



City Of New London

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Request for Applications

ADDENDUM 1

Proposal No.: ARPA-Notice of Intent to Apply

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Date Issued: April 22, 2022

ODP Grants for Beautification, Historic Preservation, Storefront Activation

Bidders Notes: This addendum is issued to provide all potential bidders with answers to questions submitted.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Changes to prior Addenda:

Q&A:

General Items:

- The Intent to Apply for grants issued through ODP for ARPA funds related to Beautification, Historic Preservation and Storefront Activation has been extended **UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXPENDED.**

Notice of Intent to Apply: (Year 1 Funding)

(Matching grants to ignite capital investments to historic structures)

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1319\)](#) into law. The \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts. Counties will receive \$65.1 billion in population-adjusted payments based on each county's share of U.S. population, with additional adjustments for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients. Cities will receive \$45.57 billion in payments and non-entitlement units of local government will receive \$19.53 billion. The City of New London was awarded a total of 25 Million.

On October 27th, New London City Council approved the first 13 Million in funding on a variety of programs that address social services, education, housing, public spaces, economic development and more. Part of the approval process included establishing guidelines and determining which funding allocations will need to be brought back to council.

As part of the economic development recovery allocation, the Office of Development & Planning (ODP) was awarded funding to manage and invest in historic structures and small businesses. Awards will either be grants (25% min. match) or loans depending on the project details.

Notice of Intent to Apply:

Please complete the attached form to indicate your interest in applying to any of the include funding opportunities described. The Notice of Intent is non-binding. Initial letters of intent will be reviewed by the ODP department prior to requesting formal bids. Preliminary awards may be granted to applicants but award amounts will not be finalized until (3) formal bids are received, reviewed and the project is 'shovel ready'.

Priority will be given to our downtowns central business district and can extend to include properties within the (Enterprise Zone). Projects will be judged on overall economic impact and graded based on the projects scope of work, ability to sustain & create new small businesses, increase the city's tax base and does this project improve the character, safety and quality of life in our central business district.

<https://developnewlondon.com/doing-business/enterprise-zone/>

For questions please contact:

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Year 1 funding opportunities are broken down into the following categories:

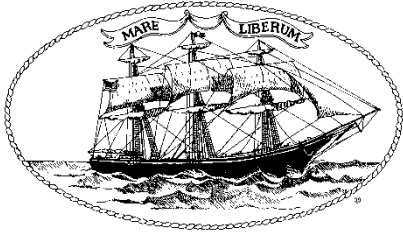
- Beautification: \$750,000
 - Historic Preservation: \$250,000
 - Storefront Activation: \$150,000
 - Clean Energy & Environmental Remediation: Proposed for Year 2 funding
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The **Beautification** and Infrastructure Plan includes sustainable infrastructure improvement, place making, and programming that encourages walkability and supports economic growth. The proposed plan will present a consistent image for the Downtown Business District and unify synergy of downtown and the waterfront. The plan should be adaptable and accommodating to account for future development. Funds for this program can be used for signage, public spaces, intersections, safety, lighting, building improvements, waterfront improvements, transportation, trash management, art installations, and walkability projects.

The **Historic Preservation** program is to invest in significant historic commercial properties that are tied to the cultural, social, economic, and environmental sustainability of downtown New London. New London is a historic city with an inventory of buildings with architectural importance that require significant investment. Renovating historic buildings while keeping both intended design and meeting modern standards can be very costly. These funds can be used for façade improvements, fenestration, roof repairs, architectural details, structural reinforcement, masonry/plaster, interior architectural details and work related to public safety and egress.

The **Storefront Activation** program will aid businesses and building owners for infrastructure improvements to deteriorated commercial storefronts. The goal of the program to help increase the central business district's number of small businesses by developing attractive and up-to-date commercial spaces. Funds can be used for HVAC, lighting, finishes, façade improvements (1st Floor) and associated tenant improvements.

The **Environmental Remediation** program is designed to empower our community to prevent, assess and safely clean up contaminated interior & exterior spaces. Goals for this funding also include incorporating energy saving technology's to reduce energy consumption. The city encourages building owners to coordinate with the CT Green Bank and access additional C-PACE financing that are ideal for green energy projects.



City of New London
Office of Community & Economic Development
American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (H.R. 1319)

Notice of Intent to Apply
Due Date: ONGOING UNTIL FUNDS EXPENDED
**Note: Each property will need a separate and distinct application*

Part I: General Information

Business Entity: _____

Project Address: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

E-mail Address of Contact Person (Required) _____

Telephone: _____

Proposed Project Name: _____

Person Authorized to Sign On Behalf of Agency: _____

Person Authorized to Request Funds: _____

Downtown Revitalization Funding Programs:	Request (grant/loan)	Match (25% Minimum)
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Historic Preservation	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Storefront Activation	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Energy & Environmental Remediation	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Beautification	\$ _____	\$ _____
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*Questions below can be submitted as a separate attachment if additional space is needed.

Part II: Project/Agency Information

A. Proposed Project Description

1. Provide a general description of the proposed project.
 - a. Clearly state exactly what the requested ARPA funds are to be used for; b. Describe the activities to be performed or services to be provided; and c. Do you anticipate any temporary or permanent relocation of persons or businesses because of this project? Is so, please explain.

2. Need for the project.
 - a. Explain the need/problem to be addressed; and b. Explain how this project will address the needs of the community & pandemic recovery.

3. Provide an implementation schedule/timeline for the completion of this project on a separate sheet. **If awarded funding, your agency will have to go out to bid to ensure an open, fair competition for Federal funds.** Please allow approximately two months to competitively procure the services of contractors. Community Development Division staff will guide in the procurement process.

4. Reduced funding questions.
 - a. If you do not receive the amount of funds requested, how do you propose to administer and/or complete the project?; and b. What items would you reduce or eliminate from your budget?

Part III: Project Scope & Estimate

Please attach a detailed scope of work and project estimate: Important: Include breakdown on how other sources of funds are going to enable you to complete the proposed project. Please note that the City of New London is not expecting your agency to get a quote from a contractor that is more detailed than what is normally provided.

Davis-Bacon Act. The Contractor shall comply with the terms of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). The Contractor shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. Contractor shall pay wages not less than once a week. This Agreement is conditioned upon the Contractor's acceptance of the wage determination. Any suspected or reported violations will be reported to the Federal awarding agency.

CT Prevailing Wages may apply if necessary.

I/we certify that the information contained herein and attached as exhibits hereto is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete and that the City of New London can rely upon these statements in determining whether to fund this project. We certify that the Owner and/or Agency Board of Directors have approved this application. Applicant acknowledges grant funding will be a competitive process and based on economic impact within the cultural district. Submissions are not guaranteed funding or guaranteed that requested amounts will be fully funded. Applicant acknowledges that match requirements are a minimum of 25% and may need to increase based on available funds.

Property Owner/Agency