



January 20, 2021

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

The second round of the federal Payroll Protection Plan marks an auspicious beginning to the new year. The additional funding provides a much-needed lifeline to many of our small businesses, especially in the restaurant and hospitality industries. Federal and state business assistance programs are essential to reduce unemployment and we have consistently communicated news and opportunities to the region's constituents.

Fortunately, the anticipated rollout of the vaccine in Connecticut will protect the most vulnerable in our communities and provides a path to economic recovery. Hopefully, the combination of an increasing number of people being vaccinated and the warmer weather in the late spring will jumpstart our struggling businesses. In the interim, we continue to work with the Region 2 DEMHS Recovery Group regarding unmet needs as a result of the pandemic.

While the response to the pandemic has been the top priority in our work plan, we continue to work toward the goals and objectives set forth in the 2020 South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. In conjunction with our partners, we are evaluating goals, objectives and action items for inclusion in the 2021 CEDS. Our goals and objectives will remain relatively stable, but the action items will need significant adjustment in the current economic environment. We believe workforce training, housing and infrastructure will be the most pressing issues over the coming year. The SCRCOG Housing Committee has provided towns with a variety of actionable strategies with insights from developers, planners and activists.

To call it what it is, 2020 was a dismal year. Nonetheless, it worth looking back at our region's capacity to deal with these challenges in the spring versus today. Our healthcare system took a massive financial hit with the elimination of elective surgeries in the first wave. Today, in spite of much larger numbers of cases, they are able to continue these procedures as they have instituted more effective treatment in the early stages. Telehealth is supplementing in office visits. Our colleges and universities implemented stringent testing protocols to allow students to be on campus this fall. Some restaurants were able to successfully transition to a takeout/delivery model. Towns adjusted P&Z regulations to accommodate outdoor dining. In addition, restaurants and stores increased their online presence.

These steps will serve as a foundation as we move forward with the recovery.

Information regarding certified businesses and unemployment claims are attached.

Sincerely,

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BETHANY BRANFORD EAST HAVEN GUILFORD HAMDEN MADISON MERIDEN MILFORD
NEW HAVEN NORTH BRANFORD NORTH HAVEN ORANGE WALLINGFORD WEST HAVEN WOODBRIDGE

ONE REGION. 15 TOWNS. UNLIMITED POTENTIAL.

Processed Continued Claims by Town	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020
Total	42,491	42,227	48,635	132,725	200,009	256,328
Bethany	45	52	60	143	207	301
Branford	288	288	336	1,092	1,751	2,226
East Haven	384	387	458	1,275	1,996	2,520
Guilford	133	133	152	509	842	1,134
Hamden	544	558	651	1,759	2,696	3,549
Madison	91	90	105	356	568	754
Meriden	948	943	1,111	2,533	3,863	4,792
Milford	556	562	650	2,046	3,089	4,029
New Haven	1,461	1,466	1,714	3,948	5,690	7,279
North Branford	145	136	156	475	751	931
North Haven	232	233	292	795	1,271	1,647
Orange	90	90	111	345	566	783
Wallingford	457	481	578	1,678	2,591	3,289
West Haven	693	703	764	2,092	3,244	4,202
Woodbridge	44	47	58	150	245	352
Regional Total	6,111	6,169	7,196	19,196	29,370	37,788

Processed Continued Claims by Town	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020
Total	288,230	305,788	310,769	318,700	309,798	301,810
Bethany	334	358	358	359	349	330
Branford	2,456	2,585	2,618	2,619	2,509	2,383
East Haven	2,780	2,919	2,942	2,981	2,845	2,767
Guilford	1,273	1,351	1,373	1,395	1,345	1,288
Hamden	4,017	4,274	4,343	4,476	4,407	4,320
Madison	869	926	923	971	948	903
Meriden	5,369	5,678	5,722	5,835	5,651	5,527
Milford	4,472	4,758	4,827	4,926	4,696	4,513
New Haven	8,168	8,693	8,940	9,292	9,247	9,205
North Branford	1,041	1,100	1,096	1,119	1,064	1,004
North Haven	1,842	1,946	1,967	2,027	1,939	1,848
Orange	879	936	952	992	952	922
Wallingford	3,638	3,871	3,931	3,977	3,797	3,670
West Haven	4,691	4,972	5,110	5,229	5,102	5,074
Woodbridge	410	430	456	477	452	446
Regional Total	42,239	44,797	45,558	46,675	45,303	44,200

Processed Continued Claims by Town	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020
Total	298,181	291,471	281,823	277,253	274,088	273,524
Bethany	321	314	300	296	287	289
Branford	2,318	2,255	2,142	2,083	2,051	2,008
East Haven	2,748	2,696	2,582	2,530	2,485	2,465
Guilford	1,228	1,209	1,146	1,121	1,133	1,115
Hamden	4,296	4,233	4,195	4,170	4,212	4,217
Madison	896	875	842	824	839	848
Meriden	5,391	5,248	5,133	5,066	5,071	5,090
Milford	4,406	4,274	4,080	4,006	4,023	3,960
New Haven	9,330	9,289	9,275	9,372	9,531	9,742
North Branford	964	930	892	884	882	866
North Haven	1,813	1,793	1,732	1,709	1,682	1,664
Orange	885	846	825	811	811	799
Wallingford	3,566	3,471	3,382	3,313	3,256	3,221
West Haven	5,016	4,915	4,801	4,721	4,751	4,721
Woodbridge	442	415	408	388	386	392
Regional Total	43,620	42,763	41,735	41,294	41,400	41,397

Processed Continued Claims by Town	July 4, 2020	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020
Total	269,841	272,424	267,058	263,461	251,825	242,065
Bethany	287	295	290	284	279	262
Branford	1,972	1,991	1,974	1,935	1,839	1,746
East Haven	2,443	2,422	2,371	2,340	2,225	2,133
Guilford	1,096	1,101	1,079	1,063	1,001	945
Hamden	4,218	4,260	4,187	4,148	4,018	3,865
Madison	825	804	785	768	747	704
Meriden	5,107	5,192	5,067	5,025	4,804	4,727
Milford	3,868	3,873	3,802	3,738	3,631	3,497
New Haven	9,833	10,009	9,962	9,898	9,614	9,264
North Branford	851	830	809	798	753	734
North Haven	1,661	1,663	1,617	1,577	1,507	1,431
Orange	792	799	784	769	747	716
Wallingford	3,189	3,179	3,111	3,045	2,870	2,736
West Haven	4,660	4,705	4,609	4,543	4,377	4,185
Woodbridge	387	396	383	383	371	350
Regional Total	41,189	41,519	40,830	40,314	38,783	37,295

Processed Continued Claims by Town	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020
Total	234,838	225,063	217,528	207,688	198,551	188,796
Bethany	241	227	219	209	208	193
Branford	1,687	1,625	1,579	1,528	1,467	1,418
East Haven	2,123	2,039	1,959	1,879	1,797	1,705
Guilford	903	869	832	790	765	732
Hamden	3,737	3,553	3,379	3,230	3,126	2,984
Madison	682	648	631	587	561	530
Meriden	4,533	4,402	4,307	4,132	3,980	3,785
Milford	3,362	3,265	3,117	2,947	2,778	2,666
New Haven	8,978	8,629	8,314	8,022	7,741	7,506
North Branford	712	672	647	614	575	531
North Haven	1,399	1,344	1,295	1,239	1,179	1,117
Orange	679	656	626	607	572	542
Wallingford	2,634	2,532	2,418	2,309	2,211	2,107
West Haven	4,053	3,898	3,757	3,626	3,451	3,334
Woodbridge	334	318	307	286	270	252
Regional Total	36,057	34,677	33,387	32,005	30,681	29,402

Processed Continued Claims by Town	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	October 31, 2020
Total	180,898	173,768	169,748	165,855	162,530	159,406
Bethany	181	171	174	170	171	169
Branford	1,359	1,320	1,288	1,281	1,257	1,243
East Haven	1,623	1,573	1,543	1,502	1,461	1,432
Guilford	683	653	648	640	634	622
Hamden	2,848	2,731	2,683	2,631	2,568	2,522
Madison	504	490	481	475	471	466
Meriden	3,603	3,510	3,407	3,315	3,299	3,213
Milford	2,558	2,492	2,421	2,371	2,314	2,286
New Haven	7,155	6,846	6,722	6,584	6,438	6,257
North Branford	514	495	478	475	465	458
North Haven	1,078	1,032	984	964	940	943
Orange	509	484	464	457	454	451
Wallingford	2,013	1,906	1,843	1,775	1,773	1,754
West Haven	3,204	3,092	3,000	2,972	2,876	2,790
Woodbridge	247	230	219	214	215	212
Regional Total	28,079	27,025	26,355	25,826	25,336	24,818

Processed Continued Claims by Town	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020
Total	156,650	153,636	151,051	150,773	151,696	151,357
Bethany	167	160	161	165	167	171
Branford	1,222	1,208	1,169	1,165	1,163	1,160
East Haven	1,406	1,382	1,369	1,354	1,366	1,375
Guilford	612	605	590	582	580	591
Hamden	2,482	2,432	2,375	2,399	2,401	2,402
Madison	465	449	436	430	428	431
Meriden	3,156	3,091	3,099	3,069	3,027	3,027
Milford	2,275	2,237	2,186	2,173	2,173	2,182
New Haven	6,067	5,901	5,793	5,744	5,784	5,812
North Branford	447	442	435	441	443	448
North Haven	932	938	918	904	890	902
Orange	447	435	426	431	440	435
Wallingford	1,743	1,733	1,728	1,741	1,722	1,728
West Haven	2,714	2,680	2,643	2,622	2,626	2,599
Woodbridge	208	212	205	204	213	216
Regional Total	24,343	23,905	23,533	23,424	23,423	23,479

Processed Continued Claims by Town	December 19, 2020	December 26, 2020	January 2, 2021
Total	148,898	148,699	150,911
Bethany	165	157	158
Branford	1,126	1,122	1,143
East Haven	1,356	1,403	1,413
Guilford	562	550	561
Hamden	2,331	2,284	2,313
Madison	413	399	397
Meriden	3,016	3,012	3,039
Milford	2,126	2,140	2,152
New Haven	5,692	5,679	5,735
North Branford	452	480	479
North Haven	877	886	906
Orange	417	413	424
Wallingford	1,691	1,702	1,709
West Haven	2,571	2,561	2,656
Woodbridge	204	210	204
Regional Total	22,999	22,998	23,289
		Claims after Dec. 19 incomplete	Processed continue Updated January 1: Dept. of Labor Offic

March 29, 2020	December 20, 2020	December 27, 2020	January 3, 2021
60,176	7,699	5,364	34,307
95	7	5	38
537	63	45	365
553	81	51	334
349	22	24	221
916	95	72	584
237	19	7	139
984	158	114	523
994	93	60	589
1,526	271	197	1,197
209	57	17	131
402	56	30	220
241	21	15	164
763	84	63	410
959	120	88	592
119	9	7	71
8,884	1,156	795	5,578
	Claims after		Big jump for July 5,
	December 13		
	incomplete		October 4, 2020 inc
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Certified Businesses by Town	5/22/2020	5/28/2020	6/4/2020	6/12/2020	6/23/2020	6/30/2020	7/7/2020
Bethany	9	9	9	10	15	15	15
Branford	150	164	269	284	300	304	310
East Haven	50	53	58	86	101	105	111
Guilford	113	107	118	148	169	171	175
Hamden	140	159	179	241	286	299	302
Madison	75	77	86	103	124	130	135
Meriden	92	105	140	175	224	228	268
Milford	239	264	309	399	481	491	507
New Haven	279	316	363	456	591	619	647
North Branford	13	14	19	29	34	37	38
North Haven	99	102	113	178	209	214	218
Orange	71	76	82	128	151	155	158
Wallingford	147	173	191	234	272	276	286
West Haven	63	67	79	105	134	138	145
Woodbridge	24	26	28	41	52	53	56
Total	1564	1712	2043	2617	3143	3235	3371

Certified Businesses by Town	7/14/2020	7/21/2020	7/28/2020	8/6/2020	8/11/2020	8/18/2020	8/25/2020
Bethany	15	15	16	16	16	16	16
Branford	315	320	327	334	336	340	340
East Haven	114	116	118	124	125	128	128
Guilford	177	181	182	183	183	184	189
Hamden	309	313	319	322	324	327	328
Madison	139	142	146	148	148	150	150
Meriden	214	247	252	257	257	257	264
Milford	519	518	532	542	553	547	549
New Haven	662	671	685	699	703	718	723
North Branford	38	41	41	41	41	42	42
North Haven	223	224	226	228	228	228	230
Orange	159	159	160	164	164	167	169
Wallingford	286	287	289	292	294	297	297
West Haven	150	152	155	157	159	161	162
Woodbridge	58	58	58	60	60	60	61
Total	3378	3444	3506	3567	3591	3622	3648

Certified Businesses by Town	9/1/2020	9/8/2020	9/15/2020	9/22/2020	10/6/2020	10/13/2020	10/20/2020
Bethany	16	16	16	16	18	19	19
Branford	340	342	345	346	350	351	351
East Haven	129	129	131	131	132	132	132
Guilford	190	193	194	194	194	195	196
Hamden	328	331	331	332	333	335	335
Madison	150	151	152	152	153	153	154
Meriden	265	268	271	275	278	283	283
Milford	550	552	556	558	561	551	556
New Haven	737	744	754	762	780	786	790
North Branford	42	42	44	44	44	44	44
North Haven	230	232	233	233	234	233	235
Orange	169	169	169	169	173	173	173
Wallingford	300	303	304	305	307	308	309
West Haven	162	163	164	165	168	169	171
Woodbridge	61	64	64	64	64	64	64
Total	3669	3699	3728	3746	3789	3796	3812

Certified Businesses by Town	10/27/2020	11/3/2020	11/10/2020
Bethany	19	19	19
Branford	352	353	356
East Haven	132	133	134
Guilford	196	196	197
Hamden	337	338	340
Madison	154	155	155
Meriden	286	290	290
Milford	569	569	569
New Haven	797	804	815
North Branford	44	44	45
North Haven	236	236	236
Orange	173	174	175
Wallingford	309	310	310
West Haven	171	171	172
Woodbridge	64	64	65
Total	3839	3856	3878