

CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATALOGUE

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Foreword

The Connecticut Economic Development Catalogue is the entrepreneur’s go-to guide for all of the valuable resources available in Connecticut. From venture capital and workforce development to incubators and industry associations, there is something for every organization looking to grow and thrive in our great state.

AdvanceCT’s Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) team is dedicated to working hand-in-hand with companies investing in our communities. Please contact us if we can provide you with site selection assistance, support for workforce development, or connectivity to public or private organizations.

Editor’s Note: This catalogue is subject to further revision as organizations are added, removed or updated according to new information. Please pardon any omissions as we continuously work towards a more comprehensive catalogue.

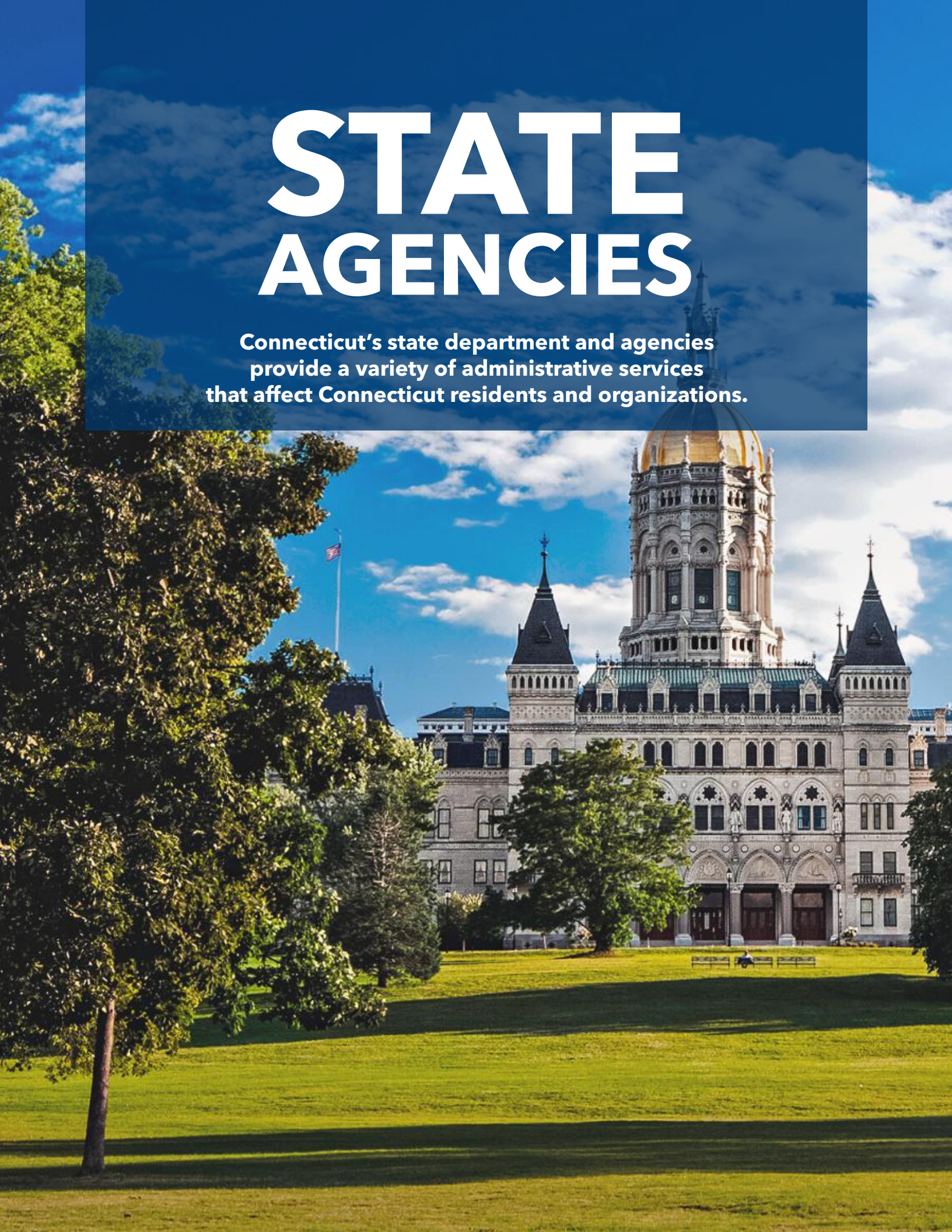
About AdvanceCT

AdvanceCT is a nonprofit organization that works to engage, retain and recruit businesses and advance overall economic competitiveness in Connecticut.

In collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), AdvanceCT strives to build a place where business, government, higher education, and nonprofits come together to implement high impact and inclusive economic development solutions for the state.

STATE AGENCIES

Connecticut's state department and agencies provide a variety of administrative services that affect Connecticut residents and organizations.



STATE AGENCIES

Name	Description	Location
Connecticut General Assembly	The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) consists of several distinct programs, which are listed below. The common purpose linking all of the different programs together is our commitment to providing timely, fair, competent, cost-effective services that address the needs of state agencies, municipalities, private industry, and the public. » WEBSITE <i>860-240-0100</i>	Hartford
Department of Administrative Services	The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) consists of several distinct programs, which are listed below. The common purpose linking all of the different programs together is our commitment to providing timely, fair, competent, cost-effective services that address the needs of state agencies, municipalities, private industry, and the public. » WEBSITE <i>860-713-5115</i>	Hartford
Department of Agriculture	The mission of the Department of Agriculture (DOAG) is to foster a healthy economic, environmental and social climate for agriculture by developing, promoting, and regulating agricultural businesses; protecting agricultural and aquacultural resources; enforcing laws pertaining to domestic animals; and promoting an understanding among the state's citizens of the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage and its contribution to the state's economy. » WEBSITE <i>860-713-2500</i>	Hartford
Department of Banking	The Connecticut Department of Banking (DOB) is the primary state regulator for state-chartered banks and credit unions, securities, and consumer credit. Its mission is to protect users of financial services by ensuring regulated entities and individuals adhere to state banking laws, accomplished through regular examinations of the entities it supervises. » WEBSITE <i>860-240-8299</i>	Hartford

STATE AGENCIES

Name	Description	Location
Department of Economic and Community Development	The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is the state's lead agency responsible for strengthening Connecticut's competitive position in the rapidly changing, knowledge-based global economy. The agency takes a comprehensive approach to economic development that incorporates community development, transportation, education, and arts and culture. » WEBSITE <i>860-500-2300</i>	Hartford
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is charged with conserving, improving and protecting the natural resources and the environment of the state of Connecticut as well as making cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy available for the people and businesses of the state. The agency is also committed to playing a positive role in fostering a sustainable and prosperous economic future for the state. » WEBSITE <i>860-424-3000</i>	Hartford
Department of Housing	The Department of Housing (DOH) strengthens and revitalizes communities by promoting affordable housing opportunities. DOH seeks to eliminate homelessness and to catalyze the creation and preservation of quality, affordable housing to meet the needs of all individuals and families statewide to ensure that Connecticut continues to be a great place to live and work. » WEBSITE <i>860-270-8262</i>	Hartford
Department of Labor	The Department of Labor (DOL) is committed to protecting and promoting the interests of Connecticut workers. The DOL assists workers and employers to become competitive in the global economy, taking a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers, and the other agencies that serve them. » WEBSITE <i>860-263-6000</i>	Wethersfield

STATE AGENCIES

Name	Description	Location
Department of Revenue Services	The mission of the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) is to instill public confidence in the integrity and fairness of tax collection; achieve the highest level of voluntary taxpayer compliance; continuously improve agency performance; contribute to the fiscal and economic well-being of the state; and provide a positive and professional workplace. » WEBSITE 860-297-5962	Hartford
Office of the State Comptroller	The Office of the State Comptroller provides accounting and financial services, administers employee and retiree benefits, develops accounting policies, exercises accounting oversight, and prepares financial reports for state, federal, and municipal governments, as well as the public. » WEBSITE 860-702-3300	Hartford
Department of Transportation	The mission of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) is to provide a safe and efficient intermodal transportation network that improves the quality of life and promotes economic vitality for the State and the region. » WEBSITE 860-594-2560	Newington
Office of Policy and Management	The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) functions as the Governor's staff agency and plays a central role in state government, providing the information and analysis used to formulate public policy for the State and assisting State agencies and municipalities in implementing policy decisions on the Governor's behalf. » WEBSITE 860-418-6500	Hartford

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Name	Description	Location
Office of the Governor	The Office of the Governor supports the sitting Governor of Connecticut in the execution of their duties. » WEBSITE <i>860-566-4840 Email Governor Lamont »</i>	Hartford
Office of the Lieutenant Governor	The Lt. Governor is the president and presiding officer of the Connecticut State Senate. She presides over the debates in the chamber. » WEBSITE <i>860-524-7384 Email Lt. Governor Bysiewicz »</i>	Hartford
Office of the Secretary of the State	The Secretary of the State (SOTS) is designated by the Constitution and General Statutes of Connecticut as the official keeper of a wide array of public records and documents. The office is a vital source of information regarding various businesses, commercial lenders, elections, legislation, regulations and other areas, and responds to more than 600,000 requests for information annually. It also publishes, distributes and sells the State Register and Manual and other publications. » WEBSITE <i>860-509-6200</i>	Hartford

Additional Resources

Whether you are looking to start a business or are an existing business—regardless of type or size—seeking business support and other services, see the state of Connecticut’s One Stop for doing business here. [» WEBSITE](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS & BUSINESS SUPPORT

Connecticut has a vibrant ecosystem of non-profits that support economic, community and business development.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS

Name	Description	Category	Location
AdvanceCT	AdvanceCT is a nonprofit economic development organization that drives job creation and new capital investment in Connecticut through business attraction, retention, and expansion work. » WEBSITE <i>nrosenbaum@advancect.org 860-571-7136</i>	Economic Development	New Haven
The Black Business Alliance (BBA)	The Black Business Alliance (BBA) is a dedicated support network for Black entrepreneurs, offering guidance, resources, and community. Committed to fostering success, BBA helps navigate challenges, celebrates achievements, and empowers businesses to thrive through mentorship, advocacy, and collaboration. » WEBSITE <i>info@bbbusinessalliance.org 877-459-0002</i>	Business Support	Milford
Bradley Development League (The League)	The Bradley Development League, a consortium of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks, promotes regional economic growth and markets over 2,000 acres of buildable land. It provides resources on the area, business incentives, and site selection, helping businesses establish and thrive in the region. » WEBSITE <i>info@bradleydevelopment.com 860-285-1877</i>	Economic Development	Windsor
Capital for Change	Capital for Change provides community development capital and services that create affordable housing, invest in job-creating small businesses, and support community-centered non-profit organizations. » WEBSITE <i>info@capitalforchange.org 860-233-5165</i>	Economic Development	Wallingford

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Name	Description	Category	Location
CT APEX Accelerator	CT APEX Accelerator (CT APEX) has a mission to provide marketing and procurement assistance to Connecticut businesses interested in selling their goods or services to federal, state, or local governments. CT APEX is a statewide program serving all cities and towns in Connecticut; services are provided at no charge. » WEBSITE	Business Support	Groton
Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)	CBIA works to make Connecticut a top state for business, jobs, and economic growth: driving change, shaping legislative and regulatory policy, and promoting collaboration between the private and public sectors. » WEBSITE 860-244-1900	Advocacy	Hartford
Connecticut Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA)	CRDA stimulates housing development, venue management, collaborative rebranding and the facilitation of redevelopment projects in contiguous towns around Hartford. » WEBSITE <i>info@crdact.net 860-527-0100</i>	Development Authority	Hartford
Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT)	The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) serves as an applied technology demonstration and training center, promoting innovation in advanced manufacturing, applied technologies, and energy solutions. CCAT collaborates with industry, academia, and government to enhance workforce development and global competitiveness. » WEBSITE <i>info@ccat.us 860-291-8832</i>	Business Support	East Hartford

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Name	Description	Category	Location
Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance	The CT Community Nonprofit Alliance (The Alliance) is the statewide association of community nonprofits in Connecticut. Their mission is to advance excellence in community-based nonprofits through advocacy and capacity building. » WEBSITE 860-525-5080	Advocacy	Rocky Hill
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)	CCM is the state’s largest, nonpartisan organization of municipal leaders, representing towns and cities of all sizes from all corners of the state, with 168 member municipalities. They advocate at the state level for issues affecting local taxpayers, and pool buying power to negotiate more cost-effective services for Connecticut communities. » WEBSITE webcontact@ccm-ct.org 203-498-3000	Advocacy	New Haven
Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST)	The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) is a member-driven organization committed to giving Connecticut’s smaller communities a voice in the legislative process and providing resources to help municipal leaders. » WEBSITE (860) 676-0770	Advocacy	West Hartford
Connecticut Main Street Center	Connecticut Main Street Center enhances downtown vibrancy through education, training, and advocacy, helping to create thriving Main Streets. » WEBSITE 860-280-2337	Community Development	Hartford

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS

Name	Description	Category	Location
The Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA)	The Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) partners with municipalities statewide to grow neighborhoods by expanding housing near transit hubs and downtowns, offering flexible, customized support to help communities achieve their unique goals. » WEBSITE <i>info@wearecmda.org</i>	Business Support	Statewide
CT Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC)	The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC) supports the growth of small businesses. As part of a national network, it offers expert advising, market research, management tools, and connections to resources. » WEBSITE <i>ctsbdc@uconn.edu 877-723-2828</i>	Business Support	East Hartford
CONNSTEP	CONNSTEP is Connecticut's leading manufacturing consulting firm. With 25 years of experience, its expert team provides tailored solutions, leveraging industry knowledge and workforce strategies to deliver innovation, efficiency, and bottom-line improvements in an evolving manufacturing landscape. » WEBSITE <i>info@connstep.org 860-513-3200</i>	Business Support	Hartford
CT Office of Innovation (formerly CTNext)	Connecticut's Office of Innovation supports the state's economic potential by aiding the local innovation ecosystem from ideation to commercialization. Through its programming and initiatives, it aims to keep industries competitive, create high-paying jobs, revitalize cities, promote equitable growth, and maintain technological advancement. » WEBSITE	Business Support	Hartford

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Name	Description	Category	Location
Economic Development Association (CEDAS)	The Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) provides a forum for the economic development community, educational programs, networking, and advocacy to foster sustainable growth and improve the state's economy. » WEBSITE 203-498-3000	Economic Development	New Haven
Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council	The mission of the GNEMSDC is to expand business opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and create mutually beneficial links between corporate companies and MBEs, adding economic value to the supply chain while increasing economic opportunities for the minority business community. » WEBSITE gnemscd@gnemscd.org 203-498-3000	Minority Business Organization	New Haven
Hartford Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO)	HEDCO is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to a wealth of personalized services, best practices and proven methods to meet the ever-changing needs of small business that inspire desired performance and achieves targeted results. » WEBSITE 860-527-1301	Economic Development	Hartford
Meriden Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO)	The Meriden Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) is a not-for-profit economic development corporation comprised of local business, community, and municipal leaders in the greater Meriden region. » WEBSITE 203-235-7901	Economic Development	Meriden

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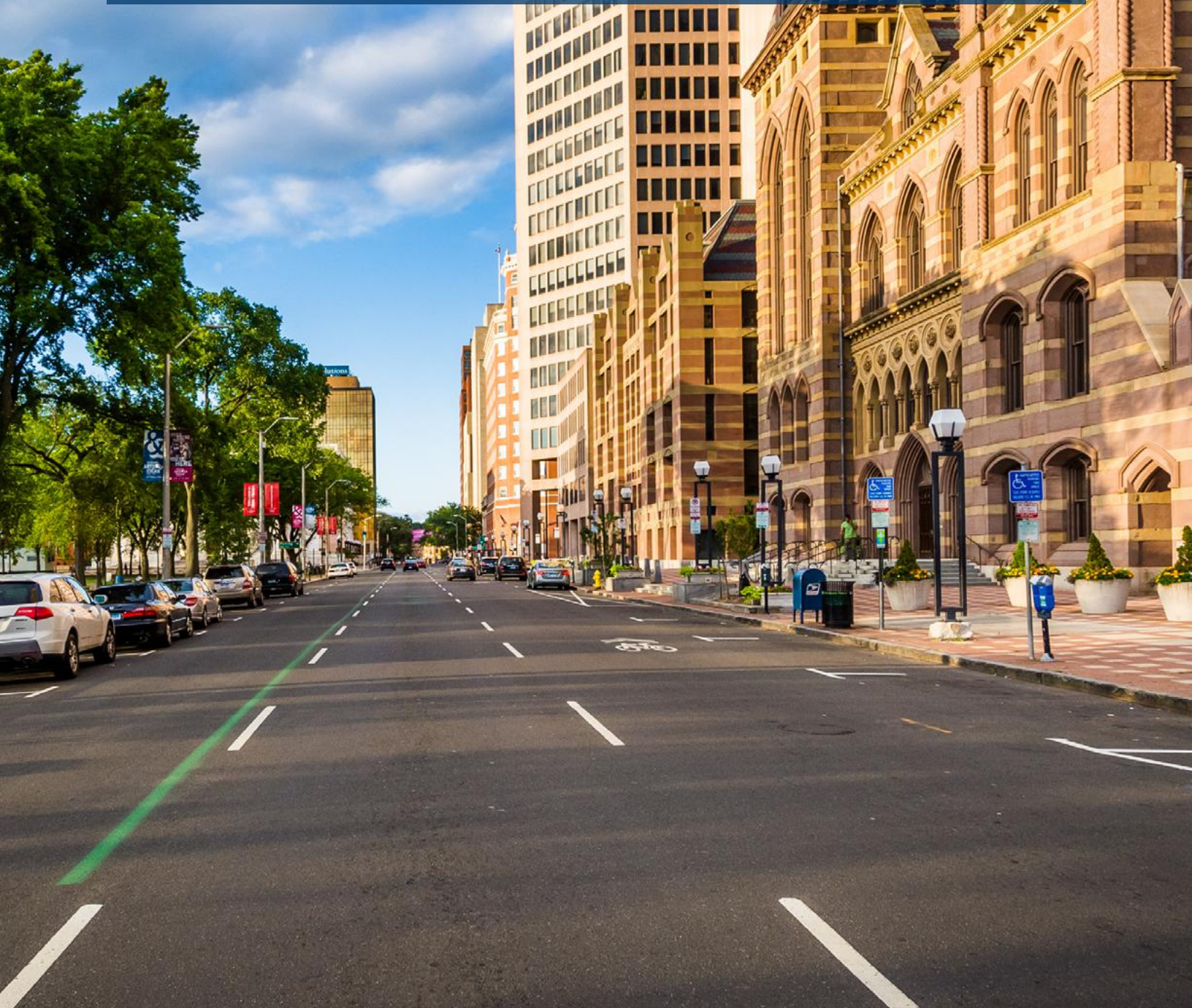
Name	Description	Category	Location
MetroHartford Alliance (MHA)	The MetroHartford Alliance collaborates with investors and partners to elevate the Hartford Region through economic development work, convening the community around shared challenges, and providing local chamber support. » WEBSITE <i>860-525-4451</i>	Economic Development	Hartford
REX Development	The South Central CT Regional Economic Development Corporation (aka REX Development) serves as the federally designated Economic Development District for Greater New Haven to maintain the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. » WEBSITE <i>moreinfo@rexdevelopment.org 203-821-3682</i>	Economic Development	New Haven
SCORE	SCORE provides confidential business counseling for entrepreneurs. It offers free online workshops on key topics like pricing, marketing, and financial planning. SCORE also features a business resilience hub with practical resources for recovery and success. » WEBSITE <i>800-634-0245</i>	Business Support	Regional
Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer)	seCTer is the lead regional economic development resource for Southeastern Connecticut, stimulating growth and prosperity for the region, with a mission to make southeastern Connecticut stronger and more vibrant by 2030. » WEBSITE <i>860-437-4659</i>	Economic Development	Groton

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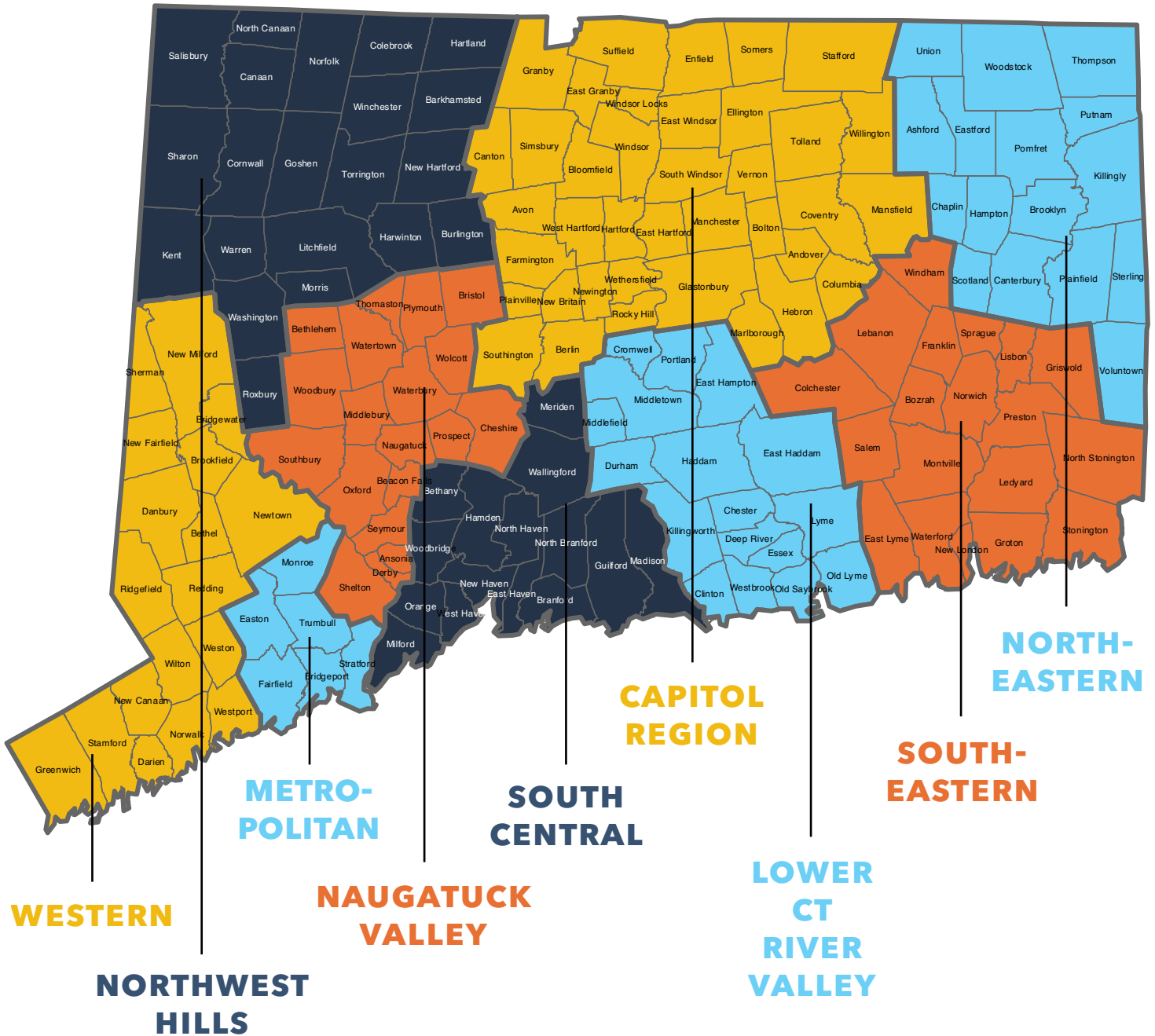
Name	Description	Category	Location
Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA)	Spanish American Merchants Association, Inc. was created to provide businesses, especially in the Latin community, with technical assistance to promote expansion, job creation, and entrepreneurship. » WEBSITE <i>info@samact.org 203-278-5825</i>	Business Support	New Haven
The Stamford Partnership	The Stamford Partnership is an economic and community impact nonprofit. Focused on economic and social progress, it unites businesses, governments, and people through public-private partnerships, ecosystem development, and talent growth. » WEBSITE <i>hello@stamfordpartnership.org 203-274-5750</i>	Economic Development	Stamford
U.S. Commercial Service	The U.S. Commercial Service in Middletown serves U.S. exporters throughout the entire state of Connecticut. » WEBSITE <i>860-638-6950</i>	Business Support	Middletown
Waterbury Development Corporation	WDC is the City of Waterbury's designated non-profit economic development and community organization. » WEBSITE <i>203-346-2607</i>	Economic Development	Waterbury
Women's Business Development Council	The Women's Business Development Council supports economic prosperity for women and strengthens communities through entrepreneurial and financial education services that create and grow sustainable jobs and businesses across Connecticut. » WEBSITE	Business Support	Stamford

COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Connecticut's nine planning regions provide a geographic framework within which municipalities can jointly address common interests and coordinate such interests with state plans and programs.



Regional Councils of Government in Connecticut



COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Name	Geography	Location
Capitol Region	Andover, Avon, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, Columbia, Coventry, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Willington, Windsor, Windsor Locks 860-522-2217 » WEBSITE	Hartford
Connecticut Metropolitan	Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull 203-366-5405 » WEBSITE	Bridgeport
Lower Connecticut River Valley	Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook 860-581-8554 » WEBSITE	Essex
Naugatuck Valley	Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Bristol, Cheshire, Derby, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Shelton, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury 203-757-0535 » WEBSITE	Waterbury
Northeastern Connecticut	Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Woodstock 860-774-1253 » WEBSITE	Dayville

COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Name	Geography	Location
Northwest Hills	Barkhamsted, Burlington, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winchester 860-491-9884 » WEBSITE	Litchfield
South Central Regional Council of Governments	Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge 203-234-7555 » WEBSITE	North Haven
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments	Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Town of Groton, City of Groton, Borough of Jewett City, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Town of Stonington, Borough of Stonington, Waterford, Windham 860-889-2324 » WEBSITE	Norwich
Western Connecticut	Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Weston, Westport, Wilton 475-323-2060 » WEBSITE	Sandy Hook

REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Connecticut has six regional networks of local chambers of commerce that assist with making connections, improving quality of life, and supporting business growth in the state.



CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Name	Geography	Location
Bridgeport Regional Business Council	Three Chamber of Commerce Affiliates: Bridgeport, Stratford and Trumbull Chambers of Commerce <i>203-335-3800</i> » WEBSITE	Bridgeport
Central Connecticut Chambers	Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plymouth, Wolcott <i>860-584-4718</i> » WEBSITE	Bristol
Eastern Connecticut Chamber	Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton (town), Groton City, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Mansfield, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Old Lyme, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Waterford, Willington, Windham, and Woodstock, with many other boroughs and villages in between <i>860-701-9113</i> » WEBSITE	New London
Greater New Haven Chamber	Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge <i>203-787-6735</i> » WEBSITE	New Haven
Middlesex County Chamber	Chester, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Portland, Westbrook <i>860-347-6924</i> » WEBSITE	Middletown

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Name	Geography	Location
Waterbury Regional Chamber	Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oakville, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury 203-757-0701 » WEBSITE	Waterbury

Additional Resources

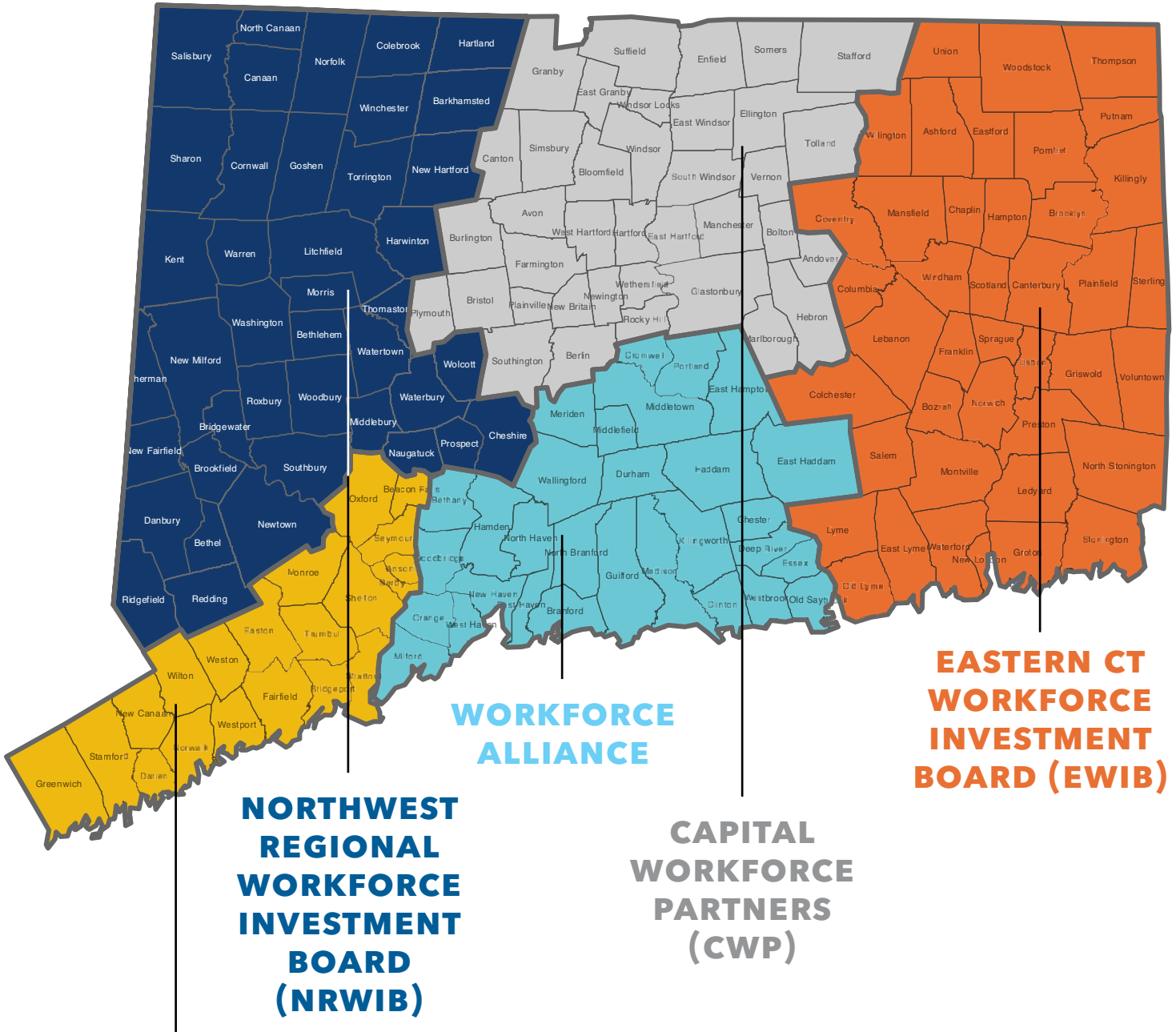
For more information on the 70+ local chambers in Connecticut, please visit the U.S. Chamber of Commerce directory. » [WEBSITE](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Connecticut has nationally-ranked workforce development and education systems dedicated to helping individuals overcome barriers to employment and close the gap between skills and business hiring needs.



Connecticut Towns by Workforce Development Area



**EASTERN CT
WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT
BOARD (EWIB)**

**WORKFORCE
ALLIANCE**

**NORTHWEST
REGIONAL
WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT
BOARD
(NRWIB)**

**CAPITAL
WORKFORCE
PARTNERS
(CWP)**

**THE
WORKPLACE,
INC.**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
Capital Workforce Partners (CWP)	CWP is the North Central CT regional Workforce Development Board. CWP is responsible for coordinating a regional workforce system that meets the changing employment and training needs of employers and job seekers. <i>860-522-1111 capitalworkforce.org</i>	Workforce Development Board	Hartford
Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board	EWIB identifies the changing needs of employers and workers in its 41-town service area, working with community leaders to align training programs to meet the needs of local employers and keep Eastern Connecticut at the forefront of industry and technology. <i>Information@ewib.org 860-859-4100 www.ewib.org</i>	Workforce Development Board	Franklin
Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board	NRWIB's goal is to develop and maintain a highly-skilled workforce which promotes and sustains a healthy economy and business growth in Northwest Connecticut. The NRWIB provides training for workers across all sectors, focusing on high-demand industries. <i>info@nrwib.org 203-574-6971 www.nrwib.org</i>	Workforce Development Board	Waterbury
The WorkPlace, Inc.	The Workplace conducts comprehensive planning, and coordinates regional and state-wide workforce development programs to prepare people for careers. <i>info2@workplace.org 203-610-8500 www.workplace.org</i>	Workforce Development Board	Bridgeport

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
Workforce Alliance	<p>The Workforce Alliance develops and oversees comprehensive, community-wide initiatives to build a highly skilled workforce in South Central Connecticut, driving a system that addresses the essential skill development needs of the regional workforce.</p> <p>203-867-4030 www.workforcealliance.biz</p>	Workforce Development Board	New Haven
ConnCAT	<p>ConnCAT provides job-training programs to give adults the skills needed to secure meaningful, well-paying jobs in the health sciences and culinary professions, with the academic support to help them succeed.</p> <p>info@conncat.org 203-823-9823 conncat.org</p>	Workforce Development	Multiple
The Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC)	<p>CCIC represents and advocates on behalf of fifteen accredited non-profit independent colleges and universities in Connecticut.</p> <p>860-678-0005 www.theccic.org</p>	Education	West Hartford
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities	<p>Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (CSCU) is a system of 6 public colleges and universities: 4 state universities, CT State Community College, and Charter Oak State College. CSCU provides affordable, innovative and rigorous programs for students to achieve their personal and career goals.</p> <p>860-723-0000 www.ct.edu</p>	Education	Hartford

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)	CTECS has led Career Technical Education in Connecticut for over 100 years, operating 17 technical high schools and offering 31 career programs for diplomas, certifications, and credentials that provide a direct employment pipeline and a competitive edge. <i>860-807-2200 www.cttech.org</i>	Education	Hartford
Governor’s Workforce Council (GWC)	GWC has been tasked with setting strategy and policy for the state’s Pre-K through retirement workforce pipeline, and to serve as the prime coordinator for businesses, educators, trainers, state agencies, state workforce boards, non-profits, and others. <i>GWC@ct.gov portal.ct.gov/gwc</i>	Workforce Development	Hartford
Hartford Promise	Hartford Promise is a large scale Scholarship Fund and Integrated College Success Model. Through our Scholarship we remove financial barriers to college for Hartford students. With our Integrated College Success Model, we support them every step of the way toward college success. <i>860-956-5310 info@hartfordpromise.org hartfordpromise.org</i>	Education Non-profit	Hartford
New Haven Promise	New Haven Promise partners with students, families, colleges, community-based organizations, and businesses to strengthen academic skills and career preparedness, as well as heavily invest in scholarships for students. <i>info@newhavenpromise.org newhavenpromise.org</i>	Education Non-profit	New Haven

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
ReadyCT	ReadyCT is a K-12 education and workforce development organization which supports programs that bring business, civic, and education leaders together to advance career-connected learning for students. <i>860-244-1109 info@readyct.org readyct.org</i>	Education Non-profit	Hartford
University of Connecticut (UCONN)	UCONN is a national leader among public research universities, with more than 32,000 students seeking answers to critical questions in classrooms, labs, and the community. <i>860-486-2000 uconn.edu</i>	Education	Storrs
Waterbury Promise	The Waterbury Promise Scholarship helps eliminate financial barriers, strengthens the college going culture in Waterbury Public Schools, and provides essential support to ensure college success. <i>203-574-6601 info@waterburypromise.org waterburypromise.org</i>	Education Non-Profit	Waterbury

Additional Resources

There are hundreds of training providers in Connecticut that offer occupational tech and other skills training, certifications, and more. To navigate these resources, see the CT Department of Labor (CTDOL) Education and Training ConneCTion here. » [WEBSITE](#)

INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Connecticut's industry organizations provide support – ranging from advisory and advocacy to networking and more – across a wide array of sectors.



INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Description	Type	Location
Aerospace Components Manufacturers (ACM)	ACM attracts the global aerospace industry to The World’s Aerospace Alley!®, where ACM member firms form a unique industrial cooperative of long-established aerospace manufacturers, processors and suppliers, offering a cost-effective supply chain. <i>860-282-4239 aerospacecomponents.org</i>	Manufacturing	East Hartford
BioCT	BioCT catalyzes and accelerates growth in the life sciences with the goal of improving human health by fostering a rich, innovative ecosystem and promoting Connecticut as a preferred destination for life science exploration and innovation. <i>bioct@bioct.org bioct.org</i>	Life Sciences	New Haven
Connecticut Brewers Guild	The CT Brewers’ Guild protects and promotes the interests of craft beer producers throughout the state of Connecticut. <i>ctbrewersguild@connecticut.beer connecticut.beer</i>	Food & Beverage	New Haven
Connecticut Cannabis Chamber of Commerce	The CT Cannabis Chamber of Commerce promotes policy, responsible growth, and the development of Connecticut’s cannabis industry. <i>860-888-2029 ctcannabischamber.org</i>	Cannabis	Rocky Hill
Connecticut Health Council	The Connecticut Health Council is a group of health sector leaders who together promote Connecticut as a center for the development of businesses, initiatives, and technology that improve healthcare and wellness both nationally and in the state. <i>860-728-2298 tmorrissey@metrohartford.com cthealthcouncil.com</i>	Health	Hartford

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Name	Description	Type	Location
CT Insurance and Financial Services (CTIFS)	CTIFS is a statewide initiative of the Metro-Hartford Alliance comprised of 32 member companies in Connecticut’s insurance and financial services sector. connecticutifs.com	Insurance & Finance	Hartford
Connecticut Power and Energy Society (CPES)	CPES is Connecticut’s association of energy professionals, dedicated to generating information, sharing ideas and educating Connecticut about energy. 203-265-0823 ctpower@ctpower.org ctpower.org	Energy	West Hartford
CT Restaurant Association (CTRA)	CTRA advocates for the Connecticut restaurant industry, a hub for information and a platform for networking. 860-278-8008 ctrestaurant.org	Food & Beverage	Wethersfield
CT Technology Council (CTC)	The CT Technology Council offers exceptional networking, learning, and promotional opportunities, connecting a diverse network of technology leaders, educational institutions, government agencies, non-profits, and service providers. hello@ct.org ct.org	Tech	East Hartford
Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA)	EAMA is an employer-led group of manufacturers in Eastern Connecticut, South Central Massachusetts, and Northwest Rhode Island. EAMA promotes and improves manufacturing careers and the regional manufacturing workforce. 860-859-4100 information@ewib.org ewib.org/eama-rsp	Manufacturing	Franklin

INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

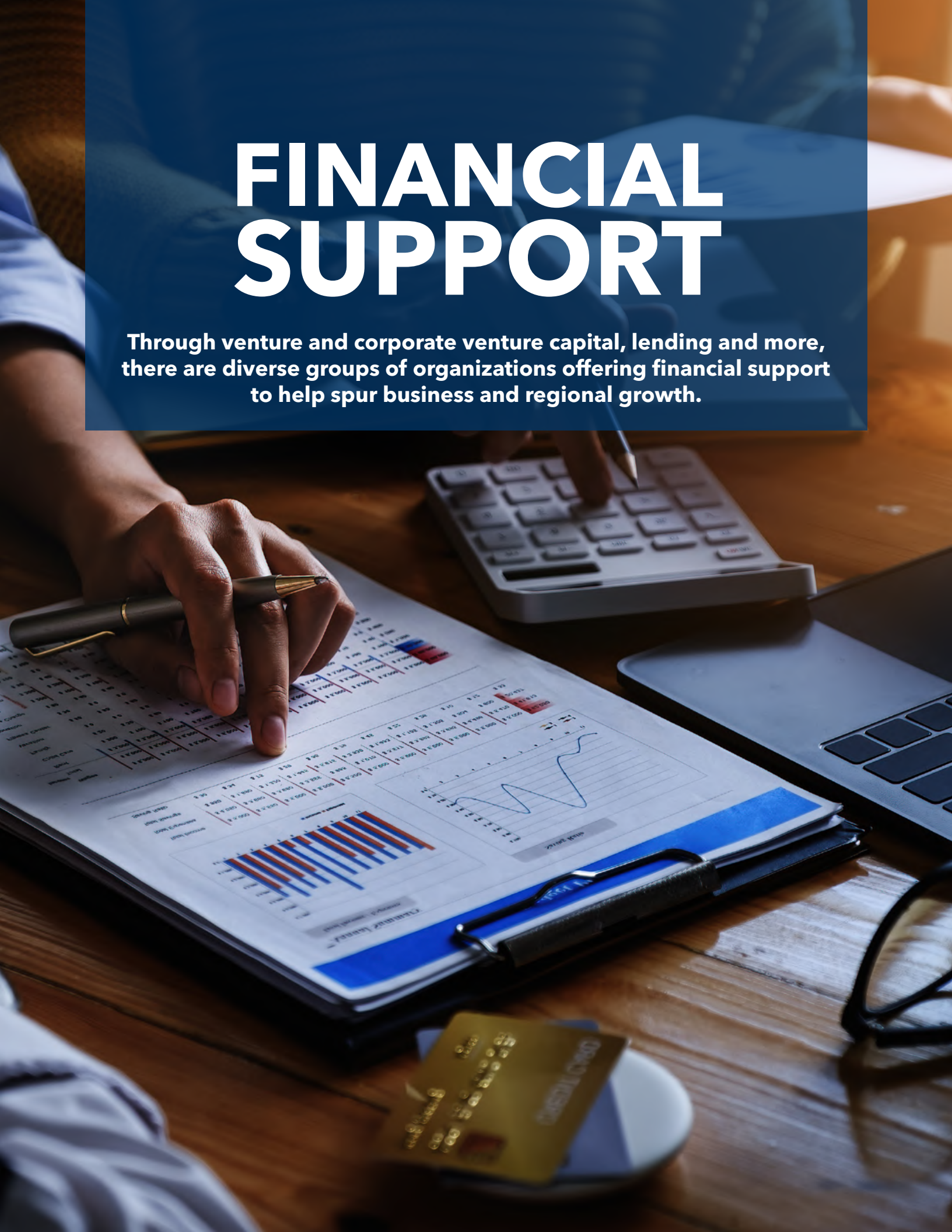
Name	Description	Type	Location
Energize Connecticut	EnergizeCT helps consumers save energy in their Connecticut home or business with rebates, financing and services for energy efficiency and clean energy improvements. energizect.com	Energy	New Britain
Hartford InsurTech Hub	Hartford InsurTech Hub is a collaboration of insurance carriers, City of Hartford representatives, and community stakeholders all focused on industry evolution through collaboration and innovation. info@insurtechhartford.com insurtechhartford.com	Tech	Hartford
ManufactureCT	ManufactureCT is a statewide forum for community and business leaders focused on sharing perspectives from inside manufacturing facilities to build collective strength for the sector. 203-574-8285 admin@manufacturect.org manufacturect.org	Manufacturing	Waterbury
Naval & Maritime Consortium	The Naval & Maritime Consortium is a network of companies, community partners, and OEMs that collaborates to develop Blue Tech opportunities. 860-949-7474 admin@nmconsortium.com navalandmaritimeconsortium.com	Manufacturing	Groton
New England Spring & Metalstamping Association (NESMA)	NESMA is an advocacy organization for the Spring and Metalstamping industry, promoting policies and providing education, workforce training, networking and other events that benefit the community. info@nesma-usa.com nesma-usa.com	Manufacturing	Bristol

INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Description	Type	Location
Northeast Energy Efficiency and Electrification Council (NEEEEC)	Through state-level advocacy, the NEEEC helps to secure the policies, budgets, and resources necessary for a vibrant and growing energy efficiency industry. <i>info@neeec.org</i> neeec.org	Energy	Massachusetts
Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association (REEBA)	The Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association promotes the sustainable deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Connecticut, advocating for the removal of regulatory barriers and establishing legislative-based opportunities. 860-338-3728 reeba.org	Energy	Rocky Hill
Smaller Manufacturers Association (SMA)	SMA offers programming, workforce development and education support, and advocates on behalf of small manufacturers in Hartford. 203-575-0711 <i>admin@sma-ct.com</i> sma-ct.com	Manufacturing	Waterbury
Sustainable CT	Sustainable CT provides a shared vision, an action road map, practical tools, multiple benefits, and collaborative spirit to build a thriving Connecticut for all residents. 860-253-2969 <i>info@sustainablect.org</i> sustainablect.org	Clean Energy	Willimantic

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Through venture and corporate venture capital, lending and more, there are diverse groups of organizations offering financial support to help spur business and regional growth.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Name	Description + Industry	Type	Location
Acadian Ventures	Acadian Ventures helps founders around the world build enduring companies that make work better, fairer, more meaningful, and ultimately more productive. TECHNOLOGY <i>hello@acadianventures.com</i> acadianventures.com	VC	Madison
Angel Investor Forum	The Angel Investor Forum funds high-potential startups, focusing on Connecticut companies and increasing support for women- and minority-owned businesses through capital, expertise, and collaboration. VARIOUS INDUSTRIES 860-484-3790 <i>admin@angelinvestorforum.com</i> angelinvestorforum.com	Investors	New Haven
Canaan Partners	Canaan Partners is an early-stage venture capital firm that invests in visionaries with transformative ideas. HEALTHCARE/TECHNOLOGY 203-855-0400 <i>hello@canaan.com</i> canaan.com	VC	Stamford
Cigna Group Ventures	Cigna Group Ventures partners with entrepreneurs to improve health care through innovation in data, technology, digital health, and care delivery. HEALTHCARE/TECHNOLOGY cignaventures.com	CVC	Bloomfield
Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF)	CEDF provides loans to Connecticut small business owners, primarily in low-to-moderate income communities, who are not able to obtain traditional bank financing. VARIOUS/UNDERREPRESENTED INDUSTRIES 203-235-2333 <i>CEDF.com/inquiry</i> cedf.com	Lending	Meriden

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Name	Description	Type	Location
CT Community Investment Corporation (CTCIC)	CTCIC is an economic development lending company that offers financing and support to small businesses in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. VARIOUS INDUSTRIES 203-776-6172 ciclending.com	Lending	Hamden
Connecticut Green Bank Capital Solutions	The CT Green Bank confronts climate change by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy. GREEN ECONOMY 860-563-0015 ctgreenbank.com	Lending	Hartford & Stamford
Connecticut Innovations (CI)	CI is Connecticut's strategic venture capital arm and the leading source of financing and ongoing support for innovative, growing companies. VARIOUS INDUSTRIES info@ctinnovations.com ctinnovations.com	VC	New Haven
Elm Street Ventures	Elm Street Ventures is a seed and early-stage venture fund with an emphasis on life sciences that also invests in software, materials, sustainable technology, and other industries. LIFE SCIENCES 203-401-4201 venture@elmvc.com elmvc.com	VC	New Haven
Hartford Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO)	HEDCO Inc. helps clients and their communities improve, achieve and succeed with free business advisory services, low interest loans, revolving loan funds, and technical assistance. 860-527-1301 hedcoinc.com	Lending	Hartford

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Hillside Ventures	Hillside Ventures is an early-stage venture fund supporting companies either founded by UConn alumni or that are in the sustainability, insurtech, or edtech industries. STUDENT-RUN VC hillsideventurecapital@gmail.com hillsideventures.uconn.edu	VC	Storrs
Hudson Structured Capital Management	Hudson Structure Capital Management is an asset manager focused on alternative investments targeting mezzanine level returns. RE/INSURANCE & TRANSPORTATION 203-975-4850 info@hscm.com hscm.com	VC	Stamford
LaunchCapital	LaunchCapital is an industry-agnostic early-stage venture capital firm. VARIOUS INDUSTRIES launchcapital.com	VC	New Haven
Oak HC/FT	Oak HC/FT is a venture and growth equity firm investing in tech-enabled companies with \$5.3 billion AUM. HEALTHCARE/FINTECH 203-717-1350 info@oakhcft.com oakhcft.com	VC	Stamford
Point72	Point72 Asset Management is a global firm led by Steven Cohen that invests in multiple asset classes and strategies worldwide. VARIOUS INDUSTRIES 203-890-2000 inquiries@point72.com point72.com	VC	Stamford

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Stonehenge Capital	<p>Stonehenge’s Direct Investing practice connects finance and community development, leveraging public programs and a broad portfolio to provide businesses with essential growth capital and investment tools.</p> <p>VARIOUS INDUSTRIES</p> <p>203-668-2716 stonehengecapital.com</p>	Debt/VC	New Haven
Tamarack Global	<p>Tamarack Global operates as an investment firm that invests in new markets and new economies.</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>tamarackglobal.com</p>	VC	Greenwich
Tidal River Women’s Investor Group	<p>Tidal River supports Connecticut women investors as they invest in companies throughout the state, collaborating around deal flow, due diligence, investing, learning, and networking.</p> <p>VARIOUS INDUSTRIES</p> <p>tidalriverct.com</p>	VC	Stamford

INCUBATORS, ACCELERATORS & MAKERSPACES

There are countless incubators, accelerators, and makerspaces across Connecticut serving as hubs for innovation and growth.



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Name	Description	Type	Location
Accelerate UCONN	Accelerate UConn, UConn’s NSF I-Corps Program, helps entrepreneurial teams commercialize ideas through hands-on learning, Lean Launchpad insights, and development strategies. <i>ccei@uconn.edu</i> accelerate.uconn.edu	Accelerator	Storrs
Accelerator for Biosciences in Connecticut (ABCT)	ABCT is Connecticut’s only competitive, six-month program offering personalized entrepreneurial training for first-time bioscience founders focused on healthcare innovation at any development stage. <i>917-310-2145</i> <i>maggie@FirstXFounder.com</i> abct.co	Accelerator	Branford
Blavatnik Fund for Innovation	The \$65M Blavatnik Fund accelerates Yale life sciences research with funding, expertise, and guidance, advancing projects via startups, partnerships, sponsored research, and non-dilutive funding. <i>yaleventures@yale.edu</i> ventures.yale.edu	Accelerator	New Haven
Bridge Innovations	Bridge Innovations has an established track record of taking medical device startups from concept to successful exit, partnering with inventors, founders and CEOs to help build their companies quickly and efficiently. <i>860-484-3790</i> <i>info@bridgeinnovations.com</i> bridgeinnovations.com	Accelerator	New Haven
Bridgeport Accelerator Program	The Accelerator Program at University of Bridgeport is open Bridgeport residents and businessowners, working to help members expand and scale their businesses. <i>203-576-4190</i> bridgeport.edu	Accelerator	Bridgeport

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Collab New Haven + reSET	Together, reSET and Collab expand support for underrepresented entrepreneurs across Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford, strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem and fostering opportunity statewide. <i>860-560-9120 resetco.org</i>	Accelerator	Hartford/New Haven
Danbury Hackerspace	Danbury Hackerspace provides 3D printers, prototyping tools, a mockup studio, program space, co-working space and more. <i>860-484-3790 danburyhackerspace@gmail.com danburyhackerspace.com</i>	Makerspace	Danbury
Fairfield County Makers Guild	The Makers' Guild is a non-profit, membership-based workshop and fabrication studio providing specialized tools and equipment. <i>info@fcmakers.com fcmakers.com</i>	Makerspace	Norwalk
Food'Nbev Connect	Food'NBev Connect helps food and beverage entrepreneurs and CEOs grow and innovate, with a focus on healthier, sustainable products. <i>203-359-3220 foodnbevct.com</i>	Accelerator	Danbury
Launc[H]artford	Launc[H] is led by innovators and entrepreneurs to strengthen the Hartford community by increasing economic productivity, creating jobs, and reigniting a sense of regional pride. <i>860-728-2146 connect@launchinhartford.com launchinhartford.com</i>	Incubator	Hartford
M&T Bank Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship	The M&T Bank Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship empowers and connects Quinnipiac students, staff and faculty to pursue their entrepreneurial ventures. <i>203-582-8600 sbdeans@qu.edu qu.edu</i>	Incubator	Hamden

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Makerspace CT	MakerspaceCT is a skills hub for makers, entrepreneurs, students, and manufacturers, offering tools, tech, and training for innovation and workforce success. <i>860-619-MAKE info@makerspacect.com makerspacect.org</i>	Makerspace	Hartford
Middlesex Entrepreneurial Workspace (MEWS+)	MEWS+ helps companies grow their business, build their network, and stay connected. <i>hello@themewplus.com themewplus.com</i>	Incubator	Middletown
NERAC Venture Incubator	Nerac, through its long standing association with XcellR8 and UCONN, offers flexible office and workspace opportunities to early stage venture entrepreneurs for business incubation activities and support. <i>860-872-7000 incubator@nerac.com nerac.com</i>	Incubator	Tolland
NESIT (New England Society for Innovative Technology)	The NESIT Makerspace fosters creativity by offering a collaborative space, partnering with organizations like the Meriden Public Library, Boys and Girls Club, New Haven Green Expo, and facilitating community events. <i>203-514-2257 info@nesit.org nesit.org</i>	Makerspace	Meriden
New Haven Innovation Labs	New Haven Innovation Labs provides scientists and entrepreneurs with a state-of-the-art laboratory incubator where they can discover, collaborate, and grow. <i>203-913-8008 newhaveninnovationlabs.org</i>	Incubator	New Haven

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Regional Innovation Center	By combining modern workspaces with structured programming, the Regional Innovation Center supports startups, small businesses, and community partners in Eastern CT. <i>860-701-9113 innovation@chamberect.com chamberect.com</i>	Incubator	New London
Spark Makerspace	Spark Makerspace provides a community workshop in New London, CT, offering resources for artists, techies, and entrepreneurs. It supports creativity through classes, meet-ups, and member-driven initiatives. <i>make@sparkmakerspace.org sparkmakerspace.org</i>	Makerspace	New London
SPARK UCONN Technology Commercialization Fund (School of Research)	The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) SPARK Technology Commercialization Fund supports the translation of research discoveries into products, processes, and other commercial applications. <i>860-486-3619 ovpr@uconn.edu ovpr.uconn.edu</i>	Accelerator	Storrs
TechXel	The TechXel Stamford accelerator prepares early stage B2B ventures for angel/seed funding, utilizing Silicon Valley Series A standards to create fully aligned funding documents. <i>techxelstamford@gmail.com techxelstamford.com</i>	Accelerator	Stamford
UCONN Technology Incubation Program (UCONN TIP)	UConn's Technology Incubation Program (TIP) fuels the launch of high-impact startups with UConn's world-class research resources, cutting-edge facilities, and comprehensive business support with a powerful network of seasoned investors and entrepreneurs. <i>tip@uconn.edu innovation.uconn.edu</i>	Incubator	Storrs, Farmington

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Name	Description	Type	Location
Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking (Tsai CITY)	Tsai CITY serves Yale students through programs, funding, and mentoring. Students tackle relevant issues, develop creative projects, and launch high-growth ventures and movements. <i>city.support@yale.edu</i> city.yale.edu	Incubator	New Haven
The Village Community Foundation	The Village is a waterfront campus catering to entrepreneurs and creators across various industries, offering modern office spaces, event venues, and world-class food and beverage options. 475-270-1220 <i>info@thevillagestamford.com</i> thevillagestamford.com	Accelerator	Stamford
UConn Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation	The Werth Institute links the ecosystem of resources, programs, academic courses, funding, mentorship, education, and activities relating to entrepreneurship and innovation throughout UCONN. 860-486-5258 <i>werth.institute@uconn.edu</i> werth.institute.uconn.edu	Incubator	Storrs
Yale Center for Biomedical Innovation & Technology	CBIT addresses disruptive forces in health-care, collaborating with academic innovators, students, corporate entities, and health systems to navigate these challenges and drive innovation. <i>cbit@yale.edu</i> medicine.yale.edu/cbit	Incubator	New Haven
Yale Ventures	Yale Ventures fosters a vibrant entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem that increases support, resources, and opportunities for Yale faculty and students as they translate their ideas and discoveries into new ventures. <i>yaleventures@yale.edu</i> ventures.yale.edu	Incubator	New Haven



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