

February 2021

Regular Meeting

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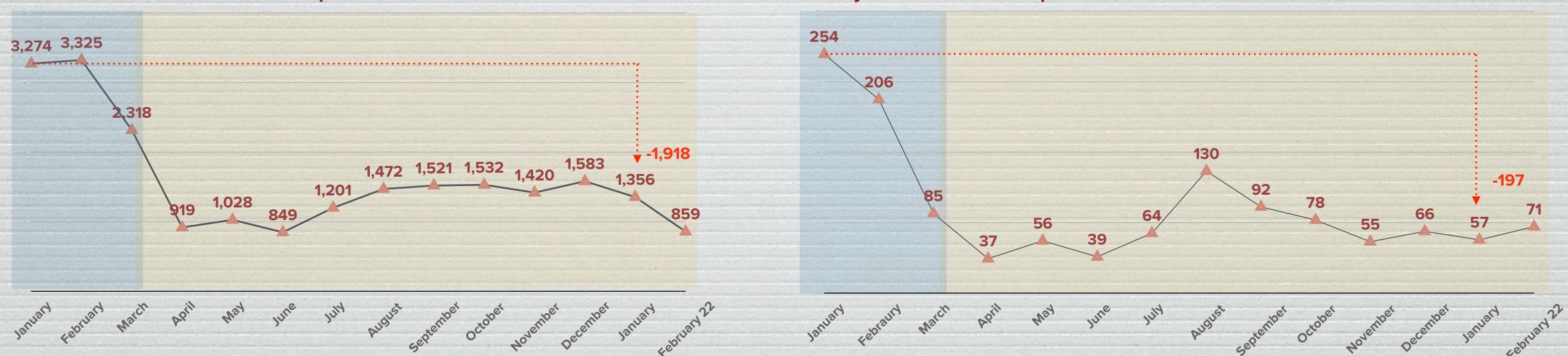
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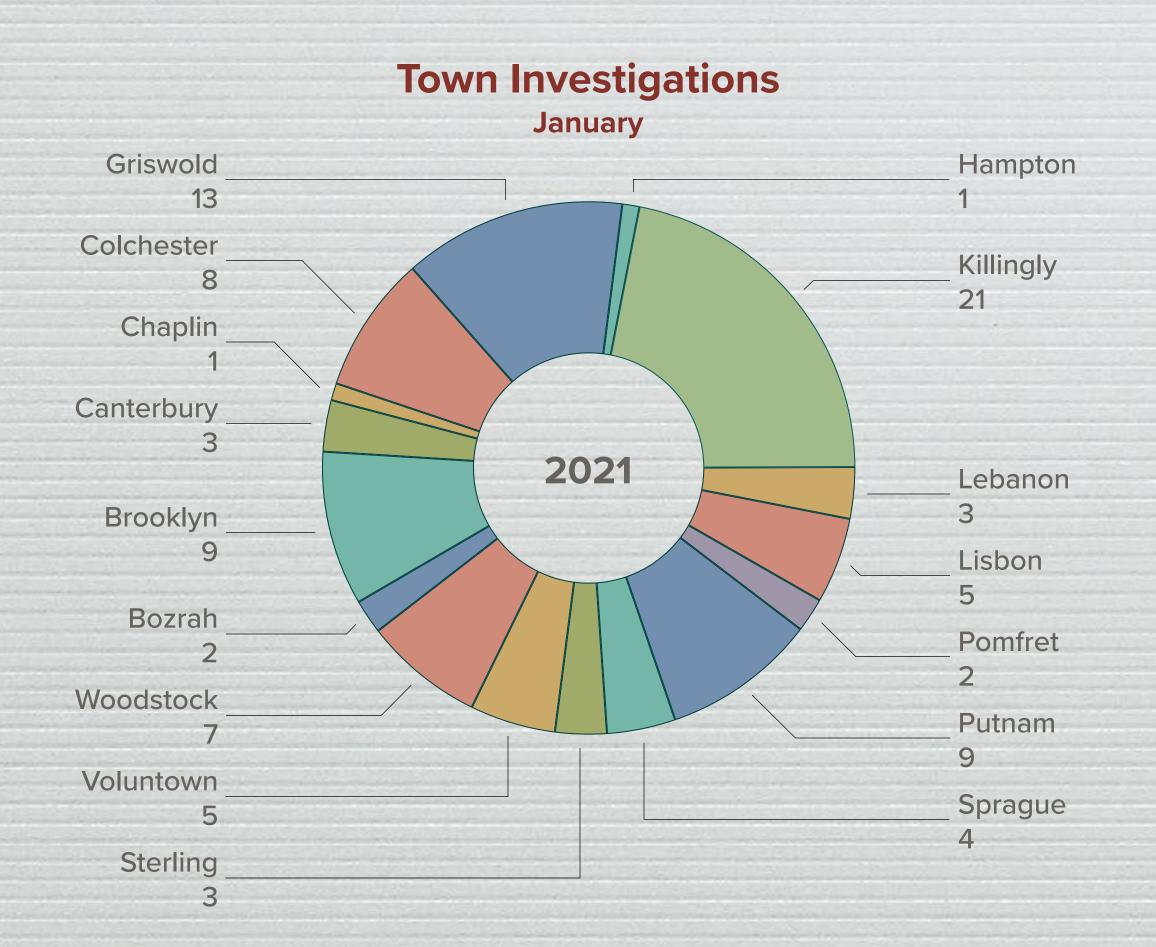
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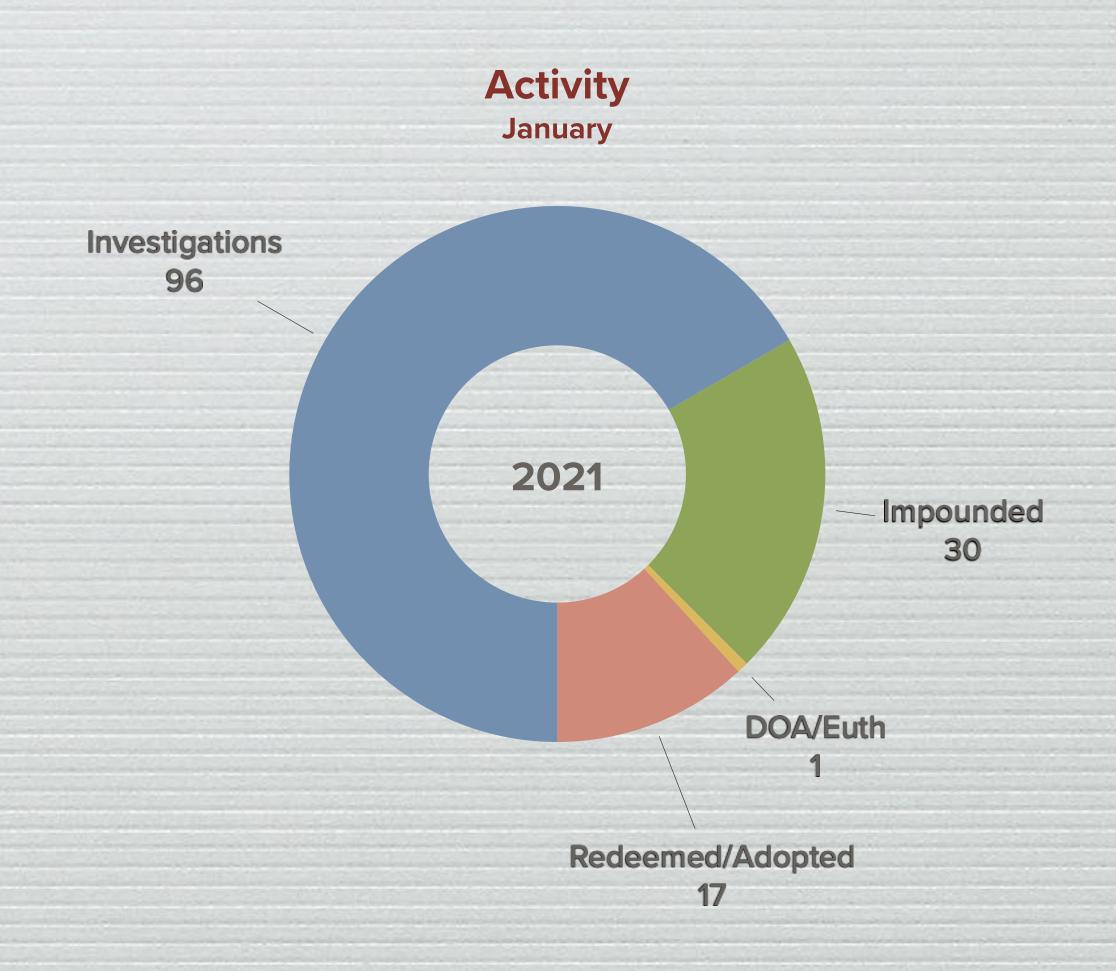


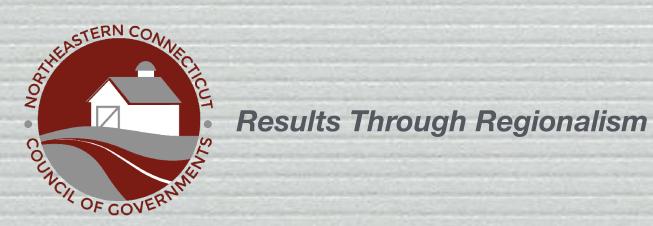




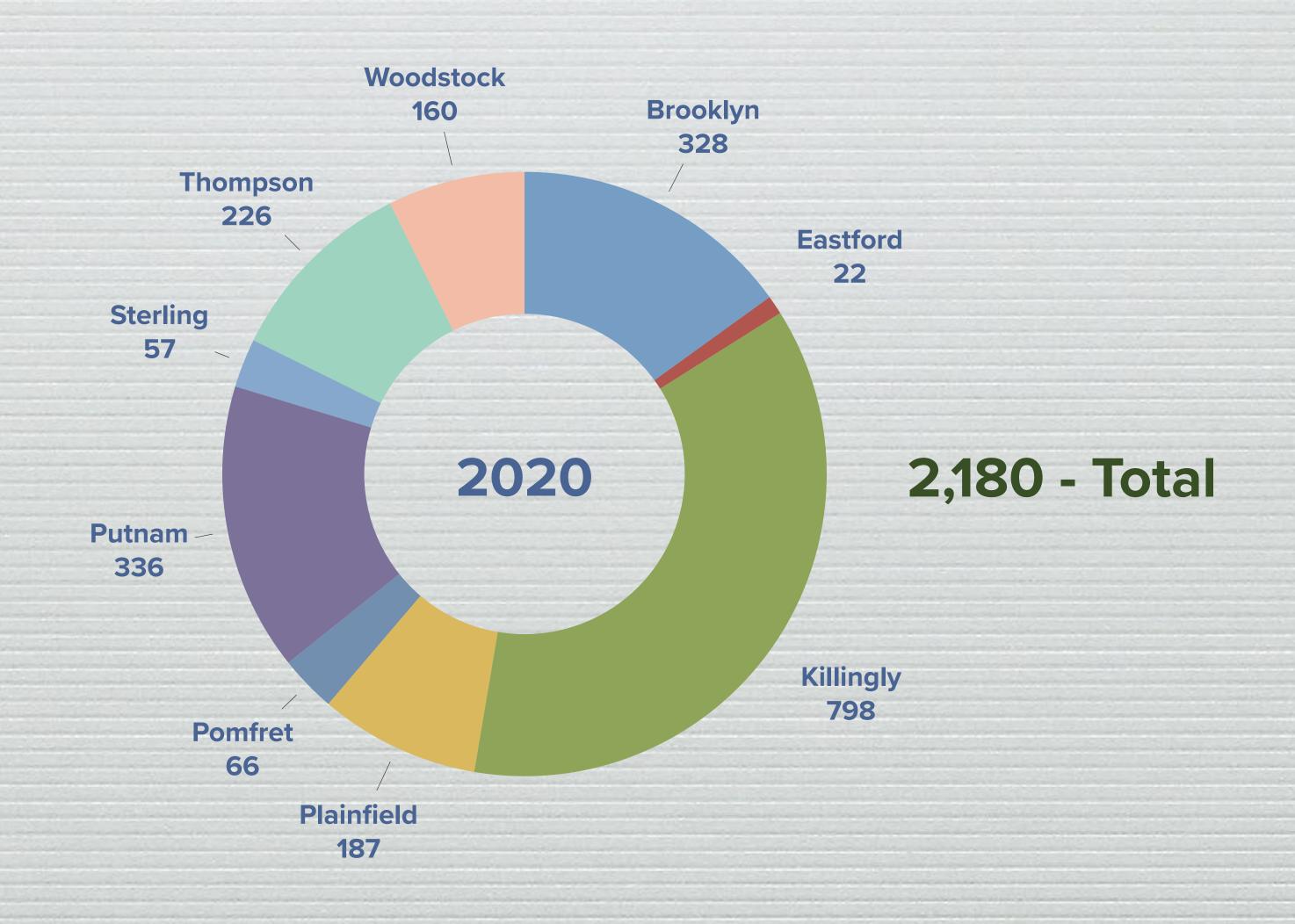
Animal Services Program







Regional paramedic Intercept Program Activity





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Task 1 - The development of an economic recovery and resilience plan, tied to the applicant's approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Option 1 - With qualified personnel (hire a consultant, and/or use existing COG staff) survey businesses, gather information, with an emphasis on social equity and underserved communities, and develop a pandemic locused economic recovery and resilience plan that will be integrated into an existing CEDS.

Cl. Provide Details/Narrative on the

The Northwestern Connecticut Cou will update its current Comprehens response to the varied impacts to sidularly authorized regional con-Willows region. Additionally, NECO

The current CHDS (approved in 2 CFDS, focused on the lang-stand housing, targeted economic deve educational trabing programs, in

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Task 2 - The deployment of disaster recovery coordinators to orchestrate your region's response to the pandemic.

Option 1 - Provide Disaster Recovery support, through use of COG staff and/or consultants, to the region's Recovery Steering Committee and subcommittees, which are made up of representatives from diverse communities and interests. Disaster Recovery support may Include: lead and coordinate the Recovery Steering Committee meetings, assist in the identification of unmet needs, assist with matching resources to needs, serve as a flaison between state, regional and local recovery efforts, and escalate unmet needs in the region to the DBMHS Regional Coordinator.

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Task 3 - The provision of technical assistance, as necessary to local governments, businesses and other stakeholder organizations.

Option 2 - Host a series of virtual entrepreneural meet-ups, educational webinars of virtual networking functions that bring together new, existing, minority, women-own businesses located in a designated opportunity zones. Host discussions on respon current economic environment and Identifying opportunities . Provide speakers/pre provide educational webinars series on e commerce, loan assistance programs, o guidance on building capacity, marketing ideas and the sharing of best practices.

Provide Details/Narrative on the approach to this project (staffing, tasks, etc.)

NECCCIC's approach to the provision of technical assistance in Task 3 is predicated on the cedebrase precised the population to an export and those located to reducing expeptite expenenced barriers in trying to leverage a range of assistance which has resulted in a los diminishment of opportunity compared to other segments of our region and Connecticut. proposed from that princilizes sortal, economic and rack-legally in both pities and only the proposal seeks to raise the opportunities for those in our region who heretofore have t

Throughout the crosse of the CCIVID IN pandents, I has become appared that local time Important means of making invaningful connections to each other and in building resilients communities. NECCOG hopes to aid local governments, businesses, and other stakeholder organizations to increase access to direct market producers. In addition, small businesse chanderize he mill though the region contened from additional resource of discussions in response to the current economic environment. The historic mill wileges also Quinobaug River have been identified as revitalization areas for small businesses, including Special Services Opportunity Zone.

NDCCCC will use current staff (Regional Planner (lead), Senior Director of Regional Service) Regional Flather and the Regional Program Assistant) as well as two graduate student interest to provide technical assistance and necessary support through extreational vectorers for se businesses, including whical entrepreneurial meetups specifically graned lowerds emerging and new farmers. The niche agricultural sector within the region, and businesses with a focus on sastatrability, are a potential growth sector to the region. In addition, resources for effects grants, funds, and PPF will be outlined. Along with regional partners such as the Northeast Co hamber of Commerce, Windham Chamber of Commerce, Fastern Connecticus Chamber of Commerce, UConn Extension, CT NOFA, CT Department of Agriculture, Head CT Cross, STA and CT Main Street Cantet, educational webmars on e-commerce and loan assistance progra will be affored and a complied listing of existing resources and work already done by many of organizations will be shared in one common, easily accessible to after Ashared site will also owners to promote their businesses to visitors and residents while gaining access to technical

to resilve the average they good of equity we will seek in his proposal to raise the capacity of it. largeled by this program in a sustainable manner. This will be done by bringing a range of bate workshops, webinars, partnerships that can be sustained long-term to reverse the current situa-

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Task 4 - The funding of appropriate technology and staff support for these pandemic response activities

Option 1 - Establish and maintain an on line presence/website, for a two year period, to assist in the economic recovery of an identified sector(s). In the region, Conduct outreach to businesses in the sector(s) providing assistance in setting up an ori-line presence/virtual platform. The ori-line presence, e-commerce and/or app would provide for on-line orders, acceptance of credit and LUT payments, scheduling and/or pickup options. (e.g., agricultural sector: assist larmers, larmers markets by providing a website to: advertise their items, offer on-line orders, on-line payment options, pick up times, etc. Another sector might be loads in industry, for example.)

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NECCOS will develop and put in place an interactive (GIS based) Regional Map Directory. This Interactive map directory will serve small businesses and direct market-producer agricultural operation In Northerst Connecticut

NECCOS will use the following existing staff:

- Associate Director: This staff person is NH.X.196's primary GB-professional with more than 10 years of CIS expenence and the person who successfully established NDCCOC's current public CIS Percei-
- Regional Planner. This staff person is well qualified in GIS and will directly asset the Associate Director in the structure of the proposed system
- Regional Program Assistant This staff person will provide needed administrative support and
- Two Graduate Level Student Interns NECCOG proposes to secure two graduate students with GIS capacity to excisi in the called for and input of data.

NECCOG through the development of its economic recovery and resilience planning process within look half blently agricultual producers, and to she cas within the region half have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. The website will provide resources to assist small farmers and businesses in adopting to a new expounds conformed such as materials and welfines produced In Lee 2. The website will include pages that contain resources for citizens related to bousing and local assistance as wall as promote local business and services.

The interactive map wewer will identify services and/or products available and informational links to websites and other online resources. The hidear the mapping application will also provide directions as well as search options based on types of services, products or resources required. The application will Include a product/services key identifying Services and products such as Community Supported Agriculture, Farmors Maskets Co. ops, Farm Stands, Hick Sturr Dwn Operations, USDA Contitod Organic CT NOFA, EDT Accepted, Corbside Pickup/Delivery Available as well as the kinds of products available 6-nults, Vegetables, Eggs, Meals, Paultry, Halry, Horbs, Howers), tood partities etc.

COVID Recovery

Four Tasks

- Update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Provide staff support for the Region IV Recovery Process
- ☐ Facilitate a series of virtual entrepreneurial meet-ups, educational webinars and/or other virtual networking functions that bring together new, existing, minority, women-owned and businesses located in a designated opportunity zones. Host discussions on responding to the current economic environment and identifying opportunities. Provide speakers/presenters to provide educational webinars series on e-commerce, loan assistance programs, etc. Offer guidance on building capacity, marketing ideas and the sharing of best practices.
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Resolution 21-2-3

A Resolution in Support of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Seeking Assistance from the Economic Development Administration for COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Measures

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has and continues to have a significant impact on the sixteen member towns that constitute the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG); and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has, since March 10, 2020, and continues to be in a State of public health emergency and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State as declared by our Governor as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each of the nine regional councils of governments, including NECCOG, has been asked by the State of Connecticut, in partnership with various state agencies, to assist in addressing current and long-term recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, funding necessary for such assistance is not available through the State of Connecticut or our member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) working with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) developed a grant opportunity to respond to the pandemic's impacts around four pre-vetted tasks: (Task 1) The development of an economic recovery and resilience plan, tied to the applicant's approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, (Task 2) The deployment of disaster recovery coordinators to orchestrate your region's response to the pandemic, (Task 3) The provision of technical assistance, as necessary to local governments, businesses and other stakeholder organizations and (Task 4) The funding of appropriate technology and staff support for these pandemic response activities; and

WHEREAS, NECCOG has prepared and submitted a detailed application in the format prescribed by DECD and DEMHS for this grant; and

WHEREAS, it is NECCOG's belief that the work detailed in this application will result in significant benefits to the region from the impacts caused by COVID-19, including but not limited to addressing the economic, social and racial equity issues aggravated by the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved and declared by the membership of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments that it stands fully committed to the proper actions necessary for the completion of the work detailed in the application submitted to EDA.

MADE THISECCOG Regular Meeting.	DAY of February 2021 by MAJORITY VOTE of the membership during
ATTESTED TO	
William Rose	, NECCOG Secretary

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