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Small Cities CDBG Bulletin

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To: Small Cities Grantees and Interested Parties
Date: July 1, 2026
From: Miguel A. Rivera, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development
Subject: 2026 Small Cities Competitive Funding Round Clarification of Project Type

Small Cities Grantees and Interested Parties,

We are issuing this clarification as an update to the Application Materials regarding the CDBG Small Cities Competitive Application for the program year starting July 1, 2026.

In the presentation and application materials, there is reference to Project Type, which indicates one of the following options:

- CDBG only
- CDBG Phased with SSHIP
- CDBG Blended with SSHIP

Due to oversubscription to the SSHIP program in the program year starting July 1, 2026, the Department and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority will only be considering projects that are either **CDBG ONLY or PHASE WITH SSHIP**. Tentatively, we are projecting that SSHIP Phased Component would have to begin after the fiscal year, July 1, 2027-2028.

Any Project Types **CDBG Blended with SSHIP will be reclassified as PHASE WITH SSHIP**.

With your submission of your Letter of Intent, the Department of Housing, and as applicable the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's Asset Management may participate, will be reaching out to discuss your proposed scope of work to provide additional guidance about phasing out the projects.

All applications must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026. A link will be provided to submit the application. Please note that only complete applications will be accepted and scored. Additionally, only one application per town will be accepted.

Finally, please note that phased projects submitting a CONN APP by October 31, 2026, may be eligible for bonus points Rating & Ranking rubric associated with meeting that deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly, Miguel A. Rivera, at rivera.miguel@ct.gov.

You may also want to add a note that phased projects must submit the CONN APP by October 31, 2026, as there are bonus points built into the R&R rubric associated with meeting that deadline. Thank you.