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Bristol Manufacturing Companies Can Now Apply for Grant Funding to Help Improve Business Operations

(BRISTOL, CT February 18, 2021) – The City of Bristol has established a **Manufacturing Technical Assistance Grant Program**. Bristol manufacturers are invited to apply for grant funding to cover 50% of out-of-pocket costs associated with engaging in business consultative services with firms such as CONNSTEP and others.

This is a pilot program with limited funds. Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grant Details and Eligibility:

- Awards are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per company
- There is no minimum or maximum company size requirements
- Manufacturers from startups to long-standing enterprises are eligible

CONNSTEP and similar organizations provide a variety of consulting services to help improve manufacturing operations by working with them to:

- Obtain ISO and other certifications
- Meet federal cybersecurity mandates
- Customize facility layouts to increase efficiency
- Enhance business development efforts and much more

“We recognized the fact that Bristol manufacturers want to grow, but may require assistance in doing so. The City of Bristol created this program to help them achieve this,” stated Justin Malley, Executive Director of Economic & Community Development. “Bristol manufacturing companies are encouraged to apply for these grant funds and if there is enough interest the program may be expanded.”

“Many of Bristol’s business incentive programs are reserved for manufacturers undertaking major expansions or for new construction projects. There are many great manufacturing companies in Bristol that may not be planning major building projects but, nonetheless, are employing local residents, producing wonderful products, and looking to grow. This program is an opportunity to assist businesses looking to improve operations, which will keep them profitable and growing in Bristol,” stated Bristol’s Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu.

For additional eligibility requirements and how to apply, **contact Andrew Armstrong in the Economic & Community Development Office at 860-584-6185 or by email at AndrewArmstrong@BristolCT.gov.**

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