

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) SECOG 2026 SOLICITATION INFORMATION

Project Eligibility

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG) is pleased to invite its member municipalities to submit applications for funding under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP).

Through LOTICIP, municipalities can secure state funding for significant transportation construction projects that improve safety, mobility, and infrastructure across our region. This year, SECOG anticipates awarding up to \$15 million in eligible projects.

Projects must:

- Have a construction cost between **\$300,000 and \$5,000,000**
- Be located on a roadway functionally classified as an **urban collector or higher** on the [CTDOT Functional Classification Map database](#).
- Deliver substantial capital and comprehensive safety improvements, such as:
 - Roadway and intersection upgrades
 - Pavement structure improvements
 - Bridge rehabilitation or replacement
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities (including multi-use trails)
 - Stand-alone sidewalks
 - Major drainage improvements
 - Traffic signal upgrades
- Routine maintenance projects are **not eligible**.

The [2021 CTDOT LOTICIP Guidelines](#) further define eligibility requirements and establish project criteria. Projects eligible for both Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) and LOTICIP are encouraged to submit applications for both programs.

Matching Requirements

Municipalities are required to pay the full cost (100%) of design. Generally, CTDOT LOTICIP grants pay for 100% of construction including the contracted construction, incidentals and contingencies. ROW acquisition costs are eligible if identified in the application. Items deemed ineligible are the responsibility of the municipality (i.e. certain utility costs, architectural standards not required by local ordinance, etc.).

Solicitation Process

Schedule

Milestone Date	Critical Activity
September 29, 2025	Pre-Application Solicitation
October 15, 2025 (2:30-3:30 PM)	Information Session Virtual Meeting
October 9, 2025 to October 20, 2025	Appointments available for one-on-one project development and application assistance
November 3, 2025 (By 4:00 PM)	Preliminary Project Scoping Deadline
December 31, 2025 (By 4:00 PM)	Full Application Deadline

Information Session

An information session will be held to inform municipalities of available funding opportunities. This presentation will provide program information on application completion and an overview of the project scoring. A Question-and-Answer period will follow the presentation.

Presentation recordings, solicitation documents, and links will be available on the SECOG website.

Session Agenda
LOTICIP Virtual Information Meeting
Question and Answer period included

Topic: SECOG 2026 LOTICIP Solicitation
Time: October 15, 2025, 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST

How to Apply

The solicitation process will take place in two phases:

1. Phase I: Preliminary Scoping – Due November 3, 2025

Submit a preliminary application with project concept, purpose and need statement, scope of work, and a cost estimate range. Once the preliminary scoping is approved, the application will continue to the next phase. A completed pre-application contains the following information:

Cover Page: Application Form

Section A (1): Type of Proposed Improvement

Section A (2): Identify the Problem Being Addressed – understand the context and any additional considerations. Identified problems may include safety, accessibility, mobility, and/or modal inclusion. Propose a solution.

Section A (3): Scope of Work – project description and alternatives considered.

Section A (4): Location Map – inclusive of property boundaries and project limits.

Section A (4): Plan Set – At a minimum, submit concept-level plan sheet(s) (part of your plan set for the full application). These should be scaled, aerial-based concept drawings that indicate:

- Project location and limits
- Approximate pavement widening or realignment
- Lane arrangements and widths
- Typical cross-sections (e.g., lane/shoulder widths, pavement structure)
- Any anticipated right-of-way impacts, structures, or watercourses

Section J (1): Project Cost Estimate – a cost range is acceptable in Phase I.

Section O: Request for Subsurface Investigation – including details of work needed.

Completed Plan Study Checklist – document project alignment with goals and recommendations of previous plans and studies.

2. Phase II: Full Application – Due December 31, 2025

Submit a Complete LOTCIP application - including detailed concept plans, refined cost estimates, and supporting documentation. The completed application contains the following information:

Completed LOTCIP Application - all sections

Plan Set – Conceptual plans with sufficient detail to review the scope, costs, and impacts; submissions with engineered plans will be more competitive.

Project Cost Estimate – use the [Sample Cost Estimating Table](#) from CTDOT

Please email your application to **Debra Pierce** at dpierce@secogct.gov.

Extra Support Available

SECOG is offering municipalities assistance through the LOTCIP Support Team, available to help refine project ideas, strengthen applications, and answer questions at any stage of the process. Contact **William Murphy, P.E.** at wmurphy@mjengineers.com to schedule a consultation.

Full solicitation materials, forms, and resources are attached. We encourage municipalities to bring forward creative, impactful projects that will strengthen transportation networks across Southeastern Connecticut.

- [LOTCIP Application](#)
- [LOTCIP FAQ](#)
- [Pre-Screening Checklist](#)
- [Purpose & Need Statement Guidance](#)