

Department of Economic and Community Development ECD46000

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	90	90	86	94	94	102	102
Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund	-	-	-	13	13	13	13
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

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	7,741,836	7,590,978	7,579,367	9,048,303	9,162,363	8,986,308	9,100,611
Other Expenses	664,089	41,541,171	721,676	1,211,278	1,061,278	611,278	611,278
Other Current Expenses							
Spanish-American Merchants Association	442,194	442,193	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
Office of Military Affairs	115,798	139,420	186,586	211,240	213,992	211,240	213,992
CCAT-CT Manufacturing Supply Chain	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	1,585,000	2,585,000
Capital Region Development Authority	12,249,121	13,736,121	6,249,121	10,699,942	10,845,022	10,699,942	10,845,022
Manufacturing Growth Initiative	134,483	153,884	140,769	166,717	169,780	166,717	169,780
Hartford 2000	14,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Office of Workforce Strategy	-	-	-	-	-	1,218,864	1,234,379
Black Business Alliance	-	-	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
Hartford Economic Development Corporation	-	-	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
CONNSTEP	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	-	10,840,000	8,275,000
MRDA	-	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
AdvanceCT	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Agency Total - General Fund	21,446,521	63,708,767	16,309,101	23,369,062	23,484,017	38,765,931	37,481,644
Statewide Marketing	4,280,912	12,153,893	4,280,912	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	242,371	242,371	242,371	242,371	242,371	242,371	242,371
New Britain Arts Council	39,380	39,380	39,380	39,380	39,380	39,380	39,380
Main Street Initiatives	100,000	100,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
Neighborhood Music School	80,540	80,540	150,540	150,540	150,540	200,540	200,540
Greater Hartford Community Foundation Travelers Championship	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Nutmeg Games	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Discovery Museum	196,895	196,895	196,895	196,895	196,895	196,895	196,895
National Theatre of the Deaf	78,758	78,758	78,758	78,758	78,758	78,758	78,758
Connecticut Science Center	446,626	446,626	446,626	446,626	446,626	546,626	546,626
CT Flagship Producing Theaters Grant	259,950	259,950	259,951	259,951	259,951	259,951	259,951
Performing Arts Centers	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571
Performing Theaters Grant	362,600	362,600	411,753	392,600	392,600	1,400,600	550,600
Arts Commission	1,497,293	1,497,173	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Art Museum Consortium	287,313	287,313	487,313	487,313	487,313	687,313	687,313
Litchfield Jazz Festival	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000
Arte Inc.	20,735	20,735	20,735	20,735	20,735	20,735	20,735
CT Virtuosi Orchestra	15,250	15,250	15,250	15,250	15,250	15,250	15,250
Barnum Museum	20,735	20,735	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	393,856	393,856	393,856	393,856	393,856	1,775,000	1,275,000
Creative Youth Productions	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Music Haven	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
West Hartford Pride	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Greater Hartford Arts Council	74,079	74,079	74,079	74,079	74,079	74,079	74,079
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	30,863	30,863	30,863	30,863	30,863	80,863	80,863
Maritime Center Authority	303,705	303,705	303,705	303,705	303,705	803,705	803,705
Connecticut Humanities Council	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	36,414	36,414	36,414	36,414	36,414	36,414	36,414
New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	414,511	414,511	414,511	414,511	414,511	414,511	414,511
New Haven Arts Council	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	77,000	77,000
Beardsley Zoo	253,879	253,879	253,879	253,879	253,879	400,000	400,000
Mystic Aquarium	322,397	322,397	322,397	322,397	322,397	322,397	322,397
Northwestern Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Eastern Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Central Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Twain/Stowe Homes	81,196	81,196	81,196	81,196	81,196	81,196	81,196
Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Stamford Downtown Special Services District	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Agency Total - Tourism Fund	13,050,829	20,923,690	13,444,253	13,794,188	13,794,188	17,494,453	16,144,453
Personal Services	-	-	-	1,276,351	1,276,351	1,276,351	1,276,351
Other Expenses	-	-	-	3,279,717	7,679,717	3,279,717	7,679,717
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	1,243,932	1,243,932	1,243,932	1,243,932
Agency Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund	-	-	-	5,800,000	10,200,000	5,800,000	10,200,000
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Total - Appropriated Funds	34,497,350	84,632,457	29,753,354	42,963,250	47,478,205	62,160,384	63,926,097
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	31,910,686	-	-	8,152,950	335,489
American Rescue Plan Act	-	136,382,019	40,834,019	-	-	26,185,000	5,475,000
Agency Grand Total	34,497,350	221,014,476	102,498,059	42,963,250	47,478,205	96,498,334	69,736,586

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

Policy Revisions

Transfer Resources for the Office of Workforce Strategy to DECD

Office of Workforce Strategy	-	-	470,000	470,000	470,000	470,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	470,000	470,000	470,000	470,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	3	3	3	3

Background

The Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) was created October 2019 via Executive Order No. 4 to serve as the principal advisor to the Governor on state workforce development. PA 21-2 formally established OWS within the Governor's Office for administrative purposes only.

As of February 2023, there are nine positions with OWS: two positions are funded through General Fund (GF) appropriations and seven are funded with a combination of GF appropriations and federal funding.

Legislative

Transfer funds of \$470,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 and three positions from the Governor's Office to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). The remaining OWS positions that are currently supported by federal funds are also transferred and are to be funded in DECD through the General Fund.

Provide Funding for OWS Positions Currently Supported by Federal Funds

Office of Workforce Strategy	-	-	748,864	764,379	748,864	764,379
Total - General Fund	-	-	748,864	764,379	748,864	764,379
Positions - General Fund	-	-	6	6	6	6

Background

The FY 22 - 23 budget established the Office of Workforce Strategy under the Governor's Office for administrative purposes only. As of February 2023, there are nine positions with OWS: two positions are fully funded through General Fund appropriations and seven are funded with a combination of General Fund appropriations and federal funds.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$748,864 in FY 24 and \$764,379 in FY 25 to support six positions and other administrative expenses.

Expenditure	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	713,864	729,379
Other Expenses	35,000	35,000
Total	748,864	764,379
Position Count	6	6

Provide Funding to Capital Region Development Authority to Support Venue Shortfalls

Capital Region Development Authority	4,450,821	4,595,901	4,450,821	4,595,901	-	-
Total - General Fund	4,450,821	4,595,901	4,450,821	4,595,901	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of approximately \$4.5 million in FY 24 and approximately \$4.6 million in FY 25 to support Hartford area venues including the XL Center, Convention Center, Rentschler Field and the new Bushnell South garage. Since 2020, these facilities have experienced operational budgetary shortfalls due to cancellation of events and attendance levels that are below pre-pandemic levels.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Provide Funding for Regulation, Prevention & Education of Adult Recreational Cannabis Uses

Personal Services	1,276,351	1,276,351	1,276,351	1,276,351	-	-
Other Expenses	3,279,717	7,679,717	3,279,717	7,679,717	-	-
Fringe Benefits	1,243,932	1,243,932	1,243,932	1,243,932	-	-
Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund	5,800,000	10,200,000	5,800,000	10,200,000	-	-
Positions - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund	13	13	13	13	-	-

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023. The Governor's Recommended Budget moves all recreational cannabis expenditures from a non-appropriated, off-budget account to the General Fund, Special Transportation Fund, and two newly-created, appropriated funds that are on-budget.

Fund	Agencies	FY 24 \$ (in millions)	FY 25 \$ (in millions)
General Fund	DCP, DESPP, DRS, DPH, OAG, AES, UConn, OWS	9.0	9.2
Social Equity and Innovation Fund	DECD	5.8	10.2
Prevention and Recovery Services Fund	DMHAS	2.4	3.4
Special Transportation Fund	DOT, DMV	1.1	1.1
TOTAL		18.3	23.8

*Totals are rounded to the nearest tenth of a million. The sum of the four funds for FY 25 is \$0.1 million less than the reflected total due to rounding.

Governor

Provide funding of \$5.8 million in FY 24 and \$10.2 million in FY 25 for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Regulation, Prevention & Education of Adult Recreational Cannabis Use (Workforce Development)

Personal Services	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 and one position in the Cannabis Fund for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis. This position will support workforce development initiatives for the cannabis industry.

Provide Funding and Positions to Support the Municipal Regional Development Authority Account

MRDA	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	-
Positions - General Fund	3	3	3	3	-	-

Background

PA 19-117, the FY 20 and FY 21 budget, established the Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA) as a quasi-public agency to stimulate economic and transit-oriented development in specified development districts. Funding of \$500,000 was provided in the budget for FY 20 and FY 21; however, no funds have been expended from this appropriation. SA 21-15, the FY 22 and FY 23 budget did not provide an appropriation for MRDA.

While MRDA was not established in practice, it remains codified under CGS 8-169hh to 8-169ss.

Governor

Provide funding of \$600,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support three positions for MRDA. MRDA is intended to support economic and community development in regions across the state, similar to the Capital Region Development Authority which services the Greater Hartford region.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Resources for a Federal Grants Unit

Personal Services	192,006	197,766	96,003	98,883	(96,003)	(98,883)
Total - General Fund	192,006	197,766	96,003	98,883	(96,003)	(98,883)
Positions - General Fund	2	2	1	1	(1)	(1)

Background

Federal funding for economic development projects has increased in the past few years with the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act. The Department currently does not have expertise in applying for federal grants.

Governor

Provide funding of \$192,006 in FY 24 and \$197,766 in FY 25 to support two positions whose primary focus will be on federal grant writing and administration of federal funding.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$96,003 in FY 24 and \$98,883 in FY 25 to support one position whose primary focus will be on federal grant writing and administration of federal funding.

Provide Funding for Various Organizations

Various Grants	-	-	10,840,000	8,275,000	10,840,000	8,275,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	10,840,000	8,275,000	10,840,000	8,275,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$10,840,000 in FY 24 and \$8,275,000 in FY 25 for the following organizations.

Recipient	FY 24	FY 25
South End Community Center	55,000	5,000
Dixwell Community House	30,000	30,000
America 250 Commission	100,000	100,000
Latinas & Power, Corp.	125,000	125,000
Youth programming at Parker Memorial Community Center, Hartford	100,000	100,000
Kamora's Cultural Corner, Hartford	10,000	10,000
ActUp Theater, Hartford	25,000	25,000
Windsor Community Center	15,000	15,000
Food Desert Tax Abatement	500,000	500,000
Cornerstone Community Foundation	50,000	50,000
Youth Business Initiative	20,000	20,000
Homes for Hope	25,000	25,000
PAL Hartford	500,000	500,000
High Poverty Community Leadership Development	500,000	500,000
Color a Positive Thought	50,000	75,000
V.I.P College Tours	75,000	-
Dominican American Coalition of CT	25,000	-
Unique and Unified New Era Youth Movement	60,000	-
New Vision International Ministries	40,000	-
LEAP Bridgeport	40,000	-
New Vision International Ministries Micro-Programs	50,000	-
Waterbury Veterans Co. for tombstone cleaning project	10,000	-
Naugatuck Historical Society	50,000	-
CT Community Empowerment Foundation - Cheshire	100,000	-
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	200,000	200,000
RF Youth Boxing, Inc. (RFYB Fitness Professional Academy)	110,000	110,000

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

Recipient	FY 24	FY 25
Boys and Girls Club of Stamford	100,000	100,000
100 Girls Leading	50,000	50,000
Colors of the World	40,000	40,000
Sisters at the Shore	50,000	50,000
Town of Farmington - Part Time Seasonal Help	20,000	20,000
Blue Hills Civic Organization	5,500,000	5,500,000
YMCA of Meriden, New Britain, Berlin	100,000	100,000
Meriden Boys and Girls	50,000	-
New Visions Church	30,000	-
Ridgefield Meeting House	25,000	25,000
St. Mary's Church Greenville	800,000	-
Greenville Church	500,000	-
Montville VFW Post 10060	200,000	-
Columbia Fire Department - Equipment and Vehicles	250,000	-
Sprague Library	50,000	-
Baltic American Legion	110,000	-
Andover Connectivity / Biking Study	100,000	-
TOTAL	10,840,000	8,275,000

Provide Funding for AdvanceCT

AdvanceCT	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

Background

AdvanceCT is a nonprofit organization that works to engage, retain and recruit businesses and advance overall economic competitiveness in Connecticut.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 and FY 25 each to support the operations of AdvanceCT.

Provide Funding for Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology

CCAT-CT Manufacturing Supply Chain	-	-	1,500,000	2,500,000	1,500,000	2,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,500,000	2,500,000	1,500,000	2,500,000

Background

The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 and headquartered in East Hartford, Connecticut. CCAT leads and collaborates with state, regional, and national partners in manufacturing, academia, government, and non-profit organizations in order to define and strengthen the future of the supply chain in the areas of advanced manufacturing, incumbent worker training, STEM awareness, and energy solutions. The FY 18 and FY 19 biennial budget eliminated the grant of \$173,541 beginning in FY 19 to achieve savings.

Legislative

Provide additional funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 and \$2.5 million FY 25 to support CCAT. In addition, \$500,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 through ARPA allocations are provided to CCAT.

Provide Funding for CONNSTEP

CONNSTEP	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Background

CONNSTEP provides technical services that enhance the operational efficiency and competitiveness of Connecticut's small and medium-size manufacturing companies. CONNSTEP previously received state appropriated grants through the Department of

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

Economic and Community Development. The FY 18 and FY 19 biennial budget eliminated the grant of \$390,471 beginning in FY 19 to achieve savings.

Legislative

Provide grants of \$500,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support the operations of CONNSTEP.

Maintain Women's Business Development Council Funding under OSC

Other Expenses	450,000	450,000	-	-	(450,000)	(450,000)
Total - General Fund	450,000	450,000	-	-	(450,000)	(450,000)

Background

The Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) has received a \$450,000 grant appropriation through the Office of State Comptroller (OSC) since FY 20. Previously the WBDC received an appropriated grant through the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) in FY 16 and FY 17. WBDC received a non-appropriated grant through Connecticut Innovations in FY 18 and FY 19.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$450,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 from OSC to DECD to support the grant for the WBDC.

Legislative

Maintain funding for the WBDC under OSC and increase to a total grant-in-aid to \$800,000 in FY 24 and FY 25.

Increase Funding for Various Arts, Culture and Tourism Organizations

Neighborhood Music School	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Connecticut Science Center	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Performing Theaters Grant	-	-	988,000	138,000	988,000	138,000
Art Museum Consortium	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	-	-	251,144	251,144	251,144	251,144
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Maritime Center Authority	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
New Haven Arts Council	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Beardsley Zoo	-	-	146,121	146,121	146,121	146,121
Total - Tourism Fund	-	-	2,310,265	1,460,265	2,310,265	1,460,265

Legislative

Increase funding by \$2,310,265 in FY 24 and \$1,460,265 in FY 25 for various arts, culture, and tourism organizations that receive legislatively directed grants. The Various Grants appropriation of \$251,144 in FY 24 and FY 25 is provided for Discovering Amistad, Inc. for a total appropriation of \$515,000 in FY 24 and FY 25.

Provide Funding for Various Arts, Culture, and Tourism Organizations

Performing Theaters Grant	-	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Various Grants	-	-	1,130,000	630,000	1,130,000	630,000
Music Haven	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
West Hartford Pride	-	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - Tourism Fund	-	-	1,390,000	890,000	1,390,000	890,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1,390,000 in FY 24 and \$890,000 in FY 25 to various arts, culture, and tourism organizations for operational support. The table below lists the new recipients of funding under the Various Grants line-item. The Performing Theaters Grant appropriation of \$20,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 is provided for the City Youth Theater in Waterbury.

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

Various Grants - New Recipients	FY 24	FY 25
West Hartford Art League	30,000	30,000
Hartford Summer in the City	200,000	200,000
Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival	50,000	50,000
Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000
Ball and Sockets	300,000	300,000
NAC (Norwich)	500,000	-
Total - New Grants	1,130,000	630,000

Increase Funding for Statewide Marketing Support in the Tourism Fund

Statewide Marketing	219,088	219,088	219,088	219,088	-	-
Total - Tourism Fund	219,088	219,088	219,088	219,088	-	-

Governor

Increase funding by \$219,088 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support continued expansion into new markets and maintaining a year-round marketing presence.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Shift Funding for the Greater Hartford Community Foundation for the Travelers Championship to the Tourism Fund

Other Expenses	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
Greater Hartford Community Foundation Travelers Championship	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
Total - Tourism Fund	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-

Background

The Greater Hartford Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization that runs the Travelers Championship, Connecticut's annual PGA golf tournament. The tournament is the Foundation's primary mission and the net proceeds realized by the tournament and other such activities and events are for the benefit of the citizens, social welfare organizations and other institutions of the community.

The Revised FY 23 budget appropriated \$150,000 to the tournament in FY 23 through the General Fund.

Governor

Shift funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 from the General Fund to the Tourism Fund for the Greater Hartford Community Foundation to support the Travelers Championship.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust One-Time Funding for the Greater Hartford Community Foundation for the Travelers Championship

Other Expenses	150,000	-	-	-	(150,000)	-
Total - General Fund	150,000	-	-	-	(150,000)	-

Background

The Travelers Championship occurs each year in June. While the state provides an appropriated grant to support the tournament, the funds are approved within two months of the event which is after many of the expenses to run the tournament have already been incurred.

Governor

Provide funding of \$150,000 as a one-time grant in FY 24 only to ensure funding is available the fiscal year before the tournament is to occur. This will allow the grant to support expenses as they occur throughout the year prior to the tournament.

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 as a one-time grant in FY 24 through carryforward funding.

Tourism Fund Detailed Appropriations**Post Committee**

The following table provides further details on the Tourism Fund appropriations in the FY 24 and FY 25 budget.

Line Item	Subgrant Recipient	FY 24 Final	FY 25 Final
Statewide Marketing		4,500,000	4,500,000
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	Artist Collective	115,126	115,126
	Real Arts Ways	115,126	115,126
	West Indian Foundation	12,119	12,119
New Britain Arts Council		39,380	39,380
Main Street Initiatives	West Village Renaissance Alliance	145,000	145,000
Neighborhood Music School		200,540	200,540
Nutmeg Games		40,000	40,000
Discovery Museum		196,895	196,895
National Theater for the Deaf		78,758	78,758
CT Science Center		546,626	546,626
Flagship Producing Theaters	Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	43,325	43,325
	Goodspeed Opera House	43,325	43,325
	Hartford Stage	43,325	43,325
	Long Wharf Theatre	43,325	43,325
	Westport County Playhouse	43,325	43,325
	Yale Reparatory Theatre	43,325	43,325
Performing Arts Center	Bushnell Theater	196,893	196,893
	Palace Theater	196,892	196,892
	Shubert Theater	196,893	196,893
	Stamford Center	196,893	196,893
Performing Theater Grant	Chestnut Street Playhouse	525,000	25,000
	Garde Arts Theater	155,961	155,961
	HartBeat Ensemble	13,680	13,680
	Ivoryton Playhouse	404,723	54,723
	Playhouse on Park	15,158	15,158
	Seven Angels	40,944	40,944
	Warner Theater	150,134	150,134
	City Youth Theater (Waterbury)	20,000	20,000
	TheaterWorks (Hartford)	75,000	75,000
Arts Commission		1,497,298	1,497,298
Arts Museum Consortium	Aldrich Contemporary	41,045	41,045
	Bruce Museum	41,045	41,045
	Florence Griswold	41,045	41,045
	Hill Stead Museum	41,045	41,045
	Lyman Allen Art Museum	41,045	41,045
	Mattatuck Museum	41,044	41,044
	New Britain Museum	41,044	41,044
	Wadsworth Atheneum	400,000	400,000
Litchfield Jazz Festival		29,000	29,000
Arte, Inc		20,735	20,735
CT Virtuosi Orchestra		15,250	15,250
Barnum Museum		50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Amistad Vessel	515,000	515,000
	New Haven Symphony	50,000	50,000
	Op Sail (New London)	80,000	80,000
	West Hartford Art League	30,000	30,000
	Hartford Summer in the City	200,000	200,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Line Item	Subgrant Recipient		FY 24 Final	FY 25 Final		
	Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival		50,000	50,000		
	Norwalk Symphony		50,000	50,000		
	Ball and Sockets		300,000	300,000		
	NAC (Norwich)		500,000	-		
Creative Youth Productions			150,000	150,000		
Music Haven			100,000	100,000		
West Hartford Pride Festival			40,000	40,000		
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture			100,000	100,000		
Greater Hartford Arts Council	Greater Hartford Arts Council		65,954	65,954		
	Hartford Jazz Festival		8,125	8,125		
Stepping Stones Museum for Children			80,863	80,863		
Maritime Center Authority			803,705	803,705		
CT Humanities Council			850,000	850,000		
Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail			36,414	36,414		
New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas			414,511	414,511		
New Haven Arts Council			77,000	77,000		
Beardsley Zoo			400,000	400,000		
Mystic Aquarium			322,397	322,397		
Northwestern Tourism			400,000	400,000		
Eastern Tourism			400,000	400,000		
Central Tourism			400,000	400,000		
Twain/Stowe Homes	Harriet Beecher Stowe		40,598	40,598		
	Mark Twain House		40,598	40,598		
Cultural Alliance Fairfield			52,000	52,000		
Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular			50,000	50,000		
Greater Hartford Community Foundation for Travelers Championship			150,000	150,000		
			Total Tourism Fund	17,494,453	16,144,453	

Current Services

Provide Funding and Positions to Administer the Community Investment Fund

Personal Services	485,661	485,661	485,661	485,661	-	-
Other Expenses	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	-	-
Total - General Fund	525,263	525,263	525,263	525,263	-	-
Positions - General Fund	3	3	3	3	-	-

Background

The Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) supports economic development projects in historically underserved communities across the state. The CIF provides \$175 million per fiscal year to eligible municipalities as well as not-for-profit organizations and community development corporations that operate within them. The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) administers the program by overseeing the application process, vetting applications, sending application summaries to the CIF Board, and managing awards and reporting.

Currently the CIF is managed by a director and assistant director.

Governor

Provide funding of \$485,661 in FY 24 and FY 25 in the Personal Services account to support three additional positions for the CIF. In addition, provide \$39,602 in the Other Expenses account for administrative expenses.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements (DECD)

Personal Services	1,070,728	1,179,028	1,070,728	1,179,028	-	-
Office of Military Affairs	29,070	31,822	29,070	31,822	-	-
Manufacturing Growth Initiative	31,120	34,183	31,120	34,183	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,130,918	1,245,033	1,130,918	1,245,033	-	-

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 \$1,130,918 in FY 24 and \$1,245,033 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements (OWS)

Personal Services	-	-	34,008	37,131	34,008	37,131
Total - General Fund	-	-	34,008	37,131	34,008	37,131

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.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$34,008 in FY 24 and \$37,131 in FY 25 to reflect the Office of Workforce Strategy's (OWS) increased wage costs. OWS is transferred from the Governor's Office to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(279,459)	(279,459)	(279,459)	(279,459)	-	-
Office of Military Affairs	(4,416)	(4,416)	(4,416)	(4,416)	-	-
Manufacturing Growth Initiative	(5,172)	(5,172)	(5,172)	(5,172)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(289,047)	(289,047)	(289,047)	(289,047)	-	-

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 \$289,047 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding to Office of Arts and Culture to Achieve Savings

Performing Theaters Grant	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	-	-
Total - Tourism Fund	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	-	-

Background

Unified Theater sponsored art programs in schools which allow young people with and without disabilities and of all backgrounds to come together to put on a production. The theater has received a state appropriated grant since FY 15.

On July 1, 2018 the theater merged into Kids Included Together, a national nonprofit that provides guidance on supporting children with disabilities in youth programs.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$19,153 in FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the dissolution of the Unified Theater.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Carryforward

Provide Carryforward Funding for Various Projects

Other Expenses	-	-	4,852,950	335,489	4,852,950	335,489
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	4,852,950	335,489	4,852,950	335,489

Background

Section 41(b) of PA 23-204 and sections 154, 160, and 163 of PA 23-205 carryforward a total of \$339.6 million in unexpended balances from various FY 23 General Fund accounts for initiatives in FY 24 and FY 25.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$4,852,950 in FY 24 and \$335,489 in FY 25 for the various projects listed in the table below.

Project	FY 24	FY 25
Amistad Repairs	1,305,461	-
New Haven IDEAS	235,489	235,489
Travelers Tournament - one time grant	150,000	-
Friends of the Shetucket River Valley for renovations and repairs to facilities for the Sprague land preserve	70,000	-
The Cetacean Society International for costs associated with relocation of Conny the whale's tale to the Trout Brook Greenway	38,000	-
Historic Homes Toolkit - One-time toolkit	50,000	-
Lutz Children's Museum for one-time operational support	50,000	-
Grant to Manchester for the consolidation of 8th utilities Special Services taxing district	500,000	-
Grant to the city of Fairfield for senior center facility renovations and programming	350,000	-
Sterling Opera House for renovations and repairs	100,000	-
Grant to the town of Berlin for improvements to properties owned by the town and the Board of Education	254,000	-
Grant to VFW 10059 for facility improvements to VFW building in the town of Trumbull	250,000	-
Boy Scouts of America for Camp Seton capital support*	250,000	-
Grant to the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation to support cultural events	350,000	-
Cheshire for economic development projects	600,000	-
Grant to the Hill-Stead Museum	100,000	100,000
Grant to Artists Collective, Inc	200,000	-
TOTAL	4,852,950	335,489

*Intended for Camp Seton, not Camp Shelton as noted in the PA 23-204.

Continue Carryforward Funds from Revised 23 Budget

Other Expenses	-	-	3,300,000	-	3,300,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	3,300,000	-	3,300,000	-

Legislative

Sections 44 - 45 of PA 23-204 carries forward funding from the PA 22-118, the revised FY 23 budget, to support the following projects in FY 24: \$2 million to support the establishment of nonstop air service to Jamaica and \$1.3 million for a grant-in-aid to the town of Sprague for streetscape improvements.

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

American Rescue Plan Act

Provide Funding for the CT Summer at the Museum Program

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	-

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.

The FY 22-23 biennial budget previously allocated \$15 million in ARPA funding for FY 22 to create the Connecticut Summer at the Museum program. This program allowed children to receive free admission at more than 90 museums during the 2021 summer months. The revised FY 23 budget allocated an additional \$15 million to support the program for the 2022 summer season.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$10 million in FY 24 to support one additional year of free summer admission for Connecticut children at various museums and cultural venues in the state. From this total, \$3.5 million shall be made available to for-profit entities.

Provide Funding for Theaters

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	3,500,000	2,625,000	3,500,000	2,625,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	3,500,000	2,625,000	3,500,000	2,625,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY 24 and \$2.625 million in FY 25 for theaters. The funding shall be pro-rated based upon the revised FY 23 appropriations for the "Flagship Producing Theaters," "Performing Arts Center" and "Performing Theaters Grant" line-items and distributed based on the following schedule.

SID Name	Recipient	FY 24	FY 25
Flagship Producing Theaters	Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	80,730	60,547
	Goodspeed Opera House	80,730	60,547
	Hartford Stage	80,730	60,547
	Long Wharf Theatre	80,730	60,547
	Westport County Playhouse	80,730	60,547
	Yale Repertory Theatre	80,730	60,547
Performing Arts Center	Bushnell Theater	576,072	432,054
	Palace Theater	576,069	432,052
	Shubert Theater	576,072	432,054
	Stamford Center	576,072	432,054
Performing Theater Grant	Chestnut Street Playhouse	45,297	33,972
	Garde Arts Theater	282,580	211,935
	HartBeat Ensemble	24,786	18,590
	Ivoryton Playhouse	99,151	74,363
	Playhouse on Park	27,464	20,598
	Seven Angels	74,185	55,639
	Warner Theater	157,875	118,406
	TOTAL	3,500,000	2,625,000

Provide Funding for Other ARPA Projects

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	12,685,000	2,850,000	12,685,000	2,850,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	12,685,000	2,850,000	12,685,000	2,850,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$12,685,000 in FY 24 and \$2,850,000 in FY 25 to support grants to the following recipients. In total, ARPA allocations through DECD are \$26,185,000 in FY 24 and \$5,475,000 in FY 25.

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

Recipient	FY 24	FY 25
Compass Youth Collaborative	350,000	-
The Legacy Foundation of Hartford, Inc	350,000	-
CT Main Street	350,000	350,000
Special Olympics	3,000,000	-
CCAT	500,000	500,000
Masters Table Community Meals	5,000	-
Real Art Ways	100,000	-
New Britain Museum of Art	100,000	-
Hartford Stage	75,000	-
Farmington Ave in Hartford	1,800,000	-
Bushnell Theater	750,000	-
Life Health and Wellness Center	5,000	-
Municipal Outdoor Recreation in Hartford	4,500,000	2,000,000
Team, Inc	100,000	-
West Indian Foundation, Inc.	150,000	-
Lutz Children’s Museum	50,000	-
Foundry 66	500,000	-
Total - Other ARPA Allocations	12,685,000	2,850,000
Summer at the Museum	10,000,000	-
Theaters	3,500,000	2,625,000
TOTAL - All DECD ARPA	26,185,000	5,475,000

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	16,309,101	16,309,101	16,309,101	16,309,101	-	-
Policy Revisions	5,692,827	5,693,667	21,055,688	19,654,163	15,362,861	13,960,496
Current Services	1,367,134	1,481,249	1,401,142	1,518,380	34,008	37,131
Total Recommended - GF	23,369,062	23,484,017	38,765,931	37,481,644	15,396,869	13,997,627
FY 23 Appropriation - ED	13,444,253	13,444,253	13,444,253	13,444,253	-	-
Policy Revisions	369,088	369,088	4,069,353	2,719,353	3,700,265	2,350,265
Current Services	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	(19,153)	-	-
Total Recommended - ED	13,794,188	13,794,188	17,494,453	16,144,453	3,700,265	2,350,265
FY 23 Appropriation - CSEIF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	5,800,000	10,200,000	5,800,000	10,200,000	-	-
Total Recommended - CSEIF	5,800,000	10,200,000	5,800,000	10,200,000	-	-
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	86	86	86	86	-	-
Policy Revisions	5	5	13	13	8	8
Current Services	3	3	3	3	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	94	94	102	102	8	8
FY 23 Appropriation - CSEIF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	13	13	13	13	-	-
Total Recommended - CSEIF	13	13	13	13	-	-
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	1	1	1	1
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	1	1	1	1