# Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Bridgeport, a Sustainable CT gold certified applicant.

Bridgeport was certified on October 01, 2026 with 915 points. Listed below is information regarding Bridgeport's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Bridgeport was approved for in 2026 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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### 1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

#### 1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

**40 Points**

**Approved Information:** 1.1 - 40 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: GARDEN OF JOY_EQUITY SCT.DOCX
WORD: CITYFRESHPROGRAM_EQUITYSCT.DOCX
WORD: 10.7.2 EQUITY TOOLKIT FINAL (1).DOCX
WORD: 1.1EQUITYTOOLKITWRITEUPFOREMPOWERED13.1 FINAL.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** City Fresh Initiative- 13.1.1 Garden of Joy- 10.4.1 Bridgeport Waterfront Pathway - 10.7.2 EmpowerED - 13.1

**Partners:** See toolkits

#### 1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

**5 Points**

**Approved Information:** 1.2.2 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 1.2 ATTEND AN EQUITY TRAINING.DOCX

**Partners:** The Whitehead group led the training for Bridgeport staff. More details are provided within the submission document.

### 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 1.3.1 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 1.3 ADOPT AN EQUITY STATEMENT.DOCX

**Partners:** none

## 2. Thriving Local Economies

### 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

**25 Points**

**Approved Information:** 2.1.3 - 10 points; 2.1.5 - 5 points; 2.1.6 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 2.1.6 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: 2.1.6 CIF PROJECTS
PDF: ACTION 2.1.3 - AGI SITE, AWARD LETTER.PDF
PDF: ACTION 2.1.3 - CITY_COUNCIL_RESOLUTION.PDF
PDF: 2.1.5 BRIDGEPORT
PDF: 2.1.6 ARTICLE BRIDGEPORT
WORD: 2.1.5 BRIDGEPORT.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** 2.1.6: As previously attached, this post was shared on our community engagement platform, Engage Bridgeport. RFP's, RFQ's, and Development Opportunities | Engage Bridgeport: https://engage.bridgeportct.gov/development-opportunities

**Partners:** N/a

### 2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

**30 Points**

**Approved Information:** 2.3.1a - 10 points; 2.3.1b - 10 points; 2.3.2 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 2.3.1.WEBPAGE
**PDF:** 2.3.1.LIST
**PDF:** 2.3.2 SHOP LOCAL BRIDGEPORT
**PDF:** ACTION 2.3.2 WORKSHEET.PDF

**Partners:** None

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### 2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 2.4.2 - 5 points; 2.4.6 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 2.4.1_WORKSHEET BRIDGEPORT (2).PDF
**PDF:** 2.4.2.LETTER
**PDF:** 2.4.6 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
**PDF:** ACTION 2.4.2-CT MAIN STREET ACCELERATOR.PDF
**PDF:** ACTION 2.4.1 MATERIALS DISSEMINATED.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 2.4.2: The letter shows the partnership between the Bridgeport Small and Minority Business Enterprise and HEDCO, which provides Connecticut small businesses with financial assistance.

**Partners:** 2.4.1: None 2.4.2: HEDCO 2.4.6: Great Oaks Charter School Bridgeport

## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.1 Provide Watershed Education

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.1.1b - 15 points; 3.1.2 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.1.1A AND 3.1.1B BRIDGEPORT.PDF

PDF: 3.1.2 PATHOGEN MONITORING REPORT 2024.PDF

WORD: 3.1.2 HARBORWATCH COLLABORATION.DOCX

WORD: ACCA WATER QUALITY WORK.DOCX

WORD: 3.2.1 2026 CITY OF BRIDGEPORT PARTNERSHIP WITH HARBORWATCH.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** 3.1.2: The Ash Creek Conservation Association is a non-profit community organization whose mission is to advocate for the protection and restoration of the Ash Creek Tidal Estuary. The 2025 monitoring season is to end in September, so the 2024 report is the latest one available. The Partnership document uploaded above describes how Bridgeport provides funding, technical expertise, and mapping to Harborwatch, who work in collaboration with the Ash Creek Conservation Association to conduct water testing.

**Partners:** 3.1.1a: https://www.groundworkbridgeport.org/partners-and-funders 3.1.2: Ash Creek Conservation Association.

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### 3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.3.1- 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.3.1_ROOSTER_RIVER_CLEANUP.DOCX.PDF

**Partners:** 3.3.1: The Town of Fairfield partnered with our city to clean up the Rooster River. Our role was to assist with the cleanup and removal of material.

### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

**25 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.8.1a - 5 points; 3.8.1c - 5 points; 3.8.2b - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.8.2BWORKSHEET

WORD: 3.8.1A AND 3.8.1C BRIDGEPORT

**Partners:** 3.8.1 a: City of Hartford and Groundworks Bridgeport 3.8.1c: This conference was hosted by Connecticut Urban Forest Council, Tree Warden's Association of Connecticut, Connecticut Tree Protective Association

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### 3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

**50 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.9.2a - 10 points; 3.9.2b - 10 points; 3.9.3 - 30 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 3.9.2_WORKSHEET_1_SCT.DOCX

WORD: 3.9.2_WORKSHEET_2_SCT.DOCX

WORD: 3.9.30.DOCX

EXCEL: 3.9.3 RECOMMENDED NATIVE TREE PLANTING INVENTORY.XLSX

**Partners:** 3.9.2: None 3.9.3: The City of Bridgeport collaborates with partners at the Nature Conservancy, BEEport, and Groundwork Bridgeport to support the City's Adopt a Tree program, where residents across the City can request a free native tree. Bridgeport's sustainability office provides coordination support, planning, and best practices, including a planting list, to partners.

### 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

**35 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.10.1a - 10 points; 3.10.2 - 15 points; 3.10.3a - 5 points; 3.10.3b - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.10.3.INVASIVESPECIESRESOURCES
PDF: 3.10A_ HIGHLIGHTED_ZONE BRIDGEPORT 7.0 LANDSCAPE AND SITE DESIGN.PDF
WORD: 3.10 A REVIEW OF REGULATIONS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES.DOCX
WORD: 3.10.3B HOST AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS ON INVASIVE SPECIES.DOCX
PDF: 3.10.3B
PDF: 3.10.3B MUGWORT
WORD: 3.10.2 MANAGE INVASIVE SPECIES ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.DOCX

**Partners:** None

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### 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

**40 Points**

**Approved Information:** 3.12.1 - 5 points; 3.12.2 - 15 points; 3.12.3 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.12.3.POLLINATORFRIENDLYRESOLUTIONADOPTION
PDF: 3.12.3.POLLINATORFRIENDLYRESOLUTION
PDF: 3.12.1 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: 3.12.2 OUTREACH.PDF
WORD: 3.12.2 GARDENS AND DESC
PDF: 3.12.2 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: TISDALE_PLANTLIST-1.PDF
PDF: MARIN_PLANTINGPLAN-1.PDF
PDF: HOOKER_PLANTLIST.PDF
PDF: DUNBAR_PLANTLIST-1.PDF

**Documentation Details:** Please see page 9 of "3.12.3.PollinatorFriendlyResolutionAdoption" to see adoption of plan

**Partners:** 3.12.3: BEE City USA

## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

### 4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 4.1.1a - 10 points; 4.1.2 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 4.1.1A.TOURISMASSETS

PDF: 4.1.2.CTVISITPROFILE

**Partners:** None

### 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

**30 Points**

**Approved Information:** 4.2.2 - 5 points; 4.2.9 - 10 points; 4.2.10 - 5 points; 4.2.11b - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 4.2.10 BRIDGEPORT (1).PDF

PDF: 4.2.13.COLORFULBRIDGEPORT

PDF: 4.2.2 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

PDF: 4.2.9 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

PDF: 4.2.9 BAT BROCHURE

IMAGE: ACTION 4.2.10-ARTS AND CULTURE IN LIBRARY.PNG

PDF: 4.2.11B.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 4.2.10: Our Communications team manages the City of Bridgeport's social media accounts, prioritizing the promotion of events across the City and sharing information relevant to programs and services. The attached example highlights the City's support of arts and cultural activities at local libraries through promotion on municipal platforms.

**Partners:** 4.2.2: OPED, DSSD 4.2.9: Fairfield County's Community Foundation, mntd Studios, Bluestone Real Estate, M&T Bank, WSHU Radio, CT Humanities, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC, Colorful Bridgeport 4.2.10: Bridgeport History Center 4.2.11: Bridgeport Arts Trail Partners 4.2.13: DSSD

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

### 5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

**25 Points**

**Approved Information:** 5.1.1b - 20 points; 5.1.1c - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 5.1.1B.WORKSHEET

**PDF:** 5.1.1.POCD

**PDF:** ACTION 5.1.1C-DSSD BOARD MEETING CITY AGENDA.PDF

**PDF:** ACTION 5.1.1.C-DSSD BOARD MEETING.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 5.1.1c: The City attends monthly public board meetings for the Downtown Special Services District to provide updates on ongoing projects citywide, as well as within and around the Downtown area. These updates include planning, design, infrastructure, development, and construction projects.

**Partners:** 5.1.1b. Fitzgerald and Halliday

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### 5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 5.4.2 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 2019 HIGHLIGHT BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP SUMMARY OF FINDINGS APRIL 2019.PDF

**PDF:** 2012 HIGHLIGHT BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP SUMMARY FO FINDINGS.PDF

**WORD:** 5.4 CRB SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** The CRB summary and analysis describes how the 2019 report remains relevant and used by Bridgeport today.

**Partners:** 5.4.1: The Nature Conservancy facilitated the 2012 and 2019 CRB workshops, while Bridgeport was responsible for convening and organizing them. Findings were used to inform updates to Bridgeport's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### 5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

**10 Points**

**Approved Information:** 5.5.3 - 5 points; 5.5.4 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 5.5.3.EVENT

**PDF:** 5.5.4.STATUS

**Partners:** 5.5.3: Bridgeport Public Library, Preservation Connecticut, Connecticut Historic Preservation Office, Bridgeport History Center

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### 5.8 Promote Cool Roofs

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 5.8.3a - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 5.8.3A BRIDGEPORT.PDF

**Partners:** None

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### 5.10 Plan and Implement Climate Resilience Strategies

**70 Points**

**Approved Information:** 5.10.3- 30 points; 5.10.4- 40 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 5.10.4 CLIMATE RESILIENT MUNICIPAL POLICY AND ORDINANCES.DOCX.PDF

**WORD:** 5.10.3.DOCX

**PDF:** 5.10.3 BUFFERS FOR BRIDGEPORT PLANTING PLAN.PDF

**PDF:** 5.10.3 MIYAWAKI_BY_THE_SEA_FACT_SHEET_1.PDF

**Partners:** 5.10.3: The Aspetuck Land Trust provided native planting buffers and planted the Miyawaki by the sea. Buffers and the Miyawaki were both located on municipal property. More details on the nature of the partnership can be found in 5.10.3docx. 5.10.4: None

## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

### 6.1 Implement Complete Streets

**50 Points**

**Approved Information:** 6.1.3 - 20 points; 6.1.6 - 30 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 6.1.3_WORKSHEET.PDF
**PDF:** BRIDGEPORTCOMPLETESTREETS081811.PDF
**PDF:** 6.1.3 ADOPTION
**WORD:** 6.1.6 WORKSHEET..DOCX
**WORD:** 6.1.6 SUPPORTING DOCUMENT.DOCX

**Partners:** 6.1.3: MetroCOG (former GBRC) USDOT, CTDOT 6.1.6: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (funding)

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### 6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 6.2.2b - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** BRIDGEPORT 6.2.2.PDF
**PDF:** ZONE BRIDGEPORT.PDF

**Partners:** none

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### 6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

**10 Points**

**Approved Information:** 6.5.3 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 6.5.3.ROADSAFETYAUDIT
**PDF:** 6.5.3_WORKSHEET (1).PDF

**Partners:** 6.5.3: CTDOT, FHI Studio

## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

### 7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 7.3.2 - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 7.3.2 OVERVIEW.DOCX

**Partners:** None

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### 7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

**10 Points**

**Approved Information:** 7.7.1 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 7.7_WORKSHEET_1 (1).DOCX

PDF: 7.7.1 MATERIALS DISSEMINATED.PDF

**Partners:** 7.7.1: This program was conducted by Live Green CT, the City of Bridgeport supported this program through outreach strategy development and engagement, support on materials for publication, emails about the program, and canvassing efforts through the Mayor's Conservation Corp

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### 7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

**25 Points**

**Approved Information:** 7.9.1 - 20 points; 7.9.4 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

EXCEL: 7.9.3.CPACEPROJECTSLIST

PDF: 7.9.1 MUNICIPAL WEBSITE SCREENSHOT

PDF: 7.9.1 C-PACE AGREEMENT

PDF: 7.9.1ADOPTIONMEETINGMINUTES

**Documentation Details:** 7.9.1: For adoption of the updated C-PACE agreement, please see page 18 of "7.9.1.AdoptionMeetingMinutes" to see City Council unanimous approval.

**Partners:** 7.9.1: CT Green Bank 7.9.3: Connecticut Green Bank, Smart Roofs Solar Inc.

## 8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

### 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**EXCEL:** 8.1.WORKSHEET

**Documentation Details:** Municipal outreach can be found on this site: https://engage.bridgeportct.gov/waterfront/news_feed/waterfront-wednesdays-summer-2025

**Partners:** 8.1: Trust for Public Land, CT DEEP

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### 8.4 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

**10 Points**

**Approved Information:** 8.4.1- 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**EXCEL:** 8.4_SUBMISSION_TEMPLATE (1) (1).XLSX

**Partners:** See document

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### 8.6 Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 8.6.1 - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 8.6_COLLABORATE_BRIDGEPORT&FAIRFIELD.DOCX.PDF

**Partners:** 8.6.1: Town of Fairfield (specified in document)

### 8.8 Earn a Green Schools Designation

**35 Points**

**Approved Information:** 8.8.1 - 15 points; 8.8.2 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 8.8.1 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

**IMAGE:** 8.8.2 BRIDGEPORT

**Documentation Details:** 3 sapling-level schools, 15 points each. Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School is a Green Ribbon School from 2014.

**Partners:** 8.8.1: COEEA

## 9. Strategic Materials Management

### 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

**10 Points**

**Approved Information:** 9.3.1 - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 9.3.1.WORKSHEET

**IMAGE:** 9.3.1.EVIDENCE

**PDF:** 9.3.1.OUTREACH

**Partners:** 9.3.1: None

### 9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

**5 Points**

**Approved Information:** 9.5.2 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** 9.5.2.DOCX

**Partners:** None

## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

### 10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 10.3.3 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 10.3.3TOBACCOUSEPOLICY

**Partners:** None

### 10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 10.4.1 - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 10.4.1.DOC

**WORD:** 10.4.1 GARDEN OF JOY.DOCX

**PDF:** 10.4.1.DEVELOP COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES_ EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT.PDF

**Partners:** 10.4.1: https://www.gogvi.org/supporters

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### 10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

**60 Points**

**Approved Information:** 10.5.1- 15 points; 10.5.2- 30 points; 10.5.3- 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 10.5.2.SOCIALMEDIAOUTREACH

**PDF:** 10.5.3.POPUPMARKETSSCHEDULE

**PDF:** 10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE.PDF

**PDF:** 10.5.2.BENEFITSEVIDENCE

**IMAGE:** EAST SIDE FARMERS MARKET SCREEN SHOT.PNG

**PDF:** 10.5.3.IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO FARMERS MARKETS .PDF

**Documentation Details:** 10.5.1 and 10.5.2: https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/events-and-programs/east-side-farmers-market 10.5.2: https://portal.ct.gov/doag/adarc/adarc/farmers-market-nutrition-program/authorized-redemption-locations

**Partners:** 10.5.2 and 10.5.3: Bridgeport Farmer's Market Collaborative, nOURish Bridgeport, End Hunger Connecticut, Connecticut Fresh Match, USDA, M&T Bank, Hartford Healthcare, CT Dept of Agriculture,

### 10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 10.6.1c - 5 points; 10.6.2a - 10 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** 10.6.2_WORKSHEET_3 (1).PDF

**IMAGE:** 10.6.2A.PNG

**PDF:** 10.6.1_BRIDGEPORT_2026.PDF

**Partners:** None

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### 10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

**15 Points**

**Approved Information:** 10.7.3 - 15 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

**PDF:** EQUITY TOOLKIT SUBMISSION.PDF

## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

### 11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

**5 Points**

**Approved Information:** 11.2.1 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST FOR POSTING (3).DOCX

**Documentation Details:** In 2025, Bridgeport has 20,33% affordable housing.

**Partners:** None

### 11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

**20 Points**

**Approved Information:** 11.3.2 - 20 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 11.3.2 HOUSEHOLD DEFINITION

**Partners:** None

## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

### 12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

**5 Points**

**Approved Information:** 12.2.2 - 5 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 12.2.2 HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE WEBPAGE BRIDGEPORT

**Documentation Details:** 12.2.2: https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/social-services/homelessness-care-response and https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/social-services/shelters

**Partners:** None

## 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

### 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

**30 Points**

**Approved Information:** 13.1.1 - 30 points

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 13.1.1 CITY FRESH PROGRAM

WORD: 1.1_13.1_EMPOWERED CURRICULUM OVERVIEW.DOCX

WORD: 1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT WRITE UP FOR EMPOWERED-13.1.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** https://www.bridgeportct.gov/news/mayor-ganim-announces-15000-award-city-fresh-program

**Partners:** See report