



**Department of  
Economic and  
Community  
Development  
Overview**

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# DECD – OVERVIEW

## Community Development

Office of Community Development

Office of Brownfield Remediation  
and Development

Office of the Arts

State Historic Preservation Office

Office of Tourism

## Administration

Finance                      Government Affairs

Compliance              Marketing

Legal

## Economic Development

Office of Business Development

Office of Small Business

Office of Innovation

Office of Manufacturing

Economic Analysis

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## INNOVATION

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EQUITABLE  
CONNECTICUT  
ECONOMY

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# Building Dynamic & Vibrant Communities



**\$1B+** investments over 5 yrs  
with Community Investment  
Fund & Communities Challenge  
Grants



**\$800M+** invested over  
next two years for  
housing developments,  
including workforce



**Fixed rate 4.5% interest**  
loans of \$5,000 to  
\$500,000

# CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMS

DECD Administered

## Office of Community Development

**Urban Act, CT Communities Challenge, Good to Great, Community Investment Fund 2030**

## State Historic Preservation Office

**State and Federal Historic Tax Credits, Historic Restoration Fund Grants, Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit**

## Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development

**Brownfield Municipal Grant Program, Targeted Loan Program, Planning Grants**

# ON THE HORIZON

## Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority

- **Establishes a quasi-public agency**
- **Encourage residential housing development**
- **Manage facilities**
- **Stimulate new investment within development districts to support the creation of vibrant, multi-dimensional downtown**
- **Assist municipalities where a district is located in development and redevelopment efforts to stimulate their economy**
- **Enter into agreement to facilitate development/redevelopment of property**
- **Engage residents of member municipalities and other stakeholders in development/redevelopment efforts**

# PLYMOUTH

## CIF2030 Planning Grant

- **Engaged a community development consultant to conduct a three-part community-wide survey to create engagement and collect data towards the development of a prioritized plan for community and economic growth**
- **Component 1 – survey of 30% of town population**
- **Component 2 – survey the leadership of 40-plus civic/community organizations**
- **Component 3 – survey of economic development business and trade related groups**
- **Develop an in-depth plan to identify existing investment conditions and propose recommendations for projects for the next decade**



# WINSTED

## CIF2030 Planning Grant

- **Pre-development planning process includes 3-5 public charette workshops to gain additional community input into redevelopment of under-utilized Winsted Health Center**
- **Additional survey methods – door knocking, surveys, interviews with residents and businesses**
- **Market analysis by consultant**
- **Prepare the conversion of former hospital campus into a vibrant live/work/wellness space that includes apartments, expanded VA clinic, venues for job training and entrepreneurial space**

# OLD SAYBROOK

## Mariner's Way – Route 1 Re-Development

- **Engaged outside consultant to develop a market study, action plan and implementation steps for approx. ½ mile stretch of Route 1 that includes vacant industrial sites, mixed-use**
- **Resident-owner engagement**
- **Identification of implementation actions for the town**
- **Not state funded – used surplus budget funds**
  - **Prepare to be positioned for Brownfields grants, Dept of Housing programs, or MRDA**

# A Great Place To Live, Work, and Play

**#2 Happiest  
State in US**

**Most Diverse  
State in NE**

**#3 Most Educated  
State in US**

**#1 State for  
College Readiness**

**#2 Best  
Community  
College System**

**#2 Best K-12  
Public Schools  
in the US**

**#3 Best State  
for Working  
Moms & Dads**

**#5 Best State  
for Healthcare**

**#1 State for Personal  
& Residential Safety**

**#1 State for Hiking  
In America**



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