



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Substitute Bill No. 1003



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL TREE REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this section,
2 "municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town and
3 city or consolidated town and borough, and "municipal road" has the
4 same meaning as provided in section 13a-110a of the general statutes.

5 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
6 tree removal account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
7 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
8 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
9 shall be expended by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
10 Protection for the purposes described in subsection (c) of this section.

11 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2028,
12 inclusive, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
13 shall administer a municipal tree removal grant program to provide
14 grants to municipalities for the removal of dead, dying and hazardous
15 trees, tree limbs and tree branches from municipal property and
16 municipal roads. The commissioner shall establish a grant application
17 process, eligibility criteria for the provision of grants, a formula for
18 determining the amount of each grant awarded pursuant to this
19 subsection and guidelines for the acceptable expenditure of grant

20 funds by municipalities.

21 (d) Any municipality receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall
22 file an annual expenditure report with the Commissioner of Energy
23 and Environmental Protection at such time, and in such manner as the
24 commissioner prescribes. Grant recipients shall refund to the
25 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection any amounts not
26 expended (1) at the close of the fiscal year in which a grant was
27 awarded, and (2) in accordance with the guidelines for acceptable
28 expenditures of grant funds established pursuant to subsection (c) of
29 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c), "June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2028, inclusive" was substituted for " June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028" for conciseness and in Subsec. (d), provisions were rewritten for clarity.

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Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO C/R

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