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NEW HAVEN CTNEXT INITIATIVE BUILDS MOMENTUM IN THE LIFE SCIENCE TECH ECONOMY

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New Haven – With a new video – "Fueling Innovation in the Life Sciences", discover projects in New Haven funded by the first year of the CTNext "Innovation Places" program. Administered locally by the Elm City Innovation Collaborative, the grant has brought together over 32 partners representing universities, tech companies, and local entrepreneurs to steer state investment to projects growing Connecticut's innovation economy.

Led by local entrepreneur Shana Schneider, <u>tour</u> some of the new programs energizing New Haven's life science sectors, including:

- <u>HealthHavenHub</u> a digital health incubator run by three health-focused accelerators:
 - o <u>Health Venture</u>: a digital health venture capital firm that recruits through global competitions
 - o Bridge Innovations: an investment firm and accelerator for medical device companies
 - Origami Innovations: a medical school student-run incubator for health technologies
- S*Park Innovation a meeting place for companies working in Science Park's labs and offices.
- <u>District NHV</u> a new tech campus with co-working space, an on-site legal team, a software engineering school, and attractive amenities, including four gyms, a restaurant, a beer garden, and a kayak launch

Drafted by State Senators Martin Looney and John Fonfara, CTNext's "Innovation Places" initiative supports entrepreneurship and technology business growth in four cities across Connecticut, building the dense, vibrant hubs that fuel the growing innovation economies of the future.

The Elm City Innovation Collaborative is a volunteer organization of entrepreneurs and residents focused on promoting, connecting, and inspiring the ideas and talents that fuel the future of New Haven's diverse innovation sectors, in life sciences, digital technology, and creative and cultural economies

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