



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 363**

LCO No. 1876



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

**AN ACT TRANSFERRING FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 [(a)] There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
4 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment  
5 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
6 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed  
7 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to  
8 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability  
9 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc and, then, of the  
10 remaining funds, (2) twenty-five per cent to the Department of  
11 Economic and Community Development to use as follows: (A) Two  
12 hundred thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the technical  
13 assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut Trust for  
14 Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, and (B)  
15 the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities as

16 provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (3) twenty-five per  
17 cent to the [Connecticut Housing Finance Authority] Department of  
18 Housing to use as follows: (A) One hundred fifty thousand dollars  
19 annually to supplement technical assistance for resident participation  
20 and foster the development of independent, resident-led organizations  
21 in public housing communities, and (B) the remainder to supplement  
22 new or existing affordable housing programs; (4) twenty-five per cent  
23 to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for  
24 municipal open space grants; and (5) twenty-five per cent to the  
25 Department of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred  
26 thousand dollars annually for the agricultural viability grant program  
27 established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand  
28 dollars annually for the farm transition program established pursuant  
29 to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to  
30 encourage the sale of Connecticut Grown food to schools, restaurants,  
31 retailers and other institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-  
32 five thousand dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program  
33 established pursuant to section 22-26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five  
34 hundred dollars annually for the Seafood Advisory Council  
35 established pursuant to section 22-455; (F) forty-seven thousand five  
36 hundred dollars annually for the Connecticut Farm Wine  
37 Development Council established pursuant to section 22-26c; (G)  
38 twenty-five thousand dollars annually to the Connecticut Food Policy  
39 Council established pursuant to section 22-456; and (H) the remainder  
40 for farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each  
41 agency receiving funds under this section may use not more than ten  
42 per cent of such funds for administration of the programs for which  
43 the funds were provided.

44 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
45 from July 1, 2009, until July 1, 2011, the funds in the community  
46 investment account established pursuant to said subsection shall be  
47 distributed every three months as follows: (1) Twenty per cent to the  
48 Department of Economic and Community Development to use as

49 follows: (A) Two hundred thousand dollars, annually, to supplement  
50 the technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut  
51 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-  
52 93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities  
53 as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (2) twenty per cent  
54 to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to supplement new or  
55 existing affordable housing programs; (3) twenty per cent to the  
56 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for municipal  
57 open space grants; and (4) forty per cent to the Department of  
58 Agriculture to use as follows: (A) One hundred twenty-five thousand  
59 dollars, quarterly, for the agricultural viability grant program  
60 established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) one hundred twenty-five  
61 thousand dollars, quarterly, for the farm transition program  
62 established pursuant to section 22-26k; (C) twenty-five thousand  
63 dollars, quarterly, to encourage the sale of Connecticut Grown food to  
64 schools, restaurants, retailers, and other institutions and businesses in  
65 the state; (D) eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars, quarterly,  
66 for the Connecticut farm link program established pursuant to section  
67 22-26l; (E) twelve thousand five hundred dollars, quarterly, for Urban  
68 Oaks Organic Farm; (F) eleven thousand eight hundred seventy-five  
69 dollars, quarterly, for the Seafood Advisory Council established  
70 pursuant to section 22-455; (G) eleven thousand eight hundred  
71 seventy-five dollars, quarterly, to the Connecticut Farm Wine  
72 Development Council established pursuant to section 22-26c; (H) six  
73 thousand two hundred fifty dollars, quarterly, to the Connecticut Food  
74 Policy Council established pursuant to section 22-456; and (I) the  
75 remainder each quarter to the agricultural sustainability account  
76 established pursuant to section 4-66c. Each agency receiving funds  
77 under this section may use not more than ten per cent of such funds  
78 for administration of the programs for which the funds were provided,  
79 except the Department of Agriculture may also use such funds for the  
80 administration of farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter  
81 422.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	4-66aa

**Statement of Purpose:**

To redirect funds distributed from the Community Investment Account from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to the Department of Housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*