

SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STEAP) OPT-IN MUNICIPALITIES

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STEAP OPT-IN		
MUNICIPALITY	OPT-IN APPROVAL	OPT-IN EXPIRES
Ashford	2024	6/17/2028
Beacon Falls	2024	6/3/2028
Borough of Jewett City	2023	6/5/2027
Brooklyn	2022	8/11/2026
Colebrook	2024	6/14/2028
East Haven	2023	8/7/2027
Griswold	2024	4/22/2028
Montville	2025	3/10/2029
Plainfield	2022	8/8/2026
Plainville	2025	1/25/2029
Plymouth	2022	8/2/2026
Preston	2022	8/11/2026
Putnam	2024	9/3/2028
Scotland	2024	2/14/2028
Stafford	2024	7/3/2028
Thomaston	2022	8/16/2026
Thompson	2023	8/15/2027
Voluntown	2024	6/25/2028
Winchester	2024	6/17/2028

Municipalities which are designated as a PIC Community, and/or a Distressed Municipality, are eligible to Opt-In to STEAP as long as the municipality does not have an urban center as per adopted plan. Municipalities which have an Urban Center Per Adopted Plan are NOT eligible for either STEAP or the STEAP Opt-In Provision.

Approved municipalities remain eligible to apply and shall remain eligible to apply through the expiration date.

The Opt-in period shall be for four years. During that four-year period, municipalities which have opted in are NOT eligible to receive Urban Act funding.

STEAP OPT-IN PROVISIONS

Municipalities deemed eligible for the STEAP Opt-In provision may elect to be eligible for said program individually or as part of a group of municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under [C.G.S. §4-66c](#) (Urban Act Grants), by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote along with the minutes to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year period in accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

It is important to note that once a municipality opts-in to the STEAP program, the opt-in period lasts for four years from the submission date of the opt-in request. There is no provision to opt-out prior to the end of the four-year term.

Municipalities which have already opted in, and the term of the opt-in has not expired as of the due date for this application, do not need to submit an opt-in request to apply for STEAP. However, if an opt-in municipality is awarded a STEAP grant from this current round, the town must renew their opt-in if their current opt-in expires during the term of the grant. Reference: [C.G.S. §4-66g](#).

Inquiries and submittal of Opt-In documents should be sent to Undersecretary Martin L. Heft at Martin.Heft@ct.gov

