

Dear friend,

Many CT residents are unaware that the CT Treasurer's office runs a Lost and Found. It goes by the name "Unclaimed Property Program." You may find money in Lost & Found with a quick online search. Click [HERE](#) to search if you are owed any money. Here are more details:

How can your money end up as unclaimed property? State law requires that when a business loses contact with their customer for some time, they must report and remit any customer assets to the state of CT. When you or your business move, often a business owes you money and does not have your new address. That is how your money ends up as unclaimed property.

How much money goes unclaimed? A lot! As of last year, the CT unclaimed property program has \$1.4 billion in unclaimed property belonging to 9.6 million rightful owners. Last year alone, the state received \$183 million of unclaimed property and reunited just \$71 Million. Most unclaimed property is never claimed and stays with the state.

How can you find if CT has any unclaimed property that belongs to you: You can search Connecticut's unclaimed property list online by clicking [HERE](#). Search your name and business name in the list now; it takes just a moment. You will know immediately if you or your business have any unclaimed property. You can also check if your immediate family members have any unclaimed property and let them know.

How can you get back your unclaimed property?

You can file to claim your property online right away. It takes less than 2 minutes. Within a few minutes of filing your claim, you will receive an email and a claim letter (pdf). The claim letter will detail what documentation is needed. You are provided with an option to upload the documentation online. After that, the State Treasurer's office processes your claim, and a check is sent to you - but that does take some time.

What is the catch? You are correct in thinking that getting money back from the state cannot be simple. You must provide your DOB and SSN (or EIN) to claim your property. Many residents hesitate to do that, but that is the current CT statute. Once you have uploaded the documentation, it may take a long time (a few weeks to a few months) to get your check in the mail. A private firm hired by the state manages CTbiglist.com If you find these unacceptable, please email your state representative/state senator to pass legislation to modify or improve the program.

Sincerely,

Harry Arora
Former State Representative

PS : Click [HERE](#) to play a fun ten question trivia about the laws passed in CT in 2023.

*This email is from **Former State Representative Harry Arora**. It is a public interest email to inform CT residents about government programs and policies. If you need any more information or help please email Harry directly at harry@harryforct.com*

