Town Council Meeting Agenda

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor
Cindi A. Lloyd, Deputy Mayor
Darrell Goodwin
Elizabeth A. Waterhouse
Joseph P. Merritt
Michael J. Oliver
Shamar A. Mahon
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown
Todd E. Cooper

Monday, April 27, 2026, 7:00 pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers • 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Town of Bloomfield will be a hybrid meeting. This means that you can attend in person, by using the Zoom link below or viewing the meeting via YouTube

https://bloomfieldct.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KI3hApB_TIirEjjJJ2aiDw

YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/q1WAJRSCerE?feature=share

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit public input for the
Renaming of the Bloomfield Greenway as the "Joe Merritt" Greenway.
A copy of the draft ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Announcements and Presentations

IV. Citizens' Statements and Petitions

Statements by members of the public may be oral or written and shall start with the speaker's name and address and shall continue for no longer than three (3) minutes, unless permitted by the Mayor or councilor presiding.

V. Council Business

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes
- April 13, 2026

New Business

2026-47: Consider and Take Action Regarding Approval of Applications for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program

2026-48: Consider and Take Action Regarding Authorization to Participate in the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

2026-49: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Crumbie Law Group Engagement Agreement

2026-50: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning FY2027 Proposed Budget (Council Deliberations- Part V)

VI. Report from the Town Manager

VII. Report from the Mayor

VIII. Council Comments

IX. Adjournment

Preview - Content may appear in color online but may be printed in black and white.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bloomfield Town Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** The in-person meeting location will be held at the Bloomfield Town Hall, Council Chambers, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Remote attendees can join the meeting via the Zoom meeting platform:

https://bloomfieldct.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Kl3hApB_TIirEjjJJ2aiDw

This meeting will also be streamed live to You Tube at:

https://youtube.com/live/q1WAJRSCerE?feature=share

The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit public input for the renaming of the Bloomfield Greenway as the "Joe Merritt" Greenway.

Dated at Bloomfield, CT 22nd of April 2026.

Latonia Tabb
Clerk of Council
4/22/2026 **63444**

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes
   - April 13, 2026

Minutes not yet approved.
Approval and any edits to be made in succeeding minutes.

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in a hybrid meeting style. The in-person meeting location was Bloomfield Town Hall – Council Chambers, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, and the virtual location was via Zoom.

Councilors present were: *In-Person:* Mayor Harrington; Councilors Cooper, Merritt & Waterhouse; *and via Zoom:* Deputy Mayor Lloyd; Councilors DeBeatham-Brown, Goodwin, Oliver & Mahon

Councilors absent were: None

Also present were: *In-Person*—Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney; Annatouchur Kingland, Senior Administrative Assistant; David Melesko, Director of Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services; Warren Plumber, Director of Information Technology & Innovation; India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Presentations

Seabury 150th Anniversary Celebration and Town Recognition of 1991 Seabury Land Donation

Ms. Heather Cahill and Ms. Tina DuPont of Seabury highlighted Seabury's 150th anniversary, and noted Seabury's 1991 donation of 70 acres of land to the Town of Bloomfield. They requested formal recognition from the Town for the land donation during this anniversary celebration year. Seabury will also donate 150 seedlings to the Town over the next three years in recognition of their anniversary. They highlighted their ongoing partnership with the Town of Bloomfield.

Proclamation - Arbor Day Recognition for David Mann

Mayor Harrington read a proclamation (attached) for an Arbor Day recognition of the late David Mann.

Proclamation – Regular Arbor Day Recognition

Mayor Harrington read a proclamation (attached) recognizing Arbor Day.

Citizen Statements and Petitions

1. **Paula Jones, 5 Bear Ridge Drive**, thanked Seabury for their contributions to the community. She noted the amount of environmentally conscious residents at Seabury, and highlighted the arboretum that they established on the Seabury campus. She thanked the Mayor for both Arbor Day proclamations, and reported that Bloomfield will be recognized on Arbor Day for achieving Tree City USA status for the second year in a row. She thanked the Council and volunteers for their support of Tree City USA, and invited all to the Arbor Day celebration on 4/24 to honor Mr. David Mann.

2. **Dr. James Biffer, 17 Terry Plains Road,** via Zoom, reported that Policy 110, Sections 3c and 4c states that people currently in office cannot be honored. He noted that this is not a measure of

whether Mr. Merritt was worthy, and highlighted that Mr. Merritt had done a lot for the Town. He reported that the naming honor would be appropriate if Mr. Merritt was no longer on the Town Council.

3. **Lucy Hurston, 5 Christine Circle**, via Zoom, stated that she felt the Town Council was untrustworthy and did not follow the Town Charter. She expressed frustration with the hiring of the Town Manager, noting that he does not live in Bloomfield despite the Town Charter requirements, and expressed frustration that he was given a Town-provided car. She reported feeling that the Town Attorney was unqualified, and that he was given contracts that were a conflict of interest. She stated she felt the rules were bent for the Town Manager, and requested that Bloomfield not be compared to Avon or Simsbury. She also suggested taking back the Town-provided cars and using the $4 million allocated to the Town Center towards trash collection.

Report from Council Subcommittees

A. Governance, Policy & Economic Development

Mayor Harrington reported that the subcommittee met in April and discussed the renaming of the Bloomfield Greenway as the Joe Merritt Greenway. He stated that it was verified that the Town Council can move forward in the process. He also reported briefly on Rockwell Park progress, with hopes to begin work this summer.

B. Finance, Budget, Audit & Bonding

Deputy Mayor Lloyd reported on the 3/17 subcommittee meeting, where they discussed the soon to be submitted audit. The audit was submitted by the end of March and the Town has been taken off of the S&P watchlist. The Deputy Mayor expressed her thanks to the finance team. The next meeting is 4/18/26 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Public Health, Safety & Environment

Councilor Cooper stated that there was no report as the subcommittee meeting was cancelled due to budget presentations.

D. Education, Workforce, Youth Development & Community Services

Councilor Oliver noted the passing of the $5,000 in support of the robotics program. He also reported on attending a career day at Bloomfield High School with Mayor Harrington.

Council Business

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

- *March 30, 2026 - Special Meeting*
- *March 23, 2026 – Special Meeting*
- *March 18, 2026 – Special Meeting*
- *March 12, 2026 – Special Meeting*
- *March 9, 2026 – Special Meeting*

B. Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

New Business:

2026-44: Consider and Take Action Regarding the Addition of Gabb Road to the Town's List of Roads Restricted to Overweight Vehicles

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to accept the Local Road Safety Committee recommendation to restrict Oversized Vehicles on Gabb Road.

2026-45: Consider and Take Action Regarding Town Recognition of 1991 Seabury Land Donation and Approval for Entrance Signage

It was moved by Councilor Merritt and seconded by Councilor Cooper to adopt the attached resolution regarding Town recognition of 1991 Seabury land donation and approval for entrance signage.

It was noted that Seabury preferred sign option A.

Councilor Oliver & Deputy Mayor Lloyd thanked Seabury for their ongoing community support.

Mayor Harrington read the full resolution, and the motion passed unanimously.

2026-46: Consider and Take Action Regarding the Review and Recommendation in the Renaming of the Bloomfield Greenway as the "Joe Merritt" Greenway

Councilor Merritt noted that he would recuse himself and inquired if he needed to leave the room. It was stated that he did not have to leave the room.

Mayor Harrington reported that after consulting with the Town Attorney that Town Council can move forward with this item.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and seconded by Councilor Cooper to schedule a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting regarding the renaming of the Bloomfield Greenway as the Joe Merritt Greenway.

A discussion ensued. Concerns included naming something after a current elected official, and a procedural question as to if Councilor Merritt voted during the Governance meeting that sent the item to Town Council. Support for the item included believing the renaming not to be in violation of the naming policy, having the Town Attorney's opinion that the item could move forward, and the importance of celebrating people while they are alive.

Councilor Merritt's dedication to the trails and the Greenway was recognized by numerous Council members.

Councilor Mahon called the question.

VOTE: **Yes**: T. Cooper, S. DeBeatham-Brown, D. Goodwin, A. Harrington, C. Lloyd, M. Oliver, S. Mahon, E. Waterhouse
No: None
Abstain: J. Merritt

The motion passed 8-0-1.

Councilor Waterhouse moved that the public hearing be held on April 27. It was seconded by Councilors Cooper and Oliver.

VOTE: **Yes**: T. Cooper, S. DeBeatham-Brown, D. Goodwin, A. Harrington, C. Lloyd, M. Oliver, S. Mahon, E. Waterhouse
No: None
Abstain: J. Merritt

The motion passed 8-0-1.

Report from the Town Manager

Mr. Schwapp reported on a variety of items, including:

- Bloomfield's acceptance into Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA)
- FY2025 audit is slated to be provided to the auditor around the first week of May 2026
- Community Building Leadership Team (CBLT) will now be known as Community Serving Leadership Team (CSLT)
- Upcoming Events:
  - 4/15/26 – Ribbon-cutting at Ivy Rehab
  - 4/16/26 – Feed the Children Resource Rally at Carmen Arace School
  - 4/24/26 – Arbor Day Celebration in recognition of David Mann
- Budget meetings are underway. He highlighted that the proposed budget is a starting point, and reported his goals of reducing the tax burden and not using any fund balance in creating his proposed budget. 4/14/26, 4/16/26 and 4/20/26 are the next budget meeting dates.
- Congratulations to Seabury for their 150th Anniversary
- Thanks to Councilor Merritt to his decades of service
- Recognition of the late David Mann

Report from the Mayor

Mayor Harrington highlighted a report forthcoming from Goman+York. He noted Councilor Merritt's quiet leadership.

Council Comments

Councilor Cooper congratulated Councilor Merritt. He thanked the Town Manager and Town Staff for their work in obtaining CMDA membership. He stated his anticipation for the upcoming updated Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD). He highlighted that the budget is important to him as a resident in addition to as a Town Councilor.

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown expressed concern with the cutting of programs that impact residents in the proposed Town budget, and frustration that she has not received some of the information that she had requested. She hopes that residents come out and share their opinions on the budget. She stated that she is committed to the most vulnerable, to keeping trash pick-up, and that taxes do not increase to the point of harm. She spoke to the importance of right-sizing. She highlighted the importance of volunteer work and the time served, and how value is attributed. She recognized both Councilor Merritt and David Mann. She spoke to the importance of listening to the community.

Councilor Oliver spoke about the budget, and highlighted that some cuts would need to be made. He highlighted the importance of working as a team and also supporting the Town Manager. He suggested sending a survey to Town residents to see their budget priorities.

Councilor Mahon expressed excitement in seeing residents' engagement with the budget process. He encouraged residents to reach out to others to let them know the budget is their budget, and that they should get involved. He highlighted a petition circulating, and noted that he hopes they can find better places to cut in order to keep certain benefits.

Councilor Merritt shared how honored he was in hearing the comments of his fellow Councilors about his service. He noted that his first term was in 1975 and his efforts to start EMS services in Town. He stated his desire to do good things in Bloomfield, including early learning, golf course, library, and East Coast Greenway. He highlighted the importance of advocacy. He discussed the current path and the value of the Greenway.

Councilor Goodwin thanked all for their love and prayers on behalf of him and his husband for their new daughter. He thanked residents for their thoughts and feedback on the budget, and encouraged them to continue. He encouraged keeping in mind the most vulnerable and those who will be most impacted by the budget changes.

Councilor Waterhouse shared her excitement for the upcoming public hearing for the proposed Joe Merritt Greenway, and noted Councilor Merritt's long record of service, including with the Republican Town Committee.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd congratulated Seabury and thanked Councilor Merritt for his efforts. She noted that she looks forward to working with her colleagues on making a budget that keeps quality of life services for all residents.

Mayor Harrington reported that Councilor Waterhouse will join the Trails Committee as Vice Chair. He spoke on feedback he has received on the budget thus far, and on the budget process. He encouraged residents to continue to reach out.

Executive Session

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, second by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss pending claims and litigation with the Town Manager, Deputy Town Manager, Town Attorney, Town Council, and Senior Administrative Assistant.

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Mayor Harrington and voted unanimously to end executive session at 8:51 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mayor Harrington, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary, based on the YouTube Video Recording.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at youtube.com/live/hm1QVPPQmvY?si=ZWElfQJ5-K_vD1x4

Proclamation

Arbor Day – David M. Mann

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed to recognize the vital role trees play in strengthening communities, enhancing the environment, and improving the quality of life for present and future generations, ***and***

WHEREAS, David M. Mann served the Town of Bloomfield with dedication, integrity, and vision as a member of the Town Council for four years, including two years as Deputy Mayor, ***and***

WHEREAS, David M. Mann's commitment to public service extended well beyond elected office through 18 years of service on the Bloomfield Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, leadership as Chair of the Design Review Board, service as an original member of the Community Awareness Taskforce, and contributions to the Democratic Town Committee, including work to update its bylaws, ***and***

WHEREAS, David M. Mann was a devoted environmental steward who deeply valued trees and green spaces, serving as a Trees for Bloomfield Tree Keeper, planting and caring for trees throughout town, and helping to organize the Bloomfield Arboretum, ***and***

WHEREAS, David M. Mann's legacy is one of thoughtful leadership, civic responsibility, and enduring care for the natural and built environment of Bloomfield,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the Town of Bloomfield, and dedicate this day to honoring the life, service, and environmental legacy of David M. Mann.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 13th Day of April 2026

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cindy Lloyd, Councilor Michael J. Oliver,
Councilor Todd Cooper, Councilor Darrell Goodwin,
Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown, Councilor Joseph P. Merritt,
Councilor Shamar Mahon and Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, ***and***

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, ***and***

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, ***and***

WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, ***and***

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, ***and***

WHEREAS, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, ***and***

WHEREAS, trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, ***and***

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield, on behalf of the Bloomfield Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as ARBOR DAY and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, celebrate, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated at Bloomfield, Connecticut, this 13th Day of April 2026

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Cindy Lloyd, Councilor Michael J. Oliver,
Councilor Todd Cooper, Councilor Darrell Goodwin,
Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown, Councilor Joseph P. Merritt,
Councilor Shamar Mahon and Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse

April 2026 Tax Refunds

Customer Name	List Number	Amount Refunded
CCAP Auto Lease LTD	2024-03-0052881	$408.02
JP Morgan Chase	2024-04-0081014	370.92
CoreLogic	2024-01-0006352	2,230.05
CoreLogic	2024-01-0001379	71.61
CoreLogic	2024-01-0007060	2,973.41
CoreLogic	2024-01-0002702	673.60
CoreLogic	2024-01-0004145	2,831.07
CoreLogic	2024-01-0001765	2,017.99
CoreLogic	2024-01-0000468	3,421.94
CoreLogic	2024-01-0002025	886.28
CoreLogic	2024-01-0003212	3,228.59
CoreLogic	2024-01-0006043	3,683.96
CoreLogic	2024-01-0002639	2,285.56
CoreLogic	2024-01-0002256	3,634.62
CoreLogic	2024-01-0005443	2,020.49
Dextre-Balabarca, Wuilian	2024-03-0054336	175.93
Honda Lease Trust	2024-03-0058095	481.55
JJ Landerman	2024-03-0058821	1,043.53
Kellier, Kingsley	2023-03-0059611	672.24
Rodriguez, Tiffany	2024-01-0006317	2,296.79
Ryder Truck Rental LT	2024-03-0065201	34.57
Toyota Lease Trust	2024-03-0067372	855.65
		$36,298.37

Town of Bloomfield

Town Council Resolution

TITLE:
Resolution Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of Church Home of Hartford, Inc. d/b/a Seabury and Designating the Donated Open Space in Honor of Seabury's Conservation Legacy

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WHEREAS, Church Home of Hartford, Inc. d/b/a Seabury ("Seabury") is celebrating its **150th anniversary of mission-driven service** to older adults and to the greater Hartford community; and

WHEREAS, Seabury has maintained a longstanding partnership with the Town of Bloomfield, advancing shared values of community service, environmental stewardship, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Seabury deeded approximately **seventy (70) acres of land to the Town of Bloomfield in 1991** for conservation and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, this contribution has preserved vital natural resources, wildlife habitat, and open space for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Seabury has further expressed its intent, in connection with its 150th anniversary, to continue its commitment to environmental stewardship through the donation of native tree seedlings for planting within the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Town of Bloomfield to formally recognize this significant land donation and Seabury's continued conservation leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield that:

1. **Recognition of Land Donation**
   The Town of Bloomfield formally recognizes and expresses its gratitude to Church Home of Hartford, Inc. d/b/a Seabury for its longstanding partnership and for the conveyance of approximately seventy (70) acres of conserved land in 1991.

2. **Designation of Conserved Land**
   The conserved acreage is hereby designated as the **"Seabury Conservation Area"** (the "Property").

3. **Authorization and Implementation**
   The Town Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to:

   a. Collaborate with Seabury to finalize the official name of the Property;

   b. Coordinate the installation of a recognition sign **across from the main entrance to the Seabury campus**, acknowledging the 1991 land donation and Seabury's conservation legacy;

   c. Update Town records, maps, and public communications to reflect the designation of the Property;

   d. Organize, in partnership with Seabury, a public dedication or recognition event; and

   e. Coordinate with Seabury regarding the **donation and planting of up to one-hundred and fifty (150) native tree seedlings over the coming years**, which may include **White Oak (*Quercus alba*), Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*), Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), and Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)**, or other native species as approved by the Town, in support of Bloomfield's conservation, land management, and sustainability goals.

4. **Recordkeeping**
   The Town Clerk shall enter this Resolution into the official records of the Town of Bloomfield and transmit a certified copy to Church Home of Hartford, Inc. d/b/a Seabury.

Adopted by the Bloomfield Town Council this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Chair, Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: FY 2026-47: APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM

Each year, the Town Council is asked to review and approve applications submitted by organizations seeking to participate in the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. The NAA program provides tax credits to business firms that make cash investments to qualifying community programs conducted by tax-exempt or municipal agencies.

All proposed community programs must be approved by both the Town of Bloomfield (the municipality in which the programs are conducted) and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

The attached 2026 NAA applications were submitted by the following organizations:

1) New Horizons, Inc., dba Sunshine Wheels, for operations within the Town of Bloomfield, provides specific details regarding New Horizons, Inc.'s program.

2) Financial Scholars, Inc., for operations within the Town of Bloomfield, provides specific details regarding Financial Scholars, Inc's program.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion will be in order:

Move to schedule a public hearing as required by the Department of Revenue Services

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Department of Revenue Services

Municipality: Bloomfield

Form NAA-01

2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal

This form **must** be completed and submitted to your municipality for approval. All items **must** be completed with as much detail as possible. If additional space is needed, attach additional sheets. Please type or print clearly. See attached instructions before completing. **Do not submit this form directly to the Department of Revenue Services.**

Part I — General Information

Name of tax-exempt organization/municipal agency: New Horizons, Inc. dba Sunshine Wheels

Address: We have a location at: 200 Seabury Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Federal Employer Identification Number: 0 6 6 0 4 0 5 1 3

Program title: Wheelchair Accessible Van

Name of contact person: Stephanie Tetreault

Telephone number: (860) 673-8893

Email address:

Total NAA funding requested ($250 minimum, $150,000 maximum): $ 79,986.00

Is your organization required to file federal Form 990 or 990EZ, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, attach a copy of the **first page** of your most recent return.

If **No**, attach a copy of your determination letter from the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.

Part II — Program Information

Check the appropriate description of your program:

100% credit percentage

- [ ] Energy conservation; **or**
- [ ] Comprehensive college access loan forgiveness (see Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-635(3)).

60% credit percentage

- [ ] Job training/education for unemployed persons aged 50 or over;
- [ ] Job training/education for persons with physical disabilities;
- [X] Program serving low-income persons;
- [ ] Child care services;
- [ ] Establishment of a child day care facility;
- [ ] Open space acquisition fund; **or**
- [X] Other (specify): Wheelchair Accessible Van - Medical Transportation

Description of program:

Sunshine Wheels is a division of New Horizons. Sunshine Wheels provides wheelchair accessible transportation for both medical and recreational purposes. Most of our passengers are on Medicaid and have very limited means. New Horizons needs to purchase another vehicle in order to meet the extensive need for our services. Thank you for considering this important request!

Need for program:

Sunshine Wheels currently provides close to 400 trips per week for seniors and individuals with physical disabilities. The need is significant! A new vehicle will allow Sunshine Wheels to provide transportation to those in need. We provide trips to doctor appointments, critical medical procedures, food banks, pharmacies, physical therapy sessions as well as many other locations. Seniors and individuals with physical disabilities rely on Sunshine Wheels each and every day. Here is a short video on Sunshine Wheels: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBj8mNk2w-o

Neighborhood area to be served:

Bloomfield, CT

Plan to implement the program:

We plan to order and utilize the new vehicle as soon as we receive funding to purchase it.

Timetable:

Program start date: 12-31-2026
MM - DD - YYYY

Program completion date: 12-31-2027
MM - DD - YYYY

Post-project audit due date: 02-28-2028
MM - DD - YYYY

The program start date must not be more than two years prior to the program completion date. Additionally, the program completion date must not extend beyond December 31, 2028.

Any program receiving $25,000 or more in NAA funding is required to provide a post-project audit, prepared by a certified public accounting firm, to the municipality overseeing the program, no later than three months after the program completion date.

Part III — Financial Information

Program Budget:

Complete in full. Expenditures must equal or exceed total funding.

Sources of Revenue:

NAA funds requested	$79,986.00
Other funding sources - itemized sources:	
a) N/A	
b)	
c)	
d)	
Total Funding:	$79,986.00

Proposed Program Expenditures:

Direct operating expenses - itemized description:	
a) Cost of a Ford Transit Wheelchair Accessible Van	$79,986.00
b)	
c)	
d)	
Administrative expenses - itemized description:	
a) N/A	
b)	
c)	
d)	
Total Proposed Expenditures:	$79,986.00

Part IV — Municipal Information

To be completed by the municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program

Name of municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program: Town of Bloomfield

Mailing address: 800 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Name of municipal liaison: Annatouchur Deanna Kingland

Telephone number: (860) 769-3504

Fax number: (860) 242-2965

Email address: akingland@bloomfieldct.gov

Post-Project Audit

Is a post-project audit required for this proposal?

[X] Yes [ ] No

If **Yes**, date post-project audit due:

02-28-2028

Date

2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal Instructions

Complete all items on **Form NAA-01**, *2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal.* Incomplete applications will **not** be accepted. For where to direct inquiries, see *Additional Information* below.

Part I — General Information

Enter the name of the tax-exempt organization or municipal agency, address, Federal Employer Identification Number, name, telephone number, and email address of the contact person.

Program Title: Assign a unique program title to each program for which your organization is making an application.

Federal Form 990: Attach a copy of the first page of your organization's most recent federal Form 990 or Form 990EZ. If your organization is not required to file either Form 990 or Form 990EZ, attach a copy of the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

Part II — Program Information

Description of Program: Describe the program, including information about how the program will operate, its benefit to the community, how recipients will be selected, and any measures used to determine the program's impact on the community.

Need for Program: Demonstrate a need for this program. For example, provide relevant statistics.

Neighborhood Area to Be Served: Describe the neighborhood or municipality this program will serve.

Plan to Implement the Program: Describe how the program will operate. Identify other persons or organizations involved in the administration of the program.

Timetable: Indicate the starting and completion dates of the program. The program completion date must not be more than two years from the program start date.

Part III — Financial Information

Each program proposal must include a program budget that includes all sources of funding and all anticipated expenditures. The information provided in the budget may be used during a post-project audit.

Sources of Revenue: The budget must include the requested NAA funding and any other anticipated revenue sources.

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EXTENDED TO AUGUST 15, 2025

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning OCT 1, 2023 and ending SEP 30, 2024

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/ termin-ated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Applica-tion pending

C Name of organization
NEW HORIZONS, INC.
Doing business as

D Employer identification number
06-6040513

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
37 BLISS MEMORIAL ROAD

E Telephone number
860-675-4711

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
UNIONVILLE, CT 06085

G Gross receipts $ 22,573,008.

F Name and address of principal officer: CAROL FITZGERALD
SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: N/A

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 1967

M State of legal domicile: CT

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: NEW HORIZONS, INC. PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION, OTHER SUPPORT

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	243
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	12
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,992,918.	379,076.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	18,883,216.	19,440,609.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	163,069.	413,905.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	55,837.	444,325.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	22,095,040.	20,677,915.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,849,720.	1,891,101.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	13,196,277.	10,991,011.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 3,789.		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	8,044,430.	7,390,232.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	23,090,427.	20,272,344.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-995,387.	405,571.

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	30,557,358.	29,367,172.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	7,730,973.	5,992,359.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	22,826,385.	23,374,813.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date

NICOLE DOWNES, CFO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	PTIN
LORI ROTHE YOKOBOSKY	LORI ROTHE YOKOBOSKY	04/03/25	☐	P01273422

Firm's name COHNREZNICK LLP — Firm's EIN 22-1478099

Firm's address 350 CHURCH STREET, 12TH FLOOR
HARTFORD, CT 06103 — Phone no. 959-200-7000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

CONNECTICUT
portal.ct.gov/DRS
(Rev. 02/26)

Department of Revenue Services

Municipality: City of Bloomfield

Form NAA-01

2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA)
Program Proposal

This form **must** be completed and submitted to your municipality for approval. All items **must** be completed with as much detail as possible. If additional space is needed, attach additional sheets. Please type or print clearly. See attached instructions before completing. **Do not submit this form directly to the Department of Revenue Services**.

Part I — General Information

Name of tax-exempt organization/municipal agency: Financial Scholars, Inc. (CT Financial Scholars is a chapter of Financial Scholars, Inc.)

Address: 201 Rouse Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19112

Federal Employer Identification Number: 8 5 4 2 5 4 0 2 0

Program title: Financial Education & Empowerment for Bloomfield Public School students and families

Name of contact person: Betsy McNeil, Executive Director, Connecticut Financial Scholars

Telephone number: (916) 753-7000

Email address:

Total NAA funding requested ($250 minimum, $150,000 maximum): $ 8,000.00

Is your organization required to file federal Form 990 or 990EZ, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, attach a copy of the **first page** of your most recent return.

If **No**, attach a copy of your determination letter from the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.

Part II — Program Information

Check the appropriate description of your program:

100% credit percentage

- [ ] Energy conservation; **or**
- [ ] Comprehensive college access loan forgiveness (see Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-635(3)).

60% credit percentage

- [ ] Job training/education for unemployed persons aged 50 or over;
- [ ] Job training/education for persons with physical disabilities;
- [x] Program serving low-income persons;
- [ ] Child care services;
- [ ] Establishment of a child day care facility;
- [ ] Open space acquisition fund; **or**
- [x] Other (specify): Education for under-resourced, low-income communities

Description of program:

CTFS provides high school students, teachers, and families with the tools needed to develop financial skills, build greater wealth, and achieve financial empowerment. We implement a 4-part strategy: (1) curated curriculum; (2) paid training for classroom teachers; (3) adult financial empowerment workshops; (4) enrichment and community building. Unlike many financial literacy programs that drop in temporarily, our model. centers on the classroom and is designed for long-term, systemic impact. Teacher partners learn the CTFS model to become equipped to deliver the program to cohorts of students year after year.

Need for program:

Connecticut has one of the largest wealth gaps in the country. CTFS believes that access to financial education and empowerment is critical to overcoming systemic economic barriers and key to unlocking economic mobility. CT is also one of now 30 states with a legislative mandate that requires all public high school students take a personal finance course to graduate. The CTFS model addresses a root driver of financial instability that affects communities like Bloomfield: the lack of access to high-quality financial education and asset-building pathways in historically under-resourced communities.

Neighborhood area to be served:

The proposed project will serve Bloomfield, CT where CTFS currently works with the personal finance teacher at Bloomfield High School, serving 69 students. Bloomfield Public Schools is an Alliance District, a designation by the CT Department of Education for the lowest-performing districts that need the most support. CTFS has designed its model with the primary focus on high school students and school communities in historically overlooked and underserved neighborhoods. Not all students, teachers and schools have the same access to resources and supports as others.

Plan to implement the program:

The key components to implementing the course are curriculum and professional development from CTFS for teacher partners at each partner school. Course content is comprehensive, covering Behavioral Economics, Budgeting, Banking, Credit, Borrowing, How to Buy a Car, Home Ownership, College Affordability, Investing, Taxes, and more. The professional development scope includes a 2-day kickoff training in summer before the school year starts, followed by monthly training. CTFS pays teachers a stipend to compensate them for their time and provides customizable lesson plans, activities, and assessments as well as ongoing coaching.

Timetable:

Program start date: 08-06-2026
MM - DD - YYYY

Program completion date: 07-01-2027
MM - DD - YYYY

Post-project audit due date: _____
MM - DD - YYYY

The program start date must not be more than two years prior to the program completion date. Additionally, the program completion date must not extend beyond December 31, 2028.

Any program receiving $25,000 or more in NAA funding is required to provide a post-project audit, prepared by a certified public accounting firm, to the municipality overseeing the program, no later than three months after the program completion date.

Part III — Financial Information

Program Budget:

Complete in full. Expenditures must equal or exceed total funding.

Sources of Revenue:

NAA funds requested	$8,000.00
Other funding sources - itemized sources:	
a) Individual contributions (Bloomfield allocation)	$1,000.00
b)	
c)	
d)	
Total Funding:	$9,000.00

Proposed Program Expenditures:

Direct operating expenses - itemized description:	
a) Program teacher stipends (Bloomfield)	$2,000.00
b) Program travel & tech (Bloomfield)	$323.00
c) Program food & events (Bloomfield)	$184.00
d) Program supplies, incentives, scholarships (Bloomfield)	$380.00
Administrative expenses - itemized description:	
a) Program salaries (Bloomfield allocation)	$4,421.00
b) Benefits & taxes (Bloomfield allocation)	$102.00
c) Indirect cost (Bloomfield allocation)	$645.00
d)	
Total Proposed Expenditures:	$8,055.00

Part IV — Municipal Information

To be completed by the municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program

Name of municipal agency overseeing implementation of the program: Town of Bloomfield

Mailing address: Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield CT 06002

Name of municipal liaison: Annatouchur Kingland

Telephone number: (860) 769-3585

Fax number: (860) 242-2965

Email address: akingland@bloomfieldct.gov

Post-Project Audit

Is a post-project audit required for this proposal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If **Yes**, date post-project audit due:

_____
Date

2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal Instructions

Complete all items on **Form NAA-01**, *2026 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal.* Incomplete applications will **not** be accepted. For where to direct inquiries, see *Additional Information* below.

Part I — General Information

Enter the name of the tax-exempt organization or municipal agency, address, Federal Employer Identification Number, name, telephone number, and email address of the contact person.

Program Title: Assign a unique program title to each program for which your organization is making an application.

Federal Form 990: Attach a copy of the first page of your organization's most recent federal Form 990 or Form 990EZ. If your organization is not required to file either Form 990 or Form 990EZ, attach a copy of the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

Part II — Program Information

Description of Program: Describe the program, including information about how the program will operate, its benefit to the community, how recipients will be selected, and any measures used to determine the program's impact on the community.

Need for Program: Demonstrate a need for this program. For example, provide relevant statistics.

Neighborhood Area to Be Served: Describe the neighborhood or municipality this program will serve.

Plan to Implement the Program: Describe how the program will operate. Identify other persons or organizations involved in the administration of the program.

Timetable: Indicate the starting and completion dates of the program. The program completion date must not be more than two years from the program start date.

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Addendum to Form NAA-01
Municipality: City of Bloomfield
Date: April 23, 2026

Connecticut Financial Scholars

Background:

Connecticut Financial Scholars (CTFS) is the local chapter of Financial Scholars (FS), a nonprofit organization founded in 2020 to attack wealth inequity and address a fundamental gap in the education system by offering financial empowerment classes in high school.

We launched pilot services in Connecticut in August 2024 in preparation to support schools after the passage of the financial education graduation requirement – but the underlying purpose of our work goes far beyond the mandate. The mission of CTFS is to provide high school students, teachers, and families with the tools needed to develop financial skills, build greater wealth, and achieve financial empowerment. We believe access to financial empowerment education is critical to overcoming systemic economic barriers and are united in a vision of bringing financial knowledge and confidence to every student.

CTFS is currently working with 52 teacher partners in 35 schools and 10 school districts across the state, serving over 3,000 students in the 2025-2026 school year.

Program Request:

CTFS is seeking $8,000 in NAA funding in Bloomfield to help support our direct service work in the Bloomfield Public Schools.

Budget Narrative:

The primary driver of our expense budget is the number of teacher partners we support at each school/district. Therefore, the Bloomfield-specific allocations are based on supporting approximately 1 teacher at Bloomfield High School for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. The NAA funds would go towards the direct operating expenses in the budget, which include stipends for teachers.

The majority of our current and projected revenue is general operating support for the organization. The current estimated organization budget for the upcoming 2026-27 school year is approximately $550,000. In addition to individual donors, our current investors include: Webster Bank ($100,000), Synchrony ($150,000), Gridiron Capital ($25,000), Balance Point Capital ($25,000), L Catterton ($25,000), and Per and Astrid Heidenreich Family Foundation ($5,000).

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Forms 990 / 990-EZ Return Summary

For calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning 07/01/23 , and ending 06/30/24

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Financial Scholars, Inc.

Net Asset / Fund Balance at Beginning of Year			232,331
Revenue			
Contributions	1,089,710		
Program service revenue			
Investment income			
Capital gain / loss			
Fundraising / Gaming:			
Gross revenue			
Direct expenses			
Net income			
Other income	12,918		
Total revenue		1,102,628	
Expenses			
Program services	482,149		
Management and general	79,219		
Fundraising	56,377		
Total expenses		617,745	
Excess / (deficit)			484,883
Changes			
Net Asset / Fund Balance at End of Year			717,214

Reconciliation of Revenue

Total revenue per financial statements	1,102,628
Less:	
Unrealized gains	
Donated services	
Recoveries	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
Total revenue per return	1,102,628

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Less:	
Donated services	
Prior year adjustments	
Losses	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
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Balance Sheet

	Beginning	Ending	Differences
Assets	254,005	795,632	
Liabilities	21,674	78,418	
Net assets	232,331	717,214	484,883

Miscellaneous Information

Amended return

Return / extended due date 05/15/25

Failure to file penalty

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager ADS

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: FY 2026-48: AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FY2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) PROGRAM

Please review the attached documentation from Captain Zachary Klomberg dated April 21, 2026.

Captain Klomberg requests that the Town Council adopt the attached Authorizing Resolution to allow the Town to apply for and receive FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds administered through the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). Council approval of this resolution is required before the submission of the grant application and is a condition of EMPG program participation.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is a federally funded program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The EMPG program provides annual grant funding to states and, through them, to municipalities to support the development, sustainment, and enhancement of local emergency management programs. In Connecticut, DEMHS serves as the state administrative agency responsible for distributing EMPG funds to eligible municipalities.

EMPG funds are intended to assist municipalities in meeting the core capabilities outlined in the National Preparedness Goal and may be used to support emergency management staffing, training, exercises, planning, and equipment. A key requirement of the EMPG program is that recipients provide a 50% local match of the total project cost, demonstrating municipal commitment to emergency management activities.

The Town of Bloomfield would utilize these funds to maintain and strengthen its local emergency management capabilities across the four mission areas of preparedness: prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery. Participation in the FY2025 grant cycle ensures Bloomfield can sustain critical emergency management functions and remain eligible for future federal and state preparedness funding.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion will be in order:

Move to adopt the attached resolution:

TITLE:

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), provide financial assistance to municipalities under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program to strengthen local emergency management capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomfield recognizes the vital importance of maintaining a capable and coordinated Emergency Management program to enhance preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery operations for the safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Bloomfield to participate fully in the FY2025 EMPG program and to authorize the appropriate officials to apply for and administer these funds in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield that:

1. The Emergency Management Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant funds from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), on behalf of the Town of Bloomfield.

2. The Town Manager, or their duly authorized representative, is empowered to sign and execute any and all agreements, assurances, or other documents necessary to apply for and receive such funds, including reimbursement requests and grant reports.

3. The Town of Bloomfield agrees to provide the required local match and to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and grant conditions as required by the EMPG program.

4. This resolution shall remain in effect for the duration of the FY2025 grant period unless rescinded or amended by subsequent action of the Town Council.

Approved this ___ day of _____ , 2026, by the Bloomfield Town Council.

ATTEST:

_____

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

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Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk

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Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut

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ATTEST:

_____

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor

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Andrea DiStephan, Town Clerk

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Zachary Klomberg, Emergency Management Director

BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Email: bpdcontact@pd.bloomfieldct.gov Internet: www.bloomfieldct.gov

BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager
From: Captain Zachary Klomberg, Bloomfield Police Department, Emergency Management Director
Date: April 21st, 2026
Re: Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Authorizing Resolution

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the Bloomfield Town Council adopt the attached Authorizing Resolution to allow the Town to apply for and receive FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds administered through the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). Council approval of this resolution is required prior to the submission of the grant application and is a condition of EMPG program participation.

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RECOMMEDNATION

The Town Council is respectfully requested to adopt the EMPG Authorizing Resolution, which:

- Authorizes the Emergency Management Director to apply for and accept FY2025 EMPG funds on behalf of the Town of Bloomfield.

- Empowers the Town Manager, or authorized representative, to execute all required grant agreements, assurances, and reports.

- Commits the Town of Bloomfield to providing the required local match and complying with all applicable federal and state grant requirements.

Enclosure: Authorizing Resolution – FY2025 EMPG

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: FY 2026-49: THE CRUMBIE LAW GROUP ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Councilor Shamar Mahon.

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: FY 2026-50: FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET (COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS – PART V)

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Anthony Harrington.