



Matt Pugliese

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Matt Pugliese oversees multiple state grant programs supporting a diverse range of capital projects. Matt joined DECD in 2022 to help launch the Community Investment Fund 2030 program, an \$875 million-dollar, five-year program fostering economic and community development in historically underserved communities across the state.

Prior to joining DECD, he served as the Associate State Director of the Connecticut Small Business Development Center and held leadership positions in higher-education and non-profit organizations. Matt currently serves on the Town of Old Saybrook's Board of Selectmen and is a past-chair of the town's Economic Development Commission. He earned his Masters in Public Administration from the UConn School of Public Policy.