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Sec. 13b-38a-1. Definitions

As used in Sections 13b-38a-1 to 13b-38a-7, inclusive

(a) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Transportation, State of Connecticut;

(b) “Department” means the Department of Transportation, State of Connecticut;

(c) “Traffic Management Plan” means a plan created in conjunction with business firms and community and commuter groups which is designed to alleviate traffic congestion by encouraging the use of mass transportation and promoting the establishment of programs as described in subsection (d) of Section 13b-38a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(d) “Traffic Management Program” means a program such as described in subsection (d) of Section 13b-38a of the Connecticut General Statutes designed to alleviate traffic congestion.

(e) “Transportation Management Organization” means a non-profit proactive organization formed so that employers, developers, building owners, local government representatives, and others can work together and collectively establish policies, programs and services to address local transportation problems.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-2. Eligible agencies

Grant applications for Traffic Management Programs can be made to the Commissioner, by: (a) municipalities whose total employment within its boundaries is greater than 30,000; or (b) transit districts and regional ridesharing entities, which represent a municipality(s) whose employment within its boundaries is greater than 30,000.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-3. Funding limits

Grants to municipalities or the agency representing the municipality(s) shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner, and will be limited to the funds made available to the Department for Traffic Management Programs. State funding shall not exceed 70% of development and administrative costs. The State participation ceiling is dependent upon the funds available for this purpose and will be established by the Commissioner. Local participation shall be at least 30% of program cost. At least half the local contribution shall be monetary. The balance may be provided through in-kind services or other direct program costs. Funds obtained from other State and federal grants may not be used as the local contribution.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-4. Business participation

The municipality or agency representing the municipality, must, within two years and each year thereafter, demonstrate that business firms representing at least 25% of the eligible municipality’s total employment are participating in the program. Failure to achieve this minimum level business participation may be grounds for rejecting future grant applications.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-5. Allowable costs

Allowable costs are those services or functions required for the development or administration of the Traffic Management Program as described in subsections (c) and (d) of Section 13b-38a of the general statutes. Services and functions which

are normally provided through other State or municipally funded transportation planning, operating agencies, or rideshare entities will not be considered eligible unless the planning, operating or rideshare agency is unable to perform the service or function. The Commissioner shall make the final determination relative to allowable costs based upon the contents of the grantees application. Allowable cost will be specified in the program budget of the grant agreement between the grantee and the State.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-6. Notification/grant application

Within 60 calendar days of the approval of the Department's budget by the Legislature containing funds for Traffic Management Programs beginning in Fiscal Year 1992 the Department will notify by letter the first official or chief operating officer of all eligible agencies as defined by "Sec. 13b-38a-2 'Eligible Agencies'" of the availability of funding. Eligible agencies shall have 90 calendar days to submit a grant application for either creating a Traffic Management Plan or administering a Traffic Management Program. As a minimum, all grant applications shall contain the information requested in subsection (c) of Section 13b-38a of the general statutes. For applicants with established Traffic Management Programs, the application shall address how the applicant had encouraged the implementation of program measures described in subsection (d) of Section 13b-38a of the general statutes.

(Effective June 5, 1991)

Sec. 13b-38a-7. Awarding grants

Awarding of grants shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation based on the criteria established in 13b-38a, subsection (c) and the accomplishments of program activities referenced in 13b-38a, subsection (d). Grants will be awarded based on the availability of funding prior to the end of the fiscal year the funding was appropriated.

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