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LCO No. 3944



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE  
INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE INCENTIVE  
PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the  
4 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to  
5 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and  
6 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate twenty million  
7 dollars, provided ten million dollars of said authorization shall be  
8 effective July 1, 2012.

9 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
10 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
11 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of  
12 providing grants-in-aid under the intertown capital equipment  
13 purchase incentive program established pursuant to subsection (c) of

14 this section.

15 (c) (1) There is established an intertown capital equipment purchase  
16 incentive program to provide grants to municipalities to jointly  
17 acquire, on and after October 1, 2011, by purchase or by lease,  
18 equipment and vehicles necessary to the performance or delivery of a  
19 required governmental function or service.

20 (2) Grant funds may be used for acquisition costs of (A) equipment  
21 with an anticipated remaining useful life of not less than five years  
22 from the date of purchase or entry into a lease, including, but not  
23 limited to, data processing equipment that has a unit price of less than  
24 one thousand dollars, that a municipality uses in the performance or  
25 delivery of a required governmental function or service, and (B) a  
26 maintenance vehicle, pick-up truck, tractor, truck tractor or utility  
27 trailer, as each said term is defined in section 14-1, or any other similar  
28 type of vehicle that a municipality uses in the performance or delivery  
29 of a required governmental function or service. Each grant shall be not  
30 more than [fifty] eighty per cent of the total acquisition cost of such  
31 equipment or vehicle, or [two hundred fifty] three hundred seventy-  
32 five thousand dollars, whichever is less.

33 (3) Not later than September 1, 2011, the Secretary of the Office of  
34 Policy and Management shall develop guidelines to establish (A) the  
35 procedures to apply for and the administration of the intertown capital  
36 equipment purchase incentive program, (B) criteria for the expenditure  
37 of grant funds and the method of allocation of a grant among the  
38 municipalities that jointly acquire or lease equipment or a vehicle set  
39 forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (C) prioritization for the  
40 awarding of grants pursuant to this section, including, but not limited  
41 to, any limits in a given time frame on (i) the number of times a  
42 municipality may apply, or (ii) the dollar amount of grant funds a  
43 municipality may receive, pursuant to this section.

44 (4) Not later than October 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the

45 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall publish a  
46 notice of grant availability and solicit proposals for funding under the  
47 intertown capital equipment purchase incentive program.  
48 Municipalities eligible for such funding pursuant to the guidelines  
49 developed under subdivision (3) of this subsection may file  
50 applications for such funding at such times and in such manner as the  
51 secretary prescribes. The secretary shall review all grant applications  
52 and make determinations as to which acquisitions to fund and the  
53 amount of grants to be awarded in accordance with the guidelines  
54 developed under subdivision (3) of this subsection.

55 (d) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or  
56 power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions  
57 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds  
58 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and  
59 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the  
60 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with  
61 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall  
62 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their  
63 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or  
64 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.  
65 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the  
66 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for  
67 such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of  
68 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and  
69 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said  
70 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the  
71 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are  
72 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds  
73 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of  
74 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts  
75 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is  
76 hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
77 interest as the same become due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	4-66m

***Statement of Purpose:***

To encourage municipal participation in the intertown capital equipment purchase incentive program by reducing the local match requirement for grant funds.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*