

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
(AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

I, Carol L. Anderson, City Clerk, certify that below is a true and correct copy of a
(Name of Official) (Title of Official)

resolution duly adopted by City of Torrington
(Name of the Applicant)

at a meeting of its Board of Councilmen
(Governing Body)

duly convened on July 21, 2022 and which has not been rescinded or modified in
(Meeting Date)

any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

(Date)

(Signature and Title of Official)

SEAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 32-285a,
(State Statutory Reference)

the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Torrington Housing Authority make an application to the State for
(Applicant)

\$ 255,600.00 in order to undertake the Torrington Towers Sprinkler and
(Name and Phase of Project)

Fire Alarm System Rehabilitation and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

City of Torrington

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by
C.G.S. § 32-285a(c)(1)
(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by The City of Torrington and the
Torrington Housing Authority
(Applicant)

in an amount not to exceed \$ 255,600.00 is hereby approved and that

Executive Director Claudia Sweeney

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of

Torrington Housing Authority

(Name of Applicant)

Is there a difference between a municipality being eligible because it is a Public Investment Community (PIC) or Alliance District or both?

No. There is no difference or priority given to a municipality if it is on the eligible list because it is a PIC or Alliance District or both.

Are new non-profits or community development corporations eligible to apply? Is there a specific length of time that a NPO or CDC needs to be incorporated or operating before they are eligible to apply? No. There is no limitation.



Can a public housing authority apply? Not by itself. Eligible applicants are limited to municipalities, community development corporations and non-profit organizations. Public housing authorities can apply as a partner with one of those entities as the lead applicant.

Are universities eligible to apply? Eligible applicants are limited to municipalities, community development corporations and non-profit organizations. If the university or college is an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then it is eligible to apply alone for CIF funding. Otherwise, the institution would need to apply as a partner with one of the three eligible categories of entities listed above.

Are organizations described in sections 501c6 or a 501c7 of the Internal Revenue Code eligible to apply? Yes. They are non-profit organizations and eligible under the authorizing statute.

Are quasi-public agencies eligible to apply?

The language in the authorizing statute for the Community Investment Fund does not define non-profit. Elsewhere in the General Statutes, institutions of higher education and other public and quasi-public entities are identified as eligible for economic development grants – something that the CIF authorizing statute does not do, and which we have confirmed with the drafters of the legislation was intentional. For these reasons we have made the determination that CIF funding is authorized only for private, non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3), (6) and (7) exemptions with the IRS. We would encourage you to partner with one of these organizations, or with a community development corporation or a municipality.

Is a Municipal Special Services District, authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. sections 7-339 m eligible to apply?

Based on statutory definitions, a Municipal Special Services District is not an eligible entity to apply alone for CIF funding. Eligible applicants are limited to municipalities, community development corporations and non-profit organizations. Municipal Special Services Districts can apply as a partner with one of those entities as the lead applicant.

Is an LLC able to apply if they are a community service organization?

No. Per statute, eligible applicants are limited to eligible municipalities, and CDC and NPOs that serve eligible municipalities. An LLC is able to a partner with an eligible applicant, but the applicant must be one of the eligible entities.

Is a private developer or private company eligible to partner with an eligible municipality or CDC or NPO that serves an eligible municipality? Per statute, eligible applicants are limited to eligible municipalities, and CDC and NPOs that serve eligible municipalities. An LLC is able to be a partner with an eligible applicant, but the applicant must be one of the eligible entities.

No. Non-profits should provide a certified resolution from their board of directors.



Is the Municipal Certified Resolution to request state funding required of all applicants?

This is only required of municipalities.

Do NPO applicants or CDCs need to have an updated Plan of Conservation and Development.

No, this only pertains to municipalities.

Does the application require some determination of return on investment for economic purposes by the applicant? The applicant will be asked to identify the social and economic issues or challenges facing the community and the solution that the project provides. The applicant is also asked to define what "success" means to the project and how the applicant will be measuring progress towards the identified challenges using SMART indicators. Because of the wide breadth and variety of project-types funded through CIF there are not set evaluation criteria or specific identified results.

Do previously submitted applications that do not receive funding automatically get rolled into subsequent rounds of CIF for consideration or will they need to be resubmitted? Applications will need to be resubmitted in subsequent rounds if they do not receive funding. Applications that are not successful will receive feedback. That feedback needs to be addressed in future applications.

PROGRAM

What does "the statute requires that any proposed loan or financing must utilize an interest rate that does not vary from the prevailing market rate" mean? Does that mean a nonprofit lender needs to raise their rates to match commercial lender rates? Per the statute, CIF funded financing programs that vary from the prevailing market rate shall not be recommended for funding. An example of a prevailing market rate term would be the CT Small Business Boost program. Applicants can document an existing rate for their program as well as justification for consideration.

Is there a definition for small business?

Yes. It is included in the CIF Program and Policy Guidelines. An eligible "small business" shall be defined, as in Section 32-7g(a) of the General Statutes, as a business organization which does or shall (1) employ not more than one hundred employees, (2) have operations in Connecticut, and (3) be in good standing with the payment of all state and local taxes and with all state agencies.

Are programmatic funds or General Operating funds an eligible expense for a qualifying municipality or NPO or CDC that serves a qualifying municipality? No. The CIF program doesn't support programmatic funds, general operating support or direct programmatic personnel costs.

Can the capital grant be used to purchase equipment for product prototyping such as a CNC mill for a non-profit business incubator? A capital grant can be used towards purchase of equipment. Per the CIF Program and Policy Guidelines, "Potential uses of funds include construction costs; acquisition of land (subject to procedures required by state law); and fixtures, furniture, and equipment." Professional services and other 'soft costs' may be funded; however, the Administrator's preference is to minimize such costs, in keeping with best economic development practices."