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Economic & Community Development

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Economic Development initiatives promote the town as an attractive location for new business and existing business in order to provide jobs for residents and ensure the future economic health of the community.

The Office of Community Development solicits and administers grant funds for a variety of activities including, but not limited to, housing rehabilitation, downpayment assistance, a small business loan program, and infrastructure improvements. In addition, the office is involved with neighborhood issues and assistance with the facilitation of the redevelopment of targeted properties.

\$306,470	General Fund
<u>283,420</u>	Combination of grants and program income
\$589,890	Total Budget

Business Recruitment and Development

- Assist potential businesses to find an appropriate site, secure financing, achieve town board and commission approvals and open their facility as expeditiously as feasible
- Work with the Bradley Development League, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center and the MetroHartford Alliance to assure that businesses that may benefit from locating in Windsor are exposed to the town

Business Retention and Expansion

- Provide ombudsman services to assist Windsor businesses
- Conduct business visits to obtain information about the needs of exiting businesses
- Partner with First Town Downtown and Windsor Chamber of Commerce to continually improve the business climate in Windsor

Economic Development Planning & Redevelopment

- Work with the Windsor Redevelopment Agency on the redevelopment of the 55-69 Mechanic Street site adjoining the commuter rail station area in Windsor Center
- Advise and assist the Town Council, Town Manager, and Economic Development Commission in evaluating requests for economic development incentives
- Facilitate the reuse of the town's priority redevelopment properties.

Community Development

- Solicit and administer federal and state grant funds for community development projects/programs
- Provide staff support to the Wilson/Deerfield Advisory Committee, Economic Development Commission, Fair Rent Commission and Human Relations Commission
- Promote fair housing, financial literacy and property maintenance by holding educational forums
- Address quality of life issues in neighborhoods
- Administer the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program

Housing Rehabilitation

- Provide financial and technical assistance to income-eligible property owners to repair their homes, provide cost-effective energy conservation measures, perform lead and asbestos abatement, removal of underground storage tanks and render properties handicapped accessible.