Glastonbury Says Thanks, But No Thanks to $64,800

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GLASTONBURY — The Town Council Tuesday decided not to accept federal funds made available to it for road improvements near a site proposed for low and moderate-income housing.

The Capitol Region Council of Governments had agreed to give Glastonbury $64,800 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for the road improvements on the condition that the Nye Road housing project is approved. The money would be used for a traffic light and improvements to the intersection of Harris, House and Griswold streets near Nye Road.

The council voted unanimously to table action on a resolution formally applying for the money. The council will not meet again before the Dec. 8 application deadline.

The housing project has been strongly opposed by neighborhood residents who claim it will worsen already hazardous traffic congestion in the area. The residents also say their area contains most of the multi-family housing in town and additional development should be located elsewhere in town.

Members of the North Glastonbury Civic Association who have criticized the Nye Road housing proposal urged the council not to take the money. Paul Pentz said the residents did not want improvements made that would facilitate location of the housing in that area.