

November 6, 2025

John C. Geragosian Craig A. Miner
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Auditors of Public Accounts
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1559

Re: Complaint Regarding the Town of Ridgefield's Alleged Misuse of Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) Funds

Dear Mr. Geragosian and Mr. Miner:

OPM is in receipt of the Auditors of Public Accounts (APA) referral of Maurice Kirk Carr's complaint alleging that the Town of Ridgefield misused Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds to repair the roof of a town-owned building.

OPM is satisfied that the use of the LoCIP grant funds is permitted by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-536. On May 8, 2024, the electors of the Town of Ridgefield, not the Board of Selectmen, voted to utilize LoCIP funds to repair the roof of the town-owned building at a Special Town Meeting.

Commencing on or after June 27, 2023, LoCIP converted from an entitlement to a grant. As part of the conversion, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-536(i) eliminated the requirements of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of the statute. The LoCIP entitlement functioned as a municipal reimbursement program, as OPM reimbursed towns for expenditures consistent with the municipality's capital improvement plan. (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-536(f)). As a grant program, OPM advances LoCIP funds on June 30th and on or about September 1st, municipalities notify OPM of the expended funds within each general category of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-536(a)(4). The requirement of inclusion in the town's capital improvement plan is no longer required by virtue of subsection (i) of the statute.

In light of the foregoing, OPM is satisfied that the use of the LoCIP grant funds is consistent with the statute and will not be taking further action at this time.

Very truly yours,

Gvonne Addo

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