

# AUDIT SUMMARY

Department of Economic and Community Development  
Annual Report

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Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

## ABOUT THE AUDIT

Section 32-1m of the General Statutes provides that, not later than February 1st annually, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report that includes information regarding the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and business assistance or incentive programs administered by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated during the preceding state fiscal year.

Section 2-90c of the General Statutes, provides that, as part of each audit the Auditors of Public Accounts performs of DECD, the auditors shall evaluate the annual reports submitted since the last audit and the analyses required under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of Section 32-1m of the General Statutes. Subdivision (2) pertains to analyses of the economic development portfolio of DECD that are included in the annual report. The auditor's evaluation shall include:




1. A determination of whether evidence is available to support the accuracy of the data presented in such annual report;
2. An evaluation of management practices and operations regarding the ease or difficulty for taxpayers to comply with the requirements of the incentive programs;
3. Recommendations for improving the administrative efficiency or effectiveness of the incentive programs; and
4. An evaluation of whether such annual reports satisfy the reporting requirements under subsection (a) of Section 32-1m of the General Statutes.

This evaluation focused on items 1 and 4. We evaluated the remaining requirements in [a separate performance audit, Administration of the Department of Economic and Community Development's Media Tax Credits](#), which our office released on January 10, 2024.

[Link to full report](#)



**Our audit did not identify internal control deficiencies or instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, or policies.**

<p><b>3</b> prior audit  <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b> have been resolved</p>	<p>The Department of Economic and Community Development should work with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated to obtain the data needed to estimate the impact of its programs on the state's economy.</p>	
	<p>The Department of Economic and Community Development should ensure that amounts in its annual report are accurate and adequately supported.</p>	
	<p>The Department of Economic and Community Development should ensure that amounts included in its economic impact calculations are accurate.</p>	