



**Northwest Connecticut
Economic Development Corporation**

**Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

8:00-9:15am

@ ZOOM (link/details below)

I. New EDA funding available for CEDS initiatives

- Proposals for this funding from partner agencies or towns in our region will need support from the EDD and will need to be consistent with our CEDS
 - Build Back Better Regional Challenge (\$1 billion)
 - Good Jobs Challenge (\$500 million)
 - Economic Adjustment Assistance Challenge (\$500 million)
 - Indigenous Communities Challenge (\$100 million)
 - Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grants (\$750 million)
 - Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks Grants (\$90 million)
- Discuss support for a Build Back Better Regional Challenge proposal focused on "Rural Lab"/Ag-Tech

II. Planning for Sept. 23rd Economic Development Summit

III. Updates on EDA funded CEDS implementation projects:

- Questions on progress report
- Review budgets and spending to date on Partnership Planning and CARES funding
- Small Business Outreach & Resource Navigator (Betsy)
- DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com (Evan)
 - Social Media marketing results to date
- Day Trips in the Litchfield Hills (Steph)
- Fiber-to-the-home Broadband
 - Approve consultant selection
- NWCT Food Hub Capacity Building
- Video Vignettes Featuring Young Workers (Amy)

IV. Other

- Adjourn. Next meeting of full Board is **October 27th**

Zoom:
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