

Please complete one application for each project and also indicate the priority order of all projects submitted. Please submit two copies of the complete application package. Applications should be typed and are available at www.ct.gov/opm. Please contact Meagan Cowell (Meagan.Cowell@ct.gov or 860-418-6381) or Steven Kitowicz (Steven.Kitowicz@ct.gov or 860-418-6409) with questions. When necessary, attach response in separate document.

Applicant Town Town of Ledyard
Town Address 741 Colonel Ledyard Hwy
Project Address Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Ledyard, CT

If no project address is available, please provide street intersection detail.

Requested FY 2013 STEAP Funding \$500,000

Identify town officials and professionals that may be contacted with questions regarding this application.

John A. Rodolico, Mayor, mayor@ledyardct.org, 860.464.3201
Print Name, Title, Email Address and Phone Number

Charles Karno, Town Planner, planner@ledyardct.org, 860.464.3215
Print Name, Title, Email Address and Phone Number

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Provide a description of the project which includes the purpose of the project. Please be clear as to whether the funds you are requesting are for design, planning, site acquisition or construction. **Please be as comprehensive as possible in the description of this project. (If necessary, attach response in a separate document.) *Note: only capital projects will be considered.**

Town Center Improvements (Construction): Please See Attached

How will the completion of this project impact and benefit the community? Please include any projected economic impact and job creation or retention estimates. *(If necessary, attach response in a separate document.)*

Vibrant town centers are critical to the future economic and cultural success of Connecticut and its municipalities. This is clearly identified in the draft State Plan of Development, our regional CEDS and multiple local, state and national proposals and documents. (Cont.)

Please indicate the approximate number of jobs this project will create or sustain. The real benefit will be long term economic vitality in the Town Center.

What, if any, planning or design work has begun or been completed on this project? Preliminary design and cost estimates are complete; priorities and objective have been established; funding will allow the project to move quickly to construction. See Attachment

Is the proposed project consistent with the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan? (Plan detail is available at: www.ct.gov/opm/cdplan.)

Yes, revitalization of town centers is a primary, identified goal.

Will the project require the conversion of lands currently in agricultural use to non-agricultural use? Does the project area contain prime or important agricultural soils that are greater than 25 acres in area?

No

Describe the environmental and social impacts of the proposed project. For example, impacts related to traffic, floodplains, natural resources/wetlands, endangered species, archeological resources, historical structures, neighborhoods, utilities, etc. *(If necessary, attach response in a separate document.)*

It is hard to overstate, the social impacts of the proposed project. The area to be improved contains the main Town library, the Town Hall, an elementary school, the Town Green, several historic structures, numerous civic monuments and commercial enterprises and the Post Office. The potential is extraordinary. (Cont.)

Is this project a phase of a larger plan? If yes, please attach additional information regarding the overarching, long-term plan.

This is Phase 2 of an ongoing effort to enhance the Ledyard Town Center (Cont.)

Of the funding sources listed above, have all funds been secured to date? If all project funds have not been raised or secured, what is the anticipated source and timeline for remaining funds? If applicable, note any plans to apply for future STEAP funds for this project.

The proposed project can be completed with STEAP funds. Local funds have been

committed.

Please detail, what funds, if any, have been expended to date for this project?

Planning, preliminary design and cost estimates are completed at a cost of approximately

\$10,000± in design, planning funds; recently, \$150,000 Phase 1, completed (STEAP)

Will this project move forward if the requested STEAP funds are not awarded or are awarded in part? Please explain.

Over time, the project will move forward without STEAP funding, however, the benefits and

impact of the project are directly linked to the timeliness and scope of the improvements. Cont.

Attach the following material:

1. Site location map
2. Real estate appraisals (if land acquisition is proposed)
3. Proposed project schedule
4. Project cost estimates supporting the request for funding (if available)
5. List of necessary local, state, and federal permits and approvals required for the project and the status of each
6. Environmental site assessments (if applicable)
7. Any town resolutions in support of the project

Please forward the items requested above with your application for STEAP assistance to:

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Attention: Meagan Cowell
Office of Policy and Management
Budget and Financial Management Division
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

This page must be read and signed by the chief executive official of the municipality in order for the municipality/ project to be considered for STEAP funding.

My signature below, as First Selectman, Mayor or Town Manager of the Town of _____, indicates acceptance of the following and further certifies that:

1. I will comply with any grant terms and conditions required by the administering agency;
2. I understand that should this grant application be approved I will be required to sign an assistance agreement with the assigned administering agency delineating the terms and conditions of this grant;
3. I understand that various permits may be required by the administering agency as required by either the Connecticut General Statutes or Connecticut regulations;
4. I understand that funding associated with this grant application is one-time in nature and that there is no obligation for additional funding from the Office of Policy and Management or the State of Connecticut;
5. I understand that if this project warrants a Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) review pursuant to Sections 22a-1 through 22a-1h of the Connecticut General Statutes that I will comply with such an environmental assessment. Further, if a CEPA is required, I understand that there are costs associated with such a review and that the municipality is in a position to continue with the proposed project despite this cost;
6. I understand that this application will be examined by the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the Office of Policy and Management for consistency with the State Plan of Conservation and Development and that I may be contacted if additional information is required for that review; and
7. I understand that projects which convert twenty-five or more acres of prime farmland to a nonagricultural use will be reviewed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 22-6 of the General Statutes.

Applicant's Signature

Title

Date

Provide a description of the project which include the purpose of the project. Please be clear as to whether the funds you are requesting are for design, planning, site acquisition or construction. Please be as comprehensive as possible in the description of this project.

The purpose of this project is to enhance the aesthetic and economic character of Ledyard Town Center. The funds sought for this project will be used for the construction of streetscape amenities & improvements throughout the center of Ledyard Center. The project area will consist of Zones 4, 5 & 6 of the attached Vision Plan for Ledyard Center (Ledyard Center Conceptual Plan Cost Areas).

Zone 4 – Town Green Phase 2 will consists of completion of the Town Green including: a new stage/ community theater, new parking paving and curbing, lighting, upgraded power services to facilitate large events, new soil, lawn & irrigation, trees & plantings, reconfigured walking track and a new expanded crosswalk to facilitate safe access to the Green.

Zone 5 – School Improvements will expand/continue the streetscape initiated at the Town Green, and consists of: street trees and stone walls along the frontage of the school.

Zone 6 – Town Hall Improvements will consist of: a new street-side plaza with stone walls, lights, benches, and plantings & trees. Additionally, the streetscape will be continued along the western edge of Rte 117 by reducing excess pavement, defining/narrowing driveway entrances and adding new sidewalks and street trees.

When complete, this project will connect all municipally owned properties within the center of Town with a continuous improved streetscape including stone walls, street trees and sidewalks.

How will the completion of this project impact and benefit the community? Please include any projected economic impact and job creation or retention estimates. (If necessary, attach response in a separate document.)

Vibrant town centers are critical to the future economic and cultural success of Connecticut and its municipalities. This is clearly identified in the draft State Plan of Development, our regional CEDS and multiple local, state and national proposals and documents.

The Ledyard Town Center includes the main Town Library, the Town Green, an elementary school, the Town Hall, the Post Office, commercial businesses, historic properties and several civic monuments. This project is intended to continue our efforts to tie this area together in an attractive, inviting, "pedestrian friendly" manner. It, also, aims at increasing the utilization of the area by creating at the Town Green as an attraction for community events and gatherings.

Our goals are generate increased economic activity in the center area; attracting private investment, enhancing the viability of existing businesses and creating opportunities for new ventures.

Describe the environmental and social impacts of the proposed project. For example, impacts related to traffic, floodplains, natural resources/wetlands, endangered species, archeological resources, historical structures, neighborhoods, utilities, etc. (If necessary, attach response in a separate document.)

It is hard to overstate, the social impacts of the proposed project. The area to be improved contains the main Town library, the Town Hall, an elementary school, the Town Green, several historic structures, numerous civic monuments and commercial enterprises and the Post Office. The potential is extraordinary.

It is, also, one of the few areas in Town served by public transportation and enhancing pedestrian access and the viability of the area supports "smart growth" within Ledyard. It will benefit a broad range of our population and foster new investment in an area with existing infrastructure and development. It will provide incentives for the redevelopment of existing underutilized properties.

It will enhance the appreciation of historic properties, a historic Congregational Church , Ledyard's first one-room school house, which is located on the Town Green/Fair Grounds and the Fair Grounds, itself.

The area to be improved currently developed. We anticipate no adverse traffic, floodplain, natural resources, archeological, historic or neighborhood impacts. To the contrary, we anticipate significant positive impacts in many of these areas.

Is this project a phase of a larger plan? If yes, please attach additional information regarding the overarching, long-term plan.

This is Phase 2 of an ongoing effort to enhance the Ledyard Town Center. Recently, Phase 1, an \$150,000, improvement effort at the Town Green site was completed and was very well received by the community. This proposal builds on and continues those improvements by enhancing the Town Green as a site for community events and increasing the attractiveness and access to the area. Phase 3 of the program will further extend the program in the area.

It is important to note that improvements have been planned in this phase that are an extension of the recently completed project. In this way, we are building and concentrating the impact and benefits.

Will this project move forward if the requested STEAP funds are not awarded or are awarded in part? Please explain.

Over time, the project will move forward without STEAP funding, however, the benefits and impact of the project are directly linked to the timeliness and scope of the improvements. The Town is committed to revitalizing its Town Center and will continue that effort in any way it can. However, with Phase 1, we have built significant momentum and if we do not continue that effort in a meaningful and timely manner, we will have lost a great opportunity.

Attachments

- *Site Location Map*
 - *Large Scale*
 - *Project Area*
- *Project Schedule*
- *Project Cost Estimate*
 - *Detailed Estimate*
 - *Concept Drawing (Sheets 1 & 2)*
 - *Concept Plan Cost Areas*
- *Local & State Approvals*
- *Letters of Support*

- ***Site Location Map***