

Below is a list of towns which have chosen to opt-in to the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) as of 08/17/2023. When the STEAP program is re-opened for applications, these towns remain eligible to apply and shall remain eligible to apply through the date posted. If you have questions or wish to check the status of an opt-in request, please contact Martin.Heft@ct.gov

STEAP OPT-IN TRACKING SHEET

Town Name	Year of Opt-In Approved	Opt-In Good Thru (Eligible to Apply for STEAP)
Ashford	2020	4/6/2024
Beacon Falls	2020	8/12/2024
Brooklyn	2022	8/11/2026
Chaplin	2020	7/23/2024
Colebrook	2020	4/5/2024
East Haven	2023	8/7/2027
Plainfield	2022	8/8/2026
Preston	2022	8/11/2026
Plymouth	2022	8/2/2026
Stafford	2020	8/18/2024
Thompson	2023	8/15/2027
Voluntown	2020	8/11/2024
Winchester	2020	8/17/2024

If a town is eligible to opt-in to STEAP and wishes to do so but is not on the list depicted at the left, please read the information below as it includes important provisions which should be used to inform the town's decision. To see if a town is eligible to opt-in to STEAP [click this link](#).

Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted Plan are NOT eligible for either the STEAP program or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Municipalities which are designated as a PIC Community, and or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to Opt-In to the STEAP program as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. The Opt-in period shall be for four years, and during that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

STEAP OPT-IN PROVISIONS

Municipalities deemed eligible for the STEAP Opt-In provision may elect to be eligible for said program individually or as part of a group of municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under section 4-66c (Urban Act Grants), by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year periods in accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

It is important to note that once a municipality opts-in to the STEAP program, the opt in period lasts for four years from the submission date of the opt-in request. There is no provision to opt-out prior to the end of the four-year term.

Municipalities which have already opted in, and the term of the opt-in has not expired as of the due date for this application, do not need to submit an opt-in request to apply for STEAP. However, if an opt-in municipality is awarded a STEAP grant from this current round, the town must renew their opt-in if their current opt-in expires during the term of the grant.

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