

SUBJECT: How to Report Waste, Fraud and Abuse

DATE: August 22, 2024

FROM: Office of Finance

Report Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

Any person may file a complaint with the <u>Auditors of Public Accounts (APA)</u>, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or law enforcement officials, or all such agencies, on any matters(s) involving corruption, unethical practices, violations of federal, state or local laws or regulations, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or danger to public safety occurring in a municipality.

It is important that the complainant provide specific information, which enables the APA, the FBI, or other law enforcement officials to properly review the complaint and determine which agency has jurisdiction and the authority to review a complaint. Accordingly, the complainant should submit sufficient evidence, such as identifying particular witnesses, documents, and other sources of information that such agencies can examine to substantiate the allegation. If a complainant does not know the source of funding that is the subject of suspicious activity, he/she should state that in their complaint and consider reporting such activity to all the agencies listed below.

The APA and the FBI accept complaints that are submitted anonymously; however, if the complainant is unavailable to answer questions or confirm the alleged facts, such agencies may be unable to proceed with an investigation.

Filing a Complaint

Complaints involving state funds may be filed with the APA:

- by utilizing the APA's <u>online form</u>,
- by calling (959) 710-5605,
- by email at <u>wbcomplaints@ctauditors.gov</u>, or
- by writing to: Auditors of Public Accounts 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
 Attention: Maura Pardo, Administrative Auditor

Complaints may be filed with the FBI:

- by utilizing the New Haven FBI's Field Office webpage at New Haven FBI, or
- by submitting a tip of suspicious activities and crime electronically at https://tips.fbi.gov, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Complaints may be filed with law enforcement officials:

- by contacting local police department, or
- by contacting the State of Connecticut Office of the Chief State's Attorney Statewide Prosecution Bureau via email at DCJ.StatewideProsecution@ct.gov or by calling the Statewide Prosecution Bureau at 860-258-5839.

450 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 Phone: 860-418-6500 ct.gov/opm

Questions directed to OPM can be sent via email to the following addresses:

- For MARB related matters OPM.MARB@ct.gov
- For general inquiries <u>EFO.OPM@ct.gov</u>