

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Executive Officers: Municipalities, Regional Councils of Governments, and Economic Development Districts

From: W. David LeVasseur, Acting Undersecretary
Intergovernmental Policy Division

Date: October 7, 2014

Subject: 2014 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (RPI)
CGS Section 4-124s (2014 Supplement)

OPM is now accepting applications for the next round of RPI grants. **Proposals must be received by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on or before December 31, 2014.**

Resolutions will be accepted until March 31, 2015. Any prior year proposals that were not funded may be re-submitted as new proposals, and Grants will be awarded based upon the merit of each proposal.

Proposals may be submitted by any Council of Governments (COG) in Connecticut, any two or more municipalities acting through a COG, any economic development district(s) or any combination thereof. An individual municipality may only submit a proposal for funding to connect to the Nutmeg Network. The goal of RPI is to encourage municipalities to jointly participate in projects that will produce measurable "economies of scale" that will benefit the municipalities providing desired or required services and lowering the costs and tax burden related to providing those services.

Attached you will find Guidelines and a prescribed Proposal Form that must be used in submitting a grant proposal for: (1) joint provision of a service or services currently provided by individual municipalities but not presently provided on a regional basis, (2) a planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3) shared information technology services. Proposals related to connection and use of the Nutmeg Network must be submitted on the form specific to that purpose.

Applicants considering proposals for the purchase of capital equipment should consider the benefits of the Intertown Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program which is available to two or more towns and provides partial funding for acquisitions, to a maximum of \$250,000. Information about the ICE Program can be found at:
http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/igp/grants/ice/ice_program_guidelines_2014.pdf

Please note that proposals submitted in a form or format other than the prescribed proposal form WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. If additional pages are needed for any responses, please show, at the top of the page, the name of the applicant organization, project title and the specific required proposal element that it relates to.

Please direct questions to Sandra Huber, of my staff, at: Sandra.Huber@ct.gov or (860) 418-6293.