State of Connecticut



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Regional Performance Incentive Program Application Guidelines

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Program Objective

The objective of the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) is to encourage municipalities to participate in voluntary regional shared services that have the potential to lower tax property burdens, produce measurable economies of scale, provide desired or required public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with the provision of such services. Eligible applicants currently include any regional council of governments (COG) organized under the provisions of <u>C.G.S. § 4-124i to 4-124p</u>, inclusive; and any regional educational service center (RESC) as defined in <u>C.G.S. §10-282</u>; or any combination thereof.

Funding for RPIP is provided under <u>CGS Section 4-66k</u> utilizing a portion of hotel and car rental taxes.

Application Instructions:

Please email the completed application, required attachments and forms (all in pdf format) to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) at <u>OPMRPIP@ct.gov</u> Include CC: to legislators representing participating municipalities or boards of education.

The subject line of the email should read: "RPIP Application – (insert Applicant Organization Name)".

Please ensure the entire email submission is less than **10MB** as this reflects the agency's server limitations. Applicants should work to ensure there are not additional IT limitations on their end.

An automatic confirmation email receipt for each application received will be sent.

Compliance

All RPIP-funded projects are subject to all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and municipal bylaws. Depending on the nature of the project to be funded with a RPIP grant, certain projects may require additional reviews, evaluations, permits, approvals and or certifications, including but not limited to: Connecticut 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; 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 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.

When are applications due?

There is no deadline for submitting applications for RPIP proposals. Applications will be reviewed in accordance with <u>CGS Section 4-124s</u>, as amended by <u>Public Act 21-2</u>, <u>S.177 (JSS)</u> and established OPM Guidance. Awards will be dependent upon availability of funding.

What happens next?

Applications will be reviewed by OPM and considered for awards, based on a competitive process and availability of funds.

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