

STATE OF CONNECTICUT Community Investment Fund 2030 Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 10:00 AM
Legislative Office Building (LOB), Hearing Room 1D
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Meeting will be carried on CT-N at [CT-N.com](https://www.ct-n.com).

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Comments from the Chairs
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024, Meeting
4. New Business
 - a. CIF Annual Report
 - b. CIF Round 2 Technical Change
 - c. CIF Round 5 Award Recommendation
5. Reminder of Next Round Timelines
 - a. Round 6
 - b. Round 7
6. For the Good of the Order: Comments from Board Members
7. Adjournment

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June 11, 2024, 10 a.m.

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Recording can be viewed at <https://ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=23231>**MINUTES:****1. Welcome and Roll Call**

A meeting of the Community Investment Fund 2030 Board was held at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT, on June 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM and via Zoom. Co-Chair and Speaker of the House Matthew Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Members in Attendance at LOB:

Senate President Looney

House Minority Leader Candelora

Senator McCrory

Representative Napoli

Comptroller Scanlon

Deputy Commissioner Pugliese

Chief of Staff to the Attorney General Passaro

Members Online:

Speaker of the House Ritter

Senate Majority Leader Duff

House Majority Leader Rojas

Secretary of the State Thomas

Representative Felipe

Secretary Beckham

Deputy Commissioner Michael

Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Alvarez

Others in Attendance:

Melinda Wilson, Director, Community Investment Fund, DECD

Panagiota Capaldi, DECD

Others in Attendance Online:

Avery Gaddis

Franklin Perry II

Carlos Badiola, DECD

Wesley Bemus, DECD

2. Comments from the Chairs

Senator Looney welcomed everyone and noted the program is working as everyone had hoped. He remarked that the move toward planning grants has been helpful for many projects to prepare for future Capital Project applications.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2024, Meeting

On a motion by Representative Napoli, seconded by Comptroller Scanlon, the CIF Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting.

4. New Business

4a. CIF Project Status Report

Deputy Commissioner Matthew Pugliese reviewed the Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) Project Status Report. He noted during the last legislative session a change was made to the eligible project types. Small business support programs are no longer an eligible project type. This project type has represented 3% of total applications over the four rounds, and only one award has been in this category: LISC (Round 1). LISC informed CIF last week that they will not be able to move forward with the project as originally planned. The \$1M award will be deallocated. There are two other deallocations: International Hartford (Round 1), which could not come to terms with a site location, and Upper Albany NRZ (Round 2) \$1.5M award toward the acquisition of the Salvation Army on Homestead Avenue. The Salvation Army is not interested in selling the building at this time. These three projects total around \$3.5M being returned and available to re-grant in future rounds.

4b. CIF Round 5 Update

Melinda Wilson, Director of the Community Investment Fund, provided an update on the Rounds 1-3 projects, detailing that, since March, there are 10 more projects with closed grant contracts, 31 more projects with predevelopment, 13 more projects with construction underway, and 1 project that is complete. Ms. Wilson then updated everyone on Round 5. There are 143 applicants to date. Three members of the CIF staff are available for a total of 16 hours per week for 1:1 consultation. Senator Looney asked if more applications were coming in for Planning grants, and Ms. Wilson confirmed that planning grants are very popular. The 1:1 process is providing an opportunity to steer applicants toward Planning grants so that applicants can solidify their plans, investigate feasibility, and engage the community.

4c. Rounds 5 & 6 Timelines

Ms. Wilson reviewed the timelines for Rounds 5 and 6.

Round 5

Application deadline: 12pm NOON June 21, 2024

Materials to Board: August 5, 2024

Board communicates recommendations to Co-Chairs: September 3, 2024

CIF Board Meeting: September 10, 2024

Round 6

NOFA Issued: October 15, 2024

Application Deadline: 12pm NOON December 13, 2024

Materials to CIF Board: February 7, 2025

Board communicates recommendations to Co-Chairs: March 3, 2024

CIF Board Meeting: March 11, 2025

Chief of Staff Dach and Senior Advisor Brokman entered at 10:16am.

Speaker Ritter suggested a later September meeting date to accommodate vacations. Senator Looney confirmed a later meeting date would be selected.

6. For the Good of the Order: Comments from Board Members

No comments

7. Adjournment

On a motion to adjourn by Chief of Staff Dach, seconded by Senior Advisor Brokman, the CIF Board Meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:19 AM.

CIF PROPOSED PROJECTS- ROUND 5
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Number	Applicant	Project Name	Municipality	Proposed Grant
1	African American Collections, Inc.	Rehabilitation of 2225 Main Street, Stratford, CT	Stratford	\$ 2,000,000
2	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven, Inc.	Columbus Ave Clubhouse Rehab Planning	New Haven	\$ 250,000
3	City of Danbury	South Main St. Revitalization Project	Danbury	\$ 943,688
4	City of Meriden	Central Connecticut Loop Trail Design	Meriden	\$ 250,000
5	City of Meriden	Meriden Soccer Athletic Complex	Meriden	\$ 1,400,000
6	City of New Britain	Transforming East Main	New Britain	\$ 6,070,952
7	City of New Haven	ADU/Small Healthy Homes Planning Grant	New Haven	\$ 250,000
8	City of New London - Planning	Planning for Gordon Court	New London	\$ 250,000
9	City of Norwalk	South Norwalk Elementary School Area Improvements	Norwalk	\$ 2,500,000
10	City of West Haven	West Haven Downtown Revitalization Planning	West Haven	\$ 250,000
11	City Seed, Inc.	Shared Commercial Kitchen and Business Incubator	New Haven	\$ 250,000
12	Community Partners in Action	421 East Main Street Renovations	Waterbury	\$ 1,950,759
13	Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corporation	SCRC Phase 1 Renovations	New Haven	\$ 1,732,999
14	Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut	Arts Hub: Feasibility Study for Arts Center	Danbury	\$ 250,000
15	Glendower Group, Inc and the City of New Haven	16 East Grand Ave	New Haven	\$ 3,000,000
16	Goodwill Industries of Southern New England, Inc.	Goodwill Capital Planning Grant	New Haven	\$ 250,000
17	Harriet Beecher Stowe Center	Harriet's Backyard: From Private to Public	Hartford	\$ 4,607,162
18	Mill River Collaborative Inc.	The Community Commons: Completing Mill River Park	Stamford	\$ 7,655,080
19	Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, Inc.	Barbour Street Development	Hartford	\$ 2,000,000
20	Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury	North Main St. Corridor Redevelopment	Waterbury	\$ 250,000
21	Northern Middlesex YMCA	Northern Middlesex Y Facility Renovation	Middletown	\$ 8,000,000
22	Northwest CT Association for the Arts dba Warner	The Warner for the 21st Century	Torrington	\$ 1,500,000
23	Norwich Community Development Corporation	Capehart Mill Brownfield Remediation	Norwich	\$ 7,800,000
24	Norwich Community Development Corporation	Norwich Waterfront Improvement Project	Norwich	\$ 4,550,000
25	San Juan Center	El Pocito Dulce	Hartford	\$ 250,000
26	Southeastern Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc.	New London Recovery Community	New London	\$ 250,000
27	The Carver Center	Carver Community Center Accessibility and Safety	Norwalk	\$ 3,500,000
28	Town of East Hartford	Downtown East Hartford Main Street Redesign	East Hartford	\$ 1,500,000
29	Town of Hamden	Town of Hamden Town Center Master Plan	Hamden	\$ 250,000
30	Town of Montville	Route 32 Investment Plan	Montville	\$ 250,000
31	Town of Plymouth	Unlocking Plymouth's Potential	Plymouth	\$ 1,700,000
32	Town of Scotland	Town Hall Renovation	Scotland	\$ 600,000
33	Town of Thomaston	Thomaston Opera House Restoration	Thomaston	\$ 2,000,000
34	Town of Thompson	Re-Weaving the Fabric of North Grosvenordale	Thompson	\$ 4,047,484
35	Town of Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks TOD	Windsor Locks	\$ 771,312
36	Winsted Health Center, Inc.	Winsted Housing and Advanced Makerspace (WHAM)	Winchester	\$ 1,600,000
			TOTAL	\$ 74,679,436

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Round 5 Summaries of Projects for Recommendation**

African American Collections, Inc., Stratford, \$2,000,000

“Rehabilitation of 2225 Main Street, Stratford, CT”

Rehabilitation of the Sterling Homestead for relocation of the Ruby & Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven, Inc., \$250,000

“Columbus Ave Clubhouse Rehab Planning”

Planning for re-design and renovation of the Columbus Avenue Clubhouse

City of Danbury, Danbury, \$943,688

“South Main St. Revitalization Project”

Roof and HVAC improvements to the Danbury Community Center

City of Meriden, Meriden, \$250,000

“Connecticut Loop Trail Design”

Design of the Central Connecticut Loop Trail from Brookside Park to Giuffrida Park in Meriden

City of Meriden, Meriden, \$1,400,000

“Meriden Soccer Athletic Complex”

New soccer field at Columbus Park in Meriden

City of New Britain, New Britain, \$6,070,952

“Transforming East Main”

Supports Phase 1 of the Transforming East Main Street project including predevelopment, remediation and demolition

City of New Haven, New Haven, \$250,000

“ADU/Small Healthy Homes Planning Grant”

Research and planning for Accessory Dwelling Units in New Haven

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City of New London – Planning, New London, \$250,000

“Planning for Gordon Court”

Planning for the redevelopment of Gordon Court senior housing

City of Norwalk, Norwalk, \$2,500,000

“South Norwalk Elementary School Area Improvements”

Construction of a roundabout at the South Norwalk Elementary School

City of West Haven, West Haven, \$250,000

“West Haven Downtown Revitalization Planning”

Development planning for the West Haven Village Improvement District

City Seed, Inc., New Haven, \$250,000

“Shared Commercial Kitchen and Business Incubator”

Planning for a commercial kitchen and food business incubator

Community Partners in Action, Waterbury, \$1,950,759

“421 East Main Street Renovations”

Capital improvements to the “Waterbury Alternative In the Community” and transitional housing programs

Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corporation (CS-HHC), New Haven, \$1,732,999

“SCRC Phase 1 Renovations”

Renovation of the South-Central Rehabilitation Center

Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut & City of Danbury, Danbury, \$250,000

“Arts Hub: Feasibility Study for Arts Center”

Feasibility study to establish an Arts Hub in Danbury

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Glendower Group, Inc and the City of New Haven, New Haven, \$3,000,000

“16 East Grand Ave”

Support the Grand-er Grand Avenue roadway and streetscape project to Quinnipiac Avenue

Goodwill Industries of Southern New England, Inc., New Haven, \$250,000

“Goodwill Capital Planning Grant”

Planning to research the feasibility of a capital project in New Haven to create “Goodwill Excel Center”

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, \$4,607,162

“Harriet's Backyard: From Private to Public”

Upgrades to improve access to all buildings, repair of the envelopes of two buildings and creation of a public urban green

Mill River Collaborative Inc., Stamford, \$7,655,080

“The Community Commons: Completing Mill River Park”

Transformation of Mill River Park into public green space with performance space, outdoor classroom and a dog park

Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, Inc., Hartford, \$2,000,000

“Barbour Street Development”

Pre-development activities for the Barbour Street development

Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury, Waterbury, \$250,000

“North Main St. Corridor Redevelopment”

Planning for Waterbury’s Crownbrook neighborhood focused on affordable housing

Northern Middlesex YMCA, Middletown, \$8,000,000

“Northern Middlesex Y Facility Renovation”

Facility renovation and expansion to add ADA access, create gender-neutral and multi-generational spaces, and increase childcare/preschool care

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Northwest CT Association for the Arts dba Warner, Torrington, \$1,500,000

“The Warner for the 21st Century”

Renovation of the Warner Theater including ADA access

Norwich Community Development Corporation, Norwich, \$7,800,000

“Capehart Mill Brownfield Remediation”

Remediation and demolition of the Capehart Mill in the Greeneville section of Norwich

Norwich Community Development Corporation, Norwich, \$4,550,000

“Norwich Waterfront Improvement Project”

Improvements to Howard T. Brown Park, improvement and extension of Heritage Walk from Brown Park to Yantic Falls, environmental site assessment at 46 Main Street, and Marina Towers planning and development

San Juan Center, Hartford, \$250,000

“El Pocito Dulce”

Planning for the El Pocito Dulce mixed-use development

Southeastern Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc., New London, \$250,000

“New London Recovery Community”

Planning for a community for individuals in recovery on Coit and Reed Streets in New London

The Carver Center, Norwalk, \$3,500,000

“Carver Community Center Accessibility and Safety”

Renovation and expansion of the center including ADA access and security upgrades

Town of East Hartford, East Hartford, \$1,500,000

“Downtown East Hartford Main Street Redesign”

Design and site acquisition for Bissel and Main Street improvements

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Town of Hamden, Hamden, \$250,000

“Town of Hamden Town Center Master Plan”

Planning for the Hamden Town Center Master Plan

Town of Montville, Montville, \$250,000

“Route 32 Investment Plan”

Planning for the revitalization of the Palmertown and Uncasville areas of Montville

Town of Plymouth, Plymouth, \$1,700,000

“Unlocking Plymouth's Potential”

Pre-development planning to support the Downtown Transformational Plan

Town of Scotland, Scotland, \$600,000

“Town Hall Renovation”

Towards renovation of the Scotland Town Hall

Town of Thomaston, Thomaston, \$2,000,000

“Thomaston Opera House Restoration”

Support for renovation and restoration of the Thomaston Opera House

Town of Thompson, Thompson, \$4,047,484

“Re-Weaving the Fabric of North Grosvenordale”

Reconstruction of Main Street streetscape, 65 Main Street renovation, and Veterans Memorial Parks improvements

Town of Windsor Locks, Windsor Locks, \$771,312

“Windsor Locks TOD”

Remediation and demolition relating to the Windsor Locks Transit Oriented Development project

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Winsted Health Center, Inc., Winchester, \$1,600,000

“Winsted Housing and Advanced Makerspace (WHAM)”

Predevelopment for the Winsted Housing and Advanced Makerspace project

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Technical Change:

Round	Awardee & Project	Amount
2	City of Hartford: Mary Shepard Place Bond Agenda Language: Pre-development and design of homeownership units for income-eligible buyers at Mary Shepard Place in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood Proposed Technical Change: Pre-development and design of Mary Shepard Place in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood	\$4,570,000

Reminder of CIF Round 6 Timeline:

Notice of Funding Availability Issued/Portal Opens	Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Applications Due to DECD	Friday, December 13, 2024, Noon
Executive Summaries/Applications to Board	Friday, February 7, 2025
CIF Board Communicates to Board Co-Chairs	Monday, March 3, 2025
CIF Board Meeting: Round 6 Recommendations	Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Proposed Round 7 Timeline:

Notice of Funding Availability Issued/Portal Opens	Monday, April 21, 2025
Applications Due to DECD	Friday, June 13, 2025, Noon
Executive Summaries/Applications to Board	Monday, August 18, 2025
CIF Board Communicates to Board Chairs	Monday, September 15, 2025
CIF Board Meeting: Round 7 Recommendations	Tuesday, September 23, 2025