Economic Development Commission

Robert Casner
Chairman

The purpose of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is to promote compatible and sustainable economic development by encouraging business growth and expansion that is consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life, and natural environment.

Staffing

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
EDC Administrator	Hourly	780 hours annually	Non-Union
Recording Secretary	Hourly	60 hours annually	Non-Union

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- The EDC is working with our partners (on the bike trail being designed for route 82 Town Street) National Park Service, and the Ct. Landmarks Group, owners of the Palmer Warner House on Town Street in East Haddam. With the assistance of the Park Service, Ct. Landmarks, Senator Norm Needleman, and State Rep. Irene Haines of the Town of East Haddam was awarded $40,000. Grant to design the bike path. We will be offering an RFP to engineers and surveying professionals in the spring of 2024, with the design work completed by July of 2024.
- We continue to meet with our other towns partners in the development of this multi-town bike path. With our partners Chester and Haddam, the bike trail has grown to a 19-mile loop trail.
- We continue recognizing the existing "East Haddam Business of the Month" and have been successful in showcasing their business with an article in the East Haddam News.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Goals

- The EDC Administrator, Lauren Pszczlkowski has worked to bring the town special events to promote tourism in East Haddam. Tourism is our growth business and we need to bring activities to the town in order to give our residents and tourists events and activities to attend.
- The EDC continues to work with our partners on the South Town Street bike path.
- The EDC will continue working with the PZC on the Moodus roadway and parking improvements and look for any possible grant money available to fund the design and reconstruction in the area.
- The EDC will continue to promote commercial development in the Goodspeed Landing Area.

Additional Budget Information

Salaries: Increase for non-union and clerical employees in accordance with the clerical contract. For the fiscal year 2026, the increase is 2.50%.
Professional consulting fees: Note that a Capital funding request was submitted for services relating to the development and construction of the bike path. Capital expenditures do not appear in the operational budget..

Expenditures by Expense Type

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)	FY 2026 ($ Change)
Expense Objects								
REGULAR EMPLOYEES	10546031-51510	$18,534	$18,853	$19,462	$19,949	$487	2.5%	$487
Economic Development Administrator	*10546031-51510*	*$0*	*$0*	*$19,462*	*$19,949*	*$487*	*2.5%*	*$487*
CLERICAL (RECORDING SECRETARY)	10546031-51540	$349	$478	$750	$750	$0	0%	$0
PURCHASED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	10546031-53010	$800	$0	$0	$0	$0	0%	$0
COMMUNICATIONS	10546031-55300	$480	$404	$500	$500	$0	0%	$0
POSTAGE	10546031-55301		$0	$250	$250	$0	0%	$0
PRINTING AND BINDING	10546031-55500	$6,063	$389	$3,000	$3,000	$0	0%	$0
SUPPLIES	10546031-56010	$848	$410	$500	$500	$0	0%	$0
DUES & FEES	10546031-58100	$750	$750	$750	$750	$0	0%	$0
CONFERENCE	10546031-58110		$0	$100	$100	$0	0%	$0
COMMUNITY EVENTS	10546031-58815	$143	$2,084	$2,500	$2,500	$0	0%	$0
Total Expense Objects:		**$27,967**	**$23,368**	**$27,812**	**$28,299**	**$487**	**1.8%**	**$487**