

Community



Connectivity

Grant Program

The Community Connectivity Program (CCGP), developed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, seeks to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians in urban, suburban and rural community centers. The primary program objective is to make conditions safer and more accommodating for pedestrians and cyclists, thereby encouraging more people to use these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel. A central goal of the Community Connectivity Grant Program is to facilitate social and economic opportunities to underserved communities by providing equitable levels of access to affordable and reliable transportation options. Underserved communities include low income households and individuals, minority populations, elderly, children, people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and or persons with disabilities. The CCGP will consider equitable transportation projects that impact the community's mobility and connectivity needs and in order to attain an equitable transportation network.

The **CCGP** provides construction funding for local initiatives that will contribute to reaching the overall goal of the broader Community Connectivity Program. Projects funded through the CCGP will allow municipalities to perform smaller scale capital improvements. The Department will administer the CCGP and will solicit applications for grants from municipalities. For Round 3, grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will range between \$125,000 and \$600,000.

Guidelines for the program and an electronic application can be found at: <http://ctconnectivity.com>. The Guidelines provide an overview of the CCGP and all the necessary details to complete an application for grant funding. Please note that this is a competitive process, where applications will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the application materials.

In order to be considered for award of a grant under this solicitation, Municipalities that were previously awarded a grant under the Community Connectivity Program must have progressed with their projects past the point of submission of Final Design and issued a Notice to Proceed or Authorization to Advertise their project by the date this solicitation is announced (August 28, 2020).

The application deadline for the current CCGP solicitation is **4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020**. Each Municipality will be allowed to submit **one** application.

All general inquiries regarding the Community Connectivity Grant Program should be directed to CTDOT.CCGP@ct.gov

All state and local roads are eligible for this Program.