



These programs highlight the many ways the state of Connecticut is ready to support your business. Our one-stop Concierge Service will put them all together for you in one package of incentives and assistance that will help your company grow.



DECD DIRECT ASSISTANCE

MANUFACTURERS ASSISTANCE ACT

DECD's traditional loan tool offers direct financial assistance in the form of low-interest loans for projects where there is a strong economic development potential. Funding may be provided to any economic-based industry. Use of funds may include purchase of machinery and equipment, construction/leasehold improvements, inventory, relocation, training and other eligible project related costs.

SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM

The Small Business Express Program provides loans and grants to small businesses to support job creation and retention, encourage private investment and increase skill development. DECD has developed a streamlined process with a one-page online application available at www.decd.org. To be eligible, small businesses must be:

- Registered to conduct business for not less than 12 months
- In good standing with all state agencies and with the payment of all state taxes, and
- Employing no more than 100 employees

MANUFACTURING INNOVATION FUND

Connecticut supports the growth, innovation and progress of the advanced manufacturing sector through its \$60 million Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF). The MIF invests in loans and grants for business, industry and competitive initiatives to support Connecticut's manufacturers.

BIOSCIENCE INNOVATION FUND

The CT Bioscience Innovation Fund, administered by CT Innovations, provides focused financial assistance to start-ups, early-stage businesses, nonprofits, and accredited colleges and universities. Over the next 10 years, investments from the \$200 million fund in the form of grants, equity investments and loans will help speed commercializable bioscience breakthroughs toward the market.

BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION FUNDING

The Connecticut Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development puts together a customized solution for the unique challenges of each site: financial aid, liability relief, technical support and project management, and comprehensive permitting assistance and inter-agency coordination.

PRE-SEED FINANCING PROGRAM

Connecticut Innovations provides pre-seed financing to businesses for the development of proof of concepts and support services. Financial assistance shall not exceed \$150,000 per business. An eligible business must:

- Be principally located in Connecticut with not less than 75 percent of its employees working in state
- Demonstrate private investment dollars not less than 50 cents for every dollar of financial assistance sought from the program.

TAX CREDITS

URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL SITES REINVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

This program allows for a dollar-to-dollar corporate tax credit of up to 100 percent of capital investment on eligible projects with a minimum investment of \$5 million in distressed communities and \$50 million in all other communities.

The credits can be used over 10 years according to the following schedule:

- Years 1–3: 0%
- Years 4–7: 10%
- Years 8–10: 20%

Should the company not be in a position to take advantage of the earned credits, credits can be carried forward for five consecutive years or be transferred to another corporate taxpayer to be used in the same year the credits were earned.

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION

Connecticut Innovations (CI) can act as a conduit for a sales and use tax exemption for the company's anticipated qualifying capital equipment and/or construction materials. This exemption will relieve the company and/or the developer from the state's 6.35 percent sales tax, up to the CI Board-approved amount. This procedure is subject to review and approval by the CI Board of Directors and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

ENTERPRISE ZONE AND TARGET INVESTMENT COMMUNITY INCENTIVES

Eligible businesses in eligible communities may qualify for:

- A five-year, 80 percent abatement of local property taxes on qualifying real estate and personal property that is new to the grand list of the municipality as a direct result of a business expansion or renovation project.
- A 10-year, 25 percent credit on that portion of the corporate business tax that is directly attributable to a business expansion or renovation project as determined by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. The credit may increase to 50 percent based on number of new jobs created.

Additional Zones Eligible for Enterprise Zone-Level Benefits

- **Bradley Airport Development Zone:** This zone establishes tax incentives for manufacturers and certain related businesses that build or substantially renovate facilities in the area and create new jobs. The zone will include specified census blocks within the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks.
- **Bioscience Enterprise Corridor Zone:** This zone is for eligible businesses that have not more than 300 employees at any time during the preceding 12 months and are engaged in bioscience, biotechnology, pharmaceutical or photonics research, development or production in the state. Enterprise zone-level benefits will include certain businesses and commercial properties in certain census blocks, groups and tracts in Farmington, Hartford, Bristol and New Britain.

ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

This tax credit is for angel investors with cash investment of \$25,000 or more in a qualified Connecticut business. The credit shall be equal to 25 percent of the investor's cash investment. Total tax credits allowed shall not exceed \$250,000 for any angel investor. The tax credit must be claimed in the taxable year in which the investment was made. Qualified businesses must apply to Connecticut Innovations and be approved to be eligible for a tax credit.

DIGITAL MEDIA TAX CREDITS

Eligible production companies can receive a tax credit on a sliding scale of up to 30 percent on qualified digital media and motion picture production, pre-production and post-production expenses incurred in the state, up to \$1 million or more.

RESOURCES

CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS (CI) is the leading source of financing and ongoing support for Connecticut's innovative, growing companies, especially in bioscience and high technology. One of the most active strategic venture capital organizations on the East Coast, CI also provides expertise in management, product development, marketing and governance.

CT GREEN BANK is the first of its kind in the U.S.–it accelerates the deployment of clean energy by using limited public dollars to attract private capital investment in clean energy projects.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) is an innovative financing model that will allow building owners across the state to access cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy. C-PACE allows interested property owners to access financing to undertake qualifying energy efficiency and clean energy improvements on their buildings, and repay the investment through an additional charge ("assessment") on their property tax bill. www.c-pace.com

CTNEXT is Connecticut's innovation ecosystem, equipping start-ups and entrepreneurs with resources, guidance and networks to accelerate growth and success. www.ctnext.com

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC RESOURCE CENTER (CERC) is a nonprofit corporation and public-private partnership that provides economic development services, leveraging Connecticut's unique advantages as a premier business location. It provides one-stop concierge service for firms wishing to relocate to or grow in Connecticut, putting together a customized package of financial incentives, programs and services. www.cerc.com

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