



Trumbull receives \$192,000 in STEAP grants from state

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Governor M. Jodi Rell has announced today that five Bridgeport-area towns – including Trumbull – will share in more than \$563,000 in state grants for projects to expand economic activity and improve local institutions. Trumbull will receive \$100,000 for a variety of improvements at the Trumbull Industrial and Office Park and \$92,500 for streetscape improvements in Trumbull Center.

“The industrial and office park is getting a real facelift, with new signs, a roadway, fencing and streetscape improvements, all of which are geared to helping the area keep and grow jobs,” Rell said. “The same goals – jobs, jobs, jobs – are behind the streetscape improvements in Trumbull Center.”

Rell said many of the projects are directly linked to efforts that will keep and grow jobs in the affected towns without changing the ‘hometown’ character of the communities.

“Improving access to industrial and office parks, upgrading roads and providing greater services to tourists and potential customers of local businesses all make economic sense,” she said. “Enhancing key local services also ensure that these important agencies are maintained without added burdens on area residents.”

The state-funded STEAP program provides funds to eligible towns for economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects. To be eligible, a town must have a population of less than 30,000 residents, not be designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community and not have an urban center. The state Office of Policy and Management administers this program and individual projects are managed by several state agencies including DECD.

A total of \$20 million in STEAP funds for 115 towns was approved when the state Bond Commission met August 17.