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## **SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS**

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This report provides a directory of special services districts (SSDs) in Connecticut.

SSDs are one type of special taxing district Connecticut law authorizes. They are also referred to as business improvement districts. Under [CGS § 7-339m](#) *et seq.*, a municipality can form a SSD to promote the economic and general welfare of its citizens and property owners. Among other things, the district can (1) acquire and convey real and personal property; (2) provide any service that a municipality can provide, other than education; (3) recommend to the municipality's legislative body that it impose a separate tax on property in the district to support its operations; (4) borrow money for up to one year backed by district revenues; and (5) build, own, maintain, and operate public improvements. Voters in the district must approve its establishment at a referendum.

Table 1 lists the 13 SSDs by town and includes, where available, each SSDs address, contact information, and website. We compiled this list based on Internet searches and with assistance from the Connecticut Main Street Center.

**Table 1: Special Services Districts**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Bridgeport	Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District	10 Middle St. Bridgeport, CT 06604	(203) 335-3800	<a href="http://infobridgeport.com/">http://infobridgeport.com/</a>
Danbury	City Center	186 Main St. Danbury, CT 06810	(203) 792-1711	<a href="http://www.citycenterdanbury.com/about/about.htm">http://www.citycenterdanbury.com/about/about.htm</a>
Hartford	Hartford Business Improvement District	31 Pratt St. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Hartford, CT 06103	(860) 728-2274	<a href="http://www.hartfordbid.org/">http://www.hartfordbid.org/</a>
Manchester	Downtown Manchester Special Services District	983 Main Street Suite 10 Manchester, CT 06040	(860) 645-2101	<a href="http://www.downtownmanchester.org/">http://www.downtownmanchester.org/</a>
Middletown	Downtown Business District	330 Main St. Suite 200 Middletown, CT 06457	(860) 347-1424	<a href="http://www.downtownmiddletown.com/default.asp">http://www.downtownmiddletown.com/default.asp</a>
New Britain	Downtown District	117 West Main St. New Britain, CT 06051	(860) 229-0878	<a href="http://www.newbritaindd.com/index.php">http://www.newbritaindd.com/index.php</a>
New Haven	Chapel West Special Services District	61 Howe St. New Haven, CT 06511	(203) 787-3000	N/A
New Haven	Grand Avenue Special Services District	N/A	(203) 777-4282	<a href="http://www.grandnewhaven.com/">http://www.grandnewhaven.com/</a>
New Haven	Town Green District	900 Chapel St. Suite 703 New Haven, CT 06510	(203) 401-4245	<a href="http://www.infonewhaven.com/content/town-green-special-services-district">http://www.infonewhaven.com/content/town-green-special-services-district</a>
New Haven	Whalley Avenue	300 Whalley Ave. Suite 206 New Haven, CT 06511	(203) 776-5455	<a href="http://www.whalleysd.org/">http://www.whalleysd.org/</a>
New London	City Center District	P.O. Box 1166 New London, CT 06320	N/A	<a href="http://nlccd.org/">http://nlccd.org/</a>
Stamford	Downtown Special Services District	5 Landmark Sq. Suite 110 Stamford, CT 06901	(203) 348-5285	<a href="http://www.stamford-downtown.com/">http://www.stamford-downtown.com/</a>
West Hartford	Blue Back Square Special Services District	N/A	(860) 561-7420	N/A

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