# 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.

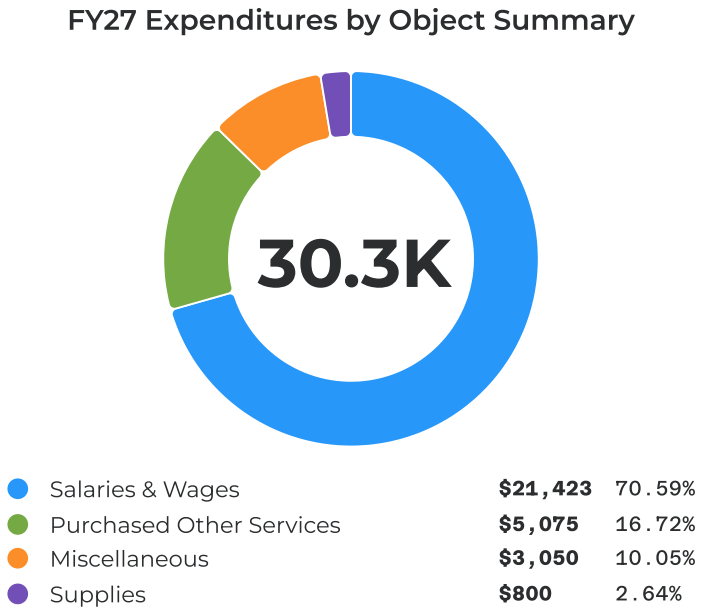
| EDC Administrator | Hourly | 780 hours annually | Non-Union |
| Recording Secretary | Hourly | 60 hours annually | Non-Union |

- 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.
- The EDC Administrator, Lauren Pszczikowski 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.

Salaries: Increase for non-union and clerical employees in accordance with the clerical contract. For the fiscal year 2026, the increase is 2.50%.

# EDC Financials

## Expenditures by Object Summary




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| Category | FY 2024 Actual | FY 2025 Actual | FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget | FY 2027 Budgeted | FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted ($ Change) | FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted (% Change) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Salaries & Wages** | $19,330.51 | $19,054.75 | $20,699.00 | $21,423.00 | $724.00 | 3.50% |
| REGULAR EMPLOYEES | $18,852.60 | $18,213.30 | $19,949.00 | $20,448.00 | $499.00 | 2.50% |
| Economic Development Administrator | - | - | $19,949.00 | $20,448.00 | $499.00 | 2.50% |
| CLERICAL | $477.91 | $841.45 | $750.00 | $975.00 | $225.00 | 30.00% |
| **Purchased Other Services** | $793.00 | $6,690.44 | $3,750.00 | $5,075.00 | $1,325.00 | 35.33% |
| COMMUNICATIONS | $404.00 | $481.44 | $500.00 | $975.00 | $475.00 | 95.00% |
| POSTAGE | - | - | $250.00 | - | -$250.00 | - |
| PRINTING AND BINDING | $389.00 | $6,209.00 | $3,000.00 | $4,100.00 | $1,100.00 | 36.67% |
| **Supplies** | $409.58 | $800.00 | $500.00 | $800.00 | $300.00 | 60.00% |
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| **Miscellaneous** | $2,834.44 | $2,882.49 | $3,350.00 | $3,050.00 | -$300.00 | -8.96% |
| DUES & FEES | $750.00 | $750.00 | $750.00 | $750.00 | - | 0.00% |
| CONFERENCE | - | $200.00 | $100.00 | $200.00 | $100.00 | 100.00% |
| COMMUNITY EVENTS | $2,084.44 | $1,932.49 | $2,500.00 | $2,100.00 | -$400.00 | -16.00% |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Expenditures** | **$23,367.53** | **$29,427.68** | **$28,299.00** | **$30,348.00** | **$2,049.00** | **7.24%** |