

**BENEFITS OF CRCOG MEMBERSHIP  
TOWN OF VERNON  
FY 2010-2011 CRCOG DUES: \$19,091**

This is a partial listing of CRCOG projects that benefit the Town of Vernon.

The Capitol Region Purchasing Council serves 81 member municipalities and agencies. The program conducts 18 to 20 bids annually for a variety of goods and services. The program saves its members money through conducting competitive bids on their behalf, and providing access to volume-based savings. The Capitol Region Purchasing Council conducted 17 bids in Fiscal Year 2008-09, **saving its 81 members over \$1.4 million**. The Council also runs a Natural Gas Procurement Program that serves 33 municipalities. This program's purchases will result in **over \$2 million** in year-to-year savings for members of that Consortium. The CRCOG Electricity Consortium held its first reverse auction for 13 members in July 2009. Savings over same day market prices for the 24 month contract term are **over \$450,000**. **Vernon saved \$24,242** through participation in the CRPC, including **over \$5,000 in Natural Gas purchases**.

CRCOG has received \$1.2 million in funding for the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Project. Of this, **\$76,600** has been spent on Phase II and limited Phase III studies for the Amerbelle Textiles building in Vernon.

In FY 2008, CRCOG received nearly **\$5.2 million in State Regional Performance Incentive Grant Funds** to conduct 10 service sharing projects on behalf of our member municipalities, and other towns wishing to participate. The projects are underway now. **Vernon is participating in eight of these projects**.

In FY 2009, CRCOG obligated **\$8 million in federal STP Urban Transportation Funds** to start design, ROW or construction of previously approved road projects. The CRCOG Transportation Program also provided technical assistance to towns to solve traffic problems, resolve project funding difficulties, and mediate with ConnDOT on road design issues through corridor studies and general technical assistance. Although the funding climate is bleak, Vernon is also expected to receive **\$6.7 million** for reconstruction projects on Vernon Avenue and Union Street sometime in the future. In addition to this, CRCOG has worked closely with the town to facilitate the programming of **\$1.2 million** for improvements to the Phoenix Street bridge.

The CRCOG Public Safety Program is working in many ways to coordinate regional public safety and homeland security activities. These programs help protect our communities and prepare us to respond and recover, as a region, from disasters. **Through 2009, CRCOG has received approximately \$15.5 for Public Safety**, comprised of funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and the Citizen Corps Program (CCP).

CRCOG staff, with the help of committee members, is responsible for grant applications, management and administration. Although the grants are for the region as a whole, individual towns have received the following: \$200/day reimbursement for first responders attending approved training or exercises; cots, \$20,500 to upgrade emergency operation centers, an Automatic Fingerprint Information System (AFIS) with a value of \$43,200, and CAPTAIN Fire equipment and services. In addition, CRCOG has contracted to provide a series of exercises to the region including a tabletop, functional and full-scale and is in the

process of completing a full capability assessment. CRCOG is currently working on the FY 2008 SHSGP application and the Fiscal Year 2010 UASI application.