



**Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA)
Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA)
CHEFA Community Development Corporation (CHEFA CDC)**

Legislative Agenda 2022

CHEFA Proposals

1. Extra-territorial legislation: This will give CHEFA the ability to issue bonds on behalf of health care organizations (for example multi-hospital systems) for cross border projects. The benefits of these projects will accrue to Connecticut-based systems or to Connecticut residents who are employed or served by these health care providers. The bonds will be solely an obligation of the health care organization and will not be an obligation of the State or CHEFA. The bonds issued for these projects will not be SCRF backed.
2. Expanding projects eligible for CHEFA funding: This proposal expands the definition of Project to include general corporate purposes. This will provide CHEFA with the flexibility needed to meet the changing needs of our clients and other 501(c)(3) organizations.
3. Transfers or loans to CHEFA subsidiaries: CHEFA currently has one subsidiary that it formed, CHEFA Community Development Corporation, and two subsidiaries that were statutorily constituted as CHEFA subsidiaries – CHESLA and the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation. All the subsidiaries are quasi-public agencies. Existing statute only provides for CHEFA to transfer funds or make loans to subsidiaries that it formed. This will give CHEFA the ability to transfer or loan funds to any of its subsidiaries regardless of whether they were created by CHEFA or statutorily constituted.

CHESLA Proposals

1. CSLF transfers to CHEFA and CHEFA subsidiaries: The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation can currently transfer funds to CHEFA for purposes of funding loans, scholarships, grants or financial literacy initiatives associated with the pursuit of higher education from a non-profit, accredited educational institution. This proposal would allow for funds to be transferred from CSLF to CHEFA and/or its subsidiaries to provide financial assistance to students for any costs associated with pursuing a postsecondary education.

2. Financial assistance for post-secondary education programs: This will give CHESLA the ability to provide financial assistance to students attending post-secondary education programs. Current legislative authority is limited to attendance at nonprofit degree granting institutions for higher education.

CHEFA CDC Proposals:

1. Connecticut New Markets Tax Credit Program: This proposal will establish the Connecticut State New Markets Tax Credit Pilot Program (CT NMTC Program). The CT NMTC program will create a tax credit that can be used to attract private investors to invest in qualified projects in Connecticut's low-income communities. This program can be used to address social and economic priorities in low-income communities, including availability of quality early childhood education, workforce development and rebuilding of community assets.