

Department of Developmental Services DDS50000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund	2,480	2,450	2,457	2,435	2,435	2,316	2,307

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	194,761,320	199,927,101	212,746,963	227,816,757	230,251,245	228,166,757	231,016,245
Other Expenses	15,626,766	16,407,321	25,078,285	23,117,419	21,304,768	23,010,369	21,197,718
Other Current Expenses							
Housing Supports and Services	237,981	407,557	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Family Support Grants	3,484,506	3,699,157	3,700,840	3,700,840	3,700,840	3,700,840	3,700,840
Clinical Services	1,953,856	1,841,364	2,337,724	2,337,724	2,337,724	2,337,724	2,337,724
Workers' Compensation Claims	13,444,122	-	-	-	-	-	-
Behavioral Services Program	13,566,376	11,339,089	16,946,979	12,946,979	12,146,979	12,946,979	12,146,979
Supplemental Payments for Medical Services	2,835,678	2,644,855	2,808,132	2,608,132	2,558,132	2,608,132	2,558,132
ID Partnership Initiatives	805,062	863,477	3,691,500	2,529,000	2,529,000	2,529,000	2,529,000
Emergency Placements	4,098,724	4,383,079	5,666,455	5,912,745	5,933,002	5,912,745	5,933,002
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Rent Subsidy Program	4,765,574	5,032,312	5,032,312	5,032,312	5,032,312	5,152,312	5,262,312
Employment Opportunities and Day Services	288,304,442	312,716,695	332,005,289	363,670,235	373,156,038	363,670,235	373,156,038
Community Residential Services	-	-	-	782,298,119	784,645,845	786,298,119	800,445,845
Provider Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	50,000,000
Agency Total - General Fund	543,884,407	559,262,007	611,414,479	1,433,370,262	1,444,995,885	1,487,733,212	1,511,683,835
Additional Funds Available							
American Rescue Plan Act	-	3,000,000	24,500,000	-	-	250,000	500,000
Agency Grand Total	543,884,407	562,262,007	635,914,479	1,433,370,262	1,444,995,885	1,487,983,212	1,512,183,835

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Community Residential Services	782,298,119	784,645,845	782,298,119	784,645,845	-	-
Total - General Fund	782,298,119	784,645,845	782,298,119	784,645,845	-	-

Policy Revisions

Consolidate Funding for Residential Services Under DDS

Community Residential Services	782,298,119	784,645,845	782,298,119	784,645,845	-	-
Total - General Fund	782,298,119	784,645,845	782,298,119	784,645,845	-	-

Background

The Community Residential Services account, which supports most of the DDS funded residential services (approximately 7,100 individuals), was transferred to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in FY 17 in order to maximize the federal funding. DSS then transferred the funding back to DDS to administer the Community Residential Services for individuals who self-direct their support and those whose residential services are provided through private providers. Most individuals receiving residential support through this account are enrolled in the Medicaid waiver program. The state receives a 50% federal reimbursement for this Medicaid waived program that is deposited to the General Fund as revenue. See the Community Residential Services write-ups in DSS for details regarding the additional caseload provided in the account.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Governor

Transfer funding of \$782,298,119 in FY 24 and \$784,645,845 in FY 25 in the Community Residential Services account from DSS to DDS. This consolidates all the funding supporting DDS consumers under the agency again.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Provider Bonuses

Provider Bonuses	-	-	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000

Legislative

Provider funding of \$50 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support provider bonuses for DDS contracted providers.

Provide Funding to Reduce Residential Waiting List

Rent Subsidy Program	-	-	120,000	230,000	120,000	230,000
Community Residential Services	-	-	4,000,000	15,800,000	4,000,000	15,800,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	4,120,000	16,030,000	4,120,000	16,030,000

Background

The DDS Waiting List for individuals with no residential services was 685 as of January 1, 2023. There were 262 individuals with caregivers aged 65 and older waiting for residential services. The average annual per person cost of residential services for this group ranges from \$47,000 for in home support to \$112,000 for support in a group home. The actual cost varies by the assessed level of need (LON) of the individual. DDS community residential services are covered under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver and the state receives 50% federal Medicaid reimbursement which is deposited to the General Fund.

Section 3 of PA 23-137 "An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability requires DDS to reduce the agency's waiting list for Medicaid waiver programs.

Legislative

Provide total funding of \$4,120,000 in FY 24 and \$16,030,000 in FY 25 to reduce the number of individuals on the department's residential waiting list, giving priority to individuals who have caregivers aged 65 and older. Funding is also provided in the DSS Aid to the Disabled account to support room and board costs associated with group home placements from this waiting list initiative.

Provide Funding for Transition Advisors

Personal Services	-	-	350,000	765,000	350,000	765,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	350,000	765,000	350,000	765,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	9	-	9	-

Background

Section 43 of PA 23-137 "An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability" requires DDS to employ a sufficient number of transition advisors for children requiring special education who may be eligible for the agency's services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$350,00 in FY 24 (half year) and \$765,000 in FY 25 in Personal Services and nine transition advisor positions.

Reduce Position Count

Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	-	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)

Legislative

Eliminate 150 positions to reflect the agency full-time position count more accurately.

Adjust Information Technology Positions to Support IT Optimization

Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Positions - General Fund	(22)	(22)	-	-	22	22

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates IT positions from eight agencies across the General Fund and Special Transportation Fund into the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS') Bureau of Information Technology Solutions. The IT positions will transfer to DAS while the funding will remain with the agencies to allow for different funding reimbursement scenarios (i.e., federal and multisource funding models).

Governor

Transfer 22 IT positions to DAS in FY 24 and FY 25.

Legislative

Do not transfer IT positions to DAS in FY 24 and FY 25.

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Private Provider Wage Increases for Employees of DDS' Contracted Providers

Employment Opportunities and Day Services	33,420,000	42,816,439	33,420,000	42,816,439	-	-
Total - General Fund	33,420,000	42,816,439	33,420,000	42,816,439	-	-

Background

In June of 2021 the state announced a settlement agreement with DDS' contracted providers concerning wages and benefits. The agreement which impacts over 30,000 caregivers, includes the following provisions: 1) In FY 22, increases the minimum wage to \$16.50 per hour and support a 3% increase for those already making above that amount, 2) In FY 23, further increases the minimum wage to \$17.25 per hour and extends another 3% increase to those earnings above that rate, and 3) supports a pool to fund enhanced health care and pension benefits. Total settlement funding of approximately \$62 million in FY 22 and \$123 million in FY 23 was appropriated in the OPM Private Provider account through various funding sources (General Fund, Carryforward and American Recovery Plan Act) and was distributed to the accounts that support DDS' contracted private providers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$33,420,000 in FY 24 and \$42,816,439 in FY 25 to reflect the cost of wage increase and benefit enhancements for direct care workers pursuant to the settlement agreement with the agency's contracted providers within the agency's budget.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	23,281,368	25,715,856	23,281,368	25,715,856	-	-
Emergency Placements	246,290	266,547	246,290	266,547	-	-
Total - General Fund	23,527,658	25,982,403	23,527,658	25,982,403	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides net funding of \$237.2 million in FY 24 and \$394 million in FY 25, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$23,527,658 in FY 24 and \$25,982,403 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Adjust Funding to Reflect Anticipated Requirements Under the ARPA Home and Community-Based Services Reinvestment Plan

Personal Services	(30,078)	(30,078)	(30,078)	(30,078)	-	-
Other Expenses	(2,067,916)	(3,880,567)	(2,067,916)	(3,880,567)	-	-
ID Partnership Initiatives	(1,162,500)	(1,162,500)	(1,162,500)	(1,162,500)	-	-
Employment Opportunities and Day Services	(9,055,811)	(19,210,033)	(9,055,811)	(19,210,033)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(12,316,305)	(24,283,178)	(12,316,305)	(24,283,178)	-	-

Background

Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), states could earn an extra 10% federal reimbursement on a range of Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, with the extra federal funding to be reinvested in new services which support community-based long-term services and supports. The Revised FY 23 budget provided DDS with \$56.5 million and seven positions (five Durational Project Managers and two Administrative Assistants) to support the ARPA HCBS reinvestment plan.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$12,316,305 in FY 24 and by \$24,283,178 in FY 25 to reflect the resources necessary to support the reinvestment plan over the four-year period ending March 31, 2025.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Employment and Day Services for High School Graduates

Employment Opportunities and Day Services	5,902,077	14,103,750	5,902,077	14,103,750	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,902,077	14,103,750	5,902,077	14,103,750	-	-

Background

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) funds programs in community-based settings that allow individuals an opportunity to perform work or pursue skill-building and community activities. Each year individuals graduating from special education programs have a need for employment and day programs supported by the department. The state receives 50% federal reimbursement for this Medicaid waived program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,902,077 in FY 24 and \$14,103,750 in FY 25 to fund employment and day programs for new high school graduates. Funding supports 400 individuals in FY 24 and an additional 370 individuals FY 25.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Employment and Day Services for Age Outs

Employment Opportunities and Day Services	1,398,680	3,440,593	1,398,680	3,440,593	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,398,680	3,440,593	1,398,680	3,440,593	-	-

Background

In accordance with interagency agreements, DDS is responsible for developing residential placements and day services for individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging out of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and residential schools. The state receives 50% federal reimbursement for these Medicaid waived programs.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,398,680 in FY 24 and \$3,440,593 in FY 25 to fund day programs for individuals aging out of DCF and residential schools. Funding will support employment and day services for: 72 individuals in FY 24 and an additional 60 individuals in FY 25 for individuals aging out of services.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Remove FY 2023 Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	(8,181,496)	-	-

Background

The FY 23 Revised Budget included a total of \$128,456,014 for an extra 27th pay period for six appropriated funds. There are usually 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, but every 11 years there is an additional 27th pay period.

Governor

Remove funding of \$8,181,496 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Behavioral Services Program Requirements

Behavioral Services Program	(4,000,000)	(4,800,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,800,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(4,000,000)	(4,800,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,800,000)	-	-

Background

The Behavioral Services Program (BSP) supports families with children and adolescents who are eligible for DDS services and that have emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs that substantially interfere with their functioning in their family, or in community activities. BSP is primarily designed as an in-home support program that assists families in receiving the support that they need to raise their children at home. Since FY 18, the more costly behavioral services have been provided under the Medicaid state plan through Beacon and this account primarily provides wrap around services. This program was formerly known as the Voluntary Services Program. There is no waiting list for BSP funding.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$4 million in FY 24 and \$4.8 million in FY 25 to reflect the current program funding requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Supplemental Payments for Medical Services Funding to Reflect Projected Census

Supplemental Payments for Medical Services	(200,000)	(250,000)	(200,000)	(250,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(200,000)	(250,000)	(200,000)	(250,000)	-	-

Background

The Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) User Fee is assessed by, and paid to, the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) from DDS' Supplemental Payments for Medical Services account. DSS claims federal revenue on the DDS payments. The department's Campus ICF/IID settings are comprised of Southbury Training School (STS) and the Regional Centers. The total cost of the ICF/IID User Fee is lower than it was in the past due to the declining residential census at DDS operated institutional settings. Between the start of FY 22 and FY 23 the census went down by 20 individuals from 280 to 260.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$200,000 in FY 24 and \$250,000 in FY 25 to reflect the declining residential census at STS and the Regional Centers.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Inflation

Other Expenses	107,050	107,050	-	-	(107,050)	(107,050)
Total - General Fund	107,050	107,050	-	-	(107,050)	(107,050)

Background

Inflation is defined as a rise in the general price level (or average price level) of all goods and services. The general price level varies inversely with the purchasing power of a unit of money. Therefore, when prices increase, purchasing power declines.

Governor

Provide funding of \$107,050 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to account for inflationary increases in the Other Expenses account.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Legislative

Remove funding for inflationary increases.

American Rescue Plan Act

Fund Northwestern Transportation Services Pilot Program

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	250,000	500,000	250,000	500,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	250,000	500,000	250,000	500,000

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, reallocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, resulting in the shifting of approximately \$608.2 million in funding from FY 22 and FY 23 to FY 24 and FY 25.

Section 23 of PA 23 - 136 "An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability" requires DDS to establish a pilot program to provide nonmedical transportation services to persons with an intellectual disability in the northwestern region of the state.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 and \$500,000 in FY 25 to support a transportation pilot program in the northwestern region of the state.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	611,414,479	611,414,479	611,414,479	611,414,479	-	-
Policy Revisions	782,298,119	784,645,845	836,768,119	851,440,845	54,470,000	66,795,000
Current Services	39,657,664	48,935,561	39,550,614	48,828,511	(107,050)	(107,050)
Total Recommended - GF	1,433,370,262	1,444,995,885	1,487,733,212	1,511,683,835	54,362,950	66,687,950

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	2,457	2,457	2,457	2,457	-	-
Policy Revisions	(22)	(22)	(141)	(150)	(119)	(128)
Total Recommended - GF	2,435	2,435	2,316	2,307	(119)	(128)