

TO: Coventry Town Council  
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RE: Possible STEAP Projects  
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The State announced today the upcoming STEAP grant cycle and held an information meeting. Guidelines are forthcoming. Most significantly, to have a high scoring application, the projects must be near shovel ready (meaning plans, specs and permits), a local match of 20% is recommended (not required), with a State grant maximum grant of \$500,000. Studies are not allowed. The grant deadline is August 15, 2022. Prior spending on plans and specs can be used as the match.

Our past STEAP planning list had three primary projects for consideration:

1. Town Hall meeting room addition
2. Water tower for fire protection ( 1.5 Million)
3. Girls softball field and park improvement

I have reviewed planned projects which are somewhere in the design stage, have a fair certainty of proceeding and are in the range of \$500,000 or so. The match will have to be available, but could come from CNREF (if funds are available) or Council 1.5% authorization.

Possible projects include:

- Second Girls Softball field, and amenities \$500,000 ( plus match)
- Playscape replacement, Patriots Park \$250,000
- Microgrid \$500,000
- Sidewalks from Community Connectivity Project to Lisicke \$500,000
- Laidlaw Par course & trail, field irrigation, playscape exp. \$400,000( and up)
- Well replacements for sodium Contamination (4) \$100,000
- Addition to senior center and commercial kitchen \$500,000
- One of two Culverts (Bunker Hill or Parker Bridge) \* \$500,000

Of these the second girls' softball field is furthest along in the designs stage and is a Council priority. The prior design expenses (69,800) and Girls' Softball donations to date (\$24,564) which almost meets the match requirements. We should be able to get Wetlands permit, PZC review and plan in place by mid-August.

“\*” two local bridge grants are pending for 50% of cost each