

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut 06360
(860) 889-2324/Fax: (860) 889-1222/Email: office@seccog.org

March 27, 2024

The Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Letter of Intent for the Climate-Friendly Landuse Regulation and Processes – EPA CPRG Grant Application

Dear Selection Committee,

On behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), I am submitting this letter of intent to express SCCOG's interest to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application led by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). SCCOG intends to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to be submitted by July 1, 2024.

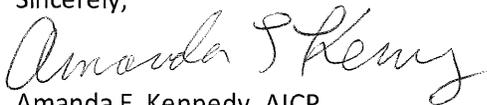
SCCOG is a public agency with representatives from twenty-two towns, cities, and boroughs, formed to provide a basis for intergovernmental cooperation in dealing with a wide range of issues. Duties assigned to SCCOG include establishing a plan of conservation and development for the region. SCCOG undertakes numerous studies and initiatives each year, under the guidance of member municipalities. SCCOG provides support in the area of land use regulation, and we and our member communities have faced challenges in developing sustainable land use regulations on a town-by-town, case-by-case basis.

If funded, the Climate-Friendly Landuse Regulation and Processes project will enable the COGs across Connecticut to work in collaboration to develop model policies and standards and contract technical support to implement the newly crafted model language by working with individual municipalities. In this way we can both support peer-to-peer learning while also tailoring model language to individual municipal contexts and circumstances.

This project will close the strategy-execution gap by providing the resources to see regulatory and process reforms the entire way from concept to completion, and from idea to impact. It will build on and complement SCCOG's promotion of low impact development regulations and other similar sustainable land use frameworks. If awarded, SCCOG commits to being an active participant, helping WestCOG with any necessary implementation efforts.

Please contact me with any questions via email at akennedy@seccog.org or by phone at 860-889-2324 x 110.

Sincerely,



Amanda E. Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director

Member Municipalities:

Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * Borough of Jewett City * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Lebanon * Ledyard * Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington * Stonington Borough * Waterford * Windham