

# DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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# **Welcome and Introductions**

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# DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Welcome and Introductions**

**District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) – Public Act 25-174 Section 131**

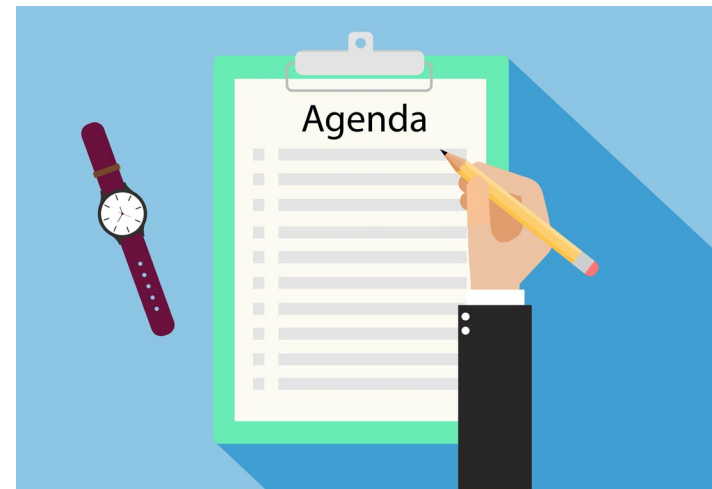
**PSO CEO Certification Review**

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# **Public Act 25-174**

## **Section 131**

# DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Pursuant to [Public Act 25-174 Section 131](#), the District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) Program provides direct grants to Public School Operators (PSOs) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and forward. Grants will be processed through an annual certification process. Funds will be disbursed by June 30<sup>th</sup> and an annual expense report will be due from the PSO by September 1<sup>st</sup>.



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ELIGIBILITY

**“Public school operator”** means any (A) local or regional board of education, (B) regional educational service center, (C) interdistrict magnet school operator described in section 10-264s of the general statutes, (D) endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes, or (E) state charter school



## Projects

**"District repair and improvement project"** means a capital expenditure project, approved by a public school operator, for any of the following: (A) The construction, renovation, repair or enlargement of school buildings or school grounds, including parking lots, athletic fields and playgrounds; (B) improvements to school facilities for compliance with health, safety or code requirements; or (C) the purchase, installation or maintenance of or improvements to fixed school infrastructure, including, but not limited to, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, plumbing, electrical systems and roofing



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On March first of each year, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall notify each public school operator of the amount allocated to such public school operator pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section and shall post on said office's Internet web site such allocation amounts and the calculations for all public school operators.

## [District Repair and Improvement Project](#)

[FY 26 DRIP Program Grant Listing by PSO](#) 

[FY 26 DRIP Program Grant Calculation](#) 



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## District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) Program

| PSO Code | Public School Operator Name | FY26 DRIP Grant |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1        | Andover School District     | \$ 40,800.88    |
| 2        | Ansonia School District     | \$ 162,453.45   |
| 3        | Ashford School District     | \$ 47,683.19    |
| 4        | Avon School District        | \$ 126,306.58   |
| 5        | Barkhamsted School District | \$ 39,777.06    |
| 7        | Berlin School District      | \$ 128,888.77   |
| 8        | Bethany School District     | \$ 45,883.59    |
| 9        | Bethel School District      | \$ 154,826.70   |
| 11       | Bloomfield School District  | \$ 103,938.85   |
| 12       | Bolton School District      | \$ 56,675.15    |



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## Payment

**Payment will be made directly to the Public School Operator.**

**Note that if a local elementary school (i.e. Town School District) payment is made to the municipality.**

**Coordinate with your municipal finance office.**



# **PSO Chief Executive Officer Certification Process**

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Please complete the attached DRIP FY26 Certification and return to [OPMIGPP@ct.gov](mailto:OPMIGPP@ct.gov) no later than April 15, 2026.

Funds will be disbursed by June 30, 2026 and an annual expense report will be due from the PSO Chief Financial Officer by September 1, 2027.



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**DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DRIP) PROGRAM**  
**GRANT CERTIFICATION**  
FISCAL YEAR 2026

Public School Operator (PSO) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIP Grant Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PSO Chief Executive Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
PSO Chief Executive Officer Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify and attest that:**

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer for the Public School Operator (PSO) and have the authority to execute this certification on behalf of the PSO;
2. Funds will be used only as delineated in Public Act 25-174 Section 131 require additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals, and/or certifications, as required by Federal, State, or local law, regulation, charter, and/or ordinance, including but not limited to: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Evaluation, Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE), Flood Management Certification (FMC); State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO) review and determination; Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) provisions; and/or municipal fiscal or other local approval.
3. All costs to be charged to these funds are allowable, supported and properly allocated in compliance with Public Act 25-174 Section 131 of the Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") DRIP Best Practices;
4. Not later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, the PSO issued a grant in the preceding fiscal year shall submit a report to OPM describing the amount of grant funds expended in such fiscal year in accordance with Public Act 25-174 Section 131.
5. Detailed accounting records of all expenses incurred relative to the DRIP project shall be maintained for not less than three (3) years as required by Public Act 25-174 Section 131 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and applicable State of Connecticut State Library Public Records Administrator records retention guidelines;
6. Grant dollars shall only be utilized for the purposes delineated in Public Act 25-174 Section 131 and any expenditures for purposes other than those intended by the DRIP statute may be subject to repayment of grant funds and/or reduction of future grant funds as required by Public Act 25-174 Section 131.
7. The PSO has/will comply with all the statements above.
8. The PSO has/will comply with all the statements above.
9. The information provided is true, accurate, and complete.

**PSO CEO SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN PDF COPY BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> TO [OPMIGPP@ct.gov](mailto:OPMIGPP@ct.gov)**

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**FISCAL YEAR 2026**  
**DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DRIP) PROGRAM**  
**GRANT CERTIFICATION**

Public School Operator (PSO) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIP Grant Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PSO Chief Executive Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PSO Chief Executive Officer Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>PSO CEO SIGNATURE:</b> | <b>DATE:</b> |
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**After the presentation, all Public School Operator Chief Executive Officers will receive correspondence outlining the certification along with a PDF fillable certification form to return no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Verify the information on the certification is accurate, and the DRIP Grant amount matches the PSO amount listed on the FY 26 Program Grant Listing by PSO**



# September 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Reporting

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Not later than September 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each public school operator issued a grant pursuant to subsection (e) of this section in the preceding fiscal year shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary, describing each district repair and improvement project for which amounts were expended in such fiscal year and the amounts expended for each such project. Such report shall include a certification by the public school operator that (1) the district repair and improvement project was approved by the public school operator or a board, a council or other body responsible for overseeing such project, and (2) no grant money allocated under this section to such public school operator for such fiscal year was used to satisfy a local matching requirement for any state assistance program or for any school building project under section 10-283 of the general statutes. The secretary shall post all reports submitted pursuant to this subsection on said office's Internet web site.

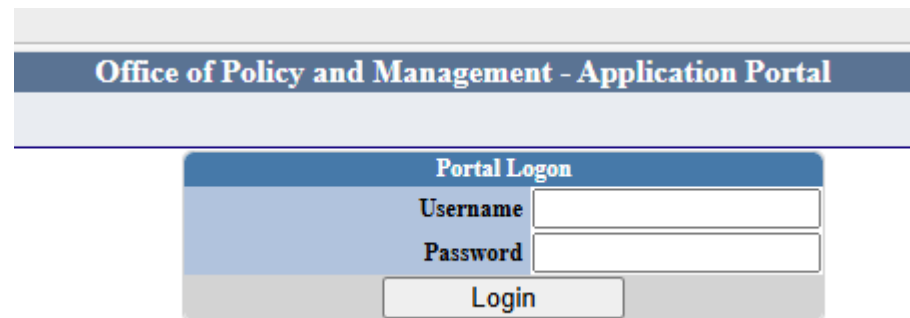


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The annual expense report will be submitted through the [OPM IGPP Portal](#) by the PSO Chief Financial Officer.

Portal access will be granted by completion of a Portal User Authorization Form.

Details on reporting will be provided prior to the September 1, 2027 deadline.



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# **DRIP Program Best Practices**

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## **DISTRICT REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DRIP) PROGRAM BEST PRACTICES**

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Best practices have been prepared to assist PSOs and municipalities in administering state grants under the District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) program. Additional information can be found on the Office of Policy and Management [website](#).



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## DRIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Funds will be used in compliance with [Public Act 25-174 Section 131 subsection \(a\)\(2\)](#) and are an allowable project for DRIP Program purposes.
- All DRIP Program funded projects are subject to all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and municipal charter or bylaws. DRIP Program funded projects may be subject to the following: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ([CHRO](#)), Connecticut Environmental Policy Act ([CEPA](#)) Evaluation, Environmental Impact Evaluation ([EIE](#)), Flood Management Certification ([FMC](#)); State Historic and Preservation Office ([SHPO](#)) review and determination; Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development ([POCD](#)) provisions; and/or municipal fiscal or other local approvals;
- All required reviews, evaluations, permits and/or certifications have been secured prior to expenditure of DRIP Program funds;
- Not later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, each PSO issued a grant in the preceding fiscal year shall submit a report to OPM describing the amount of grant funds expended in such fiscal year in accordance with [Public Act 25-174 Section 131 subsection \(f\)](#),
- In order to receive your school district DRIP Program funds the Chief Executive Officer (i.e. Superintendent, Principal, Director) must forward the District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) Program Grant Certification by the required deadline. Distribution of grant funds will be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>.



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## **ALLOWABLE DRIP PROJECTS:**

DRIP Program funds can only be used for capital expenditure projects authorized by [Public Act 25-174 Section 131 subsection \(a\)\(2\)](#), as may be amended.

## **AUDIT AND RECORDS RETENTION:**

- The DRIP program grant provisions have requirements under the [Connecticut State Single Audit Compliance Supplement](#).
- Pursuant to [Public Act 25-174 Section 131 subsection \(g\)](#), each PSO receiving a District Repair and Improvement Project (DRIP) Program grant under this section shall retain detailed accounting records of all expenses incurred relative to the district repair and improvement project for which a grant is received for a period of not less than three (3) years following the completion of such project and applicable State of Connecticut State Library Public Records Administrator records retention guidelines.



# **DRIP Resources And Recap**

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## District Repair and Improvement Project

## DRIP Program Best Practices

## Public Act 25-174 Section 131

## **Municipality – administer the Local Capital Improvement Program – Grant (LoCIP – Grant)**



[FY 26 DRIP Program Grant Listing by PSO](#) 📄

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[DRIP Program Best Practices](#) 📄

**Annual Reporting Submission – Due September 1st**



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**Public Act 25-174 Section 131**

**DRIP Program Best Practices**

**PSO CEO Certification due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Direct Grant – PSO Administered Grant**

**Annual Reporting – September 1<sup>st</sup>**



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