



All Small Cities Municipalities, And Interested Parties

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Subject: Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Grant

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing (“DOH”) invites applications for planning grant funds from small municipalities (populations below 50,000) seeking to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under the provisions of § 8-30j of the Connecticut General Statutes (“CGS”). This grant opportunity is intended to enable eligible municipalities to undertake a proactive planning process and lay out a strategy for meeting the housing needs of existing and future residents and workers. Addressing Connecticut's housing affordability crisis with thoughtful planning for homes that meet the needs of individuals and families at different income levels and stages of life is an economic imperative for our state and critical to sustaining thriving local communities.

Under this Application for Planning Grant, grant awards will be made on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis to those eligible municipalities who submit completed application documents.

The number of eligible municipalities who will be able to receive grant awards will be subject to available funds at the time of application. Funding for this year and future years is subject to authorization by the State Bond Commission, and is not guaranteed. For the current program, which is anticipated to run from March 9, 2020 thru June 30, 2020, the total authorized funding available is \$500,000. Eligible municipalities are eligible to apply for up to \$15,000 in grant funding for this activity, and collaboration between contiguous eligible municipalities is encouraged.

The Department has also engaged Regional Plan Association, Inc. to develop an Affordable Housing Plan and Process Guidebook, which along with community engagement, should assist communities in the preparation of their Affordable Housing Plan.

Applications will be accepted via email or by hand carry beginning Monday, March 9th, 2020 through close of business on Tuesday June 30th, 2020.

Attached to this Notice are the Program Description, Application and Exhibit 1, AHPG Budget.

Please review the Application document for information on how to apply, and for any questions.