

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 1, 2023

COMPTROLLER SEAN SCANLON LAUNCHES HARTFORD FLOOD COMPENSATION PROGRAM

(HARTFORD, CT) – Comptroller Sean Scanlon today launched the <u>Hartford Flood Compensation</u> <u>Program</u> to provide relief to City of Hartford residents who may have suffered flood damage to their homes or businesses. There is no deadline for application submission, but it is a first come, first served program until funds are depleted.

"My office has made it a priority to work alongside Dr. Rhule and community stakeholders to get the Hartford Flood Compensation Program up-and-running quickly while also ensuring a sound, equitable process is in place," **said Comptroller Scanlon.** "I encourage all eligible residents to begin the application process today, and we thank the Blue Hills Civic Association for the in-person support and outreach they are providing."

"This is a great day for the capital city of Hartford and for the state of Connecticut. The strength of this pilot program is a result of collaboration among legislators, state government, and the community," **said Hartford Flood Compensation Program Administrator Dr. Gary Rhule.** "I am honored to serve the residents of Hartford in this capacity and look forward ensuring successful execution of the program."

In order to obtain reimbursement, property owners who believe they are eligible must:

- Visit <u>osc.ct.gov/HartfordFlood</u> or Blue Hills Civic Association (Temporary address at the Colin Bennett Building: 1229 Albany Avenue, Third Floor, Suite 306, Hartford, CT) to obtain an application.
- Submit a completed application and supporting documentation
 to HartfordFloodHelp@ct.gov, Blue Hills Civic Association, or OSC (Attention: Office of the State Comptroller/Hartford Flood Compensation Program, 165 Capitol Ave.,
 Hartford 06106).
- Await claim review by the program administrator.

- If notified by the grant administrator they are eligible for potential reimbursement, arrange a home inspection via an approved DCP-licensed inspector or an MDC-provided inspector.
- Await inspection report review by the program administrator.
- Approved applicants will have payments sent to the applicant's residential address listed on the application.

Applicants wishing to appeal any decision will have 30 days to do so via a third-party appeals administrator. Questions can be directed to HartfordFloodHelp@ct.gov.

Established through the adoption of the Governor's 2024-2025 biennium budget, this \$5,000,000 pilot program will be overseen by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), administered by Dr. Gary Rhule, and charged with providing financial assistance or reimbursement to eligible owners of real property in the city of Hartford who experienced damage caused by flooding on or after January 1, 2021.

###

Contact: Madi Csejka Press Secretary madi.csejka@ct.gov

C: 203-506-0191

osc.ct.gov