



Long Island Sound Study
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



January 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



Happy New Year!

So much for 'dry' January... I'm referring to this wet winter weather, of course!

The recent flooding emergencies that we're already seeing this month underline the importance of the resilience planning and implementation work that we wish to support in your communities. As we head into the new year, we would love to hear from you about the types of events and trainings that you'd be most interested in attending in 2024. Please take two minutes to share your feedback with our team [via this link!](#)

Thank you to all who joined us for the 2nd Annual Bi-State Sustainable and Resilient Communities Workshop on December 7th! If you missed it or want a refresher, click on the button below to access all of the recordings and materials.

Wishing everyone a safe--and hopefully drier--start to the year!

[Annual Workshop Recordings and Materials](#)

Funding Opportunities

NEW

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approximately \$1 billion dollars available to support hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the risks of disasters and natural hazards facing communities. This opportunity will promote capacity building and partnerships.

Applications are due February 29, 2024

Climate Smart Land Stewardship Grant Program

This grant program strives to integrate climate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation into the stewardship of conserved lands by increasing the number of acres in Connecticut that use climate smart land stewardship practices.

There are four opportunities to apply!

Applications are due quarterly on March 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2024

Brownfield Remediation and Development Opportunities

There are four subprograms offered by the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development that seek to help support projects on brownfields. There will be four webinars throughout January and February to provide more information on these funding opportunities (see below for webinar details).

Applications for all opportunities are due March 1, 2024

Connecticut Recreational Trails Funding

This grant opportunity can be used for projects focused on improving trails throughout the state through planning and construction, maintaining current trails, increasing accessibility, equipment purchase, land acquisition, and safety programs.

Applications are due March 11, 2024

CT DEEP Urban Forest Equity Grant Program

From tree plantings, to invasive species management, to urban food forests and so much more, this grant program will support urban and community forest projects that increase equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide in marginalized communities.

Applications are due April 17, 2024

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

Over \$2 billion dollars is available through the Inflation Reduction Act funds for projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.

Technical assistance is also available to assist eligible applicants to apply for and use EPA grant funding

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2024

****DUE SOON****

National Estuary Program Watershed Grants

The nationally competitive NEP Watersheds Grant Program is now accepting letters of interest. Check out the link to learn more about the project priorities and how to apply.

Letters of Interest are due January 26, 2024

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

The Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Program is an opportunity focused on developing community capacity by funding projects focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats in these spaces.

Full proposals are due on January 31, 2024

Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund

The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF) is a competitive grant program seeking proposals to restore and protect the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. The most competitive proposals will incorporate multiple values including sustainability, resilience, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Submissions are due February 1, 2024

Greater New Haven Green Fund

The Green Fund seeks innovative proposals from committed organizations and individuals in New Haven, East Haven, Hamden, and Woodbridge for activities that advance their mission which is to promote environmental quality, public health and equity in the community by providing grants and other incentives that contribute to a more environmentally sustainable future and reduce pollution.

Applications are due February 2, 2024

FY2024 Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Grants

CTDEEP is now accepting proposals for the Clean Water Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program. Priorities include environmental justice and environmental equity, climate resiliency, watershed-based plan implementation projects, implementation projects not associated with watershed-based plans, and watershed-based development plans.

Proposals are due February 8, 2024

Long Island Sound Grant Writing Support

Remember, the **Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program** is still available for municipalities and community organizations! [Learn more here.](#)

This program is intended to assist with the development of sustainability and resilience focused projects that will impact communities within the [Long Island Sound coastal boundary](#). Through this opportunity, CTSG can provide you with grant preparation and writing capacity to pursue such projects.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (as funding allows).
No match required!**

[Access the Request for Proposals here!](#)

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) see the [FAQ Document](#).

[Apply Here](#)

Upcoming Events

[The Low Impact Approach of the New Stormwater Quality Manual](#)

Hosted by UConn CLEAR, CT NEMO and CT DEEP are offering this webinar (the second of the Stormwater Quality Manual series - [see here for materials from the first event](#)) to share how the new manual has been revamped to lay out a process for designing and implementing stormwater management using low impact development principles.

January 22nd, 2024 - [REGISTER HERE](#)

[Community of Practice for Coastal Inundation](#)

NOAA's Coastal Management Office, the National Sea Grant Office, and the American Society of Adaptation Professionals are hosting a virtual event focused on how to approach coastal flooding challenges and develop co-created solutions through peer learning. Registration is limited so sign up today!

January 30th, 2024 - [REGISTER HERE](#)

[Brownfield Remediation and Development Funding Opportunity Q&A Sessions](#)

These four virtual sessions will provide insight on how each funding opportunity offered by the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development can be used. No registration required.

- Wed, Jan. 17, 2024 (9:00AM - 10:00AM)

What's New in Round 19 - Remediation Grant and Loan Program Highlights

- Wed, Jan. 24, 2024 (9:00AM – 10:00AM) -
What's New in Round 19 - Assessment-Only Program Highlights

- Wed, Jan. 31, 2024 (9:00AM – 10:00AM) -
Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization (BAR) Program Highlights

- Wed, Feb. 7, 2024 (9:00AM – 10:30AM) -
Building Your Redevelopment Project Capital Stack (a presentation from other public funding partners)

NFWF LIS Futures Fund Feedback Sessions

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's **Long Island Sound Futures Fund** supports projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. This annual funding opportunity typically opens in early March and applications are due in May. NFWF staff will be available at the following times to provide one-to-one feedback on project ideas with applicants.

February 13 - April 25, 2024 | 1-3 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays - BOOK A SESSION HERE

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