

Explainer



Government Funding Sources for the Production of Affordable Housing in Connecticut

The state of Connecticut and the federal government both provide funding for the production of affordable housing for the residents of the state. The federal government provides funds for housing production through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Much of this funding is given to the state to distribute to organizations or local governments.

The state of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is the agency that distributes most federal housing program funds. However, some federal housing funds are also awarded by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

HUD provides the bulk of its funding for affordable housing production through two major programs. One of those is its HOME Investment Partnerships Program; for the HOME program, HUD sends the funds to DECD, which is directed to distribute the funds to qualifying affordable housing projects. HUD also oversees compliance on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs (LIHTC). CHFA is charged with distributing the 4% and 9% LIHTC to eligible projects on behalf of the federal government.

HUD also provides funds for specialized housing production programs, including: the Section 202 program, which provides housing with supportive programs for low-income elderly households; the Section 811 program, which provides rental housing with supportive services for disabled persons; the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program (HOPWA), which provides housing that addresses the particular needs of those living with AIDS; the HOPE VI program, which provides funds to public housing authorities to rehabilitate or rebuild severely distressed public housing; and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which provides local communities with funds that may be used for community development purposes, including affordable housing.

HUD awards CDBG funds directly to entitlement cities and towns in the state and provides DECD

with Small Cities CDBD that the Department distributes on a competitive basis to the rest of the state's towns.

DECD also administers a number of state funded housing production programs, including the Affordable Housing Program (FLEX), the Housing Trust Fund and the Predevelopment Loan Fund. CHFA administers the state's Housing Tax Credit Contribution program and issues bonds for the Next Steps Initiative. In addition, CHFA provides mortgage financing for affordable multifamily development projects and administers funds from the Community Investment Act.

The following pages include profiles of the programs that provide the bulk of funding for the production of affordable housing in the state of Connecticut.

Programs that provide funding for the production of affordable housing in Connecticut include:

- Affordable Housing Program (FLEX)
- Community Investment Act (PA228/ SB410)
- CHFA Mortgage Financing for Multifamily Homes
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- HOPE VI Revitalization Grants
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program (HTCC)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for the State of CT
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit - 9%
- Next Steps Initiative
- Predevelopment Loan Program
- Section 202 Supportive Housing for Elderly Persons
- Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Entitlement Communities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Affordable Housing Program (FLEX)

Source of Funds:	State of CT General Obligation Bonds
Administered By:	State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)
Amount Available:	Approximately \$12 million a year available.
Amount Awarded:	Funds distributed as projects receive Bond Commission approval; all funds are usually distributed throughout the year.
Award Type:	Awarded as low-interest loans if project can sustain additional debt, otherwise awarded as a grant.
Eligible Activities:	Funds can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · acquisition; · rehabilitation; · new construction; · demolition; · homeownership; · multi-family rental housing; · adaptive re-use of historic structures; · special needs housing; · redevelopment of vacant properties; · infrastructure improvements; and · housing for individuals or families with incomes up to 100% of AMI.
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Municipalities; · Nonprofit Organizations; · Local Housing Authorities; and · For-Profit Organizations.
Notes:	<p>Projects must go through Bond Commission - process usually takes 6-12 months.</p> <p>DECD uses this money for projects that usually include home ownership due to 100% AMI allowance.</p> <p>DECD provides information on the FLEX program here: http://www.ct.gov/e cd /cwp/view.asp?a=1098&Q=253406</p>

CHFA Mortgage Financing for Multifamily Homes

Source of Funds:	Tax exempt and taxable bonds, and other sources as available.
Administered By:	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
Amount Available:	<p>CHFA's 2008 goals for multifamily financing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance the development of 188 new rental housing units. • Finance the preservation of 321 affordable expiring use units. • Finance the revitalization of 340 units in the Authority's purchased state portfolio. • Finance the development of 168 units of Next Steps supportive housing. • Fund the rehabilitation needs of the Authority's originated portfolio benefiting 891 rental units. • Fund the rehabilitation needs of the Authority's purchased state portfolio benefiting 916 rental units. • Fund the development and preservation of 44 units in special needs housing through the Authority's Group Home, Prison Release and Residential Care Home programs.
Amount Awarded:	Financed 1,284 multifamily units in 2007.
Award Type:	Loans
Eligible Activities:	<p>Financing is available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new construction and/or • moderate to substantial rehabilitation. <p>Housing may be designated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individuals, • families, • the elderly, or • people with special needs. <p>Generally, projects must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum of 25 dwelling units; • smaller projects of 10 to 24 units may be considered for non-profit organizations on a case-by-case basis. <p>At least 20% of units must be affordable, usually for households earning up to 80% AMI. No units for households earning over 150% AMI.</p>
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Profit Entities • For-Profit Entities
Notes:	<p>More information about CHFA's Mortgage Financing for Multifamily Housing can be found here: http://www.chfa.org/Multifamily/multifamily_RentalHousingProgram.asp</p>

Community Investment Act (PA228/ SB410)

Source of Funds:	\$30 Recording Fee for land transactions; \$26 sent to state and distributed between four programs, one of those programs is affordable housing
Administered By:	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
Amount Available:	CHFA received approximately \$5.1 million of Community Investment Act (CIA) funds in 2006 and \$5.2 million in 2007 for a total of about \$10.3 million.
Amount Awarded:	In 2007, \$11.99 million was expended (the overage is a reservation of 2008 CIA funds).
Award Type:	Award type to be determined for each program.
Eligible Activities:	CHFA is directing funds to several programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot Homeownership Development Program • Responsible Growth Investment Program • Community Economic Development Fund Mixed Use Investments • Pilot Suburban and Rural Affordable Housing Technical Assistance Program • Public Housing Preservation & Rehabilitation Initiative • Subprime Counseling
Eligible Entities:	Eligible entities likely to be similar to other CHFA programs and will be determined for each program.
Notes:	Under Community Investment Act, the state distributes 25% of funds to each: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.affordable housing, 2 historic preservation, 3. open space grants, 4. farmland preservation. CHFA administers affordable housing share. A brochure about the Community Investment Act is available here: http://chfa.org/MainPages/CommunityInvestmentActBrochure.pdf

Entitlement Communities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	HUD local office administers CDBG funds to 14 Entitlement Cities and 8 Entitlement Towns, who then distribute funds for various projects. Listings of funding allocations are available here: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/budget/
Amount Available:	HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grant by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.
Amount Awarded:	Each entitlement community awards CDBG funds in their town and publishes this information in their Consolidated Plan. CDBG expenditure reports are available here: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/budget/disbursementreports/
Award Type:	Grants
Eligible Activities:	The goal of CDBG is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income acquisition of property for public purposes. Activities can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquisition of real property; • relocation and demolition; • rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures; • construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes; • public services, within certain limits; • activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and • provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.
Eligible Entities:	Entitlement communities distribute funds to organizations undertaking community development work in their area.
Notes:	CDBG funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including housing development. To receive its annual CDBG entitlement grant, a grantee must develop and submit to HUD its Consolidated Plan , More information is available at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/entitlement/

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)
Amount Available:	\$13 million expected (includes \$500,000 for ADDI), usually \$12-13 million allocated each year
Amount Awarded:	HOME funds distributed during the course of the year - not competitive.
Award Type:	Low-interest loans if project can sustain added debt, grants if project cannot.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Funds can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquisition; • rehabilitation; • new construction; • demolition; • American Dream Downpayment Initiative; • homeownership; • rental housing; • relocation; • pre-development loans; • operating expenses (CHDOs only); and • homebuyer education.
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities; • Non-Profit Organizations; • Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs); • For-Profit Developers; and • Individuals
Notes:	<p>Affordable housing for low income households up to 80% of AMI (typically, these are rental projects because the units are targeted to households that have lower incomes).</p> <p>Projects must meet federal regulations which makes this funding source more difficult to combine with others.</p> <p>HOME is pass-through for ADDI funds - they are distributed to three entities that administer those funds.</p> <p>More information about Connecticut's HOME Program can be found here: http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1098&q=249716</p>

HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	HUD local offices - in Connecticut, Hartford field office.
Amount Available:	Approximately \$95 million available in FY2007. Maximum grant amount is \$20 million.
Amount Awarded:	<p>Since 1993, the following Connecticut housing authorities have received HOPE VI Revitalization Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartford HA - Dutch Point Colony, FY2002, \$20m; • HA of the City of New Haven - Elm Haven Terrace, FY1993, \$45.3, and Quinnipiac Terrace and Riverview, FY2002, \$20m; • HA of the City of Stamford - Southfield Village FY1997, \$26.4m, and Fairfield Court, FY2003, \$19.6m.
Award Type:	Grants
Eligible Activities:	<p>HOPE VI Revitalization grants fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital costs of major rehabilitation, new construction and other physical improvements Demolition of severely distressed public housing Acquisition of sites for off-site construction Community and supportive service programs for residents, including those relocated as a result of revitalization efforts
Eligible Entities:	<p>Any Public Housing Authority that has severely distressed public housing units in its inventory is eligible to apply.</p> <p>Indian Housing Authorities and Public Housing Authorities that only administer the Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) Program are NOT eligible to apply. Individuals are also NOT eligible to apply.</p>
Notes:	<p>More information about HOPE VI is available here: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/about/index.cfm</p> <p>List of projects awarded revitalization grants can be found here: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/about/index.cfm#6</p>

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds - US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Administered By:	Connecticut allocations are administered by CT Department of Social Services, City of Hartford, City of New Haven and City of Bridgeport.
Amount Available:	The available program funds for a fiscal year are allocated to HUD's local offices according to factors established by HUD.
Amount Awarded:	The 2007 allocations are: Connecticut State Program - \$252,000; Bridgeport - \$739,000; Hartford - \$1,098,000; and New Haven - \$1,075,000. Archives of allocations are available here: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/formula/grants/index.cfm
Award Type:	Funds are allocated to local agencies to distribute. Typically, funds are distributed as grants.
Eligible Activities:	HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. These include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; • costs for facility operations; • rental assistance; and • short-term payments to prevent homelessness. HOPWA funds also may be used for health care and mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, nutritional services, case management, assistance with daily living, and other supportive services.
Eligible Entities:	HOPWA grantees are encouraged to develop community-wide strategies and form partnerships with area nonprofit organizations.
Notes:	In addition to the HOPWA Formula Program, there is a HOPWA Competitive Program and a HOPWA National Technical Assistance Program through which organization can get funding on a competitive basis. Most HOPWA funding in CT is spent on rental assistance, counseling and other supportive services rather than on housing production. More information on HOPWA is available at HUD's website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/

Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program (HTCC)

Source of Funds:	State tax credit - dollar for dollar
Administered By:	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
Amount Available:	\$10 million in 2008 (increased from \$5 million in previous years)
Amount Awarded:	\$10 million reserved for Workforce, Special Tier 1 (supportive Housing) and Tier 1 Projects in 2007.
Award Type:	Tax credits awarded yearly through competitive process. Non-profits can apply for an allocation of up to \$500,000 in state tax credits.
Eligible Activities:	<p>Must be used to finance housing programs for very low, low or moderate income households and activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planning of buildings and improvements, • acquisition, • site preparation, • demolition, • rehabilitation of existing buildings, • capitalization of a revolving loan fund providing low-cost loans for housing construction, repair or rehabilitation, or • programs for workforce housing that provide assistance to individuals.
Eligible Entities:	Non-profit that is developing, sponsoring or managing housing for very low-, low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
Notes:	<p>Set asides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 million for Supportive Housing Pilot or Next Steps projects • \$1 million for Workforce Housing programs. <p>Non-profits sell tax credits to business firm for cash contribution that is used to finance the project.</p> <p>Information about the HTCC and ranking reports can be found here: http://www.chfa.org/TaxCredits/taxcredits_HousingTaxContributeProAllocation.asp</p>

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for the State of CT

Source of Funds:	State of CT General Obligation Bonds
Administered By:	State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)
Amount Available:	Up to \$20 million a year for 5 years for a total of \$100 million. Each year's \$20 million allotment must be approved by the State Bond Commission.
Amount Awarded:	In three rounds of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 - \$10 million awarded in first round to 7 programs. • 2006 - \$10 million awarded in second round to 15 projects. • 2007 - \$8.7 million awarded in third round to 9 projects. RFP for fourth round issued 1/27/08, proposals due 3/31/08.
Award Type:	Competitive process. Awards made as low-interest loans if project can sustain additional debt; otherwise awarded as a grant.
Eligible Activities:	Funds can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acquisition • rehabilitation • new construction • demolition • homeownership • multi-family rental housing • adaptive re-use of historic structures • special needs housing • redevelopment of vacant properties • infrastructure improvements • housing for individuals or families with incomes up to 120% of Area Median Income.
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities; • Nonprofit Organizations; • Local Housing Authorities; and • For-Profit Organizations
Notes:	<p>A list of projects awarded funding in Round Three is available here: http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?Q=385436&A=2791</p> <p>DECD provides information about the HTF here: http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1098&Q=310890&PM=1</p>

Low Income Housing Tax Credit - 9%

Source of Funds:	Federal Tax Credit Program
Administered By:	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA)
Amount Available:	2008 Allocation - \$6.8 million
Amount Awarded:	2007 - \$440,992 in credits awarded to a project that was forward allocated credits in 2006. \$6.4 million awarded to 7 projects. One of these projects also received a forward allocation of 2008 credits. Two other projects received forward allocations of 2008 credits.
Award Type:	Tax credits awarded yearly through competitive process.
Eligible Activities:	To be eligible for consideration under the LIHTC Program, a proposed project must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a residential rental property. • Commit to one of two possible low-income occupancy threshold requirements (20% of units at <=50% AMI OR 40% of units at <=60%AMI). • Restrict rents, including utility charges, in low-income units. • Operate under the rent and income restrictions for 30 years or longer, pursuant to written agreements with the agency issuing the tax credits.
Eligible Entities:	Non-profit and for-profit developers can apply for tax credits for a project. If they are allocated tax credits, they usually sell them to an investor to obtain cash for the development of the project. In order for the credit purchaser to use the tax credits, they must be part of the property ownership entity. This is often accomplished by creating a limited partnership or limited liability corporation in which the developer is the general partner (managing) and the investor is the limited partner.
Notes:	<p>Developers receive about \$.85 per \$1 of tax credit against federal tax liability for 10 years - developers syndicate the credits by selling the rights to the credits in future years to an investor for cash that can be used to pay for development costs.</p> <p>Information about Connecticut's LIHTC program can be found here: http://www.chfa.org/TaxCredits/taxcredits_LowIncomeTaxCredAllocations.asp</p> <p>A list of allocations is available here: http://www.chfa.org/TaxCredits/allocation_applicant_listing.htm</p> <p>The National Low Income Housing Coalition provides an excellent explanation of how the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program works at: http://www.nlihc.org/detail/article.cfm?article_id=2790&id=23</p>

Next Steps Initiative

Source of Funds:	Combination of State and Federal Funds
Administered By:	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DHMAS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Children and Families (DCF)
Amount Available:	CHFA was authorized to issue \$70 million in tax-exempt bonds issued for capital funding for Next Steps. CHFA issued \$27 million for Round 1 and are working on issuing \$43 million for Round 2.
Amount Awarded:	Underwriting staff at CHFA currently working on the second round of \$43 million in capital funding.
Award Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans • Rental Assistance • Support service funds
Eligible Activities:	<p>Funding through first RFP is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital financing – CHFA to issue bonds to raise funds to provide mortgage loans (loans can be used for construction and permanent financing of development costs and capitalization of project operating reserves). • Rental Assistance – DSS to provide project-based rental assistance through RAP and Section 8 programs. • Service Funding – Funding for supportive services provided by DMHAS (adults w/special needs) and DSS (families w/special needs).
Eligible Entities:	Nonprofit entities experienced in development of affordable housing with their experienced nonprofit service provider partners.
Notes:	<p>CHFA issues bonds for capital funding for Next Steps, state of Connecticut will pay debt service on those bonds.</p> <p>Funding for operating support and support services comes through DSS, DHMAS and DCF.</p> <p>More information about the Next Steps Initiative can be found here: http://www.chfa.org/Multifamily/supportiveHousingProgram.htm</p>

Predevelopment Loan Program

Source of Funds:	State Funds
Administered By:	State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)
Amount Available:	Funds usually covered through HOME, FLEX or Housing Trust Fund
Amount Awarded:	Loans of up to \$250,000 are given
Award Type:	No-interest loans - when used, often packaged as part of HOME, FLEX, or Trust Fund project
Eligible Activities:	<p>Funds can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land purchase options; • feasibility studies; • planning and design costs; • required insurance, legal and financial expenses; • costs of permits and approvals; and • appraisals.
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit corporations; • Housing authorities; • Municipal developers; and • Limited partnerships, partnerships, joint ventures where at least one member is one of the above.
Notes:	<p>When used, HOME, FLEX or Trust Fund awards can cover the payback for these loans.</p> <p>Process to get loan can be slow - developers often find bridge loans from other sources.</p> <p>DECD provides information on their Predevelopment Loan Program here: http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1098&q=314958</p>

Section 202 Supportive Housing for Elderly Persons

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Amount Available:	The available program funds for a fiscal year are allocated to HUD's local offices according to factors established by the Department.
Amount Awarded:	Total of 61 units, \$8,683,982 allocated to Connecticut for FY2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Metro project received \$7,970,321 for a 56-unit development; • One Non-Metro project received \$713,661 for a 5-unit development. Archive of allocations available here: http://www.hud.gov/library/bookshelf09/fundanoc.cfm
Award Type:	Interest-free capital advances to nonprofit sponsors. The advance does not have to be repaid as long as the housing remains available for very low-income elderly persons for at least 40 years. Project rental assistance is also provided, covering the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost of the project and the amount the residents pay. The initial term of the project rental assistance contract is 5 years and can be renewed if funds are available.
Eligible Activities:	Capital advances are given to expand the supply of affordable housing with supportive services for the elderly. The capital advance can finance construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition with or without rehabilitation.
Eligible Entities:	Private nonprofit organizations can apply to develop a Section 202 project if they can submit a resolution that they will provide a minimum capital investment equal to 0.5 percent of the HUD-approved capital advance, up to a maximum of \$25,000 for national sponsors or \$10,000 for other sponsors. They must also have acceptable control of an approvable site. Public entities are not eligible for funding under this program.
Notes:	Occupancy in Section 202 housing is open to any very low-income household comprised of at least one person who is at least 62 years old at the time of initial occupancy. Applications must be submitted to the local HUD field office with jurisdiction over the area where the proposed project will be located. Predevelopment funds are also awarded for Section 202 projects. More information is available at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/eld202.cfm

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Amount Available:	The available program funds for a fiscal year are allocated to HUD's local offices according to factors established by the Department.
Amount Awarded:	In FY2007, \$1,364,220 in funding awarded to one project in CT for 10 units. Archive of allocations available here: http://www.hud.gov/library/bookshelf09/fundanoc.cfm
Award Type:	Interest-free capital advances to nonprofit sponsors. The advance does not have to be repaid as long as the housing remains available for very low-income persons with disabilities for at least 40 years. Project rental assistance is also provided, covering the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost of the project and the amount the residents pay--usually 30 percent of adjusted income. The initial term of the project rental assistance contract is 5 years and can be renewed if funds are available.
Eligible Activities:	Capital advances are given to help finance the development of rental housing such as independent living projects, condominium units and small group homes with the availability of supportive services for persons with disabilities. The capital advance can finance construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition with or without rehabilitation of supportive housing.
Eligible Entities:	Nonprofit organizations can apply to develop a Section 811 project if they can, among other requirements, submit a resolution that they will provide a minimum capital investment equal to 0.5 percent of the capital advance amount, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Those selected for funding must also obtain a certification from the appropriate State or local agency that the supportive services are well designed to meet the needs of the intended residents.
Notes:	Each project must have a supportive services plan, which is reviewed by the appropriate State or local agency to determine if the plan is well designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. Services may vary with the target population but could include case management, training in independent living skills and assistance in obtaining employment. Residents cannot be required to accept any supportive service as a condition of occupancy. Applications must be submitted to the local HUD field office with jurisdiction over the area where the proposed project will be located. More information is available at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/disab811.cfm

Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Source of Funds:	Federal Funds
Administered By:	HUD provides funds to CT DECD to administer Small Cities CDBG funds to smaller towns throughout the state.
Amount Available:	\$13.7 million allocated to CT DECD for FY07-08.
Amount Awarded:	Available funds are awarded on competitive basis.
Award Type:	Grants
Eligible Activities:	<p>The goal of CDBG is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.acquisition of property for public purposes. Activities can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of Real Property • Relocation Assistance • Public Facilities and Improvements • Code Enforcement • Clearance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Construction of Buildings • Architectural Barrier Removal (commonly called ADA Improvements) • Loss of Rental Income • Disposition of Real Property • Economic Development Assistance to For-Profit Businesses • Micro-enterprise Assistance • Public Services • Planning and Capacity Building • Program Administrative Costs • Energy Efficiency / Conservation • Technical Assistance • Housing Services
Eligible Entities:	This program is only available to Connecticut towns and cities with populations of less than 50,000.
Notes:	<p>CDBG funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including housing development.</p> <p>More information is available at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/stateadmin/</p> <p>http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1098&q=249736</p>

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