FY 27 REGIONAL SERVICE GRANTS
STATEMENT OF WORK AND GRANT AWARD BUDGET

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COG's).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(CRCOG): RSG-027-01**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(CRCOG): $1,756,407.09**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and HB 5521 (2026) (enacted), and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, stormwater management/ flood mitigation services and municipal solid waste/ recycling services.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation, and VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning Budget Amount: $ 676,490.33

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Complete CRCOG's next two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for federal fiscal years 2028 and 2029.
2. Complete an update of CRCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
3. Assist municipalities in advancing selected LOTCIP projects from CRCOG's 2026 solicitation towards Commitment to Fund letters.
4. Continue to work to advance new projects under IIJA funding sources including discretionary grant programs.
5. Using SS4A grant funds, complete the CRCOG Safety Action Plan.
6. Support Vision Zero and regional transportation safety strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, including by participating in the Statewide Vision Zero Council and continuing to host a reformulated version of CRCOG's Vision Zero Task Force.
7. With CTDOT, Plainville, and New Britain, continue to work to progress the awarded "CTtrail Connections" RAISE Grant project through design and construction, which will complete the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail through Plainville, and to link that trail to the CT***fastrak*** trail in New Britain.
8. Continue to program LOTCIP funding, minimizing carryover amounts, and monitor legislation related to future LOTCIP bonding authorizations.
9. Continue working with CTDOT and CRCOG municipalities to help streamline LOTCIP program guidelines. Manage on-call consultants to assist CRCOG with LOTCIP project submission reviews and program management.
10. Continue to program and obligate federal STBG funding for municipally initiated projects. Work with CTDOT to ensure projects of regional significance are advanced through the STBG program and coordinated with the CTDOT Capital Plan.
11. Work with municipalities, CTDOT, and FHWA to advance TAP and CMAQ projects within the Capitol Region. Work with CTDOT on related solicitations as needed.
12. Provide technical assistance to towns to solve traffic problems, resolve project funding problems, and/or mediate transportation related design issues with CTDOT.
13. Continue to monitor regional traffic and congestion as part of a continuous Congestion Management Process.
14. Continue to work in coordination with CRCOG's GIS Department to utilize mapping and data analysis to visualize, assess, and communicate regional transportation data.

15. Continue to work with the City of Hartford, CTDOT, and other stakeholders to advance the Greater Hartford Mobility Program outcomes, including participation in various project related public/stakeholder involvement efforts, especially related to the GHMP's major transformative projects.
16. Continue to support CTDOT and affected communities' efforts to enhance the CT***rail*** Hartford Line Rail and CT***fastrak.*** With SCRCOG, continue to organize and host Fall and Spring Corridor Advisory Committee meetings supporting these efforts.
17. In partnership with CTDOT and CT***transit***, continue to advocate for implementation of recommendations from the Capitol Region Transit Priority Corridors Study and support the statewide Comprehensive Operations Analysis.
18. Continue to work with CTDOT to select and prioritize projects for funding under the FTA 5310 program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program).
19. Coordinate with CTDOT and recipients to ensure completion of necessary maintenance paperwork for Demand Responsive Transportation (Municipal Grant Program).
20. Continue to conduct biannual utilization counts at the Region's commuter park and ride lots. Update related data summaries.
21. Continue to work with municipalities and emergency responders to improve traffic incident management within the Hartford Urbanized Area, while exploring funding for and feasibility of a new statewide TIM Coalition framework that coordinates regular TIM Coalition meetings in each region of the state.
22. Complete the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Priority Network Plan (Priority Pathways) and Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study.
23. Continue coordinating with Public Safety to work to improve transportation-related response to emergencies.
24. Continue to work with UConn's Traffic Signal Circuit Rider Program to advance traffic signal management initiatives throughout the region.
25. Continue to participate in regional and project-specific traffic management discussions related to construction activities in the Greater Hartford Area.
26. In summer 2026, complete a report documenting CRCOG's federal performance management efforts to date and assure that fiscal constraint for the MTP and TIP is documented sufficiently.
27. Continue statutory planning responsibilities related to municipal referrals, regional POCD maintenance, and provide input on other CRCOG "core" plans to ensure alignment with State and regional POCDs.

28. Track progress on POCD implementation of goals and actions.
29. ***Offer land use commissioner training opportunities*** through CRCOG and/or with other organizations; proactively share other opportunities across the state to help ensure local commissioners can obtain their required training hours.
30. Continue to expand land use commissioner network.
31. Increase participation from local planning and economic development professionals in CRCOG's quarterly ***Planning and Development Forum*** by improving promotion, curating topics and presenters on relevant planning issues, and fostering roundtable discussions to provide opportunities for peer-to-peer learning.
32. Complete municipal outreach visits with the remaining 6 communities.
33. Support complete streets, safe streets, vision zero, and the expansion of the regional pedestrian and bicycle network.
34. Promote and work with interested communities and Veo, CRCOG's provider, to expand the use of CRCOG's shared ***Regional Micromobility*** program.
35. Working with the **CEDS Implementation Committee,** implement our prioritized workplan to:
    a. *Focus CEDS Implementation Committee on convening and educating*
    b. *Host quarterly sub-regional economic development roundtables to provide opportunities for informal discussion, solutions, and connections.*
    c. *Identify and initiate ongoing opportunities to support municipalities and partners in economic development through best practices, workshops, events, and a quarterly newsletter.*
    d. *Establish an economic development component of the "Capitol Region Indicators" data dashboard.*
36. Advance CRCOG's role as the ***EDD*** for the region by cultivating CRCOG's relationship with EDA, identifying potential projects suitable for EDA funding, and promoting EDA funding opportunities to member municipalities.
37. Update TOD Development Tracker.
38. Consider next steps for TOD planning in the region including potential strategies from past studies and assisting communities who are interested in opting into the CT Municipal Development Authority program with CRCOG's new CMDA liaison.
39. Continue to develop and carry out the ***Capitol Region Brownfields Program.***

a. Contingent on funding from EPA, continue to manage both the Assessment and Revolving Loan Fund grants.
b. Continue to implement this program to proactively seek out and prioritize projects (including updating and expanding the existing brownfield inventory) in coordination with the Steering Committee.
c. Close out first Arrowhead loan next fiscal year.

40. Continue advancing EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) by substantially progressing the final Status Report phase and working to advance actions identified in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).
41. Finalize the ***Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study*** and present information to planners, land use commissions, and submit a session to the Southern New England Planning Association.
42. Continue fostering interest in the planning profession by continuing to offer internship opportunities and hosting Sustainable CT Fellows (including 2 more in Summer 2026).
43. Identify topics of interest and/or concern within member communities and publish easily digestible research papers on these issues – 2026 potential topics include legislative changes related to land use, "utility" scale solar, etc.
44. Continue to help member municipalities seek funds and support municipal grant applications that advance regional plans and policies.
45. Continue to provide planning and implementation assistance to municipal staff and explore how publications, other research, and/or services for CRCOG towns can bring additional value to member communities.
46. Continue representing CRCOG at various state and local committees and/or relevant meetings.
47. Other Comprehensive Planning needs as requested by our member towns or identified by CRCOG staff

II. Regional Services **Budget Amount: $ 470,305.63**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Continue to seek out new opportunities for inter-municipal service sharing and help identify funding sources to implement these programs and services for cost-savings and municipal efficiency, cooperative purchasing, and increased member participation.

2. Through CRCOG's Municipal Services Committee, offer member municipalities opportunities to learn about key topics related to effective local government operations through presentations and information sharing. Conduct periodic surveys, workshops, and research projects on behalf of member municipalities, and attend conferences and workshops to keep staff informed on relevant issues.
3. Develop additional offerings through CRCOG Municipal Services to include, but not limited to, additional software offerings. Respond to and pursue partnership opportunities that align with the goals and objectives of the Municipal Services Department.
4. Continue outreach to CRCOG member municipal staff through in-person site visits to access municipal needs and encourage collaboration on programs and services.
5. Continue to convene and encourage collaborative partnerships with and through CRCOG's HSCC, such as CLASS, Amplify, Attorney General and State of CT, and other human and/or social service organizations, on issues of importance to municipal leadership and Health and Human Services Directors (e.g., opioid and fentanyl epidemic, food insecurity, Fair Rent Commissions, and affordable housing).
6. Continue enhancing the CRCOG Municipal Resources webpage as a valuable tool for member use.
7. Continue administrative and technical support and program and service implementation of Shared Building and Code Enforcement.
8. Implement Shared Animal Control Officer grant with the towns of Tolland, Stafford and Willington.
9. If awarded, implement Shared Finance Officer grant.
10. Expand on SCRCOG, WestCOG, MetroCOG, NECCOG, NVCOG, and SECCOG collaborative partnerships to promote CRCOG's statewide regional fee-for-service programs.
11. Continue to administer the Governor's testing program for crumbling foundations.
12. Continue to support municipalities affected by crumbling foundations as directed by the Ad-Hoc Working Committee and the Municipal Services Committee.
13. Continue to advance the HUD remediation program and publicize homes that have been remediated.

14. Continue to expand and administer VOIP program services.
15. Work with Novus Insight to offer additional services over the Nutmeg Network that fit into the overall service sharing strategic plan developed by the Municipal Services Department.
16. Continue to administer and expand program and service offerings through CRCOG's Regional Online Permitting System program.
17. Continue to administer and expand program and service offerings for fiber/broadband.
18. Offer webinars and training sessions for Chief Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officials regarding cybersecurity, AI, and data privacy policies.
19. Promote Cybersecurity Services available through Novus Insight, LLC and the Cybersecurity Model Polices, training opportunities, and IRP development. Continue to support the Cybersecurity Task Force and other vested interests to stay ahead of Cybersecurity risks and expand the offering of the Cybersecurity Program.
20. Continue administration of the Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) Program, and expand program offerings, as directed by the CRPC executive committee and other interested members. This year, the Treated Road Salt bid was expanded to include Untreated Road Salt as well for various towns who utilize this item.
21. Promote membership with the CRPC to all municipalities and public agencies in the state. Attend professional procurement meetings to inform them of CRPC activities and acquire knowledge to enhance cooperative opportunities through CRPC.
22. Promote and administer the job order contracting program.
23. Continue pursuit of state agency partnerships with CRCOG's cooperative purchasing programs.
24. Continue to monitor opportunities within the Natural Gas marketplace and evaluate potential opportunities for the consortium and if marketplace conditions are favorable, revitalize the consortium.
25. Implement the updated Brand and Style guide across channels and continue to work with staff to improve engagement efforts and promote public participation.
26. Improve CRCOG Communications across all channels.

27. Highlight the impact of CRCOG's digital marketing efforts. Benchmark return on investment (ROI) with key performance indicators (KPIs) for CRCOG's website and social media marketing efforts.
28. Continue CRCOG staff training and support of the new website to increase consistency, proficiency, and effectiveness.
29. Continue to support CRCOG's Regional Parcel Viewer and data portal and continue to make improvements to its data and functionality.
30. Continue adding automatic Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) data processors in member municipalities.
31. Add town-specific data layers upon request.
32. Leverage ArcGIS Portal to enhance functionality and feedback capabilities.
33. Maintain and update regional GIS datasets such as land use and zoning.
34. Continue to add dashboards and StoryMaps as well as metrics measured in current dashboards and data repositories.
35. Other Regional Services as identified by CRCOG staff or requested by members.

36. Administer and implement the DEEP Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant, including quarterly Grant Progress Reports and Financial Reports.
37. Staff and administer CCSWA.
38. Administer and implement the DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) grant for regional food waste/organics collection, processing, and equipment.
39. Seek effective and sustainable opportunities and strategies to advance regional waste management and diversion programs, services, and education and outreach.
40. Continue to explore viable and sustainable medium-and long-term opportunities and strategies, regarding waste management and diversion in the region.
41. Continue to explore, support, fund, implement, promote, and/or administer additional waste management and diversion opportunities and strategies in the region, including textile recycling, extended producer responsibility, food waste/organic materials, and other viable and sustainable waste-related programs and services.
42. Implement regional recycling and waste diversion educational and outreach program.

43. Other Solid Waste Activities as requested by our towns or identified by CRCOG staff.

III. Municipal Technical Support Budget Amount: $ 209,611.13

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Continue to work through the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council to help member municipalities with public safety and homeland security planning, training and exercising.
2. Complete work on the FFY 2023 and FY 2024 Homeland Security, MMRS, and HAZMAT projects.
3. Commence work on the FY 2024 and 2025 Homeland Security, MMRS, and HAZMAT projects.
4. Continue to facilitate all Emergency Support Functions (ESF's).
5. Continue to submit grant applications for the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps and Capitol Region Metropolitan Medical Response System.
6. Continue to manage Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding to include planning, training and exercising.
7. Continue to enhance the Regional Emergency Support Plan and work with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to standardize across all regions.
8. Continue to maintain the Get Ready Capitol Region citizen preparedness Facebook page and website.
9. Continue adding Community Emergency Response Teams in member communities and conduct regional training sessions for volunteers.
10. Continue work on the public safety centered service sharing projects.
11. Continue to hold training sessions (particularly ICS 30 and 400, FEMA 402) and conduct exercises.
12. Review and update of regional plans (including the Regional Emergency Support Plan, Blue Plan, Training and Exercise Plan and Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan).
13. Other Municipal Technical Support needs as requested by our towns or identified by CRCOG staff.

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ 200,000**

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Continue work on the ***Regional Housing Strategy.*** *Anticipated deliverables include: 4 trainings, data "toolkit" topics, 16 site suitability analysis, and a framework for regional approaches.*
2. Establish a housing working group that meets regularly for information sharing, regional policy setting, and updates related to the Housing Growth Plans.
3. Participate in OPM/COG meetings and continue to lead InterCOG meetings to understand and educate CRCOG municipalities on state decisions and efforts.
4. Conduct and/or contract to complete Housing Needs Assessments for each CRCOG municipality.
5. Educate and prepare "developable land" information for communities and to advance allocation of affordable housing goals.
6. Participate in training and/or discussions related to housing to support the creation of feasible Housing Growth Plans.
7. Collaborate with CRCOG's member municipalities to establish and disseminate Recommended Affordable Housing Goals by the June 1, 2027 deadline.
8. Draft CRCOG's workplan to accomplish the Housing Growth Plan requirements.
9. Compile a menu of potential strategies to address requirements that must be considered in HGPs, to be used later in supporting communities during plan development.
10. Coordinate educational opportunities for chief elected and appointed officials, land use commissioners, and municipal staff to better understand the importance of housing attainability.
11. Collaborate with housing professionals, nonprofit partners, and experts in housing to bolster CRCOG's Housing Growth Planning.
12. Assist towns in establishing Fair Rent Commissions and continue to explore the possibility of sub-regional fair rent commissions.
13. Other Housing related activities as requested by our towns or identified by CRCOG staff.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation **Budget Amount: $ 200,000**

***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Finalize the Regional Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study.
2. Conduct a stormwater utility "road show" for municipalities to be able to discuss one-on-one what utilities are and their benefits to local revenue sources and capital planning.
3. Create "one-pager" about stormwater utilities.
4. Continue participating with InterCOG MS4 working group, leading water quality and stormwater utility sub-groups.
5. Work to engage member municipalities to implement mitigation activities identified in the Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation and Climate Adaption Plan (NHMCAP) and conduct annual reviews and evaluations of local progress.
6. Assist with implementation of the PROTECT grant.
7. Assist towns in implementing and contracting based on the catch basin cleaning bids and other bids related to stormwater.
8. Other Stormwater and Flood mitigation activities as requested by our towns or identified by CRCOG staff

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ 0

*** Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

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PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(MetroCOG): RSG-27-02**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(MetroCOG): $1,102,499.61**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and HB 5521 (2026) (enacted), and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, stormwater management/ flood mitigation services and municipal solid waste/ recycling services.

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PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation, and VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning **Budget Amount: $ $255,000**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development – 2025 update;
2. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – maintain 2024 update
3. Regional Zoning referrals;
4. Technical Advisory Committee (Conservation, Geospatial, Economic Development) coordination;
5. Coordination on Plans of Conservation and Development (Regional/Municipal);
6. Municipal Transportation and Transit Planning Assistance;
7. Regional Environmental Planning, including resilience, brownfields, and green infrastructure;

8. Support professional development, education and training; OR
9. Regional Land Use, economic development, and infrastructure planning.

II. Regional Services **Budget Amount: $ $272,499.61**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Continue development of the regional electronic content management system, document management, and municipal digital business process creation;
2. Regional GIS program – including web parcel viewers, municipal viewers, data collection and analysis, continued maintenance/support, and oblique imagery collection;
3. Regional Economic Development website;
4. Solid Waste Coordination/Assistance/Planning;
5. Municipal Utility Cost Profiles and sustainability measures ; OR
6. Small Business Services and Support.

III. Municipal Technical Support **Budget Amount: $ $175,000**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. State and federal grant identification, coordination, writing, and administration/management;
2. Mapping, data analysis, and web-based application development for municipal projects/programs;
3. Land use training; OR
4. Regional Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study;

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ 200,000**

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Establish and Manage Regional Housing Technical Advisory Committee/Working Group;
2. Conduct Municipal/Regional Existing Conditions Housing Assessment;
3. Coordinate Developable Land Inventory ;
4. Oversee Municipal/Regional Infrastructure Analysis (Road, Wastewater, Transit, Utility, etc.);
5. Initiate Municipal/Regional Housing Needs Assessments;
6. Coordinate on regional and local housing growth targets;
7. Participate in CTCOG Housing Working Group and OPM Housing Work Group; OR
8. Consultant Services for Housing Initiatives.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation **Budget Amount: $ 200,000**

***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Participate in MS4 COG Collaborative Working Groups - provide education and resources that support municipalities in complying with the MS4 permit;
2. Assessment and Expansion of Digital Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping;

3. Inflow and Infiltration Analysis;
4. Green Infrastructure Zoning and Building Best Practices;
5. Conduct Regional Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study;
6. Water Quality Monitoring & Impairment Mitigation;
7. Create Mobile Applications to Streamline Monitoring; OR
8. Consultant Procurement for MS4 and Stormwater Management Activities

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ 0
***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

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FY 27 Regional Service Grant
Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

CONCISE GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PROGRAM PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION):
The RSG Program provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: NECCOG Grant #: RSG 02705

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: $870,851.88

INTRODUCTION:

This Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget relate to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-66k and 4-66r and Section 8-31b. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is responsible for administering funds deposited to the Regional Planning Incentive Account, which is the source of RSG grant awards. Individual grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services.

The Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget are presented in the format prescribed by Statute in Part II below. The total dollar amount for each budget category is provided to the right of the category title. Each budget category is followed by a list of typical activities expected to be performed by COG staff and/or contractors, including administrative activities.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

I. Comprehensive Planning ($90,000)

1. Natural Hazard Mitigation Regional Plan Update - complete the regional plan update as required by FEMA - including the approval process with the State and FEMA, and;
2. Statutory Referrals - review and address referrals as required by statute, and;
3. Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance - to be used on one or all the activities as delineated in the NECCOG FY 27 approved UPWP Work Plan - RSG will supplement work not covered by our primary transportation planning and project assistance funds, and;
4. Provide direct planning assistance to Towns as requested or by agreement including development of Plans of Conservation and Development.
5. Manage and expand the Regional Economic Development Strategy

II. Regional Services ($300,000)

a. Intergovernmental Relations - NECCOG will continue to represent the region in a range of forums and organizations - as well as the actions/activities of the Legislature, Census, Workforce Development Board, Water Resources Board, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, State Government, Congress and Federal Government Agencies that have impacts on the member towns of NECCOG, and;

b. Crumbling Foundations - NECCOG will continue work, in partnership with the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Ad-Hoc Working Committee for Crumbling Foundations on this matter. Additionally, the Executive Director reviews reports and attends necessary meetings, including the board of the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc. (CFSIC) to address this issue, and;

c. Regional Property Revaluation Program - NECCOG will continue to administer this regional program for participating towns, and;

d. Regional GIS Services**:**

   i. Regional Viewer - Continue to maintain and expand as needed NECCOG's regional GIS Viewer, and;

   ii. Assessor Property Viewer/Updates - Continue performing parcel updates for participating towns which contain multiple feature types including state, town, property, and easement lines as well as parcel, ROW, and easement polygons, and;

   iii. General Mapping Services - Continue to utilize ArcGIS, GPS and remote sensing, and spatial analysis software to create maps, plans and visualizations for municipal POCD, Buildouts, Open Space, Trails,

Transportation, Emergency Management and Economic Development Plans, and;

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iv. Asset Management Pilot - NECCOG GIS and Engineering staff will work with a small member municipality in developing an asset management system for retaining an inventory of a variety of transportation/public works assets such as drainage structures, guard rails, and traffic signs - integrating this data into our regional GIS Viewer, and;

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v. Tier II Viewer - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires annual submission of what is referred to as "Tier II forms" which are now manually (paper) maintained. This initiative will switch from manual information to e-based/enhanced with GIS to ensure quicker, safer response.

e. Regional Paramedic Intercept Program - Continue to support the administration and technical aspects of this regional program to provide ALS service to the region, and;

f. DEMHS Region IV Emergency Planning - Assist DEMHS Region IV and member towns with non- pandemic emergency planning support, Executive Director is an active member of the Regional Emergency Management Steering Committee, and;

g. Regional Environmental Depot - Continue to seek feasibility funding and continue project research, and;

h. Regional **Animal Services Program**

i. Assist with the general administration of the program, and;

ii. Fund initiatives to enhance program services, and;

h. Regional Engineering Program - Continue program for NECCOG generally and for participating towns individual Needs, and;

i. Regional Grants Management - Assist towns in identifying, writing, administrating, and compliance with state, federal, and private grant opportunities, and;

j. Eastern Connecticut Enterprise Corridor Administration

i. Continue to administer the EDD - serving as the primary contact for this program bringing potential businesses to locate within the Corridor and assist existing businesses expand, and;

ii. Develop and manage the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the information portal, and;

k. Regional Town Administrator Program – Provide full direct administrative support for at least three towns including but not limited to; human resources, municipal finance, labor and contract negotiations, grants, meeting organization, budget preparation, policy review and updates, representation with various support organizations and any other tasks assigned by the First Selectmen, and;

l. Human Resources Program – provide direct support to participating Towns.

III. Municipal Technical Support - ($80,851.88)

NECCOG will continue to provide individualized assistance for its member towns with any question, problem, or request for assistance. These will include, but not be limited to:

a. FOI training, policy and strategy
b. Grant identification, writing, and administration
c. Land Planning and Enforcement
d. Assistance with state/federal agencies
e. Town Office management assessment including job descriptions
f. Economic development assistance and research
g. State or local road traffic counts
h. Board commission training
i. By-law, Ordinance, Charter development
j. Legislative proposals
k. Census and other demographic data
l. Meeting facilitation
m. Municipal finance and human resources help desk

IV. Housing ($200,000)

Expected work activities include some or all of the following:

1. Evaluation/Interpretation of new Special Session Act 25-1, directing Towns and COGs for the planning and development of additional housing. Working with other COGs and OPM to outline tasks and performance deliverables required by the new legislation.
2. Make necessary communications and presentations to member Towns regarding new regulation and planning requirements of the new legislation. Work with each member Towns appropriate Boards and Commissions to provide technical assistance to complete required tasks.
3. Inventory existing “Affordable Housing” on a Regional and Town by Town basis, applying the definition of “Affordable Housing” in the Act.
4. Provide planning and technical assistance to determine the appropriate housing needs for the region and each member community.
5. Develop regional housing plans by the required target dates.
6. Utilize outside contractors as necessary to assist the COG and Towns in accomplishing any or all the activities outlined.

V. Stormwater/Flood Mitigation ($200,000)

Expected work activities include some or all of the following:

1. Designate a NECCOG staff member as Regional Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation Coordinator (RSMFMC). This may require recruitment, hiring, and training of new staff.
2. Assist Towns in Inventory and mapping of existing stormwater structures. This task may require outside contractors under the direction of the RSMFMC.
3. Identify stormwater and flooding impacts to member communities. This task may include the use of outside contractors.
4. Coordinate with local, regional, and state programs to develop long term maintenance, repair and replacement of stormwater structures to mitigate flooding.
5. Develop and incorporate all Stormwater/Flood Mitigation research, data, and actions into the Regional Hazardous Mitigation plan. This task may require outside contractors including resources at CIRCA (Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation).

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PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(NHCOG): RSG-26-06**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(NHCOG): $488,097.53**

INTRODUCTION:

This Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget relates to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-66k and 4-66r and Section 8-31b. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is responsible for administering funds deposited to the Regional Planning Incentive Account, which is the source of RSG grant awards. Individual grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services.

Each COG shall complete its Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget following the format and budget categories prescribed in Part II below. The total dollar amount for each budget category shall be provided to the right of the drop-down box. Each budget category shall be followed by a listing of typical activities expected to be performed by COG staff and/or contractors, including administrative activities.

PART II – FY 26 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Select From Dropdown shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, and III. Municipal Technical Support.

I. Comprehensive Planning Budget Amount: $ $195,239.02

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Comply with statutory planning responsibilities including review, update and implementation of the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, review of zoning and subdivision proposals for intermunicipal impacts along town boundaries, and review of municipal plans of conservation and development;
2. Provide technical support, continuing education, and workshops for various local land use related entities and staff;
3. Maintain/update website and social media presence and information sharing;
4. Implement the region's 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in support of the region's Economic Development District (EDD);
5. Provide staff support to conservation organizations including support for preservation initiatives involving land trusts, municipalities and other stewardship partners;
6. Support the Rural Health Resources Initiative to support the multi-faceted health resource network for municipal and constituent quality of life improvements region-wide;
7. Encourage municipal participation in the Sustainable CT municipal certification program and continue to host Sustainable CT Fellows to assist municipalities in gaining and maintaining sustainability improvements and recognition;
8. Continue ongoing outreach to members via in-person site visits to coordinate individual needs, provide assistance, and generate potential regional solutions, including RPIP;

9. Participate and coordinate with other COGs on an as-needed basis for planning and services including regional initiatives that may cross over boundaries of adjacent COG regions;
10. Implement other regional plans when necessary including the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; OR
11. Administrative activities associated with Comprehensive Planning tasks.

II. Regional Services Budget Amount: $ $195,239.02

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Manage the program, equipment needs and finances of the regional Public Works Equipment Collaborative including semi-annual meetings of Road Supervisors, Town Engineers and Public Works Directors in the region;
2. Continue to provide regional cost sharing opportunities to achieve economies of scale for materials such as chip sealing, crack sealing, full depth reclamation, plow blades and road salt through competitive bidding pricing as needed;
3. Continue to provide for regional engineering services acquired through competitive bid pricing;
4. Assist the region with waste stream management, including MSW, organic waste diversion practices and other recycling opportunities as they develop and to find new shared approaches to achieve efficiencies;
5. Coordinate and staff multiple annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days within the region;
6. Conduct outreach to encourage private investment in CEDS initiatives including the Day Trips Guides and local business directory intended to support businesses that rely on tourism;
7. Support Regional Food Hub and other food sharing programs and regional social and health resource service programs;
8. Support the promotion and ongoing development of the region's events, destinations, and jobs website;
9. Facilitate and lead periodic Economic Development events in the region, including an annual Economic Development Forum;
10. Provide regional GIS services in-house with sufficient staffing and software/hardware support functions and/or consultant oversight;

11. Assess opportunities for additional regional services; OR
12. Administrative activities in support of Regional Service tasks.

III. Municipal Technical Support Budget Amount: $ $97,619.49

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Assist municipalities with requests for information and services, including affordable housing, planning and zoning, GIS services, and general policies and procedures;
2. Offer training workshops for municipal officials, particularly land use officials in partnership with allied organizations to fulfill state statutory requirements;
3. Development of a regional document sharing library for municipal assistance in goals and policy development at the local level (HR, Public Works, Town Management, etc.);
4. Engage with contractors to assist with regional shared services as needed;
5. Provide staff support for the NHCOG Legislative Committee and participate with partner organizations as needed;
6. Continue to provide research, support or services to members that can bring additional value or service capability to members and their constituents;
7. Encourage or assist members in the implementation of mitigation strategies and harden infrastructure as identified in the regional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan;
8. Aid, if necessary, with Homeland Security and Emergency Support Functions beyond the basic service levels outlined in each funding package;
9. Provide other Local Technical Assistance at the request of municipal members; OR
10. Administrative activities associated with Municipal Technical Support functions.

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FY 27 REGIONAL SERVICE GRANTS
STATEMENT OF WORK AND GRANT AWARD BUDGET

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(NVCOG): RSG-27-04**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(NVCOG): $1,227,756.06**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, and a stormwater management / flood mitigation or municipal solid waste / recycling services coordinator.

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PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, and either V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation or VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning Budget Amount: $ 450,000.00

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Conduct Regional Studies and Plans.
    a. Continue to develop and complete the NVCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD) as required by CGS 8-35a.
    b. Assist municipalities with Transit Oriented Development.
    c. Conduct Regional Housing Needs and Gap Assessment.
    d. Work on the Kinneytown Dam Remediation & Removal Project.
    e. Conduct Watershed Planning Studies.
    f. Maintain Open Space Inventory.
    g. Implement municipal tree canopy support program.
    h. Stormwater & MS4 assistance to municipalities.
    i. Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning.
    j. Expand NVCOG's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Program and Policies.
    k. Complete Annual Reports.
    l. Establish and update Environmental Justice Policies, Programs, and Studies.
    m. Conduct Regional Land Use Identification and Analysis.
    n. Implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.
    o. Comply with Connecticut General Statutes §7-100l.

2. Perform and complete community-based comprehensive studies and plans.
    a. Prepare Neighborhood Plans.
    b. Environmental Review Team Analyses.
3. Support and promote professional development, education, and training within the region.
    a. Organize and host Lunch and Learn sessions and coffee hours on relevant regional topics and issues, such as:
        i. Land use
        ii. Housing
        iii. Geographic Information Systems
        iv. Data
        v. Environment
        vi. Sustainability
    b. Disseminate Land Use Brief(s).
    c. Create and distribute Newsletter(s).
    d. Offer Public Training Opportunities.
    e. Offer Citizen Planner Training Opportunities.
    f. Host Environmental Sustainability Forum(s)
    g. Conduct Municipal Environmental Training(s).
    h. Conduct Brownfield Training(s).
    i. Host Regional Listening Sessions.
    j. Conduct Internal Training Opportunities

4. Administration

    a. Create NVCOG Newsletter to disseminate information about RSG tasks.
    b. Maintain NVCOG Website with pertinent information about RSG tasks.
    c. Create and maintain GIS Data Management Plan.
    d. Respond to FOIA requests.
    e. Attend internal NVCOG meetings to coordinate RSG tasks.
    f. Manage projects undertaken by staff and/or consultants.
    g. Manage and develop staff working on RSG tasks.
    h. Build regional planning capacity through participation in conferences, events, and meetings.
    i. Prepare the RSG Statement of Work and Annual Report.

5. Support RSG work products with data and GIS analyses.
6. Support RSG work products with community engagement and communication.
7. Conduct environmental studies, analyses, and projects to understand current environmental opportunities and challenges.
8. Conduct land use studies, analyses, and projects to understand current land use opportunities and challenges.
9. Conduct Housing Studies, analyses, and projects to understand current housing opportunities and challenges.

II. Regional Services **Budget Amount: $ 175,000.00**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Assess potential regional and intermunicipal impact of land use decisions through the statutory referral processes.
2. Participate in state, regional, and local decision making as members and representatives of the region in various settings, including, but not limited to meetings for:
    a. Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association
    b. NARC Housing Committee
    c. NARC Diversity & Equity Officers Working Group
    d. State, Regional, and Local working groups
    e. Local Outreach to NVCOG's member municipalities and participation in their associated events.
    f. Community Based Organizations
    g. Western CT Water Utility Coordinating Committee
    h. Water Planning Council Advisory Group
    i. Governor's Climate Change Council
    j. CEJAC
    k. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
    l. CT Trail Census
    m. SolSmart
    n. Community Based Organizations such as Save the Sound, Housatonic Valley Association, etc.

o. Key stakeholder and shareholder engagement, including community-based organizations, academic institutions, etc.
p. NARC Communications Committee
q. MPO Diversity Committee
r. Steering Committee for CTGIS Network
s. Intrastate working groups in GIS and Data science based in New England or nationally.
t. Work with CT OPM GIS Office.
u. Provide feedback on products and programs from the U.S. Census Bureau.
v. Cumulative Impacts Mapping Advisory Committee (DEEP/CIRCA)
w. CTCOG
x. CCM
y. COST
z. CEDAS
aa. Chambers of Commerce
bb. AdvanceCT
cc. CT Main Street
dd. Capitol Region Purchasing Council
ee. Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council
ff. Regional Emergency Planning Teams (REPTs)

3. Regional Shared Services Program

a. Identify new opportunities for intermunicipal coordination.
b. Assist in drafting Intermunicipal Agreements for shared services between 2 or more municipalities.
c. Research opportunities for sharing law enforcement resources and capital facilities.
d. Investigate new shared capital construction, major equipment, and mutual aid agreements.
e. Investigate opportunities for consolidation of wastewater treatment facilities and/or operations.
f. Work to develop, implement, and create a regional waste authority.
g. Develop the scope of a Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy.

   h. Investigate regional Unit-Based Pricing for MSW.
   i. Conduct surveys and outreach to municipalities to determine unmet needs.
   j. Work with the Office of Telecommunications and Broadband to incorporate incentives for regional broadband projects and work with municipalities to pursue this funding.
   k. Work with municipalities on regional efforts related to Opioid Settlement funds.
   l. Provide support for Regional Election Advisor Program.
   m. Administer the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP).
4. Staff and support regional committees that are advancing regional efforts, including, but not limited to:
   a. Regional Land Use Technical Advisory Committee
   b. Regional Housing Committee
   c. Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee
   d. Open Space Group
   e. Regional Brownfield Partnership (RBP)
   f. Civic Engagement Committees
   g. CEDS Strategic Advisory Board
   h. Regional Fire Training School Committee
5. Regional Brownfields Partnership Program & Management
   a. Municipal Brownfield Support
   b. Brownfield Data Collection
   c. Grant Writing
   d. Project Administration/Oversight
   e. Community Outreach
   f. Brownfield Data Online Viewer
6. Provide regional shared service planning activities.
7. Track, analyze and disseminate relevant legislation.
8. Coordinate a Regional Geographic Information Services (GIS) Program.
   a. Support regional data sharing and information exchange and serve as central GIS data warehouse.
   b. Maintain and update municipal parcel map.
   c. Provide demographic data for municipalities.
   d. Prepare maps for municipalities as requested.

e. Share data via the NVCOG website.
f. Create updated information on sidewalks, pedestrian facilities, and trails in the region.
g. Provide access to regional economic conditions, including tourist locations and places of mass congregation.
h. Maintain a regional open space database.
i. Maintain locations for emergency management and climate resiliency.
j. Maintain and update regional land use data.
k. Annual Collection of Digital Parcel layers and CAMA reports for all municipalities in the region to submit to OPM.

9. Conduct composter and rain barrel sales.
10. Oversee, manage and staff the regional Household Hazardous Waste Program, with multiple events planned through SFY 2027.
11. Emergency Management Operations and Management.

III. Municipal Technical Support **Budget Amount: $ 202,756.06**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide technical support to member municipalities with local plans, studies, initiatives, grant applications, and inquiries, including but not limited to:
    a. Land Use
    b. Housing
    c. Comprehensive Planning
    d. Environmental
    e. Brownfields
    f. MS4
    g. Community Engagement
    h. Communications, Plan Design, and Dissemination
    i. Mapping & GIS
    j. Data
    k. Economic Development
    l. Grant Support
    m. Municipal efforts
    n. Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP)
    o. Floodplain Management

2. Offer technical support for municipal implementation and compliance with various state and federal requirements, including MS4, Aquifer Protection Areas, and the NFIP.
3. Develop and maintain planning libraries.
4. Update and maintain the NVCOG Data Dashboards and Downloads, as well as Demographic and Economic Forecasts.
5. Offer technical support with municipal Plans of Conservation and Development.
6. Coordinate between member communities and the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority on housing growth plans, zones, and projects.

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ $200,000.00**

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Prepare a Regional Housing Growth Plan in accordance with PA 25-1.
2. Conduct educational trainings on the components of Housing Growth Plan and present to elected officials, land use administrators, and land use commissioners.
3. Update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to comply with current data and legislative requirements of PA 25-1.
4. Develop a methodology for determining a regional developable land inventory in collaboration with municipal land use administrators.
5. Provide technical assistance to municipalities on housing related issues such as affordable housing education, legislative compliance, middle housing best practices, TOD opportunities, etc.
6. Create a Regional Housing Typology Guidebook.
7. Support RSG housing products with data and GIS analyses.
8. Support RSG housing products with community engagement and communication.
9. Coordinate between member communities and the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority on housing growth plans, zones, and projects.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation Budget Amount: $ $200,000.00

***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Offer an on-call certified Floodplain Manager.
2. Incorporate Low Impact Development ("LID") and Green Infrastructure ("GI") best management practices into all NVCOG programs and projects.
3. Identify municipal stormwater and MS4 compliance needs and develop assistance programs to help meet those needs.
4. Coordinate with other COGs and state agencies to develop and support inter-regional and statewide assistance programs for MS4 compliance where feasible and beneficial.
5. Aid municipalities in advancing LID, GI, and flood mitigation infrastructure projects.
6. Maintain a regional stormwater webpage that provides information, tools, and resources to municipal staff.
7. Provide technical assistance to municipalities on stormwater related issues.
8. Assist with municipal floodplain management.
9. Review local and regional plans and projects for inclusion of stormwater management and floodplain management best practices.

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ $0.00

***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. None.

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PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(RiverCOG): RSG-27-03**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(RiverCOG): $950,145.71**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and HB 5521 (2026) (enacted), and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, stormwater management/ flood mitigation services and municipal solid waste/ recycling services.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation, and VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning — Budget Amount: $ 300,000

Expected work activities include:

1. Implement adopted Regional Plan of Conservation and Development and State Plan of Conservation and Development. Amend / update the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, if necessary

2. Review of zoning and subdivision proposals for intermunicipal impacts and review of municipal plans of conservation and development

3. Staff the Regional Planning Committee, and provide technical, professional, and administrative services while responding to referral requests

4. Staff the Regional Economic Development Committee (REDC) and provide economic and community development technical assistance to member towns
    a. Continue Regional Municipal Economic Development Consultant Support Project
    b. Implement Brownfields Revitalization Program
    c. Develop and implement Greyfields Revitalization Program

5. Implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

6. Continue pursuit of a federally recognized Economic Development District from US EDA

7. Continue environmental planning work with our regional land trusts and municipalities, including the update of the Regional Conservation Plan and support work to implement plan recommendations

8. Support efforts to steward and protect natural resources and functions, agricultural production, and improve energy efficiency and adoption of clean energy

9. Provide contract services to regional organizations with mutual goals, such as working with the Connecticut River Gateway Commission on viewshed protections and preservation of the cultural, ecological, and scenic resources of the Connecticut River

10. Work on updates and implementation of regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans, and work with CIRCA and CT DEEP and others on other mitigation efforts as we respond to the effects of climate change

11. Maintain and expand regional and municipal GIS data and capabilities

12. Create maps to inform, support, and illustrate planning efforts

13. Create charts, graphics, and online tools (like data dashboards), that support planning efforts

14. Partner with OPM state GIO and others to address GIS data issues

15. Support regional transportation planning work, in coordination with other planning, outside of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program or LoTCIP program

16. Support regional housing planning work, in coordination with other planning, to supplement the use of restricted RSG housing funds, as necessary

17. Support regional stormwater planning work, in coordination with other planning, to supplement the use of restricted RSG stormwater funds, as necessary

18. Conduct public outreach and communications activities in support of comprehensive planning activities and projects, or

19. Engage contractors to assist with comprehensive planning, if needed

II. Regional Services Budget Amount: $ 200,000

Expected work activities include:

1. Work on regional document digitization to support shared staffing and departments
    a. Continue to work with municipalities to digitize document and workflows
    b. Participate in other regional and state efforts to create standards for digital building records and shared building officials
    c. Establish a common document management system that will support shared municipal functions

2. Staff and support the Regional Agriculture Council (RAC)
    a. Continue and expand RAC projects to support the region's farmers
    b. Support farmers selling more products online, at farmers markets, at farm stores and farm stands
    c. Support farmers seeking to initiate new regional projects or services, such as composting

3. Support efforts of local Sustainability Councils/ Committees
    a. Provide guidance, and technical assistance
    b. Coordinate with state and local partners such as the CT Green Bank, DEEP, Eversource, SustainableCT, etc.

4. Shared approaches to waste disposal and recycling
    a. Continue to work with participating municipalities and CT DEEP on the Regional Waste Authority Study, supplementing existing DEEP funding to address regional solid waste and recycling issues
    b. Continue the regional Household Hazardous Waste collections and paper shredding events

c. Work on regional solutions for solid waste, and organic waste diversion.
d. Work statewide on new and emerging product stewardship programs
e. Continue programs like the compost bin and rain barrel sales to preserve and protect natural resources
f. Support regional work with State waste, compost and recycling committees and continuing education.

5. Support Social / Human Services Coordination
    a. Including supporting the work of the Shore Line Basic Needs Taskforce
    b. Continue to support environmental justice for all residents
    c. Include equal opportunities in all contracts

6. Support Regional and Municipal Land Trusts
    a. Hold meetings of the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust and Land Trust Exchange on shared services between land trusts to ensure the resiliency of our conservation organizations and promote large landscape scale conservation.
    b. Work with private forest landowners on forest stewardship education and conservation projects.

7. Operate a regional aquatic invasive surveillance and removal project on the Connecticut River and other freshwater bodies in the region, coordinating with municipalities, landowners, DEEP, US Army Corps, and the CT Office of Aquatic Invasives

8. Emergency / Disaster Preparedness or
    a. Support DEMHS Regions 2, 3, and 4, as needed, on behalf of member municipalities
    b. Support regional natural hazard mitigation planning and plan implementation
    c. Assist with municipal applications for hazard mitigation funds
    d. Work with municipalities, state, and utilities on addressing dead and dying trees in the region

9. Conduct public outreach and communications activities in support of municipal services, or

10. Engage contractors to assist with regional shared services, if needed

III. Municipal Technical Support Budget Amount: $ 50,145.71

Expected work activities include:

1. Provide technical support on comprehensive planning, shared service projects, and statutory mandates to member municipalities; transit districts; state agencies, committees, and commissions; federal agencies; local, regional, and state non-profits; land trusts; federal and state legislative delegations; municipal legislative bodies; municipal land use commissions; and other statewide partners: including CTCOG, CT RC&D, CIRCA, Sustainable CT, and others

2. Provide training to RiverCOG and municipal officials and staff on relevant topics such as planning best practices, new state mandates and statutes, and regional services

3. Provide technical support and assistance to municipalities and partners in public engagement, outreach, and education efforts.

4. Advance programs to support new planners and increase diversity in the planning professionals

5. Provide expert assistance, such as IT technical support or legal fees to cover legal opinions for use by all member municipalities

6. Engage consultants for assistance with municipal technical support, if needed

7. Administer the RSG grant, provide reporting to OPM and the General Assembly, and work with OPM on the FY26 RSG grant report and FY28 Statement of Work

8. Research grant opportunities for municipal projects, and facilitate coordination with local partners to pursue federal, state, and local grant funding that supports regional initiatives, or

9. Engage contractors to assist with municipal technical support, if needed

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ 200,000**

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Staff the Regional Housing Committee and provide member municipalities with technical assistance and resources to better understand and address housing needs
2. Work on implementing housing strategies identified in the Regional Housing Plan, municipal CGS 8-30j plans, and other housing work required by statute
3. Work with municipalities to conduct a Regional Housing Needs Assessment
4. Conduct work on the Regional Housing Growth Plan as required by statute
5. Coordinate with COGs, municipalities, and State agencies on housing issues and strategies
    a. Continue discussions with legislators and CGA Housing and Planning and Development Committees on housing issues
6. Conduct trainings and create educational materials regarding housing needs and related topics
7. Promote awareness and understanding of housing challenges and planning strategies, or
8. Engage contractors to assist with housing planning, if needed

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation Budget Amount: $ 200,000
***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Work with member municipalities to identify priorities for stormwater and flood mitigation planning and response
2. Projects may address the following issues:
    a. Municipal Stormwater Permits (MS4)
    b. Mapping of stormwater infrastructure
    c. Water quality testing
    d. Illicit discharge detection and mitigation
    e. Research and education on stormwater and floodwater best practices
    f. Create and update digital pluvial flooding models for use in prediction of flooding from rain events
3. Engage contractors to assist with stormwater and flood mitigation, if needed

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ enter amount here
***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. If there is a need for additional funding to support the DEEP Regional Waste Authority project, funds may be transferred from Stormwater (V.) to Waste (VI.).
2. Engage contractors to assist with municipal solid waste and recycling planning, if needed

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STATEMENT OF WORK AND GRANT AWARD BUDGET

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(SCRCOG): RSG-27-07**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(SCRCOG): $1,348,501.80**

DESCRIPTION:
Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and HB 5521 (2026) (enacted), and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, stormwater management/ flood mitigation services and municipal solid waste/ recycling services.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, and III. Municipal Technical Support.

I. Comprehensive Planning **Budget Amount: $ $481,088.46**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in the areas of land use, transportation, economic development, environment, historic preservation, and housing planning;
2. Collaborate with other CT Councils of Governments (COGs) and participate in CTCOG meetings;
3. Review land use referrals and provide support to the South Central Regional Planning Commission (RPC);
4. Continue to track and disseminate legislation that promotes SCRCOG's Legislative Agenda as it pertains to comprehensive planning programs and services in our region;
5. Facilitate community conversations to engage residents on regional and local housing needs, opportunities, and strategies;
6. Attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration and build relationships to better support municipalities;
7. Develop a Regional Recreational Trails Master Plan, coordinating with municipalities to identify gaps and priority connections and provide a framework to support local planning, funding, and implementation;
8. Assess regional "community third spaces" to identify gaps and provide recommendations to support local planning, accessibility, and community connectivity;

9. Provide GIS mapping support to the region's municipalities;
10. Update and enhance the Regional Open Space and Recreational Trails Inventories and develop a regional open space planning framework to guide long-term investment, access, and connectivity across the SCRCOG region;
11. Attend local, regional, and/or federal conferences, workshops, and/or trainings for continued learning and professional development, including but not limited to the National Planning Conference and the Southern New England American Planning Association Conference;
12. Initiate the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update, including coordination with a selected consultant to support hazard identification, risk and vulnerability assessment, and evaluation of existing mitigation capabilities;
13. Initiate the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development update, including coordination with a selected consultant to assess regional conditions, review existing plans, and establish a data-driven framework for the plan update;
14. Coordinate and support regional and municipal efforts to advance climate resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability through technical assistance, partnerships, and alignment with funding opportunities & state initiatives;
15. Provided targeted assistance to municipalities in implementing requirements of Public Act 25-1 and other associated opportunities to support housing growth;
16. Compile Certified Asset Management Assessor (CAMA) data and submit to OPM;
17. Participate in UConn MPP/MPA Intern Program;
18. Collaborate and support the initiatives of Sustainable CT;
19. Provide support and/or serve as the lead agency for state and federal grants;
20. SCRCOG staff time to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks;
21. Purchase furniture and/or equipment to support the above tasks; or

II. Regional Services **Budget Amount: $467,413.34**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in the areas of grant writing/administration, information technology/cybersecurity, economic development, sustainability, and energy;
2. Provide grant writing/administration resources and maintain an updated list of relevant municipal grant opportunities to member municipalities;
3. Participate in the Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) and facilitate the SCRCOG Regional Purchasing Consortium to seek out new opportunities for regional collaboration to respond to the identified needs of the region;
4. Continue to track and disseminate legislation that promotes SCRCOG's Legislative Agenda as it pertains to municipal programs and services in our region.
5. Attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration and build relationships to better support municipalities;
6. Support economic development by offering peer-to-peer coaching or direct services to municipalities based on the market and organizational needs of the community, etc.;
7. Facilitate recurring municipal office hours and provide on-loan support to deliver direct technical assistance, coordinate follow-up support, and respond to identified municipal needs from member municipalities;
8. Coordinate regional energy and sustainability initiatives by connecting municipal staff to available programs and financing mechanisms for clean energy;
9. Implement action items related to the municipal shared services study;
10. Participate in UConn MPP Intern Program;
11. Implement Regional Performance Incentive Programs;
12. SCRCOG staff time to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks;
13. Purchase furniture and/or equipment to support the above tasks

III. Municipal Technical Support **Budget Amount: $ 0**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. N/A

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ 200,000.00**

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in advancing local and regional housing planning efforts, including implementation of the Regional Housing Growth Plan and alignment with state housing requirements;
2. Coordinate regional housing initiatives by facilitating inter-municipal collaboration and supporting municipalities in advancing housing growth strategies and priorities;
3. Assist in the development, update, and implementation of the Regional Housing Growth Plan and related planning documents, including research, data analysis, mapping, and coordination with member municipalities and consultants;
4. Provide technical assistance to municipalities on housing-related plans, policies, and zoning strategies, including best practices to support housing options;
5. Identify and analyze developable land across the region using GIS, mapping, and data tools to support housing planning efforts consistent with state requirements;
6. Monitor, interpret, and disseminate state and federal housing policy, legislation, and program updates, including coordination with OPM, DOH, and other relevant agencies;
7. Integrate housing considerations into broader regional planning efforts and attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration;
8. Collaborate with other CT Councils of Government (COGs) and participate in CTCOG housing-related meetings and initiatives;
9. SCRCOG staff time to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation Budget Amount: $ 0

***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ 200,000.00

***Budget categories V and VI combined cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in the areas of solid waste management, recycling, waste diversion, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and organics management;

2. Implement and support follow-up actions associated with the Regional Waste Authority (RWA) feasibility study, including evaluation of governance structures, planning implementation strategies, and coordination of municipal efforts to meet future regional waste disposal needs;

3. Attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration and build relationships to better support municipalities' waste diversion efforts;

4. Manage consultant activities related to site assessments, infrastructure needs, materials flow analysis, regulatory compliance, reporting, and public education and outreach initiatives;

5. Monitor, assess, and disseminate legislative and regulatory developments related to recycling, food waste diversion, organics management, EPR, waste reduction, landfill diversion, and statewide materials management initiatives;

6. Provide technical assistance, educational resources, templates, and implementation guidance to municipalities regarding waste diversion and management best practices, contamination reduction, and additional waste reduction strategies;

7. Develop communication materials including outreach toolkits, website content, municipal advisories, presentations, newsletters, briefing documents, and program status reports to support municipal engagement and public education;

8. Participate in SCRCOG Board, municipal, state, inter-COG, and working group meetings and provide technical support and presentations related to regional solid waste and recycling initiatives;

9. Convene Solid Waste Working Group to evaluate current waste collection, recycling and disposal practices and to identify strategies to minimize waste generation, increase diversion rates, enhance regional infrastructure and increase community outreach.

10. SCRCOG staff time and/or consultant led projects to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks;

11. Purchase furniture and/or equipment to support the above tasks.

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FY 27 REGIONAL SERVICE GRANTS
STATEMENT OF WORK AND GRANT AWARD BUDGET

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(SECCOG): RSG-27-08**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(SECCOG): $1,056,911.96**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, and a stormwater management/ flood mitigation or municipal solid waste/ recycling services coordinator.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECCOG) shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, and either V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation or VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning Budget Amount: $ 436,911.96

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development: Monitor implementation of 2017 plan and develop content for next plan.
2. Public Participation: Manage and update the SECOG website, purchase advertising and/or public participation platforms as needed. Host public participation events to include associated expenses such as publicity, venue, and refreshments, and may require purchasing access to online interactive platforms.
3. Regional Organizations: Support and participate in the work of organizations including the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, Eastern CT Tourism District, Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition, Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, health districts, Southeastern CT Enterprise region (seCTer), and watershed and environmental planning groups such as Avalonia Land Trust and Alliance for Mystic River Watershed.
4. Defense Industry: Coordinate ongoing implementation activities recommended by the 2017 Joint Land Use Study and subsequent studies in partnership with the Department of Defense, CT Office of Military Affairs, and municipalities adjacent to SUBASE New London, and prepare an update to the Joint Land Use Study, now referred to as a Compatible Use Plan.

5. Utilities: Support ongoing drinking water planning efforts including providing staff support to Eastern CT WUCC. Implement recommendations of 2019 regional wastewater plan. Update data in wastewater plan.
6. Resilience/Flooding: Implement activities recommended in SECOG's 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan/Resilient CT 2.0, including continued coordination around Yantic River flooding issues and pursuit of implementation grant funding. Update inventory of open space and implement open space plan activities. Identify funding for next HMCAP update.
7. Brownfields: Pursue grant funding and administer grant-funded activities to assess, remediate, and redevelop brownfield properties.
8. Supplement activities funded under 4. Housing
9. Coordinate regarding transportation projects, OR
10. Provide match to federal transportation planning grant funds (PL).

II. Regional Services **Budget Amount: $ 140,000**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide staff support to SECOG's Regional Human Services Coordination Council.
2. Staff the SECOG Board.
3. Referrals: Conduct review of proposed zone changes and projects of regional significance per CGS 8-3b and 4-124u.
4. Support the activities of the Region 4 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT).
5. Collect municipal GIS parcel data and transmit data to State, per CGS 7-100l.
6. Legislation: Develop annual legislative agenda, coordinate with members and legislators.
7. Coordinate efforts to address municipal solid waste challenges, including supporting an ad hoc Solid Waste working group and pilot programs to reduce MSW.

8. OR Grants Development: Submit applications for federal and state funding and administer grants as needed. Contribute in-kind labor for grants management and participation in steering committees.

III. Municipal Technical Support Budget Amount: $ 80,000

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Brownfields: Assist municipalities in obtaining and administering brownfields assessment/remediation funding, coordinate with resources including the Eastern CT Land Bank and UConn TAB program.
2. Host and supervise Sustainable CT summer fellows assisting SECOG towns with sustainability activities and certification.
3. Grants: Provide information to municipal CEOs and staff regarding grant opportunities, provide letters of support and other assistance to municipalities and other partner entities seeking grant funding.
4. Provide on-call services that may include assistance with GIS, IT, land use planning, and other areas as requested.
5. Apprentice program: Employ entry-level staff interested in working in municipal services and provide training under an apprenticeship program, OR
6. Shared Services: Maintain staff capacity to provide interim or ongoing technical assistance. Contract for legal counsel to advise on regional provision of municipal services.

IV. Housing Budget Amount : $ 200,000

***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Contract for legal and other services.
2. Develop Regional Needs Assessment and Recommended Affordable Housing Goals.

3. Coordinate with elected officials, municipal staff, and p&z commissioners regarding the Regional Housing Growth Plan Process.
4. Collect, prepare, and publish data and analysis regarding housing need, development constraints, infrastructure needs, fiscal impacts of development, barriers to housing production, and best practices for supporting access to housing.
5. Support the formation and activities of fair rent commissions, OR
6. Housing: Provide staff support to the Southeastern CT Housing Alliance, conduct housing plans and implementation tools.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation Budget Amount: $ 200,000
***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Provide technical support to municipalities pursuing the creation of stormwater authorities.
2. Provide leadership and administrative and technical support to SE CT Regional Stormwater Collaborative.
3. Develop data and provide training to municipal staff involved in MS4 work.
4. Coordinate programs and assist region's watershed groups.
5. Pursue grants and administer grant-funded activities, OR
6. Contract for services.

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ 0
***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. See #6 Regional Services

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FY 27 REGIONAL SERVICE GRANTS
STATEMENT OF WORK AND GRANT AWARD BUDGET

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: **Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG)**

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSION): Provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER: **(WestCOG): RSG-27-09**

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT: **(WestCOG): $1,398,828.36**

DESCRIPTION:

Per Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-66k and 4-66r, as amended by November Special Session Public Act 25-1 and Section 8-31b, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) administers RSG grants and service awards from the Regional Planning Incentive Account. Individual RSG grant awards are calculated through a statutory formula that is valid for five years. Such funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. Additional individual grants are assigned by law to fund positions and associated costs for the planning and development of housing, and a stormwater management/ flood mitigation or municipal solid waste/ recycling services coordinator.

PART II – FY 27 RSG Budget Categories

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

Select From Dropdown shall complete a selection or all of the work activities outlined below under the categories of I. Comprehensive Planning, II. Regional Services, III. Municipal Technical Support, IV. Housing, and either V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation or VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling.

I. Comprehensive Planning — Budget Amount: $ 115,000

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Land use referrals, planning/zoning/design assistance, including transportation systems;
2. Agriculture planning;
3. Sustainability planning, including for climate change, renewable energy, waste, and environmental quality;
4. Emergency/disaster planning and preparedness.

II. Regional Services — Budget Amount: $ 773,828.36

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Economic development and initiatives, including the WCEDD and CEDS;
2. Infrastructure (physical and digital);
3. Water quality programs/projects;
4. Access/mobility including for disabled/elderly;
5. Brownfield programs;
6. Capital projects;
7. Intergovernmental coordination;

8. Grant/program assistance/management;
9. Municipal training;
10. Emergency Preparedness and response planning.

III. Municipal Technical Support **Budget Amount: $ 110,000**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Data collection, research, analysis, reporting, and presentation, including accessibility, transition, and operations analysis and planning;
2. Development of/enhancement to digital systems (including GIS, communications, records, online services, cybersecurity, IT/IS);
3. Pollution prevention and control;
4. Energy management;
5. Financial operations and management.

IV. Housing **Budget Amount : $ 200,000**
***This budget category cannot exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Comprehensive regional housing planning, including local assistance.

V. Stormwater/ Flood Mitigation **Budget Amount: $ 200,000**
***Choose between Budget Categories V and VI, neither of which can exceed $200,000.**

Expected work activities include: (Expand list as necessary.)

1. Flood adaptation/mitigation;
2. Water programs.

VI. Municipal Solid Waste/ Recycling Budget Amount: $ 0