



TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/Funding:

<u>Active</u>	<u>Pending/Applied</u>	<u>On Horizon</u>
USDOT- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan	CT DCRF- Yantic	2026 SS4A
CT DECD- Brownfields x4	CT DCRF- Jewett City	
US EPA- Brownfields		<u>Recent Nos</u>
DOD- Utilities Design		
DOD- Utilities Infrastructure		
DOD- Compatible Use Plan		
CT DEEP- Materials Management Infrastructure (Windham)		
UConn TAB- Regional Brownfields Inventory		

Completed paperwork related to the additional stormwater/housing funding and await payment.

- b) FY 2025 audit is underway.
- c) Staffing: Currently hiring for three positions: housing, resiliency, and stormwater.
- d) Completed CEO orientation meetings.
- e) Attended COST annual meeting.

Municipal Services

- a) Building Official: The Town of Montville has hired a full-time building official and will wind down its engagement with SECOG's program in early April. SECOG will then have capacity to assist additional towns- please contact me to discuss. Still planning to contract on-call assistance.

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- b) Planning: Taylor Lussier now providing interim planner services to C of Groton (2 days/wk) and Stonington (1 day/wk).
- c) Permitting software: SECOG reviewing potential use of MGO in Bozrah.
- d) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
- e) Human Services Coordinating Council: Met 1/16/26.
- f) Animal Control: Resolution appears to NECOG extending services to SECOG towns, at rates reflecting NECOG costs. Ongoing need to anticipate end of service and new requirements for shelter structures (2029).

Regional Planning

- a) Housing: Joint CTCOG summary document to be released week of 2/11. Kennedy, Zincavage coordinating with other COGs and OPM staff on workplans and methodologies. Meeting with SECOG municipal planners 1/5, plans for ongoing check-ins. Local follow-up convos. Attended CCAPA event 1/22 and CHEO NL event 2/3. Working with staff and interns on buildout, zoning analysis, other products. Hiring dedicated housing staff person to assist with this work Developing recommendation for policy and technical advisory committees. With SECHA, planning events this spring focused on energy efficiency issues affecting affordability.
- b) Resilience:
 - i) Resilient Yantic River: Yantic River work under CIRCA's Resilient 2.0 is near complete. Project team presented proposals for three flood risk reduction strategies- removal of the Upper Falls Dam, voluntary retreat, and river channel widening in Norwichtown. SECOG submitted application 1/15/26 for CT DCRF funds to further support project development.
 - ii) Jewett City DCRF: SECOG submitted DCRF application 1/15/26 for this project and administer it due to limited staff capacity in Griswold.
- c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD). Executive Committee concurred with recommendation to hold off on Plan development until the conclusion of the first regional housing growth plan, due mid-2027.

- d) Regional Emergency Management: REPT program waiting on clarification re future funding availability and restrictions. CEO Council may need to reconvene to approve amended budget to come.
- e) Drinking Water: As of 2/11/26, Montville ESA change approved by DEEP.
- f) Brownfields: UConn TAB will conduct region-wide inventory this year. EPA grant project is in procurement phase.
- g) Defense: Kennedy, Zincavage, Rattan involved in conversations related to housing expansion. DOD-funded Compatible Use Plan and Water Main projects underway.
- h) Stormwater & Watersheds: SECOG staffing stormwater collaborative. Hiring dedicated staff person. Stormwater coordinator will further develop SECOG watershed program.

Transportation

- a) Safety Action Plan: Draft final plan published for comment; comment period closes 2/21. Expect to bring to SECOG for adoption at March meeting.
- b) Active Transportation Microgrant Program (\$5,000 bike/ped): Applications for this quarter are due March 20. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.
- c) Senior/Disabled Vans: New applications for 5310 funds (Senior/Disabled transportation capital & operating) due to CTDOT & SECOG 3/31. Contact Tyler Frost for information..
- d) Transit: SEAT and City of NL working with CTDOT re Smart Ride Funding. SECOG will advance a New London-only transit study with PL funds.
- e) LOTCIP: Tyler Frost has been designated project manager for LOTCIP. Start thinking about projects for next round possibly this summer. Status as of 12/31/25:

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Phase	Status	CTF Year	Cost	Project
Projects Completed/Pending Closeout	CTDOT conducting audit review	2016	\$ 1,870,505	New London - Ocean Avenue
		2018	\$ 1,693,238	Norwich - Dunham Street
		2016	\$ 555,639	Montville - Old Colchester Road
		2018	\$ 1,871,502	Waterford - Cross Road <i>waiting on Wtdf repmt</i>
	Municipal audit submission needed	2018	\$ 784,240	Colchester - Halls Hill Road
		2019	\$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road
		2019	\$ 3,779,830	New London - Jefferson Avenue
		2022	\$ 3,190,724	Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway
Under Construction/Punch list and Acceptance		2023	\$ 1,068,196	Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III CCD 12/25
In Design/Received Commitment to Fund	PAL pending revision	2022	\$ 1,582,800	Bozrah - Fitchville Road FDS 11/25
		2022	\$ 4,088,399	New London - Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	\$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 3/26
		2024	\$ 3,129,400	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 5/26
		2024	\$ 3,722,800	Lisbon - River Rd/Route 12 FDS 5/26
		2024	\$ 2,910,400	Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS @CTDOT review
		2025	\$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 9/26
		2024	\$ 4,678,380	New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28
		2026	\$ 1,703,600	Stonington - Route 1 Bicycle Facility
Applications	Submitted to CTDOT		\$ 3,229,800	2025: Waterford - Niantic River Rd
			\$ 820,800	2026: Colchester - RT616 Sidewalks
			\$ 5,675,200	2026: Norwich - Hunters Rd Reconstruction
			\$ 3,224,800	2026: Ledyard - Lantern Hill Rd Bridge
	Muni developing application		\$ 907,200	2025: Windham - multiple sidewalk gaps
			\$ 2,723,595	2025: Preston - Route 2A Phases 2 and 3

f) Coordination

- i) with stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area.
- ii) with NL re safety improvements Willetts Ave.
- iii) with EB, City of Groton re GS Bridge, EB and Crystal Mall.
- iv) with SUBASE.
- v) with C of Groton re 5 Corners.
- vi) with CTDOT re upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list.

Letters of Support

- a) SECOG submitted letters of support for DEEP DCRF and CRA grants for projects in New London.