

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**GRANT NAME:** CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program

**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department

**DATE:** March 5, 2026

**Funding request:** Up to \$5,000 per award (items must be purchased within 12 months of award)

The City of New Haven Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department seeks authorization to apply for and accept funding through the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Active Transportation Microgrant Program, administered regionally through the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG). This program provides small grants to municipalities and other eligible organizations to support non-infrastructure initiatives that improve conditions for people walking, biking, and rolling.

The Active Transportation Microgrant Program provides funding of up to \$5,000 per award, with no local match required, for eligible items that support safe and accessible active transportation. Eligible uses include equipment, materials, and safety resources such as bicycle parking, safety gear, bicycle maintenance tools and materials, pedestrian and bicycle safety education resources, and other related equipment that helps improve conditions for vulnerable road users.

The City intends to use grant funding to procure eligible items that enhance access to safe and convenient walking, biking, and rolling throughout New Haven. Small investments in equipment and safety resources can help remove barriers that discourage active transportation, improve safety for vulnerable road users, and support the City's ongoing efforts to expand transportation options for residents and visitors.

Participation in this program supports several City priorities, including improving street safety, promoting environmentally sustainable transportation, and enhancing access to neighborhood destinations and local businesses. Increased use of active transportation can also support economic activity by improving access to commercial corridors and community resources.

The Active Transportation Microgrant Program represents an opportunity for the City to pursue small but impactful improvements that complement ongoing transportation initiatives while leveraging state funding to support local mobility goals. Grant funds are administered through SCRCOG and must be used for eligible non-infrastructure items as defined in the program guidelines.

Through this program, the City aims to continue strengthening New Haven's active transportation network and ensuring that residents and visitors of all ages and abilities have safe and accessible options for walking, biking, and rolling.