## The Connecticut Open Data Portal



### Why Open Data?

- Transparency and democratic control
- •Participation
- •Self-empowerment
- •Improved or new private products and services
- Innovation
- Improved efficiency of government services
- •Improved effectiveness of government services
- •Impact measurement of policies
- •New knowledge from combined data sources and patterns in large data volumes



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#### **Popular Datasets**

- Geospatial Data
- Public Safety
  - Traffic, Crime, Environmental Complainants
- Salary Data (Not within our scope)
- Health Data
- Expenditure Data
  - Our initial focus will be on Grants
- Education Data
- Census data
- Parcel Property Data
- Business Data
- Locations of Government Services

#### Executive Order 39:

- Creates the Connecticut Open Data Portal
- Establishes a Chief Data Officer (CDO) within OPM
- Agencies shall identify an Agency Data Officer (ADO)
- The ADO is required to develop a list of initial datasets for inclusion in the portal
- Creates an Advisory Panel
- Requires the CDO to develop an Open Data Policy



# Executive Order 39: Guiding Principles for Initial Datasets

- Data is reliable and accurate
- Currently available and easy to transmit
- Frequently requested via FOIA or otherwise
- Does not contain PII, PHI, or other confidential or protected information
- Has value:
  - Improves accountability or efficiency
  - Enhances public knowledge
  - Creates economic innovation & opportunity