

SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STEAP) OPT-IN MUNICIPALITIES 10.01.2024

STEAP OPT-IN		
MUNICIPALITY	OPT-IN APPROVAL	OPT-IN EXPIRES
Ashford	2024	6/17/2028
Beacon Falls	2024	6/3/2028
Brooklyn	2022	8/11/2026
Colebrook	2024	6/14/2028
East Haven	2023	8/7/2027
Griswold	2024	4/22/2028
Plainfield	2022	8/8/2026
Plymouth	2022	8/2/2026
Preston	2022	8/11/2026
Putnam	2024	9/3/2028
Scotland	2024	2/14/2028
Stafford	2024	7/3/2028
Thompson	2023	8/15/2027
Voluntown	2024	6/25/2028
Winchester	2024	6/17/2028

When the STEAP program is accepting applications, these municipalities remain eligible to apply and shall remain eligible to apply through the expiration date. For inquiries contact Undersecretary Martin.Heft@ct.gov.

Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted Plan are NOT eligible for either STEAP 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 STEAP as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan.

The Opt-in period shall be for four years. 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 [C.G.S. §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 along with the minutes 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 period 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. Reference: [C.G.S. §4-66g](#).

