Attachments: [003-2025-FEB 12-Resolution-STEAP Playscape Improvment Projects-DRAFT-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-Bad City-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-RoxAll See Saw-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-Vista Tree Top 5-2025-02-05](#)
[STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines](#)
[STEAP GRANT 2025-MAYOR TOWN GREEN & PLAYScape-EMAIL-2025-01-14](#)

2. MOTION to approve the proposed “Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects for the following Parks: Town Green, Aljen Heights, Blonders Park, and East Park, as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Attachments: [Resolution-STEAP -PARKS -Playscape Improvment Projects-DRAFT-2025-01-22](#)
[Playscape-Green Center ADA Layout-Model DRAFT](#)
[Playscape-Bad City-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-RoxAll See Saw-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-Vista Tree Top 5-2025-02-05](#)
[STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines](#)
[STEAP GRANT 2025-MAYOR TOWN GREEN & PLAYSCAPE-EMAIL-2025-01-14](#)

3. MOTION to approve the proposed “Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project; to Include the Replacement of the Playscape as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$550,000.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Attachments: [003-2025-FEB 19-Resolution-STEAP Town Green Improvments-DRAFT-2025-01-22](#)
[Playscape-Green Center ADA Layout-Model DRAFT](#)
[Playscape-Bad City-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-RoxAll See Saw-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-Vista Tree Top 5-2025-02-05](#)
[STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines](#)
[STEAP GRANT 2025-MAYOR TOWN GREEN & PLAYSCAPE-EMAIL-2025-01-14](#)

4. MOTION to approve the proposed “Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive” as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025

with the exception not to exceed \$610,000.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Attachments: [003-2025-FEB 12-Resolution-STEAP-Sewer Line-Fairway & Colby Drive-DRAFT-2025-02-05](#)
[STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines](#)
[STEAP GRANT 2025-MAYOR TOWN GREEN & PLAYSCAPE-EMAIL-2025-01-14](#)

5. MOTION to approve the proposed "Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project to Include Playscape And Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive And Colby Drive" as presented in the draft dated February 10, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$1 Million.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Attachments: [Resolution-STEAP -PARKS -Playscape Improvement Projects-DRAFT-2025-01-22](#)
[Playscape-Green Center ADA Layout-Model DRAFT](#)
[Playscape-Bad City-2025-02-05](#)
[Playscape-RoxAll See Saw-2025-02-05](#)
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.

The Town Council's Official Agenda and final Minutes will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1296

Agenda Date: 2/19/2025

Agenda #: 1.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to rescind the following, as approved by the Town Council at their February 12, 2025 meeting:

MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Background:

With the opening of the 2025 STEAP Grant Application Ledyard would like to submit its Grant Application Parks & Recreation has proposed replacing the Playscapes at the following locations:

- Town Green
- Aljen Heights
- East Drive

The Playscape at the Town Green was moved from the former Ledyard Center School, and it no longer meets the safety guidelines; and the woodchips and wood enclosures are not compliant. In addition, the Playscapes at the other Parks were also in need of replacement.

The STEAP Grant Application is for up-to \$1 million and the deadline is February 20, 2025.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson, Jr. is currently working on a Playscape Plan.

This STEAP Grant requires a 20% or \$200,000 Town match. Source of funding for Local Town Match will be identified at a later time

In addition, the Town will continue to see other grant opportunities as well.

Please see attached:

- Draft Resolution dated 2/2/2025

- STEAP Grant Application Guidelines

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded
3. Items or services that are offered ("gifted") to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company's 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go to the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment I).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor

Date

Dept/Commission/Board

Name of Grant

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Amount of Town Match

Source of Town Match

In-Kind Match - Explain

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR

§200.318 General procurement standards.

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

- (1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-

purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

- (i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- (ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- (iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the

specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations

under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

Res. 003-2025/_____

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
~STEAP 2025 ~
LEDYARD PLAYScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

I, Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Representative Town Meeting of said municipality at the Regular Meeting held on _____.

RESOLVED, that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Ledyard, a 2025 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$1 Million for the *Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects* for the following Town Parks: Town Green, Aljen Heights, Blonders Park, East Drive, Christy Hill Park; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III is the Mayor of the Town of Ledyard, and has been since December 7, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Ledyard this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(Seal)

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk
Town of Ledyard



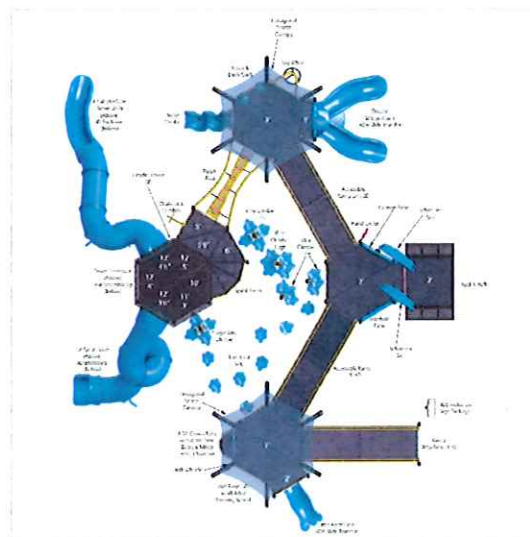
VAULT

Bay City

Product Line: PowerScape

Model # PS21024

Experience the maximum capacity and play value with our PowerScape play systems. This is the perfect commercial playground equipment for schools, parks, and other large youth organizations where design flexibility and high capacity are important.



Specifications

Length	62'
Width	54'
Age Range	5 to 12 Years
Fall Height	12'
Number of Children	

Accessibility

Accessible	12
Elevated	18
Ground Level	11
Types	3



Model Number:

6245



RoxAll See Saw

With high backs and side rails, each of the four seats on this innovative see-saw are designed to accommodate users of all abilities as they enjoy the rocking motion with their friends.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Inclusive see-saw activity for up to five users
- High back seats with side rails provide additional support for children of all abilities
- Center saucer is at transfer height for users with mobility devices

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 6245

Number:

Fall Height: 4' (1.22 m)

Use Zone: 17'-4" x 23'-6"
(5.28m x 7.16m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.



Model Number:

5962SP



VistaTree Top 5

VistaTree nets are a combination net spinner and climber. It's two times the fun in a single freestanding play activity! Constructed with our durable WeaveTech® cabling system, VistaRope products are up to 4x stronger than competing rope products.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Fun climbing and spinning activity for multiple users
- Provides sensory and developmental benefits for ages 5 to 12
- Constructed with our WeaveTech cabling system for maximum strength and durability

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 5962SP

Number:

Fall Height: 8' (2.44 m)

Use Zone: 22'-10" x 22'-10"
(6.96m x 6.96m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

Number of 35 to 40
Children:

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.

2025 GRANT ROUND
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



PROGRAM:

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) pursuant to [C.G.S. §4-66g](#) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds ([C.G.S. §4-66c](#)).

TIMELINE:

Application Release Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Application Due Date: On or before 4:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025
Award Date: On or about April 3, 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- The complete application, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available at [Small Town Economic Assistance Program – STEAP](#).
- All submissions related to this application must be sent via email to opm.steapapplications@ct.gov. The subject-line of the email must include the municipality's name and "STEAP 2025 Application".
- The submission must be in PDF format.
- Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.
- The municipality must submit a completed copy of the "STEAP Application Checklist".
- The municipality must submit a "Statement of Work and Budget".

GRANT AWARD FUNDING:

STEAP funds are issued by the [State Bond Commission](#) and administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funds can only be used for capital projects. A project is considered to be a capital project if it is new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement for an existing facility or facilities.

The 2025 STEAP grants will be funded from an aggregate amount of \$30,000,000. The total STEAP grant amount a municipality can receive each fiscal year is \$1,000,000. This includes

individual and group applications. Individual grant award amounts will depend on the number of participating municipalities, and the number of qualified applications selected to receive an award.

In no event shall a municipality receive a grant unless and until the secretary determines, in the secretary's sole discretion, that the municipality has fully utilized or has plans to fully utilize any other funds previously granted to such municipality.

MUNICIPALITY ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible municipalities are listed on the attached STEAP Eligibility Listing. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted State Plan of Conservation and Development are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as on the [Public Investment Community Index](#) (PIC), and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to [Opt-In to STEAP](#) as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

Municipalities that are eligible to opt into the STEAP program must submit their opt-in request **prior** to submitting their STEAP application.

Municipalities with projects more than five (5) years old or that have expired contracts that have not been closed out with the administering agency are ineligible to apply for new funding. Municipalities should contact the administering agency for previous award information to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL MATCH:

All project funding (other than STEAP grant award) must be secured as of the time of application.

A 20% municipal match of the total project is preferred, but not required, in accordance with the following:

- Match funds must be municipal funds, not funds from other state or federal grants;
- Municipal salaries and/or expenses cannot be counted toward the municipal match;
- Funds spent on studies, planning, design, engineering, cost of land and contract services needed to complete the project are acceptable matches;
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety prior to final reimbursement; and
- Match expenditures can be those allowable project-related expenditures which were incurred before or during the grant contract period

The municipal match commitment is not altered shall a project come in under expected costs. The reduction will be on the state grant side.

Shall a municipality not be able to complete their project and meet their municipal match during the contract period, the STEAP award shall be pro-rated based on the municipal match.

An authorizing referendum vote and/or resolution by the local legislative body, or, in any town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept such grant if awarded, and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This authorizing vote and/or resolution needs to be submitted to the administering agency within thirty (30) days of grant award notice if not available at time of application.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

[C.G.S. Sec. 8-23](#) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a plan of conservation and development (POCD) at least once every ten years. In accordance with [Public Act 24-132](#), any municipality that fails to adopt a POCD every ten years shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding in excess of \$25,000 unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the OPM Secretary.

All STEAP-funded projects are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations.

Certain projects, if funded with a STEAP grant, may be subject to additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; and/or Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions with regard to eligibility for discretionary state funding. Such reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications could significantly impact project costs and timelines.

The grantee should only submit applications for such projects when it is able to provide the detailed information that might be required for various state review processes and can continue with the proposed project and spend down the grant within the terms of the contract period despite these added costs and extended project timelines.

CONTRACT:

Grants awarded will have a four (4) year term and may be considered for a one (1) year extension to the grant end date. No grant shall have a term longer than five (5) years.

Each STEAP grant shall have its own contract and shall not be combined with any other grant contract. STEAP grants are not intended to be “banked” or “grouped together” over the course of multiple years. Each award is to be used expressly for the purpose and scope of work as outlined in the awarded grant application.

Any STEAP application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with an application, does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when you have submitted all required contractual documents and such documents are approved by the administering state agency, and the municipality is notified that the contract is fully executed. Do not incur any anticipated STEAP grant funded project expenditures until a contract is fully executed, as only those allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates as established on the fully executed contract can be reimbursed. Expenditures incurred before the contract start date or after the contract end date will not be reimbursed.

When a municipality is selected to receive a STEAP grant, the municipality will receive a notification letter from OPM indicating which state agency has been assigned to administer their award.

Municipalities should be prepared to enter a grant assistance agreement/contract with the administering agency shortly after being notified of an award, therefore municipalities should only apply for a project which is near-term. This means that the STEAP funded portion of the project should be “shovel-ready” or “nearly shovel-ready” at time of application. This is necessary to ensure that the grantee will be able to spend down their grant funds within the defined term of the award, as funds not expended before the grant’s end date will be forfeited.

CHANGES IN CONTRACT:

Only minor changes germane to the original scope from the approved application shall be approved by the administering agency. STEAP grant funds cannot be repurposed (used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.)

- EXAMPLE: A STEAP grant is awarded for a sidewalk project. The original scope was to install 1000 feet of sidewalk. A scope change which would increase the sidewalk to 1200 feet would be germane, therefore would be allowable and could be approved. A scope change to instead use the funding for a veterans’ memorial and NO sidewalks would not be germane, therefore cannot be allowed or approved.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

All grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis and only after the municipality has:

- Incurred and paid for the allowable STEAP-related allowable project expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the contract
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety (100%) prior to final reimbursement

Unspent grant funds will not be repurposed for other uses. Such unspent funds will be returned to the STEAP program account and will be used for awards made in future rounds.

The administering agency will provide guidance on what information must be submitted to seek reimbursement. Expenditures incurred before the start date or after the end date of the agreement/contract will not be eligible for reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS AREAS:**Projects eligible pursuant to CGS [Section 4-66c](#):**

- Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
- Recreational facility improvements;
- Solid waste disposal projects;
- Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
- Homeownership initiatives in collaboration with local community development financial institutions;
- Redevelopment of historic preservation areas that leverage private funds;
- Development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs; and
- Land acquisition associated with the above types of projects.

Priority Project Areas:

- Shovel-ready projects which are at a stage where project work can begin at STEAP contract approval (see below)
- Improving the quality of life and fiscal stability of municipality
- Making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly
- Promoting economic growth particularly in transit-oriented areas
- Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation
- Developing our workforce
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public buildings)
- Pollution control (water, waste, energy) in order to reduce costs and environmental impacts

Shovel-ready projects are defined as those which have:

- Legislative body approval (i.e.: referendum, town meeting)
- All funding (other than STEAP funding) for the STEAP project secured
 - Matching funds
 - Additional project funds
- Local permits in place (i.e.: Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning)
- State approvals and permits in place, such as:
 - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Flood Management Certification (FMC)
- Utility coordination plan established
- Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) up to date
- Project PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimates) ready to be advertised

EXPENDITURES THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY STEAP GRANT FUNDS:

- Programmatic expenditures or recurring budget expenditures are **not** eligible for STEAP or any other state bond program. OPM reserves the right to not fund or reimburse certain projects or certain project components with State bond funds due to public policy reasons.
- Ceremonial or entertainment expenses; publicity; bonus payments; reserves; charges in excess of the lowest responsible bid where competitive bidding is required unless prior approval is obtained; deficits or overdrafts; interest charged; any judgment for damages arising from the project; fines and penalties; meals, municipal salaries or employee expenses.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). FF&E includes movable furniture, fixtures or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or utilities. FF&E includes, but is not limited to desks, chairs, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, tables, bookcases, and partitions.
- Goods and/or services purchased and/or provided before the contract start date, or after the contract end date will **not** be funded.
- STEAP funds **cannot** reimburse design, studies, planning and/or engineering costs.
- STEAP funds **cannot** be used to represent the required municipal “match” or “share” portion for another state or federal grant.

STEAP CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Program information: Martin.Heft@ct.gov or 860.418.6355
- Application Submission: opm.steapapplications@ct.gov
- Questions related to an award (including questions about your grant contract/agreement, payment/reimbursement and a one-time extension), must be directed to the [assigned state agency](#).

C.G.S. §4-66g 2025 SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Andover	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ansonia	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ashford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Avon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barkhamsted	YES	NO	NO	NO
Beacon Falls	YES	NO	NO	NO
Berlin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethany	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethel	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethlehem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bloomfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Bolton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bozrah	YES	NO	NO	NO
Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bridgeport	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bridgewater	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bristol	NO	YES	YES	YES
Brookfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Brooklyn	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Burlington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canterbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chaplin	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Cheshire	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Clinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colchester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colebrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Columbia	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Cornwall	YES	NO	NO	NO
Coventry	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cromwell	YES	NO	NO	NO
Danbury	NO	NO	NO	YES
Darien	YES	NO	NO	NO
Deep River	YES	NO	NO	NO
Derby	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Durham	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
East Haven	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
East Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Eastford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Easton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ellington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Enfield	NO	YES	NO	YES
Essex	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Farmington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Franklin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Glastonbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Goshen	YES	NO	NO	NO
Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
Greenwich	YES	NO	NO	NO
Griswold	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Groton	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guilford	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hamden	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
Hartland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Harwinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hebron	YES	NO	NO	NO
Kent	YES	NO	NO	NO
Killingly	NO	YES	YES	YES
Killingworth	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lebanon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ledyard	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Lisbon	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Litchfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Madison	YES	NO	NO	NO
Manchester	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mansfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Marlborough	YES	NO	NO	NO
Meriden	NO	YES	YES	YES
Middlebury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middlefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middletown	NO	YES	NO	YES
Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Monroe	YES	NO	NO	NO
Montville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Morris	YES	NO	NO	NO
Naugatuck	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
New Britain	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
New Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Hartford	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
New London	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Newington	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Newtown	YES	NO	NO	NO
Norfolk	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Haven	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Stonington	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Norwalk	NO	NO	NO	YES
Norwich	NO	YES	YES	YES
Old Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Old Saybrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Orange	YES	NO	NO	NO
Oxford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Plainfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Plainville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Plymouth	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Pomfret	YES	NO	NO	NO
Portland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Preston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Prospect	YES	NO	NO	NO
Putnam	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Redding	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ridgefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rocky Hill	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roxbury	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Salem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Salisbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scotland	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Seymour	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Sharon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Shelton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sherman	YES	NO	NO	NO
Simsbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Somers	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Windsor	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sprague	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stafford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Stamford	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sterling	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stonington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stratford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Suffield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Thomaston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Thompson	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Tolland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Torrington	NO	YES	YES	YES
Trumbull	YES	NO	NO	NO
Union	YES	NO	NO	NO
Vernon	NO	YES	NO	YES
Voluntown	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Wallingford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Warren	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Waterbury	NO	YES	YES	YES
Waterford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Watertown	YES	NO	NO	NO
West Hartford	NO	NO	NO	YES
West Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
Westbrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Weston	YES	NO	NO	NO
Westport	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wethersfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Willington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wilton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Winchester	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Windham	NO	YES	YES	YES
Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Windsor Locks	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wolcott	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbridge	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodstock	YES	NO	NO	NO

Roxanne Maher

From: Fred Allyn, III
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: STEAP 2025
Attachments: STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines.pdf

Rox,

We have received notice that the Governor has authorized a round of STEAP Grants for 2025. The program guidelines are attached. The initial thought is to complete the Town Green improvements with a replacement playscape as the existing one was part of the former LCS, it doesn't meet safety guidelines anymore and the woodchips and wood enclosure are not compliant. We will seek other opportunities as well, with the understanding that we have essentially one month from now to apply (4PM on 2/20 is deadline). Scott Johnson is working on a playscape plan now. It is noted, the grant has a 20% match and is up to \$1M but a smaller project might have better likelihood for approval. This can be added to the Finance Committee agenda for tomorrow.

Best,

Fred

Fred B. Allyn III



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NOTICE* Effective June 11, 2018
Town Hall hours are 7:30AM-4:45PM Mon-Thurs
CLOSED FRIDAYS



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1459

Agenda Date: 2/19/2025

Agenda #: 2.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” for the following Parks: Town Green, Aljen Heights, Blonders Park, and East Park, as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Background:

With the opening of the 2025 STEAP Grant Application Ledyard would like to submit its Grant Application Parks & Recreation has proposed replacing the Playscapes at the following locations:

- Town Green
- Aljen Heights
- Blonders Park
- East Drive

The Playscape at the Town Green was moved from the former Ledyard Center School, and it no longer meets the safety guidelines; and the woodchips and wood enclosures are not compliant. In addition, the Playscapes at the other Parks were also in need of replacement.

The STEAP Grant Application is for up-to \$1 million and the deadline is February 20, 2025.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson, Jr. is currently working on a Playscape Plan.

This STEAP Grant requires a 20% or \$200,000 Town match. Source of funding for Local Town Match will be identified at a later time

In addition, the Town will continue to see other grant opportunities as well.

Please see attached:

- Draft Resolution dated 2/2/2025

- STEAP Grant Application Guidelines

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded
3. Items or services that are offered ("gifted") to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company's 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go to the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment I).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor

Date

Dept/Commission/Board

Name of Grant

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Amount of Town Match

Source of Town Match

In-Kind Match - Explain

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR

§200.318 General procurement standards.

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

- (1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-

purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

- (i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- (ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- (iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the

specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations

under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.





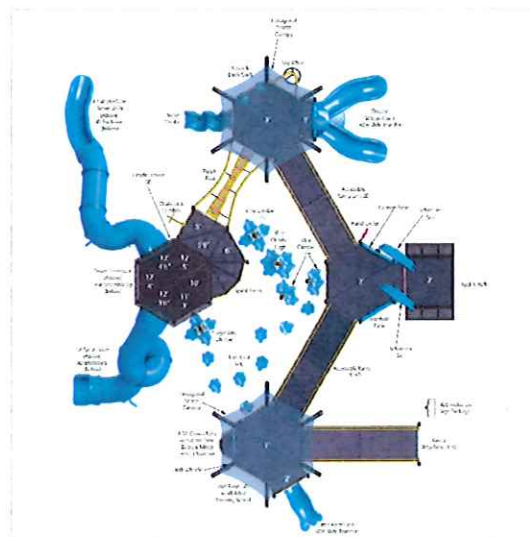
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Age Range	5 to 12 Years
Fall Height	12'
Number of Children	

Accessibility

Accessible	12
Elevated	18
Ground Level	11
Types	3



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With high backs and side rails, each of the four seats on this innovative see-saw are designed to accommodate users of all abilities as they enjoy the rocking motion with their friends.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Inclusive see-saw activity for up to five users
- High back seats with side rails provide additional support for children of all abilities
- Center saucer is at transfer height for users with mobility devices

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 6245

Number:

Fall Height: 4' (1.22 m)

Use Zone: 17'-4" x 23'-6"
(5.28m x 7.16m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.



Model Number:

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VistaTree nets are a combination net spinner and climber. It's two times the fun in a single freestanding play activity! Constructed with our durable WeaveTech® cabling system, VistaRope products are up to 4x stronger than competing rope products.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Fun climbing and spinning activity for multiple users
- Provides sensory and developmental benefits for ages 5 to 12
- Constructed with our WeaveTech cabling system for maximum strength and durability

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 5962SP

Number:

Fall Height: 8' (2.44 m)

Use Zone: 22'-10" x 22'-10"
(6.96m x 6.96m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

Number of 35 to 40
Children:

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2025 GRANT ROUND
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



PROGRAM:

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) pursuant to [C.G.S. §4-66g](#) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds ([C.G.S. §4-66c](#)).

TIMELINE:

Application Release Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Application Due Date: On or before 4:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025
Award Date: On or about April 3, 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- The complete application, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available at [Small Town Economic Assistance Program – STEAP](#).
- All submissions related to this application must be sent via email to opm.steapapplications@ct.gov. The subject-line of the email must include the municipality's name and "STEAP 2025 Application".
- The submission must be in PDF format.
- Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.
- The municipality must submit a completed copy of the "STEAP Application Checklist".
- The municipality must submit a "Statement of Work and Budget".

GRANT AWARD FUNDING:

STEAP funds are issued by the [State Bond Commission](#) and administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funds can only be used for capital projects. A project is considered to be a capital project if it is new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement for an existing facility or facilities.

The 2025 STEAP grants will be funded from an aggregate amount of \$30,000,000. The total STEAP grant amount a municipality can receive each fiscal year is \$1,000,000. This includes

individual and group applications. Individual grant award amounts will depend on the number of participating municipalities, and the number of qualified applications selected to receive an award.

In no event shall a municipality receive a grant unless and until the secretary determines, in the secretary's sole discretion, that the municipality has fully utilized or has plans to fully utilize any other funds previously granted to such municipality.

MUNICIPALITY ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible municipalities are listed on the attached STEAP Eligibility Listing. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted State Plan of Conservation and Development are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as on the [Public Investment Community Index](#) (PIC), and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to [Opt-In to STEAP](#) as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

Municipalities that are eligible to opt into the STEAP program must submit their opt-in request **prior** to submitting their STEAP application.

Municipalities with projects more than five (5) years old or that have expired contracts that have not been closed out with the administering agency are ineligible to apply for new funding. Municipalities should contact the administering agency for previous award information to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL MATCH:

All project funding (other than STEAP grant award) must be secured as of the time of application.

A 20% municipal match of the total project is preferred, but not required, in accordance with the following:

- Match funds must be municipal funds, not funds from other state or federal grants;
- Municipal salaries and/or expenses cannot be counted toward the municipal match;
- Funds spent on studies, planning, design, engineering, cost of land and contract services needed to complete the project are acceptable matches;
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety prior to final reimbursement; and
- Match expenditures can be those allowable project-related expenditures which were incurred before or during the grant contract period

The municipal match commitment is not altered shall a project come in under expected costs. The reduction will be on the state grant side.

Shall a municipality not be able to complete their project and meet their municipal match during the contract period, the STEAP award shall be pro-rated based on the municipal match.

An authorizing referendum vote and/or resolution by the local legislative body, or, in any town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept such grant if awarded, and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This authorizing vote and/or resolution needs to be submitted to the administering agency within thirty (30) days of grant award notice if not available at time of application.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

[C.G.S. Sec. 8-23](#) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a plan of conservation and development (POCD) at least once every ten years. In accordance with [Public Act 24-132](#), any municipality that fails to adopt a POCD every ten years shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding in excess of \$25,000 unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the OPM Secretary.

All STEAP-funded projects are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations.

Certain projects, if funded with a STEAP grant, may be subject to additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; and/or Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions with regard to eligibility for discretionary state funding. Such reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications could significantly impact project costs and timelines.

The grantee should only submit applications for such projects when it is able to provide the detailed information that might be required for various state review processes and can continue with the proposed project and spend down the grant within the terms of the contract period despite these added costs and extended project timelines.

CONTRACT:

Grants awarded will have a four (4) year term and may be considered for a one (1) year extension to the grant end date. No grant shall have a term longer than five (5) years.

Each STEAP grant shall have its own contract and shall not be combined with any other grant contract. STEAP grants are not intended to be “banked” or “grouped together” over the course of multiple years. Each award is to be used expressly for the purpose and scope of work as outlined in the awarded grant application.

Any STEAP application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with an application, does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when you have submitted all required contractual documents and such documents are approved by the administering state agency, and the municipality is notified that the contract is fully executed. Do not incur any anticipated STEAP grant funded project expenditures until a contract is fully executed, as only those allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates as established on the fully executed contract can be reimbursed. Expenditures incurred before the contract start date or after the contract end date will not be reimbursed.

When a municipality is selected to receive a STEAP grant, the municipality will receive a notification letter from OPM indicating which state agency has been assigned to administer their award.

Municipalities should be prepared to enter a grant assistance agreement/contract with the administering agency shortly after being notified of an award, therefore municipalities should only apply for a project which is near-term. This means that the STEAP funded portion of the project should be “shovel-ready” or “nearly shovel-ready” at time of application. This is necessary to ensure that the grantee will be able to spend down their grant funds within the defined term of the award, as funds not expended before the grant’s end date will be forfeited.

CHANGES IN CONTRACT:

Only minor changes germane to the original scope from the approved application shall be approved by the administering agency. STEAP grant funds cannot be repurposed (used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.)

- EXAMPLE: A STEAP grant is awarded for a sidewalk project. The original scope was to install 1000 feet of sidewalk. A scope change which would increase the sidewalk to 1200 feet would be germane, therefore would be allowable and could be approved. A scope change to instead use the funding for a veterans’ memorial and NO sidewalks would not be germane, therefore cannot be allowed or approved.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

All grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis and only after the municipality has:

- Incurred and paid for the allowable STEAP-related allowable project expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the contract
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety (100%) prior to final reimbursement

Unspent grant funds will not be repurposed for other uses. Such unspent funds will be returned to the STEAP program account and will be used for awards made in future rounds.

The administering agency will provide guidance on what information must be submitted to seek reimbursement. Expenditures incurred before the start date or after the end date of the agreement/contract will not be eligible for reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS AREAS:**Projects eligible pursuant to CGS [Section 4-66c](#):**

- Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
- Recreational facility improvements;
- Solid waste disposal projects;
- Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
- Homeownership initiatives in collaboration with local community development financial institutions;
- Redevelopment of historic preservation areas that leverage private funds;
- Development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs; and
- Land acquisition associated with the above types of projects.

Priority Project Areas:

- Shovel-ready projects which are at a stage where project work can begin at STEAP contract approval (see below)
- Improving the quality of life and fiscal stability of municipality
- Making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly
- Promoting economic growth particularly in transit-oriented areas
- Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation
- Developing our workforce
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public buildings)
- Pollution control (water, waste, energy) in order to reduce costs and environmental impacts

Shovel-ready projects are defined as those which have:

- Legislative body approval (i.e.: referendum, town meeting)
- All funding (other than STEAP funding) for the STEAP project secured
 - Matching funds
 - Additional project funds
- Local permits in place (i.e.: Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning)
- State approvals and permits in place, such as:
 - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Flood Management Certification (FMC)
- Utility coordination plan established
- Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) up to date
- Project PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimates) ready to be advertised

EXPENDITURES THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY STEAP GRANT FUNDS:

- Programmatic expenditures or recurring budget expenditures are **not** eligible for STEAP or any other state bond program. OPM reserves the right to not fund or reimburse certain projects or certain project components with State bond funds due to public policy reasons.
- Ceremonial or entertainment expenses; publicity; bonus payments; reserves; charges in excess of the lowest responsible bid where competitive bidding is required unless prior approval is obtained; deficits or overdrafts; interest charged; any judgment for damages arising from the project; fines and penalties; meals, municipal salaries or employee expenses.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). FF&E includes movable furniture, fixtures or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or utilities. FF&E includes, but is not limited to desks, chairs, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, tables, bookcases, and partitions.
- Goods and/or services purchased and/or provided before the contract start date, or after the contract end date will **not** be funded.
- STEAP funds **cannot** reimburse design, studies, planning and/or engineering costs.
- STEAP funds **cannot** be used to represent the required municipal “match” or “share” portion for another state or federal grant.

STEAP CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Program information: Martin.Heft@ct.gov or 860.418.6355
- Application Submission: opm.steapapplications@ct.gov
- Questions related to an award (including questions about your grant contract/agreement, payment/reimbursement and a one-time extension), must be directed to the [assigned state agency](#).

C.G.S. §4-66g 2025 SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Andover	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ansonia	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ashford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Avon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barkhamsted	YES	NO	NO	NO
Beacon Falls	YES	NO	NO	NO
Berlin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethany	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethel	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethlehem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bloomfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Bolton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bozrah	YES	NO	NO	NO
Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bridgeport	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bridgewater	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bristol	NO	YES	YES	YES
Brookfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Brooklyn	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Burlington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canterbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chaplin	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Cheshire	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Clinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colchester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colebrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Columbia	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Cornwall	YES	NO	NO	NO
Coventry	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cromwell	YES	NO	NO	NO
Danbury	NO	NO	NO	YES
Darien	YES	NO	NO	NO
Deep River	YES	NO	NO	NO
Derby	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Durham	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
East Haven	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
East Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Eastford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Easton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ellington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Enfield	NO	YES	NO	YES
Essex	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Farmington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Franklin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Glastonbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Goshen	YES	NO	NO	NO
Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
Greenwich	YES	NO	NO	NO
Griswold	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Groton	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guilford	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hamden	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
Hartland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Harwinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hebron	YES	NO	NO	NO
Kent	YES	NO	NO	NO
Killingly	NO	YES	YES	YES
Killingworth	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lebanon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ledyard	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Lisbon	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Litchfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Madison	YES	NO	NO	NO
Manchester	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mansfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Marlborough	YES	NO	NO	NO
Meriden	NO	YES	YES	YES
Middlebury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middlefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middletown	NO	YES	NO	YES
Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Monroe	YES	NO	NO	NO
Montville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Morris	YES	NO	NO	NO
Naugatuck	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
New Britain	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO

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New Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Hartford	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
New London	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Newington	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Newtown	YES	NO	NO	NO
Norfolk	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Haven	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Stonington	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Norwalk	NO	NO	NO	YES
Norwich	NO	YES	YES	YES
Old Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Old Saybrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Orange	YES	NO	NO	NO
Oxford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Plainfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Plainville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Plymouth	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Pomfret	YES	NO	NO	NO
Portland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Preston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Prospect	YES	NO	NO	NO
Putnam	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Redding	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ridgefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rocky Hill	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roxbury	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Salem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Salisbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scotland	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Seymour	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Sharon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Shelton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sherman	YES	NO	NO	NO
Simsbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Somers	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Windsor	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sprague	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stafford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Stamford	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sterling	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stonington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stratford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Suffield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Thomaston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Thompson	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Tolland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Torrington	NO	YES	YES	YES
Trumbull	YES	NO	NO	NO
Union	YES	NO	NO	NO
Vernon	NO	YES	NO	YES
Voluntown	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Wallingford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Warren	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Waterbury	NO	YES	YES	YES
Waterford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Watertown	YES	NO	NO	NO
West Hartford	NO	NO	NO	YES
West Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
Westbrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Weston	YES	NO	NO	NO
Westport	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wethersfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Willington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wilton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Winchester	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Windham	NO	YES	YES	YES
Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Windsor Locks	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wolcott	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbridge	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodstock	YES	NO	NO	NO

Roxanne Maher

From: Fred Allyn, III
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: STEAP 2025
Attachments: STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines.pdf

Rox,

We have received notice that the Governor has authorized a round of STEAP Grants for 2025. The program guidelines are attached. The initial thought is to complete the Town Green improvements with a replacement playscape as the existing one was part of the former LCS, it doesn't meet safety guidelines anymore and the woodchips and wood enclosure are not compliant. We will seek other opportunities as well, with the understanding that we have essentially one month from now to apply (4PM on 2/20 is deadline). Scott Johnson is working on a playscape plan now. It is noted, the grant has a 20% match and is up to \$1M but a smaller project might have better likelihood for approval. This can be added to the Finance Committee agenda for tomorrow.

Best,

Fred

Fred B. Allyn III



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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1460

Agenda Date: 2/19/2025

Agenda #: 3.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to approve the proposed *“Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project; to Include the Replacement of the Playscape* as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$550,000.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Background:

With the opening of the 2025 STEAP Grant Application Ledyard would like to submit its Grant Application Parks & Recreation has proposed replacing the Playscapes at the following locations:

- Town Green

The Playscape at the Town Green was moved from the former Ledyard Center School, and it no longer meets the safety guidelines; and the woodchips and wood enclosures are not compliant. In addition, the Playscapes at the other Parks were also in need of replacement.

The STEAP Grant Application is for up-to \$1 million and the deadline is February 20, 2025.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson, Jr. is currently working on a Playscape Plan.

This STEAP Grant requires a 20% or \$200,000 Town match. A potential source of funding for Local Town Match will be identified at a later time.

In addition, the Town will continue to see other grant opportunities as well.

Please see attached:

- Draft Resolution dated 1/22/2025
- STEAP Grant Application Guidelines

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded
3. Items or services that are offered ("gifted") to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company's 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go to the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor

Date

Dept/Commission/Board

Name of Grant

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Amount of Town Match

Source of Town Match

In-Kind Match - Explain

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR**§200.318 General procurement standards.**

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction

projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

(1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;

(2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;

- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

(i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;

(ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and

(iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in

paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations

for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a “brand name” product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor

and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
~STEAP 2025 ~
LEDYARD COMMUNITY GREEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I, Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Ledyard Town Council Meeting of said municipality at the Special Meeting held on February 19, 2025.

RESOLVED, that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Ledyard, a 2025 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$550,000 for a Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project; 728 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut; to include the replacement of the Playscape, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on: February 19, 2025

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

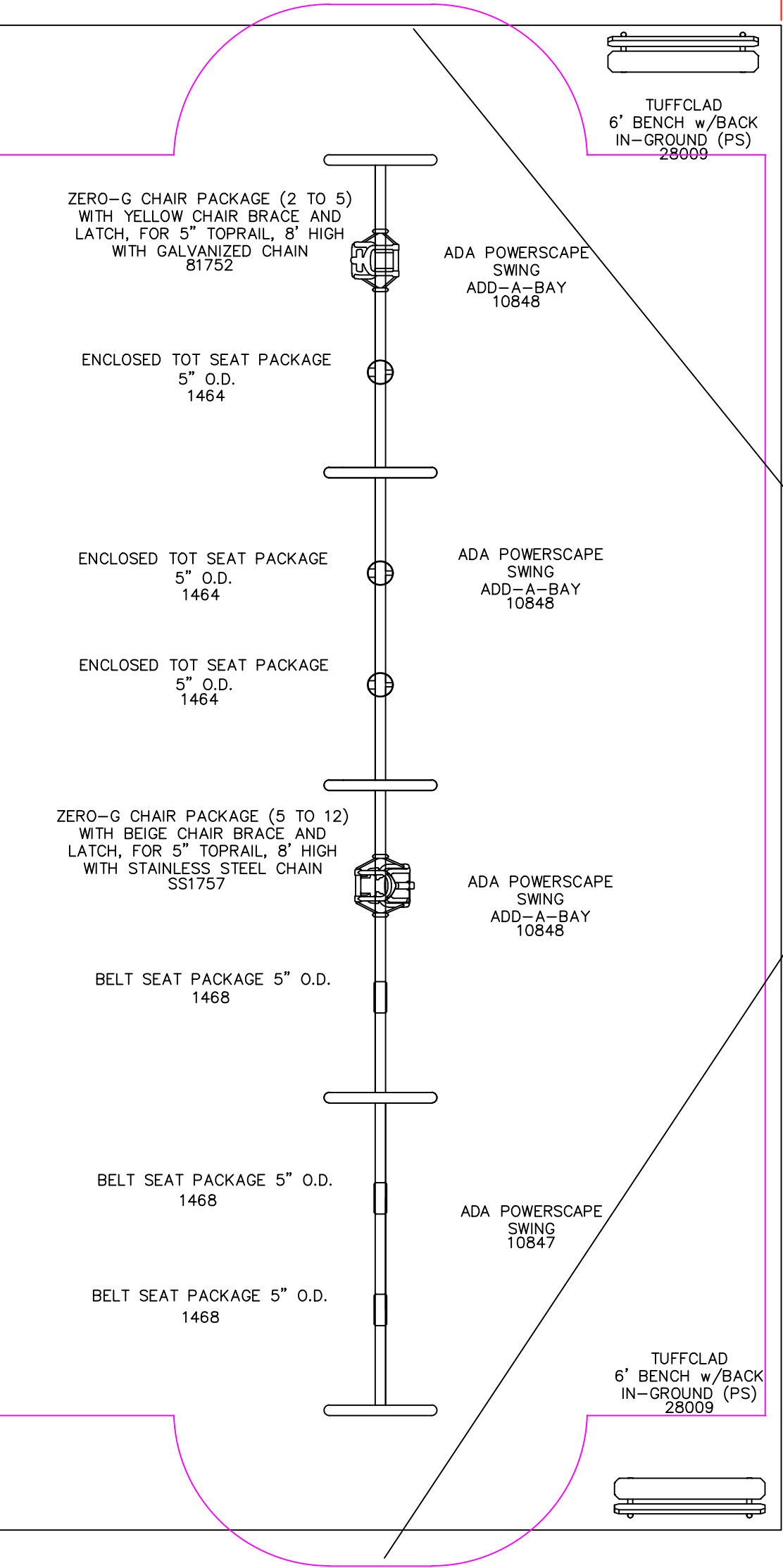
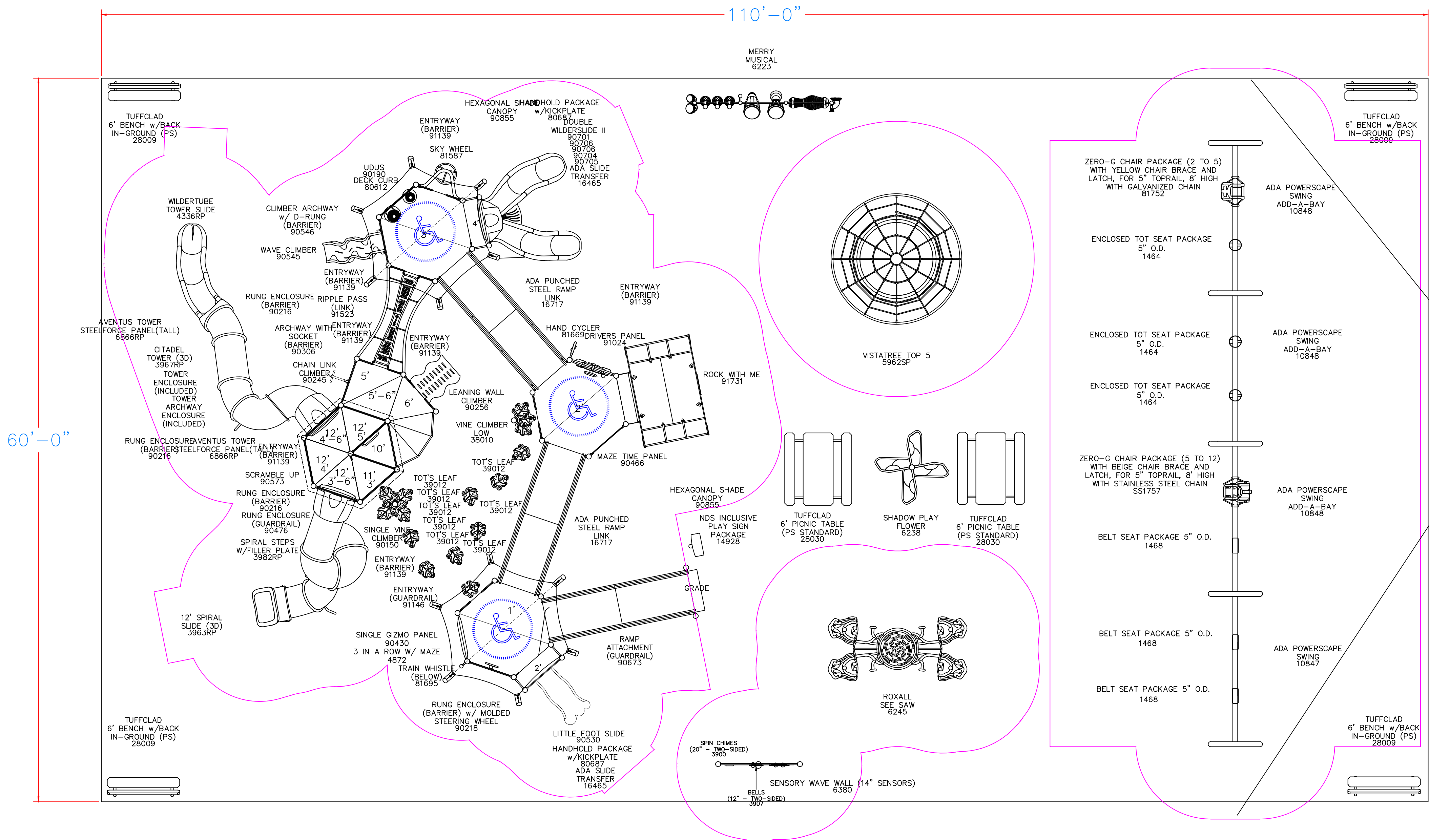
I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III is the Mayor of the Town of Ledyard, and has been since May 1, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Ledyard this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(Seal)

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk
Town of Ledyard



THE SWING BAYS EXCEED THE FOOTPRINT BY ABOUT 1'



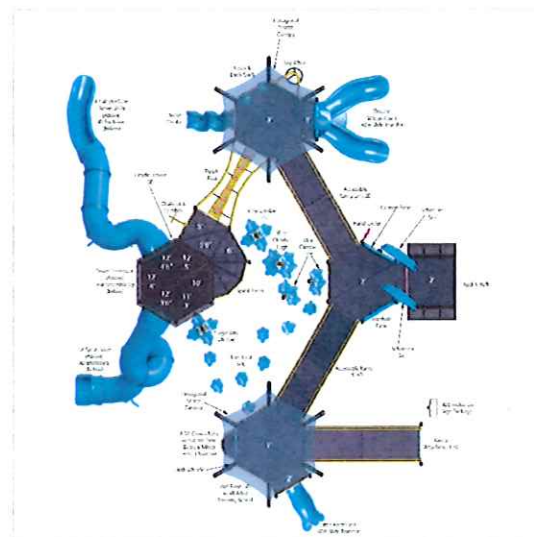
VAULT

Bay City

Product Line: PowerScape

Model # PS21024

Experience the maximum capacity and play value with our PowerScape play systems. This is the perfect commercial playground equipment for schools, parks, and other large youth organizations where design flexibility and high capacity are important.



Specifications

Length	62'
Width	54'
Age Range	5 to 12 Years
Fall Height	12'
Number of Children	

Accessibility

Accessible	12
Elevated	18
Ground Level	11
Types	3



Model Number:

6245



RoxAll See Saw

With high backs and side rails, each of the four seats on this innovative see-saw are designed to accommodate users of all abilities as they enjoy the rocking motion with their friends.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Inclusive see-saw activity for up to five users
- High back seats with side rails provide additional support for children of all abilities
- Center saucer is at transfer height for users with mobility devices

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 6245

Number:

Fall Height: 4' (1.22 m)

Use Zone: 17'-4" x 23'-6"
(5.28m x 7.16m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.



Model Number:

5962SP



VistaTree Top 5

VistaTree nets are a combination net spinner and climber. It's two times the fun in a single freestanding play activity! Constructed with our durable WeaveTech® cabling system, VistaRope products are up to 4x stronger than competing rope products.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Fun climbing and spinning activity for multiple users
- Provides sensory and developmental benefits for ages 5 to 12
- Constructed with our WeaveTech cabling system for maximum strength and durability

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 5962SP

Number:

Fall Height: 8' (2.44 m)

Use Zone: 22'-10" x 22'-10"
(6.96m x 6.96m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

Number of 35 to 40
Children:

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.

2025 GRANT ROUND
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



PROGRAM:

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) pursuant to [C.G.S. §4-66g](#) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds ([C.G.S. §4-66c](#)).

TIMELINE:

Application Release Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Application Due Date: On or before 4:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025
Award Date: On or about April 3, 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- The complete application, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available at [Small Town Economic Assistance Program – STEAP](#).
- All submissions related to this application must be sent via email to opm.steapapplications@ct.gov. The subject-line of the email must include the municipality's name and "STEAP 2025 Application".
- The submission must be in PDF format.
- Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.
- The municipality must submit a completed copy of the "STEAP Application Checklist".
- The municipality must submit a "Statement of Work and Budget".

GRANT AWARD FUNDING:

STEAP funds are issued by the [State Bond Commission](#) and administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funds can only be used for capital projects. A project is considered to be a capital project if it is new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement for an existing facility or facilities.

The 2025 STEAP grants will be funded from an aggregate amount of \$30,000,000. The total STEAP grant amount a municipality can receive each fiscal year is \$1,000,000. This includes

individual and group applications. Individual grant award amounts will depend on the number of participating municipalities, and the number of qualified applications selected to receive an award.

In no event shall a municipality receive a grant unless and until the secretary determines, in the secretary's sole discretion, that the municipality has fully utilized or has plans to fully utilize any other funds previously granted to such municipality.

MUNICIPALITY ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible municipalities are listed on the attached STEAP Eligibility Listing. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted State Plan of Conservation and Development are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as on the [Public Investment Community Index](#) (PIC), and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to [Opt-In to STEAP](#) as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

Municipalities that are eligible to opt into the STEAP program must submit their opt-in request **prior** to submitting their STEAP application.

Municipalities with projects more than five (5) years old or that have expired contracts that have not been closed out with the administering agency are ineligible to apply for new funding. Municipalities should contact the administering agency for previous award information to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL MATCH:

All project funding (other than STEAP grant award) must be secured as of the time of application.

A 20% municipal match of the total project is preferred, but not required, in accordance with the following:

- Match funds must be municipal funds, not funds from other state or federal grants;
- Municipal salaries and/or expenses cannot be counted toward the municipal match;
- Funds spent on studies, planning, design, engineering, cost of land and contract services needed to complete the project are acceptable matches;
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety prior to final reimbursement; and
- Match expenditures can be those allowable project-related expenditures which were incurred before or during the grant contract period

The municipal match commitment is not altered shall a project come in under expected costs. The reduction will be on the state grant side.

Shall a municipality not be able to complete their project and meet their municipal match during the contract period, the STEAP award shall be pro-rated based on the municipal match.

An authorizing referendum vote and/or resolution by the local legislative body, or, in any town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept such grant if awarded, and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This authorizing vote and/or resolution needs to be submitted to the administering agency within thirty (30) days of grant award notice if not available at time of application.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

[C.G.S. Sec. 8-23](#) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a plan of conservation and development (POCD) at least once every ten years. In accordance with [Public Act 24-132](#), any municipality that fails to adopt a POCD every ten years shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding in excess of \$25,000 unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the OPM Secretary.

All STEAP-funded projects are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations.

Certain projects, if funded with a STEAP grant, may be subject to additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; and/or Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions with regard to eligibility for discretionary state funding. Such reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications could significantly impact project costs and timelines.

The grantee should only submit applications for such projects when it is able to provide the detailed information that might be required for various state review processes and can continue with the proposed project and spend down the grant within the terms of the contract period despite these added costs and extended project timelines.

CONTRACT:

Grants awarded will have a four (4) year term and may be considered for a one (1) year extension to the grant end date. No grant shall have a term longer than five (5) years.

Each STEAP grant shall have its own contract and shall not be combined with any other grant contract. STEAP grants are not intended to be “banked” or “grouped together” over the course of multiple years. Each award is to be used expressly for the purpose and scope of work as outlined in the awarded grant application.

Any STEAP application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with an application, does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when you have submitted all required contractual documents and such documents are approved by the administering state agency, and the municipality is notified that the contract is fully executed. Do not incur any anticipated STEAP grant funded project expenditures until a contract is fully executed, as only those allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates as established on the fully executed contract can be reimbursed. Expenditures incurred before the contract start date or after the contract end date will not be reimbursed.

When a municipality is selected to receive a STEAP grant, the municipality will receive a notification letter from OPM indicating which state agency has been assigned to administer their award.

Municipalities should be prepared to enter a grant assistance agreement/contract with the administering agency shortly after being notified of an award, therefore municipalities should only apply for a project which is near-term. This means that the STEAP funded portion of the project should be “shovel-ready” or “nearly shovel-ready” at time of application. This is necessary to ensure that the grantee will be able to spend down their grant funds within the defined term of the award, as funds not expended before the grant’s end date will be forfeited.

CHANGES IN CONTRACT:

Only minor changes germane to the original scope from the approved application shall be approved by the administering agency. STEAP grant funds cannot be repurposed (used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.)

- EXAMPLE: A STEAP grant is awarded for a sidewalk project. The original scope was to install 1000 feet of sidewalk. A scope change which would increase the sidewalk to 1200 feet would be germane, therefore would be allowable and could be approved. A scope change to instead use the funding for a veterans’ memorial and NO sidewalks would not be germane, therefore cannot be allowed or approved.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

All grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis and only after the municipality has:

- Incurred and paid for the allowable STEAP-related allowable project expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the contract
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety (100%) prior to final reimbursement

Unspent grant funds will not be repurposed for other uses. Such unspent funds will be returned to the STEAP program account and will be used for awards made in future rounds.

The administering agency will provide guidance on what information must be submitted to seek reimbursement. Expenditures incurred before the start date or after the end date of the agreement/contract will not be eligible for reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS AREAS:**Projects eligible pursuant to CGS [Section 4-66c](#):**

- Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
- Recreational facility improvements;
- Solid waste disposal projects;
- Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
- Homeownership initiatives in collaboration with local community development financial institutions;
- Redevelopment of historic preservation areas that leverage private funds;
- Development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs; and
- Land acquisition associated with the above types of projects.

Priority Project Areas:

- Shovel-ready projects which are at a stage where project work can begin at STEAP contract approval (see below)
- Improving the quality of life and fiscal stability of municipality
- Making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly
- Promoting economic growth particularly in transit-oriented areas
- Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation
- Developing our workforce
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public buildings)
- Pollution control (water, waste, energy) in order to reduce costs and environmental impacts

Shovel-ready projects are defined as those which have:

- Legislative body approval (i.e.: referendum, town meeting)
- All funding (other than STEAP funding) for the STEAP project secured
 - Matching funds
 - Additional project funds
- Local permits in place (i.e.: Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning)
- State approvals and permits in place, such as:
 - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Flood Management Certification (FMC)
- Utility coordination plan established
- Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) up to date
- Project PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimates) ready to be advertised

EXPENDITURES THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY STEAP GRANT FUNDS:

- Programmatic expenditures or recurring budget expenditures are **not** eligible for STEAP or any other state bond program. OPM reserves the right to not fund or reimburse certain projects or certain project components with State bond funds due to public policy reasons.
- Ceremonial or entertainment expenses; publicity; bonus payments; reserves; charges in excess of the lowest responsible bid where competitive bidding is required unless prior approval is obtained; deficits or overdrafts; interest charged; any judgment for damages arising from the project; fines and penalties; meals, municipal salaries or employee expenses.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). FF&E includes movable furniture, fixtures or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or utilities. FF&E includes, but is not limited to desks, chairs, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, tables, bookcases, and partitions.
- Goods and/or services purchased and/or provided before the contract start date, or after the contract end date will **not** be funded.
- STEAP funds **cannot** reimburse design, studies, planning and/or engineering costs.
- STEAP funds **cannot** be used to represent the required municipal “match” or “share” portion for another state or federal grant.

STEAP CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Program information: Martin.Heft@ct.gov or 860.418.6355
- Application Submission: opm.steapapplications@ct.gov
- Questions related to an award (including questions about your grant contract/agreement, payment/reimbursement and a one-time extension), must be directed to the [assigned state agency](#).

C.G.S. §4-66g 2025 SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Andover	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ansonia	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ashford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Avon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barkhamsted	YES	NO	NO	NO
Beacon Falls	YES	NO	NO	NO
Berlin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethany	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethel	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethlehem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bloomfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Bolton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bozrah	YES	NO	NO	NO
Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bridgeport	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bridgewater	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bristol	NO	YES	YES	YES
Brookfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Brooklyn	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Burlington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canterbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chaplin	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Cheshire	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Clinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colchester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colebrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Columbia	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Cornwall	YES	NO	NO	NO
Coventry	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cromwell	YES	NO	NO	NO
Danbury	NO	NO	NO	YES
Darien	YES	NO	NO	NO
Deep River	YES	NO	NO	NO
Derby	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Durham	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
East Haven	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
East Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Eastford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Easton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ellington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Enfield	NO	YES	NO	YES
Essex	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Farmington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Franklin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Glastonbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Goshen	YES	NO	NO	NO
Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
Greenwich	YES	NO	NO	NO
Griswold	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Groton	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guilford	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hamden	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
Hartland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Harwinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hebron	YES	NO	NO	NO
Kent	YES	NO	NO	NO
Killingly	NO	YES	YES	YES
Killingworth	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lebanon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ledyard	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Lisbon	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Litchfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Madison	YES	NO	NO	NO
Manchester	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mansfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Marlborough	YES	NO	NO	NO
Meriden	NO	YES	YES	YES
Middlebury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middlefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middletown	NO	YES	NO	YES
Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Monroe	YES	NO	NO	NO
Montville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Morris	YES	NO	NO	NO
Naugatuck	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
New Britain	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO

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New Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Hartford	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
New London	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Newington	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Newtown	YES	NO	NO	NO
Norfolk	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Haven	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Stonington	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Norwalk	NO	NO	NO	YES
Norwich	NO	YES	YES	YES
Old Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Old Saybrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Orange	YES	NO	NO	NO
Oxford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Plainfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Plainville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Plymouth	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Pomfret	YES	NO	NO	NO
Portland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Preston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Prospect	YES	NO	NO	NO
Putnam	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Redding	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ridgefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rocky Hill	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roxbury	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Salem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Salisbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scotland	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Seymour	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Sharon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Shelton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sherman	YES	NO	NO	NO
Simsbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Somers	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Windsor	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sprague	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stafford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Stamford	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sterling	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stonington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stratford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Suffield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Thomaston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Thompson	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Tolland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Torrington	NO	YES	YES	YES
Trumbull	YES	NO	NO	NO
Union	YES	NO	NO	NO
Vernon	NO	YES	NO	YES
Voluntown	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Wallingford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Warren	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Waterbury	NO	YES	YES	YES
Waterford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Watertown	YES	NO	NO	NO
West Hartford	NO	NO	NO	YES
West Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
Westbrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Weston	YES	NO	NO	NO
Westport	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wethersfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Willington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wilton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Winchester	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Windham	NO	YES	YES	YES
Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Windsor Locks	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wolcott	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbridge	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodstock	YES	NO	NO	NO

Roxanne Maher

From: Fred Allyn, III
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: STEAP 2025
Attachments: STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines.pdf

Rox,

We have received notice that the Governor has authorized a round of STEAP Grants for 2025. The program guidelines are attached. The initial thought is to complete the Town Green improvements with a replacement playscape as the existing one was part of the former LCS, it doesn't meet safety guidelines anymore and the woodchips and wood enclosure are not compliant. We will seek other opportunities as well, with the understanding that we have essentially one month from now to apply (4PM on 2/20 is deadline). Scott Johnson is working on a playscape plan now. It is noted, the grant has a 20% match and is up to \$1M but a smaller project might have better likelihood for approval. This can be added to the Finance Committee agenda for tomorrow.

Best,

Fred

Fred B. Allyn III



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NOTICE* Effective June 11, 2018
Town Hall hours are 7:30AM-4:45PM Mon-Thurs
CLOSED FRIDAYS



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1411

Agenda Date: 2/19/2025

Agenda #: 4.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive*” as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$610,000.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Background:

With the opening of the 2025 STEAP Grant Application Ledyard would like to submit its Grant Application to install the sewer line on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive. This is part of Phase II of the Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project.

The Engineering and Design Work has is nearly done for Phase II of the Sewer Line Extension Project which included Fairway Drive and Colby Drive. Phase II for Fairway Drive and Colby Drive already had prospective commercial interests that were far along; and the owners/developers who have properties on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive would like to expand and build out if they had access to the sewer line

Habitat for Humanity has been given the Conover property which was is located on Colby Drive, and those detailed plans are well along for the construction of multi-family condominiums at that location, including sewer line connection. The Habitat for Humanity homes would be paying to install grinder pumps at each location, and would pay to pump their sewage into the Town’s system.

The STEAP Grant Application is for up-to \$1 million and the deadline is February 20, 2025.

The preliminary engineer’s estimate for installation of the sewer lines on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive is \$610,000.

This STEAP Grant suggests a 20% or about 120,000 Town match. Source of funding for Local Town Match will be identified at a later time.

In addition, the Town will continue to seek other grant opportunities as well.

Please see attached:

- Draft Resolution dated 1/22/2025
- STEAP Grant Application Guidelines

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded
3. Items or services that are offered (“gifted”) to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company’s 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go to the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor

Date

Dept/Commission/Board

Name of Grant

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Amount of Town Match

Source of Town Match

In-Kind Match - Explain

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1**Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR****§200.318 General procurement standards.**

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing

new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

(1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;

- (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among

qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

(i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;

(ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and

(iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business

Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

Res. 003-2025/_____

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
~STEAP 2025 ~
LEDYARD SEWER LINE INSTALLATION FOR
FAIRWAY DRIVE AND COLBY DRIVE

I, Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Representative Town Meeting of said municipality at the Regular Meeting held on _____

RESOLVED, that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Ledyard, a 2025 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$610,000 for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive as part of Phase II of the Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Mayor Fredrick B. Allyn, III is the Mayor of the Town of Ledyard, and has been since December 7, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Ledyard this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(Seal)

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk
Town of Ledyard

2025 GRANT ROUND
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



PROGRAM:

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) pursuant to [C.G.S. §4-66g](#) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds ([C.G.S. §4-66c](#)).

TIMELINE:

Application Release Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Application Due Date: On or before 4:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025
Award Date: On or about April 3, 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- The complete application, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available at [Small Town Economic Assistance Program – STEAP](#).
- All submissions related to this application must be sent via email to opm.steapapplications@ct.gov. The subject-line of the email must include the municipality's name and "STEAP 2025 Application".
- The submission must be in PDF format.
- Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.
- The municipality must submit a completed copy of the "STEAP Application Checklist".
- The municipality must submit a "Statement of Work and Budget".

GRANT AWARD FUNDING:

STEAP funds are issued by the [State Bond Commission](#) and administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funds can only be used for capital projects. A project is considered to be a capital project if it is new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement for an existing facility or facilities.

The 2025 STEAP grants will be funded from an aggregate amount of \$30,000,000. The total STEAP grant amount a municipality can receive each fiscal year is \$1,000,000. This includes

individual and group applications. Individual grant award amounts will depend on the number of participating municipalities, and the number of qualified applications selected to receive an award.

In no event shall a municipality receive a grant unless and until the secretary determines, in the secretary's sole discretion, that the municipality has fully utilized or has plans to fully utilize any other funds previously granted to such municipality.

MUNICIPALITY ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible municipalities are listed on the attached STEAP Eligibility Listing. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted State Plan of Conservation and Development are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as on the [Public Investment Community Index](#) (PIC), and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to [Opt-In to STEAP](#) as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

Municipalities that are eligible to opt into the STEAP program must submit their opt-in request **prior** to submitting their STEAP application.

Municipalities with projects more than five (5) years old or that have expired contracts that have not been closed out with the administering agency are ineligible to apply for new funding. Municipalities should contact the administering agency for previous award information to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL MATCH:

All project funding (other than STEAP grant award) must be secured as of the time of application.

A 20% municipal match of the total project is preferred, but not required, in accordance with the following:

- Match funds must be municipal funds, not funds from other state or federal grants;
- Municipal salaries and/or expenses cannot be counted toward the municipal match;
- Funds spent on studies, planning, design, engineering, cost of land and contract services needed to complete the project are acceptable matches;
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety prior to final reimbursement; and
- Match expenditures can be those allowable project-related expenditures which were incurred before or during the grant contract period

The municipal match commitment is not altered shall a project come in under expected costs. The reduction will be on the state grant side.

Shall a municipality not be able to complete their project and meet their municipal match during the contract period, the STEAP award shall be pro-rated based on the municipal match.

An authorizing referendum vote and/or resolution by the local legislative body, or, in any town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept such grant if awarded, and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This authorizing vote and/or resolution needs to be submitted to the administering agency within thirty (30) days of grant award notice if not available at time of application.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

[C.G.S. Sec. 8-23](#) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a plan of conservation and development (POCD) at least once every ten years. In accordance with [Public Act 24-132](#), any municipality that fails to adopt a POCD every ten years shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding in excess of \$25,000 unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the OPM Secretary.

All STEAP-funded projects are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations.

Certain projects, if funded with a STEAP grant, may be subject to additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; and/or Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions with regard to eligibility for discretionary state funding. Such reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications could significantly impact project costs and timelines.

The grantee should only submit applications for such projects when it is able to provide the detailed information that might be required for various state review processes and can continue with the proposed project and spend down the grant within the terms of the contract period despite these added costs and extended project timelines.

CONTRACT:

Grants awarded will have a four (4) year term and may be considered for a one (1) year extension to the grant end date. No grant shall have a term longer than five (5) years.

Each STEAP grant shall have its own contract and shall not be combined with any other grant contract. STEAP grants are not intended to be “banked” or “grouped together” over the course of multiple years. Each award is to be used expressly for the purpose and scope of work as outlined in the awarded grant application.

Any STEAP application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with an application, does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when you have submitted all required contractual documents and such documents are approved by the administering state agency, and the municipality is notified that the contract is fully executed. Do not incur any anticipated STEAP grant funded project expenditures until a contract is fully executed, as only those allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates as established on the fully executed contract can be reimbursed. Expenditures incurred before the contract start date or after the contract end date will not be reimbursed.

When a municipality is selected to receive a STEAP grant, the municipality will receive a notification letter from OPM indicating which state agency has been assigned to administer their award.

Municipalities should be prepared to enter a grant assistance agreement/contract with the administering agency shortly after being notified of an award, therefore municipalities should only apply for a project which is near-term. This means that the STEAP funded portion of the project should be “shovel-ready” or “nearly shovel-ready” at time of application. This is necessary to ensure that the grantee will be able to spend down their grant funds within the defined term of the award, as funds not expended before the grant’s end date will be forfeited.

CHANGES IN CONTRACT:

Only minor changes germane to the original scope from the approved application shall be approved by the administering agency. STEAP grant funds cannot be repurposed (used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.)

- EXAMPLE: A STEAP grant is awarded for a sidewalk project. The original scope was to install 1000 feet of sidewalk. A scope change which would increase the sidewalk to 1200 feet would be germane, therefore would be allowable and could be approved. A scope change to instead use the funding for a veterans’ memorial and NO sidewalks would not be germane, therefore cannot be allowed or approved.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

All grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis and only after the municipality has:

- Incurred and paid for the allowable STEAP-related allowable project expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the contract
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety (100%) prior to final reimbursement

Unspent grant funds will not be repurposed for other uses. Such unspent funds will be returned to the STEAP program account and will be used for awards made in future rounds.

The administering agency will provide guidance on what information must be submitted to seek reimbursement. Expenditures incurred before the start date or after the end date of the agreement/contract will not be eligible for reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS AREAS:**Projects eligible pursuant to CGS [Section 4-66c](#):**

- Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
- Recreational facility improvements;
- Solid waste disposal projects;
- Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
- Homeownership initiatives in collaboration with local community development financial institutions;
- Redevelopment of historic preservation areas that leverage private funds;
- Development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs; and
- Land acquisition associated with the above types of projects.

Priority Project Areas:

- Shovel-ready projects which are at a stage where project work can begin at STEAP contract approval (see below)
- Improving the quality of life and fiscal stability of municipality
- Making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly
- Promoting economic growth particularly in transit-oriented areas
- Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation
- Developing our workforce
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public buildings)
- Pollution control (water, waste, energy) in order to reduce costs and environmental impacts

Shovel-ready projects are defined as those which have:

- Legislative body approval (i.e.: referendum, town meeting)
- All funding (other than STEAP funding) for the STEAP project secured
 - Matching funds
 - Additional project funds
- Local permits in place (i.e.: Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning)
- State approvals and permits in place, such as:
 - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Flood Management Certification (FMC)
- Utility coordination plan established
- Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) up to date
- Project PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimates) ready to be advertised

EXPENDITURES THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY STEAP GRANT FUNDS:

- Programmatic expenditures or recurring budget expenditures are **not** eligible for STEAP or any other state bond program. OPM reserves the right to not fund or reimburse certain projects or certain project components with State bond funds due to public policy reasons.
- Ceremonial or entertainment expenses; publicity; bonus payments; reserves; charges in excess of the lowest responsible bid where competitive bidding is required unless prior approval is obtained; deficits or overdrafts; interest charged; any judgment for damages arising from the project; fines and penalties; meals, municipal salaries or employee expenses.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). FF&E includes movable furniture, fixtures or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or utilities. FF&E includes, but is not limited to desks, chairs, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, tables, bookcases, and partitions.
- Goods and/or services purchased and/or provided before the contract start date, or after the contract end date will **not** be funded.
- STEAP funds **cannot** reimburse design, studies, planning and/or engineering costs.
- STEAP funds **cannot** be used to represent the required municipal “match” or “share” portion for another state or federal grant.

STEAP CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Program information: Martin.Heft@ct.gov or 860.418.6355
- Application Submission: opm.steapapplications@ct.gov
- Questions related to an award (including questions about your grant contract/agreement, payment/reimbursement and a one-time extension), must be directed to the [assigned state agency](#).

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Andover	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ansonia	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ashford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Avon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barkhamsted	YES	NO	NO	NO
Beacon Falls	YES	NO	NO	NO
Berlin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethany	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethel	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethlehem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bloomfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Bolton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bozrah	YES	NO	NO	NO
Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bridgeport	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bridgewater	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bristol	NO	YES	YES	YES
Brookfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Brooklyn	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Burlington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canterbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chaplin	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Cheshire	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Clinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colchester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colebrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Columbia	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Cornwall	YES	NO	NO	NO
Coventry	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cromwell	YES	NO	NO	NO
Danbury	NO	NO	NO	YES
Darien	YES	NO	NO	NO
Deep River	YES	NO	NO	NO
Derby	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Durham	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
East Haven	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
East Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Eastford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Easton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ellington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Enfield	NO	YES	NO	YES
Essex	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Farmington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Franklin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Glastonbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Goshen	YES	NO	NO	NO
Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
Greenwich	YES	NO	NO	NO
Griswold	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Groton	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guilford	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hamden	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
Hartland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Harwinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hebron	YES	NO	NO	NO
Kent	YES	NO	NO	NO
Killingly	NO	YES	YES	YES
Killingworth	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lebanon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ledyard	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Lisbon	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Litchfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Madison	YES	NO	NO	NO
Manchester	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mansfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Marlborough	YES	NO	NO	NO
Meriden	NO	YES	YES	YES
Middlebury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middlefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middletown	NO	YES	NO	YES
Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Monroe	YES	NO	NO	NO
Montville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Morris	YES	NO	NO	NO
Naugatuck	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
New Britain	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO

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New Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Hartford	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
New London	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Newington	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Newtown	YES	NO	NO	NO
Norfolk	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Haven	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Stonington	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Norwalk	NO	NO	NO	YES
Norwich	NO	YES	YES	YES
Old Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Old Saybrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Orange	YES	NO	NO	NO
Oxford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Plainfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Plainville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Plymouth	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Pomfret	YES	NO	NO	NO
Portland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Preston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Prospect	YES	NO	NO	NO
Putnam	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Redding	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ridgefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rocky Hill	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roxbury	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Salem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Salisbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scotland	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Seymour	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Sharon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Shelton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sherman	YES	NO	NO	NO
Simsbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Somers	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Windsor	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sprague	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stafford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Stamford	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sterling	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stonington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stratford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Suffield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Thomaston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Thompson	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Tolland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Torrington	NO	YES	YES	YES
Trumbull	YES	NO	NO	NO
Union	YES	NO	NO	NO
Vernon	NO	YES	NO	YES
Voluntown	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Wallingford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Warren	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Waterbury	NO	YES	YES	YES
Waterford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Watertown	YES	NO	NO	NO
West Hartford	NO	NO	NO	YES
West Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
Westbrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Weston	YES	NO	NO	NO
Westport	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wethersfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Willington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wilton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Winchester	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Windham	NO	YES	YES	YES
Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Windsor Locks	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wolcott	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbridge	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodstock	YES	NO	NO	NO

Roxanne Maher

From: Fred Allyn, III
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: STEAP 2025
Attachments: STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines.pdf

Rox,

We have received notice that the Governor has authorized a round of STEAP Grants for 2025. The program guidelines are attached. The initial thought is to complete the Town Green improvements with a replacement playscape as the existing one was part of the former LCS, it doesn't meet safety guidelines anymore and the woodchips and wood enclosure are not compliant. We will seek other opportunities as well, with the understanding that we have essentially one month from now to apply (4PM on 2/20 is deadline). Scott Johnson is working on a playscape plan now. It is noted, the grant has a 20% match and is up to \$1M but a smaller project might have better likelihood for approval. This can be added to the Finance Committee agenda for tomorrow.

Best,

Fred

Fred B. Allyn III



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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1465

Agenda Date: 2/19/2025

Agenda #: 5.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to approve the proposed “*Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project to Include Playscape And Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive And Colby Drive*” as presented in the draft dated February 10, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$1 Million.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Background:

With the opening of the 2025 STEAP Grant Application the attached draft Resolution includes the following two projects:

- (1). *Ledyard Community Green Improvement to Include Playscape Replacement \$550,000; and*
- (2). *Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive as part of Phase II of the Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project \$610,000.*

The Playscape at the Town Green was moved from the former Ledyard Center School, and it no longer meets the safety guidelines; and the woodchips and wood enclosures are not compliant. In addition, the Playscapes at the other Parks were also in need of replacement.

The STEAP Grant Application is for up-to \$1 million and the deadline is February 20, 2025.

Playscape

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson, Jr. is currently working on a Playscape Plan to replace four Playscapes at the following Parks: Town Green, Ajen Heights, Blonders Park, and East Drive.

Should all four Playscape Plans not be ready for the February 20, 2025 Grant Application deadline, this Resolution(Plan B) to submit the Playscape for the Town Green and Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive & Colby Drive would be submitted, as the Sewer Line Installation was shovel ready.

Sewer Line Installation:

The Engineering and Design Work was nearly done for Phase II of the Sewer Line Extension Project which included Fairway Drive and Colby Drive. Phase II for Fairway Drive and Colby Drive already had prospective commercial interests that were far along; and the owners/developers who have properties on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive would like to expand and build out if they had access to the sewer line

Habitat for Humanity has been given the Conover property which is located on Colby Drive, and those detailed plans are well along for the construction of multi-family condominiums at that location, including sewer line connection. The Habitat for Humanity homes would be paying to install grinder pumps at each location, and would pay to pump their sewage into the Town's system.

This STEAP Grant requires a 20% or \$200,000 Town match. Source of funding for Local Town Match will be identified at a later time

In addition, the Town will continue to see other grant opportunities as well.

Please see attached:

- Draft Resolution dated 2/10/2025
- STEAP Grant Application Guidelines

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded

3. Items or services that are offered (“gifted”) to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company’s 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor

Date

Dept/Commission/Board

Name of Grant

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Amount of Town Match

Source of Town Match

In-Kind Match - Explain

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR

§200.318 General procurement standards.

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering

organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is

primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

(1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;

(2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;

(3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;

(4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;

(5) Organizational conflicts of interest;

(6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and

(7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

- (i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- (ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- (iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine

the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles

that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.





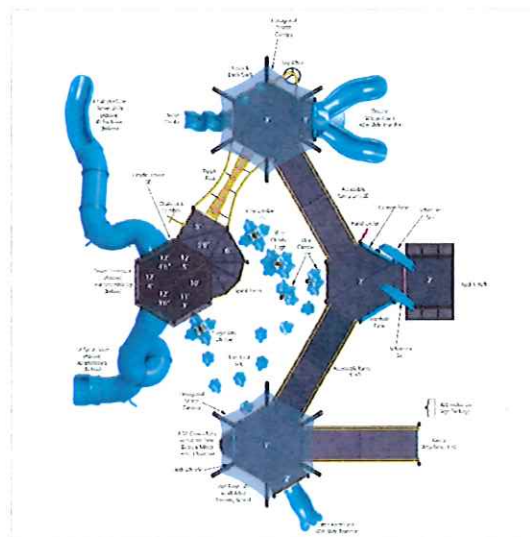
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Bay City

Product Line: PowerScape

Model # PS21024

Experience the maximum capacity and play value with our PowerScape play systems. This is the perfect commercial playground equipment for schools, parks, and other large youth organizations where design flexibility and high capacity are important.



Specifications

Length	62'
Width	54'
Age Range	5 to 12 Years
Fall Height	12'
Number of Children	

Accessibility

Accessible	12
Elevated	18
Ground Level	11
Types	3



RoxAll See Saw

With high backs and side rails, each of the four seats on this innovative see-saw are designed to accommodate users of all abilities as they enjoy the rocking motion with their friends.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Inclusive see-saw activity for up to five users
- High back seats with side rails provide additional support for children of all abilities
- Center saucer is at transfer height for users with mobility devices

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 6245

Number:

Fall Height: 4' (1.22 m)

Use Zone: 17'-4" x 23'-6"
(5.28m x 7.16m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.



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VistaTree nets are a combination net spinner and climber. It's two times the fun in a single freestanding play activity! Constructed with our durable WeaveTech® cabling system, VistaRope products are up to 4x stronger than competing rope products.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Fun climbing and spinning activity for multiple users
- Provides sensory and developmental benefits for ages 5 to 12
- Constructed with our WeaveTech cabling system for maximum strength and durability

SPECIFICATIONS

Model 5962SP

Number:

Fall Height: 8' (2.44 m)

Use Zone: 22'-10" x 22'-10"
(6.96m x 6.96m)

Age Group: 5 to 12 Years

Number of 35 to 40
Children:

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2025 GRANT ROUND
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



PROGRAM:

The Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) pursuant to [C.G.S. §4-66g](#) funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds ([C.G.S. §4-66c](#)).

TIMELINE:

Application Release Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Application Due Date: On or before 4:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025
Award Date: On or about April 3, 2025

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- The complete application, any associated updates, addendums or related documents are available at [Small Town Economic Assistance Program – STEAP](#).
- All submissions related to this application must be sent via email to opm.steapapplications@ct.gov. The subject-line of the email must include the municipality's name and "STEAP 2025 Application".
- The submission must be in PDF format.
- Applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.
- The municipality must submit a completed copy of the "STEAP Application Checklist".
- The municipality must submit a "Statement of Work and Budget".

GRANT AWARD FUNDING:

STEAP funds are issued by the [State Bond Commission](#) and administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Funds can only be used for capital projects. A project is considered to be a capital project if it is new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement for an existing facility or facilities.

The 2025 STEAP grants will be funded from an aggregate amount of \$30,000,000. The total STEAP grant amount a municipality can receive each fiscal year is \$1,000,000. This includes

individual and group applications. Individual grant award amounts will depend on the number of participating municipalities, and the number of qualified applications selected to receive an award.

In no event shall a municipality receive a grant unless and until the secretary determines, in the secretary's sole discretion, that the municipality has fully utilized or has plans to fully utilize any other funds previously granted to such municipality.

MUNICIPALITY ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible municipalities are listed on the attached STEAP Eligibility Listing. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted State Plan of Conservation and Development are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as on the [Public Investment Community Index](#) (PIC), and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to [Opt-In to STEAP](#) as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

Municipalities that are eligible to opt into the STEAP program must submit their opt-in request **prior** to submitting their STEAP application.

Municipalities with projects more than five (5) years old or that have expired contracts that have not been closed out with the administering agency are ineligible to apply for new funding. Municipalities should contact the administering agency for previous award information to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL MATCH:

All project funding (other than STEAP grant award) must be secured as of the time of application.

A 20% municipal match of the total project is preferred, but not required, in accordance with the following:

- Match funds must be municipal funds, not funds from other state or federal grants;
- Municipal salaries and/or expenses cannot be counted toward the municipal match;
- Funds spent on studies, planning, design, engineering, cost of land and contract services needed to complete the project are acceptable matches;
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety prior to final reimbursement; and
- Match expenditures can be those allowable project-related expenditures which were incurred before or during the grant contract period

The municipal match commitment is not altered shall a project come in under expected costs. The reduction will be on the state grant side.

Shall a municipality not be able to complete their project and meet their municipal match during the contract period, the STEAP award shall be pro-rated based on the municipal match.

An authorizing referendum vote and/or resolution by the local legislative body, or, in any town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept such grant if awarded, and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This authorizing vote and/or resolution needs to be submitted to the administering agency within thirty (30) days of grant award notice if not available at time of application.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

[C.G.S. Sec. 8-23](#) requires each municipality to prepare or amend and adopt a plan of conservation and development (POCD) at least once every ten years. In accordance with [Public Act 24-132](#), any municipality that fails to adopt a POCD every ten years shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding in excess of \$25,000 unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the OPM Secretary.

All STEAP-funded projects are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations.

Certain projects, if funded with a STEAP grant, may be subject to additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; and/or Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions with regard to eligibility for discretionary state funding. Such reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications could significantly impact project costs and timelines.

The grantee should only submit applications for such projects when it is able to provide the detailed information that might be required for various state review processes and can continue with the proposed project and spend down the grant within the terms of the contract period despite these added costs and extended project timelines.

CONTRACT:

Grants awarded will have a four (4) year term and may be considered for a one (1) year extension to the grant end date. No grant shall have a term longer than five (5) years.

Each STEAP grant shall have its own contract and shall not be combined with any other grant contract. STEAP grants are not intended to be “banked” or “grouped together” over the course of multiple years. Each award is to be used expressly for the purpose and scope of work as outlined in the awarded grant application.

Any STEAP application, its receipt, and/or any subsequent announcement or notification of an award associated with an application, does not constitute a contract. A contract exists only when you have submitted all required contractual documents and such documents are approved by the administering state agency, and the municipality is notified that the contract is fully executed. Do not incur any anticipated STEAP grant funded project expenditures until a contract is fully executed, as only those allowable expenditures incurred between the start and end dates as established on the fully executed contract can be reimbursed. Expenditures incurred before the contract start date or after the contract end date will not be reimbursed.

When a municipality is selected to receive a STEAP grant, the municipality will receive a notification letter from OPM indicating which state agency has been assigned to administer their award.

Municipalities should be prepared to enter a grant assistance agreement/contract with the administering agency shortly after being notified of an award, therefore municipalities should only apply for a project which is near-term. This means that the STEAP funded portion of the project should be “shovel-ready” or “nearly shovel-ready” at time of application. This is necessary to ensure that the grantee will be able to spend down their grant funds within the defined term of the award, as funds not expended before the grant’s end date will be forfeited.

CHANGES IN CONTRACT:

Only minor changes germane to the original scope from the approved application shall be approved by the administering agency. STEAP grant funds cannot be repurposed (used for a project other than the one for which it was awarded.)

- EXAMPLE: A STEAP grant is awarded for a sidewalk project. The original scope was to install 1000 feet of sidewalk. A scope change which would increase the sidewalk to 1200 feet would be germane, therefore would be allowable and could be approved. A scope change to instead use the funding for a veterans’ memorial and NO sidewalks would not be germane, therefore cannot be allowed or approved.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

All grant payments will be made on a reimbursement basis and only after the municipality has:

- Incurred and paid for the allowable STEAP-related allowable project expenditures incurred between the start and end dates of the contract
- Match funds must be spent in their entirety (100%) prior to final reimbursement

Unspent grant funds will not be repurposed for other uses. Such unspent funds will be returned to the STEAP program account and will be used for awards made in future rounds.

The administering agency will provide guidance on what information must be submitted to seek reimbursement. Expenditures incurred before the start date or after the end date of the agreement/contract will not be eligible for reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITY PROJECTS AREAS:**Projects eligible pursuant to CGS [Section 4-66c](#):**

- Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
- Recreational facility improvements;
- Solid waste disposal projects;
- Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
- Homeownership initiatives in collaboration with local community development financial institutions;
- Redevelopment of historic preservation areas that leverage private funds;
- Development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs; and
- Land acquisition associated with the above types of projects.

Priority Project Areas:

- Shovel-ready projects which are at a stage where project work can begin at STEAP contract approval (see below)
- Improving the quality of life and fiscal stability of municipality
- Making government more effective, efficient and customer friendly
- Promoting economic growth particularly in transit-oriented areas
- Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation
- Developing our workforce
- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public buildings)
- Pollution control (water, waste, energy) in order to reduce costs and environmental impacts

Shovel-ready projects are defined as those which have:

- Legislative body approval (i.e.: referendum, town meeting)
- All funding (other than STEAP funding) for the STEAP project secured
 - Matching funds
 - Additional project funds
- Local permits in place (i.e.: Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning)
- State approvals and permits in place, such as:
 - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Flood Management Certification (FMC)
- Utility coordination plan established
- Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) up to date
- Project PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimates) ready to be advertised

EXPENDITURES THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY STEAP GRANT FUNDS:

- Programmatic expenditures or recurring budget expenditures are **not** eligible for STEAP or any other state bond program. OPM reserves the right to not fund or reimburse certain projects or certain project components with State bond funds due to public policy reasons.
- Ceremonial or entertainment expenses; publicity; bonus payments; reserves; charges in excess of the lowest responsible bid where competitive bidding is required unless prior approval is obtained; deficits or overdrafts; interest charged; any judgment for damages arising from the project; fines and penalties; meals, municipal salaries or employee expenses.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E). FF&E includes movable furniture, fixtures or other equipment that have no permanent connection to the structure of a building or utilities. FF&E includes, but is not limited to desks, chairs, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, tables, bookcases, and partitions.
- Goods and/or services purchased and/or provided before the contract start date, or after the contract end date will **not** be funded.
- STEAP funds **cannot** reimburse design, studies, planning and/or engineering costs.
- STEAP funds **cannot** be used to represent the required municipal “match” or “share” portion for another state or federal grant.

STEAP CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Program information: Martin.Heft@ct.gov or 860.418.6355
- Application Submission: opm.steapapplications@ct.gov
- Questions related to an award (including questions about your grant contract/agreement, payment/reimbursement and a one-time extension), must be directed to the [assigned state agency](#).

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Municipality	STEAP Eligible	PIC Community	Distressed Municipality	Municipality w/Urban Center Per Adopted Plan
Andover	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ansonia	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ashford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Avon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barkhamsted	YES	NO	NO	NO
Beacon Falls	YES	NO	NO	NO
Berlin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethany	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethel	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bethlehem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bloomfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Bolton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bozrah	YES	NO	NO	NO
Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bridgeport	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bridgewater	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bristol	NO	YES	YES	YES
Brookfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Brooklyn	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Burlington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canterbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Canton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chaplin	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Cheshire	YES	NO	NO	NO
Chester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Clinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colchester	YES	NO	NO	NO
Colebrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Columbia	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Cornwall	YES	NO	NO	NO
Coventry	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cromwell	YES	NO	NO	NO
Danbury	NO	NO	NO	YES
Darien	YES	NO	NO	NO
Deep River	YES	NO	NO	NO
Derby	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Durham	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
East Haven	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
East Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
East Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Eastford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Easton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ellington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Enfield	NO	YES	NO	YES
Essex	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Farmington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Franklin	YES	NO	NO	NO
Glastonbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Goshen	YES	NO	NO	NO
Granby	YES	NO	NO	NO
Greenwich	YES	NO	NO	NO
Griswold	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Groton	NO	YES	YES	YES
Guilford	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Haddam	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hamden	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Hampton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hartford	NO	YES	YES	YES
Hartland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Harwinton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Hebron	YES	NO	NO	NO
Kent	YES	NO	NO	NO
Killingly	NO	YES	YES	YES
Killingworth	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lebanon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ledyard	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Lisbon	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Litchfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Madison	YES	NO	NO	NO
Manchester	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mansfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Marlborough	YES	NO	NO	NO
Meriden	NO	YES	YES	YES
Middlebury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middlefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Middletown	NO	YES	NO	YES
Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Monroe	YES	NO	NO	NO
Montville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Morris	YES	NO	NO	NO
Naugatuck	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
New Britain	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO

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New Fairfield	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Hartford	YES	NO	NO	NO
New Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
New London	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Milford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Newington	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Newtown	YES	NO	NO	NO
Norfolk	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Branford	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Canaan	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Haven	YES	NO	NO	NO
North Stonington	OPT-In Eligible	NO	YES	NO
Norwalk	NO	NO	NO	YES
Norwich	NO	YES	YES	YES
Old Lyme	YES	NO	NO	NO
Old Saybrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Orange	YES	NO	NO	NO
Oxford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Plainfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Plainville	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Plymouth	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Pomfret	YES	NO	NO	NO
Portland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Preston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Prospect	YES	NO	NO	NO
Putnam	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Redding	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ridgefield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rocky Hill	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roxbury	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Salem	YES	NO	NO	NO
Salisbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scotland	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Seymour	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Sharon	YES	NO	NO	NO
Shelton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sherman	YES	NO	NO	NO
Simsbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Somers	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Windsor	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Southington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sprague	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stafford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Stamford	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sterling	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Stonington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stratford	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Suffield	YES	NO	NO	NO
Thomaston	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Thompson	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Tolland	YES	NO	NO	NO
Torrington	NO	YES	YES	YES
Trumbull	YES	NO	NO	NO
Union	YES	NO	NO	NO
Vernon	NO	YES	NO	YES
Voluntown	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Wallingford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Warren	YES	NO	NO	NO
Washington	YES	NO	NO	NO

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Waterbury	NO	YES	YES	YES
Waterford	YES	NO	NO	NO
Watertown	YES	NO	NO	NO
West Hartford	NO	NO	NO	YES
West Haven	NO	YES	YES	YES
Westbrook	YES	NO	NO	NO
Weston	YES	NO	NO	NO
Westport	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wethersfield	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Willington	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wilton	YES	NO	NO	NO
Winchester	OPT-In Eligible	YES	YES	NO
Windham	NO	YES	YES	YES
Windsor	OPT-In Eligible	YES	NO	NO
Windsor Locks	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wolcott	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbridge	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodbury	YES	NO	NO	NO
Woodstock	YES	NO	NO	NO

Roxanne Maher

From: Fred Allyn, III
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: STEAP 2025
Attachments: STEAP 2025 Program Guidelines.pdf

Rox,

We have received notice that the Governor has authorized a round of STEAP Grants for 2025. The program guidelines are attached. The initial thought is to complete the Town Green improvements with a replacement playscape as the existing one was part of the former LCS, it doesn't meet safety guidelines anymore and the woodchips and wood enclosure are not compliant. We will seek other opportunities as well, with the understanding that we have essentially one month from now to apply (4PM on 2/20 is deadline). Scott Johnson is working on a playscape plan now. It is noted, the grant has a 20% match and is up to \$1M but a smaller project might have better likelihood for approval. This can be added to the Finance Committee agenda for tomorrow.

Best,

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