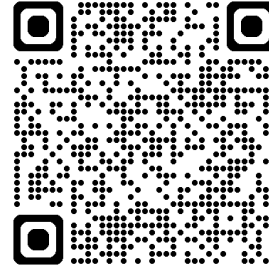


Funding Fact Sheet

Sustainable & Resilient Communities
Connecticut Funding Workshop
March 31, 2026



Please fill out the **evaluation** to help us improve future workshops!



Visit the Funding Database on our **LIS Resilience Resource Hub** to access these opportunities and more! lisresilience.org

Questions?
lisresilience@gmail.com

Federal-level Programs/Infrastructure

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Team (CTBILT) CT DRS	Facilitates federal funding programs related to infrastructure. Contact: robert.hotaling@ct.gov	Varies (multiple funding opportunities)	State, local, tribal governments, and special districts
Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) <i>Offices of Senators Blumenthal & Murphy</i>	Connecticut projects with clear goals that would produce a measurable community impact. Contacts: Jacob_Ecke@murphy.senate.gov or ellen_graham@blumenthal.senate.gov	Open: Mar—Apr 6, 2026 (typically a short window); annually following the federal appropriations process. Awards: Typically \$100K-\$2M Match: Required by some, but not all accounts	Nonprofits, municipalities, state agencies



Tips for Success:

- Start partnership conversations early.
- Reach out to grant contacts for technical questions.

Long Island Sound-Specific

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund (LISCIF) <i>Restore America's Estuaries</i>	Community-driven projects in environmentally distressed communities to address environmental and LIS access issues. Technical assistance available. Priorities based on LIS Partnership CCMP. Contact: sbegum@estuaries.org	Open: Sep 1—mid-Nov, 2026 Awards: \$5K-\$100K Match: None required	Tribes, nonprofits, state, county, and local gov'ts and their subdivisions, academic institutions
Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) <i>National Fish & Wildlife Foundation</i>	Projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. Priorities based on LIS Partnership CCMP. Contact: carrie.clingan@nfwf.org	Open: Mar 10—May 19, 2026 Awards: \$50K-\$2M, depending on category Match: 50% nonfederal	Nonprofit 501(c)(3) orgs, state gov't agencies, local gov't, municipal gov't, Tribal gov't/orgs, educational institutions
Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund <i>LIS Funders Collaborative</i>	Capacity building, new collaboration, or piloting and planning that advance the LIS Partnership CCMP. Contact: info@lisfc.org	Open: Dec/Jan—Feb, annually Awards: \$20K-\$100K+ Match: none	Nonprofit 501(c)(3) orgs

Climate Adaptation/Green Infrastructure/Environment

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Environmental Grants Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	Priorities are conservation and resiliency, environmental education, and environmental justice. Contact: jennob@cfect.org	Open: mid-Nov—Jan, annually Awards: \$10K-\$50K Match: None required	Programs benefitting CFECT's 42 town region, nonprofit 501(c)(3) orgs
Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program CT DEEP	Planning or implementation projects that address nonpoint source water pollution. Contact: DEEP.Watershed@ct.gov	Open: Dec—Mar, annually Awards: typically \$70K-\$600K Match: 40%	Local/state gov't, quasi-state agencies, schools/universities, nonprofits, community groups
DEEP Climate Resilience Fund (DCRF) <i>CT DEEP</i>	Community Resilience planning, design, and matching funds including for critical municipal infrastructure, nature-based solutions, energy infrastructure, and local funding mechanisms. Contact: DEEP.UCF.Grants@ct.gov	Open: Fall, annually Awards: \$25K-\$4M, depending on category Match: Funds for construction are provided as 10-25% match for federal grants	Municipalities, nonprofits, state and federal Tribal nations, and others

Land Use & Acquisition

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program <i>CT DEEP</i>	Planning, design, & construction of new trails; maintenance & restoration of existing trails, land acquisition or easements for a trail/corridors; educational programs Contact: kimberly.bradley@ct.gov	Open: Fall/Winter, annually Awards: < \$1M Match: 20%	Nonprofits, municipalities, COGs, Tribal gov'ts, educational institutions
Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant (OSWA) <i>CT DEEP</i>	Purchase of permanent interests in land. Scoring considers: administrative, public access & outdoor recreation, EJ and equity, climate change & natural resources Contact: Allyson.Clarke@ct.gov	Open: late May/early June—mid Sep, annually Awards: up to 65-75% of fair market value Match: 25-35%	Municipalities, nonprofit conservation orgs, water companies
Urban Green & Community Gardens Grant (UGCG) <i>CT DEEP</i>	Creation, enhancement, or restoration of urban green space: green infrastructure, community gardens, passive recreational trails, etc. Contact: Cameron.clegg@ct.gov	Open: late May/early June—mid Sep, annually Awards: Up to 20% of yearly OSWA/ UGCG funding pool Match: 50%	Nonprofits or municipalities in distressed municipalities, EJ community, or Targeted Investment Community
Transaction Assistance Grant Program (TAG) <i>Connecticut Land Conservation Council</i>	Transaction-related project costs (e.g., appraisals, title work, surveys, ESAs, recording fees) Contact: yodarko@ctconservation.org	Open: applications due at end of each month Awards: up to \$20K Match: 20% for projects not being submitted for state or fed funding	CLCC member land trusts
Connecticut Conservation Partnership Program (CCPP) <i>Connecticut Land Conservation Council</i>	Purchase of 2 types of conservation easements on nonindustrial private forest and watershed lands. Contact: yodarko@ctconservation.org	Open: now through 2027 Funds: \$5.5M from USDA-NRCS Match: Provides federal match for OSWA/CT DEEP applications	CLCC member land trusts, private landowners

Land Use & Acquisition

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Land & Easement Acquisition Program (LEAP) Connecticut Land Conservation Council	Purchase price of land and conservation easement acquisitions. Contact: yodarko@ctconservation.org	Open: now with upcoming deadlines on 4/1, 6/1, & 8/1 Awards: min. \$50K Match: N/A	CLCC member land trusts
Forever Connecticut Fund (FCF) Connecticut Land Conservation Council	Bridge loans for land and easement acquisitions to help land trusts act quickly on conservation opportunities. Contact: yodarko@ctconservation.org	Open: applications due at end of each month Awards: min \$50K Match: N/A	CLCC member land trusts
Forest Stewardship Grants (CCPP) Connecticut Land Conservation Council	Implementation of resilient forestry practices that contribute to climate mitigation, adaptation, or resilience. Contact: rbentley@ctconservation.org	Open: now through April 30, 2026 Awards: max \$100K Match: N/A	CLCC member land trusts in US Forest Service designated rural municipalities



Tips for Success:

- Talk with others who have completed similar projects
- Develop project plans that include timelines
- Read the funding announcement/RFP/NOFO before you answer each question. Make sure to address all points directly
- Attend/listen to recording of informational grant webinars or trainings. Reach out to program staff to ask questions, if possible.
- Make use of website resources and FAQs.
- Clearly explain the issue, how you propose to address it with the requested funding, and how you will measure success.
- Align the project with local and state priorities as much as possible.
- Only include relevant documentation, reports, and data.

Capital Projects & Brownfields

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) <i>CT DECD</i>	Capital improvement programs and planning that fosters development in historically underserved CT communities. Contact: Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov	Open: twice annually in Spring (due Jun 5, 2026) & Fall Awards: min \$250K Match: none	Municipalities, nonprofits, and community development corps serving specified communities
Brownfield Remediation/Limited Assessment Grant <i>CT DECD</i>	Brownfield cleanup, limited investigation. Contact: Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov	Open: twice annually (usually Winter & Summer) Awards: max \$6M Match: none	Municipalities, EDAs, COGs, CT Brownfield Landbanks
Brownfield Remediation/Limited Assessment Loan <i>CT DECD</i>	Brownfield cleanup, limited investigation. Contact: Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov	Open: twice annually (usually Winter & Summer) Awards: max \$6M (loan) Match: 10%	Municipalities, EDAs, COGs, CT Brownfield Landbanks, private developers
Brownfield Assessment-only Grant <i>CT DECD</i>	Brownfield investigation. Contact: Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov	Open: twice annually (usually Winter & Summer) Awards: \$200K Match: none	Municipalities, EDAs, COGs, CT Brownfield Landbanks
Brownfield Area-wide Planning Grant <i>CT DECD</i>	Planning activities for larger/connected areas. Contact: Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov	Open: twice annually (usually Winter & Summer) Awards: \$200K Match: 10%	Municipalities, EDAs, COGs, CT Brownfield Landbanks
CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Grant Program <i>CT DEEP</i>	Environmental assessment and cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Contact: DEEP.brownfields@ct.gov	Open: Fall 2026 (final round) Awards: up to \$250K Match: none	Nonprofit orgs and municipalities



Tips for Success:

- Ensure your goals, budget, and timeline are realistic, detailed, and aligned. Be mindful of funding levels and grant period restrictions.
- Review scoring criteria to compare your project to program goals.

Technical Assistance & Support

Opportunity	What is Funded/Supported?	Timing/Availability	Eligibility
UConn Technical Assistance to Brownfields (UConn TAB) USEPA	<p>Direct technical assistance, municipal assistance, continuing education, and community engagement guidance. Goal to advance the investigation, cleanup, and redevelopment of abandoned, potentially contaminated sites, and protect public health.</p> <p>Contact: Uconn-tab@uconn.edu</p>	<p>Summer MAP Applications Due: April 10, 2026 Sep-Dec: EPA Brownfields Grant Support Jan-Apr: Technical Support May-Aug: Technical Support</p>	<p>Municipalities, regional councils, redevelopment agencies, states, Tribes, and nonprofits</p>
Environmental Protection Network & New England Environmental Finance Center	<p>Pro-Bono 1:1 funding strategy and technical assistance. Services include fundraising strategy coaching, org development and capacity building, and more.</p> <p>Contact: michelle.peedin@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org</p>	<p>Open: Rolling Access Support: Inbound Request – EPN Environmental Funding Navigator – New England Environmental Finance Center Cost: Free</p>	<p>Low-capacity environmental & frontline communities, NGOs, Tribes, and under-resourced gov't agencies</p>
LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program (GWA) LIS Partnership/ Sea Grant/USEPA	<p>Grant Preparation & Writing for projects that advance the Sustainable & Resilient Communities Goal of the LIS Partnership CCMP.</p> <p>Contact: lisresilience@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open: Rolling Match: none</p>	<p>Municipalities, nonprofits, community organizations</p>
LIS Resilience Planning Support Program (PSP) LIS Partnership/ Sea Grant/USEPA	<p>Planning, preliminary design, and project scoping for projects that advance the Sustainable & Resilient Communities Goal of the LIS Partnership CCMP.</p> <p>Contact: lisresilience@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open: late winter, next cycle likely Jan-Mar 2027 Match: none</p>	<p>Municipalities, nonprofits, community organizations</p>

Funding Calendar

Sustainable & Resilient Communities
Connecticut Funding Workshop
March 31, 2026

