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LCO No. 2115



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT EXPANDING PERMISSIBLE USES FOR TOWN AID ROAD GRANT FUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13a-175a of the 2026 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (a) For each fiscal year there shall be allocated twelve million five
5 hundred thousand dollars out of the funds appropriated to the
6 Department of Transportation, or from any other source, not otherwise
7 prohibited by law, to be used by the towns for (1) [for] the construction,
8 reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of highways, sections of
9 highways, bridges and structures incidental to highways and bridges,
10 including (A) construction, reconstruction, improvements and
11 maintenance intended to increase resiliency against increased
12 precipitation, flooding, sea level rise and extreme heat, and (B) the
13 plowing of snow, the sanding of icy pavements, the trimming and
14 removal of trees, the installation, replacement and maintenance of traffic

15 signs, signals and markings, (2) [for] the purchase and maintenance of
16 equipment used for the purposes described in subdivision (1) of this
17 subsection, including, but not limited to, street sweepers, roadside
18 mowing and vegetation management equipment, snow removal and
19 de-icing equipment and equipment to clean catch basins, (3) traffic
20 control and vehicular safety programs, traffic and parking planning and
21 administration, and other purposes and programs related to highways,
22 traffic and parking, and [(3) for] (4) the purposes of providing and
23 operating essential public transportation services and related facilities.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
25 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the secretary's
26 discretion, may approve the use of funds by a town for purposes other
27 than those enumerated in said subsection.

28 (c) Not later than September 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, each
29 town or district that received funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this
30 section in the preceding fiscal year shall submit a report to the
31 Commissioner of Transportation, in the form and manner prescribed by
32 the commissioner, detailing the amount of such funds expended in such
33 fiscal year for each of the usages enumerated in said subsection or
34 approved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

35 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall reduce
36 the grant payable to a town or district in accordance with subsection (a)
37 of this section by ten per cent in any fiscal year that the town or district
38 fails to timely submit the report required by subsection (c) of this
39 section. The secretary shall waive such reduction if the town or district
40 submits such report after the due date and provides proof of such
41 submission to the secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2026	13a-175a
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PD *Joint Favorable*