

I urge you to ask Governor Malloy NOT to cut the budget for the Community Assistance Act. The funds from CIA are vital to the preservation of historic structures, open space, and affordable housing.

The Community Investment Act implements the goals of the State of Connecticut to protect and preserve the beauty and unique character of the state for future generations through a designated funding stream.

All of our communities have benefited from CIA funds in some way. To date, over \$133 million has been given back to 165 Connecticut towns since the Act's inception in 2006, creating some 4,000 jobs in the process. Raiding these funds to balance the budget means no money for restoration grants, technical assistance, condition assessments and feasibility studies, our field service program, and more.

This budget cut would be disastrous for Connecticut.

Thank you for your support.

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