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
- Compliance
- Legal
- Government Affairs
- Marketing

Economic Development
- Office of Business Development
- Office of Small Business
- Office of Innovation
- Office of Manufacturing
- Economic Analysis

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Building Dynamic & Vibrant Communities

- **Capital Projects**: $1B+ investments over 5 yrs with Community Investment Fund & Communities Challenge Grants
- **Housing Support**: $800M+ invested over next two years for housing developments, including workforce
- **Small Business Boost Fund**: 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
#2 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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