



## Connecticut

### *Tax Benefits and Incentives for Convenience Services Operators*



This state-by-state guide highlights a range of tax credits and incentive programs specifically relevant to the convenience services industry, offering operators clear application instructions and links to find further information. While this report emphasizes programs tailored to the convenience services industry, you know your business and its unique needs.

## Opportunities for Convenience Services Operators

### Business Line of Credit

#### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The CEDF provides lines of credit up to \$250,000.

#### Eligibility Requirements

Connecticut businesses must meet one of the following requirements to be eligible to apply:

1. Location Eligible: The business is not bankable and is located in one of the 53 eligible communities listed on the website regardless of each owner's household income
2. Income Eligible: The business is not bankable\* and even though it is not located in an eligible CT community, each owner's annual household income (Adjusted Gross Income) is \$112,600 or less.

Here, bankable means: The business is unable to obtain a loan from a traditional bank.

#### Application Information

- Submit a Loan Inquiry Form.
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  - CEDF, Attention: Ricardo Vidal, Director of Lending, 965 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450

#### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Community Economic Development Fund.](#)

### Commercial Real Estate Loans

#### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The CEDF provides businesses term loans, owner-occupied commercial real estate loans, and lines of credit up to \$750,000 in combination.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- The owner of the business applying must have been in business for three years or longer

- The owner must have a business located or to be located in the building occupying 51% or more of the space (i.e. no pure investment real estate)
- Personal guaranty from all principals involved

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## **Electronic Data Processing Equipment Property Tax Credit**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

Credit equal to 100% of property taxes owed and paid on electronic data processing hardware peripheral equipment and software; credit may be applied against certain other CT taxes.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

For more information, please contact the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

Electronic data processing equipment means computers, printers, peripheral computer equipment, bundled software, and any computer-based equipment acting as a computer, as defined under section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and any other equipment reported as Code 20 property on the Personal Property Declaration as prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

#### **Application Information**

Complete Form CT-1120 EDPC, Electronic Data Processing Equipment Property Tax Credit, and attach it to Form CT-1120K, Business Tax Credit Summary, and/or Form CT-207K, Insurance/Health Care Tax Credit Schedule.

[Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.](#)

## **Enterprise Zone Program**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

An Enterprise Zone is a designated area in a Targeted Investment Community. Incentive benefits are provided for eligible business relocation/expansion projects.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

These programs are designed to encourage capital improvements to land and/or buildings. Businesses must be prepared to either:

1. renovate an existing facility by investing at least 50% of the facility's prior assessed value in the renovation

2. construct a new facility or expand an existing facility
3. acquire a facility that has been idle for a stated minimum timeframe (sliding scale dependent on average number of employees for previous six months):
  - (if 19+ employees) at least one year
  - (if 6-19 employees) at least six months
  - (if 5 or fewer employees) no idleness requirement applies

If the applicant is leasing this qualifying facility, the lease must be for at least five years with the option at that point to either renew the lease for an aggregate term of not fewer than 10 years or buy the facility. If the business averages fewer than 10 employees, those requirements may be reduced to aggregate leases of fewer than six years or the option to purchase after three years.

Some zones might specify a range of North American Industrial Classification System (NAIC) codes, priority industry clusters, and/or pre-approved non-manufacturing and service business operations such as those listed in Addendum A; please refer to the Related Resources section.

### **Application Information**

For businesses seeking tax incentives and other benefits: Across all cities and towns that are approved by the DECD to participate in the Enterprise Zone program:

#### Step One

1. Before starting any project, the business must first submit a formal request through the local economic development office of the municipality in order to obtain a Preliminary Questionnaire.
2. If pre-qualified, the business would receive from the DECD a formal application and an invitation to apply.

#### Step Two

1. The business submits a complete application with required documentation to the DECD prior to October 1 of the year in which the project will be completed.
2. If approved, DECD would issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

For cities and town seeking to be approved for one of the Enterprise Zone program designations: The municipalities should first obtain local approvals to ensure the zone meets municipal and regional requirements, and then the municipality would submit a formal proposal to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval.

### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.](#)

## **Fixed Capital Investment Tax Credit**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

A tax credit may be applied against the tax imposed under Chapter 208 of the Connecticut General Statutes for amounts paid or incurred by a corporation for fixed capital.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Fixed capital means any new tangible personal property that meets all of the following criteria:

1. It must have a class life of more than four years;
2. It must have been purchased from someone other than a related person;

3. It is not leased or acquired to be leased to another person within 12 months of purchase; and
4. It will be held and used in Connecticut by a corporation in the ordinary course of the corporation's trade or business in Connecticut for a period of not less than five full years following its purchase.

Fixed capital does not include:

1. Inventory;
2. Land;
3. Buildings or structures; or
4. Mobile transportation property.

Related person means a corporation, partnership, association, or trust controlled by the corporation; an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or trust that is in control of the corporation; a corporation, partnership, association, or trust controlled by an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or trust that is in control of the corporation; or a member of the same controlled group as the corporation.

With respect to a corporation, control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the stock of the corporation entitled to vote; with respect to a trust, control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the beneficial interest in the principal or income of the trust. Ownership is determined as provided in Section 267(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as from time to time amended, other than paragraph (3) of that section.

Mobile transportation property is any transport equipment designed to move or convey people or property from one place to another, including but not limited to:

1. Trucks;
2. Buses;
3. Forklifts;
4. Snowplows; or
5. Certain construction equipments such as backhoes, bulldozers, cement mixers, and loaders.

#### **Application Information**

Complete Form CT-1120 FCIC, Fixed Capital Investment Tax Credit, and attach it along with any required detailed schedule to Form CT-1120K, Business Tax Credit Summary.

For more information, please contact the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for details.

[Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.](#)

## **Housing Program Contribution Tax Credit**

### **CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**

The Housing Program Contribution tax credit is available to business firms that make cash contributions to housing programs that benefit low and moderate income individuals and families. The housing programs must be sponsored, developed, or managed by nonprofit corporations.

### Eligibility Requirements

The housing programs must be sponsored, developed, or managed by nonprofit corporations.

Business firm means:

- Any business entity authorized to do business in Connecticut and subject to the corporation business tax;
- Any company subject to the tax imposed under Chapter 207;
- Any air carrier subject to the air carriers tax imposed under Chapter 209;
- Any railroad subject to the railroad companies tax imposed under Chapter 210;
- Any community antenna television systems company subject to the tax imposed under Chapter 211; or
- Any utility subject to the utility companies tax imposed under Chapter 212.

Nonprofit corporation means any nonprofit corporation incorporated according to Chapter 602 of the Connecticut General Statutes (or any predecessor statutes) which: 1) has as one of its purposes the construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing; and 2) has articles of incorporation that have been approved by the executive director of CHFA in accordance with CHFA's adopted regulations.

### Application Information

Contact CHFA Tax Credit Unit at 860-721-9501, Ext. 237 or go to [www.chfa.org](http://www.chfa.org) for information regarding the application process.

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.](#)

## Human Capital Investment Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

The Human Capital Investment Tax Credit may be applied against the Connecticut corporation business tax for amounts paid or incurred for certain types of human capital investments.

### Eligibility Requirements

Human capital investment means:

1. In-state job training of persons employed in Connecticut;
2. Work education programs in Connecticut;
3. Worker training and education of persons employed in Connecticut provided by Connecticut institutions of higher education;
4. Donations or capital contributions to institutions of higher education in Connecticut for improvements or advancement of technology, including physical plant improvements;
5. Planning, sit preparation, construction, renovation, or acquisition of facilities in Connecticut for the purpose of establishing a day care facility to be used primarily by the children of employees who are employed in Connecticut;
6. Child care subsidies paid to employees employed in Connecticut for child care provided in Connecticut; or
7. Contributions made to the Individual Development Account Reserve Fund administered by the Connecticut Department of Labor.

Expenditures associated with the "in-state job training of persons employed in Connecticut" include:

1. Training materials;
2. Direct expenses relating to training (e.g., the cost of a training instructor);

3. Course registration fees; and
4. Travel costs related to training, provided the travel is within Connecticut.

#### Additional Provisions

- The credit claimed cannot exceed the amount of tax liability.
- Corporations claiming expenditures for the Human Capital Investment Credit cannot claim or use the same expenditures against any other corporation business tax credit.

#### Application Information

Complete Form CT-1120 HCIC, Human Capital Investment Tax Credit, and attach it to Form CT-1120K, Business Tax Credit Summary, along with all required detailed schedules.

#### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.](#)

## Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT)

### CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The IWT program is a matching grant program that offers financial reimbursement to manufacturing companies for providing up-skill training to their employees. The goals are:

- To support advanced manufacturing and innovative companies in their efforts to train incumbent workers in the appropriate skills to meet current and emerging market needs.
- To bring technological innovation to the market and help manufacturing companies leap ahead in productivity and efficiency by enhancing the skills of their current workforce.
- To grow sales revenue and increase profitability.

The program will reimburse up to 50% of training costs \$50,000 of training costs annually. Companies may submit multiple reimbursement applications so long as the aggregate amount does not exceed \$50,000 in any given calendar year. There is no minimum grant amount that will be awarded to qualified applicants. The maximum amount of lifetime assistance provided to any one company by this program is limited to \$100,000.

In order for a company to apply for reimbursement, they must meet all of eligibility criteria for the program. As an example, an applicant who can evidence having spent a total of \$30,000 in training costs over the course of one year will be eligible for a potential grant of \$15,000 (\$15,000 grant + \$15,000 company match).

#### Eligibility Requirements

A qualified third-party training company must have been used to conduct the training.

- Applicants must evidence good standing with the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) and be current with their registration with Secretary of the State and other relevant agencies (for the most recent quarter).
- Applicants are required to match grant awards dollar for dollar.
- Must have conducted beneficial training that is consistent with the goals of this program and worthy of funding as determined by the program administrator.
- Companies receiving funds will be asked to complete a survey form on the impact of the training.
- A Connecticut based manufacturer or allied service provider who has between 3 and 300 employees and incurred training expenses post 4/1/22.

- A Connecticut based manufacturer or allied service provider who has between 300 and 1,000 employees and incurred training expenses post 6/29/23.
- Must Have conducted beneficial training worthy of funding as determined by the program administrator.

#### **Application Information**

The Required Documentation:

- DRS Letter of Good Standing (aka Status Letter for the most recent quarter)
- DOL Letter of Good Standing (aka Status Letter for the most recent quarter)
- Completed W9 Taxpayer ID Form
- Invoice Copies for Training Conducted
- Checks or other documentation evidencing payment for training
- Completed Training Cost Sheet (IWTF33)
- Training Attendance Form (IWTF34) or similar

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology.](#)

## **Machinery and Equipment Expenditure Tax Credit**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

A Machinery and Equipment Expenditure Tax Credit may be applied against the Connecticut corporation business tax based upon a percentage of the incremental increase in expenditures for machinery and equipment acquired for and installed in a facility in Connecticut which exceeds the amount spent for such expenditures in the prior income year.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The credit amount is determined by the number of the corporation's full-time, permanent employees whose wages, salaries or other compensation is paid in Connecticut. Please see the website for the exact parameters used to define each term of the credit.

#### **Application Information**

Complete Form CT-1120 MEC, Machinery and Equipment Credit. This form can be obtained from the DRS Forms Unit by calling 860-297-5962 or 1-800-382-9463 (in-state). Forms may also be obtained 24 hours a day either by calling DRS Tax-Fax, 860-297-5698, or from the agency Web site

[Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.](#)

## **Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund provides loans and lines of credit to Connecticut businesses owned by minorities and/or women.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for financing through the Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund, your business must be:

1. in operation for at least one year and/or officially registered for at least a year;

2. physically located and operating in Connecticut;
3. a for-profit business;
4. current with both state and federal taxes for both the business owner and the business.

Note: principals with 50% or more ownership must not be more than 60 days delinquent on child support.

#### **Application Information**

There are two ways to apply for a Minority Business Revolving Loan.

1. You can apply online through our program administrator, HEDCO.
2. You can download and complete the appropriate forms, then mail or fax them to HEDCO.

Please see the website for application materials and instructions.

#### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.](#)

## **Real & Personal Property Tax Exemptions**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Exemption on property taxes associated with inventory, depreciable equipment, and real property improvements.

For more information, please contact the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

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[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.](#)

## **Sales and Use Tax Exemption**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Investments that help Connecticut businesses create jobs and modernize may be eligible for tax relief. Please contact the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for details.

#### **Contact Information**

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Hartford, CT 06103  
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[Patricia.Paesani@ct.gov](mailto:Patricia.Paesani@ct.gov)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.](#)

## SBA Microloan

### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The CEDF SBA microloan program provides loans to small businesses not able to obtain traditional financing to obtain capital.

#### Eligibility Requirements

Eligible use of proceeds include:

1. Working capital
2. Inventory or supplies
3. Furniture or fixtures
4. Machinery or equipment
5. Refinance debt (with some limitations)

The applying company must be a small business.

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[Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Community Economic Development Fund.](#)

## Small Business Express Program

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The [Small Business Express Program](#) (EXP) provides loans and grants to small businesses to spur job creation and growth.

### Eligibility Requirements & Application

Contact the agency for additional information.

#### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.](#)

## Term Loans

### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

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#### [Application Link](#)

[Additional information available from the Community Economic Development Fund.](#)

## Women and Minority Loan Guarantee Program

### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF) can access a special loan guarantee in conjunction with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to help women- and minority-owned businesses obtain flexible financing.

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Here, bankable means: The business is unable to obtain a loan from a traditional bank.

Other requirements for eligibility:

1. Women- or minority-owned business
2. 50 or fewer employees
3. Loan amount up to \$50,000

#### **Application Information**

Please contact the Program Manager for more information.

[Application Link](#)

[Additional information from the Community Economic Development Fund.](#)

## **Other Credits, Incentives, and Government Programs**

### **Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup (ABC) Program**

#### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The ABC program offers an opportunity for developers, who are not responsible for contamination, to be afforded liability relief from the responsibility to investigate and remediate off-site contamination provided that the projects meet certain economic development thresholds and remediation is completed under a formal DEEP program.

### **Accumulated R&D Tax Credit Expansion Program**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Accumulated Tax Credit Expansion Program allows Connecticut businesses to utilize unused tax credits for capital projects, planned or underway, that will increase employment, result in business expansion, or generate substantial economic returns to the state economy.

### **Additive Voucher Program (AVP)**

#### **CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

The Additive Voucher Program (AVP) provides companies with a matching grant to assist with the acquisition of Additive Manufacturing technology. This program provides 50% of the total project cost, up to a lifetime total of \$20,000. Eligible companies can apply for a grant up to \$20,000 for Additive Manufacturing Hardware, Software, and related third-party integration services. Funding is awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

### **Airport Development Zone**

#### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Incentives for businesses building or renovating facilities near Connecticut's airport development zones.

## Angel Investor Tax Credit Program

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

The Angel Investor Tax Credit Program allows Angel Investors to take a credit against Connecticut State income tax for certain investments made in qualifying businesses.

## Apprenticeship Funding Program

### CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The Apprenticeship Funding Program was created for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Connecticut manufacturing companies to support the addition and utilization of Registered Apprenticeships to train and fill critical positions required for stability, continuity, and growth of manufacturing companies.

## Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit In Manufacturing, Plastics, Plastics-Related, Or Construction Trades

### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

Corporations subject to the Corporation Business Tax may earn a credit for employing apprentices in the manufacturing, plastics, plastics-related, or construction trades. Credits earned by these corporations may be applied against the taxes imposed under Chapter 208 (Corporation Business Tax).

## Brownfield Municipal Grant Program

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Brownfield Municipal Grant Program is a competitive program for municipalities and municipal entities, designed to assist with brownfield redevelopment projects in their communities that will make a significant economic impact.

## Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund (CBIF)

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

If you have a bioscience breakthrough with strong commercial potential, you may want to learn more about financial assistance provided by the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund. Administered by Connecticut Innovations, this \$200 million-dollar fund seeks to speed commercialization of bioscience breakthroughs by providing focused financial assistance.

## Contiguous Municipality Zone

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

If a municipality is contiguous to an Enterprise Zone in another municipality and meets the Statutory requirements, it may apply to the DECD commissioner to participate in the Enterprise Zone program of benefits.

## Corporate Business Tax Exemptions

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Connecticut provides corporate business tax exemptions to a variety of insurance, finance and utilities companies operating in the state.

## Defense Plant Zone

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This zone provides relief is for municipalities that have been severely impacted by a prime defense contract cutback or closure of a major aerospace or a defense plant.

## Digital Animation Production Company Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The State of Connecticut is home to an array of leading digital animation companies. These digital animation production companies may apply for a tax credit of 10 to 30%, based on the amount of qualified spending in Connecticut. The Office of Film, TV & Digital Media administers this tax credit on behalf of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

## Digital Media & Motion Picture Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Connecticut Digital Media and Motion Picture Tax Credit program provides a tax credit for the production of digital media and motion pictures in the State of Connecticut.

## Donation Of Open Space Land Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

A credit against the Connecticut corporation business tax credit is available in an amount equal to 50% of any donation of open space land.

## Enterprise Corridor Zone

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Enterprise Corridor Zones are designated to encourage development Route 8 (north and south including the state's Naugatuck Valley) as well as along Interstate 395 (north and south along the eastern region of the state).

## Entertainment District

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Once the state has designated an Enterprise Zone within a municipality, that municipality becomes known as a Targeted Investment Community. As long as certain conditions are met and the DECD Commissioner approves, that Targeted Investment Community may in turn designate an area within the municipality as an Entertainment District — which then becomes eligible for Enterprise Zone-level benefits.

## Equity Finance

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

Our flagship equity fund includes advice, support and introductions to our vast network of mentors and investors. This fund has provided more than \$100 million to date to Connecticut's promising high-tech companies. We've attracted companies to Connecticut from both coasts and as far away as Europe. Our program is considered to be one of the best models for state-run venture capital funds in the country.

## Film Infrastructure Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Connecticut provides a tax credit to any taxpayer that invests in a state-certified entertainment infrastructure project.

## Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit is available for the qualified rehabilitation expenditures associated with the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure.

## Hotel Tax Exemption

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Hotel Tax Exemption provides that the 12% hotel occupancy tax only applies to the first period not exceeding thirty consecutive days.

## Innovation Voucher Program (VIP)

### CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

This grant program is intended to help Connecticut supply chain companies with the adoption and integration of IoT solutions. The program will provide matching grants up to \$25,000 for digital hardware, sensors, platforms, and related third-party integration services. Project proposals that fall under any of the Industrial 4.0 technology groups: Industrial IoT, Model-Based Definition, Extended Reality, and Adaptive Automation will be considered for funding. The goal of this program is to ensure that the Connecticut supply chain is positioned to implement modern digital manufacturing tools so that they can continue to compete favorably against any manufacturing sector in the world!

## Insurance Reinvestment Fund Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tax credits are available for investments made in an Insurance Reinvestment Fund that invests in Connecticut companies engaged in an insurance business or providing services to insurance companies.

## Internship Program

### CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

This program provides a wage subsidy of up to \$14,000 for four qualified interns working for Connecticut manufacturers.

## JobsCT Tax Rebate Program

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JobsCT provides eligible companies in certain industries, including manufacturing, with substantial refundable tax credits.

## Manufacturing and Biotech Sales and Use Tax Exemption

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Connecticut offers sales/use tax exemptions for investments advanced manufacturing and bio-science companies make that help create jobs and modernize operations.

## Manufacturing Apprenticeship Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

This tax credit is designed to encourage the development of skilled workers through apprentice training programs in order to counter the current and projected shortage of skilled craft workers in the Manufacturing Trades which exists in Connecticut.

## Manufacturing Innovation Fund

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund targets financial assistance to support the growth, innovation and progress of the Connecticut advanced manufacturing sector. It assists manufacturers with equipment, research and development, and training.

## Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Tax Exemption

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Connecticut exempts certain investments in the latest advanced manufacturing and bio science equipment and machinery from Connecticut property tax for five years.

## Manufacturing Voucher Program (MVP)

### CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Eligible companies can apply for a grant up to \$100,000 to conduct a new project. First-time applicants are required to provide a cash match of 2:1 and repeat applicants 3:1. That means, First time applicants provide 67% of the total proposed project cost and repeat applicants provide 75% of the proposed project cost.

## Neighborhood Assistance Program Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program provides Connecticut businesses a tax credit of 60% on all donations to approved tax-exempt organizations or municipal agencies, and 100% to approved energy conservation programs.

## Opportunity Zone

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Seventy-two urban and suburban areas across Connecticut have been federally designated as Opportunity Zones. Connecticut's state government and its 27 municipalities with designated Opportunity Zones are eager to leverage this program to encourage investments in Connecticut. Together we are committed to helping developers, investors and communities alike to maximize the benefits of this program.

## Pre-Seed Fund

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

The Pre-Seed Fund supports the formation of new Connecticut technology companies by providing funding, mentoring and access to business and technical resources to assist entrepreneurs in growing their early-stage companies.

## Purchases For Use in Audio or Video Production or Broadcasting Sales

### Tax Exemption

#### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

According to state law, items purchased for use in audio or video production or broadcasting can be eligible for a sales and use tax exemption.

## Qualified Manufacturing Plant

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Any Targeted Investment Community with a manufacturing plant that has at least 500,000 square feet may apply to have that facility designed as a Qualified Manufacturing Plant, making the business renovating/refurbishing the property eligible to receive certain benefits.

## Railroad Depot Zone

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To encourage businesses to redevelop land/facilities around abandoned or underutilized railroad depots, any Targeted Investment Community may request a Railroad Depot Zone designation.

## **RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT INCREMENTAL EXPENDITURES TAX CREDIT**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

A credit may be applied against the Connecticut corporation business tax for the incremental increases in research and development expenses incurred in Connecticut.

## **Research and Development Non-Incremental Expenditures Tax Credit**

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

A credit may be applied against the Connecticut corporation business tax for research and development expenses incurred in Connecticut.

## **REV-UP! Mentor Wage Subsidy Reimbursement Program**

### **CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

Eligible manufacturing employers may seek a mentor wage subsidy reimbursement for their registered REV-UP! participants on a first come, first served basis. Each employer may apply for reimbursement for up to ten employees for the duration of the program.

## **SBIR/STTR Research & Development Funding**

### **CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS**

CTNext launched the AccelerateCT initiative to enhance the competitiveness of SBIR/STTR proposals among Connecticut's young technology companies. The program helps technology-enabled companies based in Connecticut strengthen their applications for more than \$3.2 billion in non-dilutive federal research and development funding through the nation's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

## **Second Insurance Reinvestment Fund Tax Credit**

### **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES**

The Second Insurance Reinvestment Fund tax credit is available to insurance companies that invest eligible capital with approved fund managers, who in turn invest such capital in eligible businesses.

## **SIRI & CYBER Assistance Program (SAC)**

### **CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

The SIRI and CYBER Assistance Program (SAC) was created for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Connecticut manufacturing companies seeking Smart Industry Readiness Index assessments (SIRI) and/or Cyber Security assessments and certification (CMMC). The goal is to help companies striving to meet federal cybersecurity requirements and to also assist those interested in pursuing their smart factory transformation journey. Eligible companies can apply for a grant up to \$10,000 to conduct assessments and testing. Participating companies must pay half the cost.

## State Trade Expansion Program (STEP)

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The State Trade Expansion Program provides services to Connecticut businesses to help grow their exports and identify new export opportunities.

## Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program provides loan financing to eligible entities for costs associated with the investigation, assessment, remediation and development of a brownfield.

## Technology Talent Bridge

### CT NEXT

The Talent Bridge Program (TTB) is an opportunity for innovation-driven companies in Connecticut to source additional funding for the hire of student interns.

## Urban/Industrial Sites Reinvestment Tax Credit

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Under the program, the state may provide up to \$100 million in tax credits over a ten-year period to support projects that create significant jobs and capital investment in these underserved areas.

## Venture Debt

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

The Venture Debt Fund helps early-stage and later-stage businesses obtain venture or mezzanine debt for capital expenditures and working capital.

## VentureClash

### CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS

VentureClash is an international competition during which the best early-stage companies compete for \$5 million in awards during a one day event at Yale University.