

# TRANSPORTATION RURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TRIP) SCCOG 2024 SOLICITATION INFORMATION

Grants will be awarded to municipalities on a competitive basis statewide. The program has been authorized for \$5 million each year for three years. Within SCCOG, Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, North Stonington, Preston, Salem and Sprague are eligible rural municipalities.

## Project Eligibility

**Rural municipalities may apply for one grant per solicitation.** Eligible projects must have an estimated construction cost of between \$300,000 and \$2,000,000. In general, TRIP projects must be located on a roadway classified as a rural minor collector or higher on the [CTDOT Functional Classification Map database](#). Local roads and roads within the urban boundary are not eligible for TRIP grant improvements. Bridge improvements, multi-use trails, stand-alone sidewalk projects, and road rehabilitation projects are eligible. The [2023 CTDOT TRIP Program Guidelines](#) further define eligibility requirements and establish project criteria. Projects eligible for both TRIP and LOTCIP are encouraged to submit applications for both programs.

## Matching Requirements

TRIP funds the construction phase of authorized projects. The design costs are the responsibility of the municipality and count toward the local match. Local match may not be less than 20% except in distressed municipalities, which are exempt from the 20% requirement but still responsible for funding design.

## Solicitation Process

### Schedule

Milestone Date	Critical Activity	Responsible Party
November 7, 2024	Application Solicitation	issued by SCCOG
November 20, 2024	Information Session Virtual Meeting	by SCCOG & recorded (2:30-3pm)
November 27, 2024	Application Assistance Request	due to SCCOG
December 16, 2024	Draft Application Deadline	due to SCCOG by email (by 4pm)
January 3, 2025	COG Application Comments	due to Municipality from SCCOG
January 21, 2025	Final Application Deadline	due to SCCOG by email (by 4pm)
February 7, 2025	Final Application Forwarded	by SCCOG to CTDOT for review

Once SCCOG endorses applications, they will be sent to CTDOT for further review. CTDOT is the final decision maker, and SCCOG's applications will be ranked against all other eligible applications.

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## Information Session

An information session will be held to inform municipalities of available funding opportunities. This presentation will provide program information on application completion and an overview of the project scoring. A Question-and-Answer period will follow the presentation. Please bring your preliminary concepts and questions. Presentation recordings, solicitation documents, and links will be available on the SCCOG website. The info session for TRIP will be combined with the LOTCIP info session.

### Agenda

2:30pm TRIP Presentation

3:00pm LOTCIP Presentation

3:30pm Q&A

### Zoom Meeting

Topic: SCCOG 2024 LOTCIP Solicitation

Time: November 20, 2024, 2:30-4:00pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203518640>

Meeting ID: 852 0351 8640

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## Application Components

TRIP draft applications should be submitted on or before December 16, 2024 for SCCOG staff review. Application materials should be sent to Debra Pierce at [dpierce@seccog.org](mailto:dpierce@seccog.org). A completed application contains the following information:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Location Map – inclusive of property boundaries and project limits
- 3) Plan Set – at a minimum a concept plan, however submissions with engineered plans will be more competitive
- 4) Project Cost Estimate

## SCCOG Solicitation Role

COGs are tasked with assisting towns to develop competitive applications, however CTDOT will prioritize applications on a statewide basis. SCCOG solicits projects from towns and ensures submission to DOT within the program due date. **Final applications are due to SCCOG by January 21, 2025.** Projects not advanced under TRIP funding may be eligible for other funding. CTDOT will rank all applications received statewide.

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## SCCOG Application Assistance

CTDOT has authorized COGs to help prepare TRIP applications. Projects that implement regional plan recommendations are eligible for application development assistance. A list of eligible plan recommendations is provided [here](#). If your town would like to pursue a regional project recommendation, please contact [dpierce@seccog.org](mailto:dpierce@seccog.org) by November 27, 2024.