

CT Temporary Bridge Grant Program Fact Sheet

Funding provided by the US Forest Service (USFS) will be used to provide bridge mats or temporary bridges to loggers and other qualified users for the purpose of protecting water resources during forestry-related operations requiring temporary crossing of streams and other water resources.

Rent-To-Own Program Requirements

To participate in this Program, applicants must submit an application along with a pre-specified rental amount, which is 20% of the total cost of the mat/bridge, due in a single upfront payment to the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association, Inc. (TIMPRO).

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be residents of the State of Connecticut
- Applicants must be members of TIMPRO
- Applicants may only apply for a maximum of 16 timber mats or 1 pair of steel bridge panels during the duration of this grant

TIMPRO shall review submitted applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Usage and Reporting Requirements

- Mats and bridges must be used for the intended purpose of crossing streams and/or protecting water resources.
- Once the application has been approved, TIMPRO shall order the mats/bridges. Upon completion and delivery of mats/bridges, TIMPRO shall transfer the title of the mats/bridges to the program user
- Program users are required to sign a contract acknowledging that mats/bridges may not be used as collateral, sold, or transferred to another party without the written permission of the USFS and shall agree to perform quarterly reporting.
- After the titles for the mats/bridges are transferred to the program user, they must submit quarterly self-reports to TIMPRO for the life of the mat/bridge or until the program ends on September 30, 2030.
 - Quarterly self-reports are due January 1st, March 1st, June 1st, and September 1st of each year.
- Any mat or bridge acquired through this program that has surpassed its useful life must be disposed of in accordance with federal and state law and reported to TIMPRO at the time of disposition.
 - Steel bridges may be disposed of at any metal recycling facility
 - Wooden mats may be disposed of at any [DEEP Authorized Clean Wood Processing Facilities](#)



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Any interested individual who is not a member of TIMPRO can apply to join through TIMPRO's website www.timproct.org

