

Judicial Department JUD95000

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	4,229	4,229	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,274
Banking Fund	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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	327,770,044	342,906,842	371,782,778	369,163,740	370,997,745	372,837,571	374,558,158
Other Expenses	60,177,937	60,467,533	63,552,164	63,552,164	63,552,164	64,226,164	64,212,164
Other Current Expenses							
Forensic Sex Evidence Exams	1,164,558	1,179,670	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010
Alternative Incarceration Program	47,434,160	49,609,727	50,836,434	55,307,585	55,307,585	56,757,585	58,257,585
Justice Education Center, Inc.	469,714	478,070	469,714	503,435	503,435	503,435	503,435
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	18,711,823	25,985,791	28,789,960	29,834,377	29,834,377	30,584,377	30,584,377
Probate Court	12,500,000	13,544,771	13,359,024	13,281,024	13,281,024	81,024	13,281,024
Workers' Compensation Claims	6,499,292	4,099,122	7,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106
Insurance Recovery	-	23,407	-	-	-	-	-
Youthful Offender Services	9,425,677	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victim Security Account	1,826	3,346	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792
Children of Incarcerated Parents	492,010	496,658	493,728	529,174	529,174	529,174	529,174
Legal Aid	1,397,144	1,377,501	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144
Youth Violence Initiative	1,875,000	1,852,710	2,299,486	2,453,217	2,453,217	5,453,217	5,453,217
Youth Services Prevention	2,757,331	5,111,998	5,769,997	6,083,132	6,083,132	7,283,132	7,283,132
Children's Law Center	92,445	92,445	92,445	92,445	92,445	150,000	150,000
Project Longevity	-	-	3,424,373	3,424,373	3,424,373	4,774,373	4,774,373
Juvenile Planning	430,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	775,000	775,000
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	18,422,841	21,506,067	24,713,343	25,897,371	25,897,371	26,272,371	26,272,371
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	7,589,587	7,641,745	7,732,474	7,912,605	7,912,605	8,287,605	8,287,605
Counsel for Domestic Violence	-	625,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
Agency Total - General Fund	517,211,389	537,502,403	584,961,972	588,680,694	590,514,699	588,811,080	605,217,667
Foreclosure Mediation Program	1,905,053	1,987,852	2,142,821	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656
Agency Total - Banking Fund	1,905,053	1,987,852	2,142,821	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656
Criminal Injuries Compensation	1,830,386	2,463,216	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088
Agency Total - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,830,386	2,463,216	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088
Total - Appropriated Funds	520,946,828	541,953,471	590,038,881	593,773,438	595,607,443	593,903,824	610,310,411
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	650,000	-	-	225,000	-
American Rescue Plan Act	-	10,125,000	41,074,290	25,219,847	-	25,569,847	20,000,000
Agency Grand Total	520,946,828	552,078,471	631,763,171	618,993,285	595,607,443	619,698,671	630,310,411

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

Policy Revisions

Expand GPS Monitoring for Domestic Violence

Personal Services	-	-	476,000	990,000	476,000	990,000
Other Expenses	-	-	74,000	60,000	74,000	60,000
Alternative Incarceration Program	-	-	1,450,000	2,950,000	1,450,000	2,950,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000

Background

The domestic violence GPS monitoring program is currently operated at three court locations in Bridgeport, Danielson, and Hartford. This program monitors certain high risk domestic violence offenders 24/7 and provides automated alerts to law enforcement and victims should a violation be detected. This program is intended to enhance victim safety and to increase offender accountability.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 and \$4 million in FY 25 to expand the GPS monitoring program to all judicial districts.

Establish Gun Violence Initiative

Youth Violence Initiative	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000

Background

The Youth Violence Initiative account holds funding for selected nonprofit organizations working to reduce youth violence.

Legislative

Provide \$3 million in FY 24 and in FY 25 to select organizations working to reduce gun violence among youth.

Provide Funding for Project Longevity

Project Longevity	-	-	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000

Background

Project Longevity is an initiative between police departments, and community and social service organizations to reduce gun violence. The program is administered by the Justice Education Center who oversees, coordinates, and manages the Project Longevity program inclusive of all sites.

Legislative

Provide additional funding to Project Longevity of \$1,325,000 in FY 24 and in FY 25. The amount of \$675,000 in each FY is provided specifically to expand the program to New London and Norwich.

Provide Funding for Judges' Salary Increases

Personal Services	2,556,978	4,518,877	1,394,715	2,831,272	(1,162,263)	(1,687,605)
Total - General Fund	2,556,978	4,518,877	1,394,715	2,831,272	(1,162,263)	(1,687,605)

Background

The compensation for judges is set in statute (Sec. 51-47). This proposal would increase salaries for judges, judge trial referees, and family support magistrates directly.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,556,978 in FY 24 and \$4,518,877 in FY 25 to reflect a 5.5% and 4.0% increase to judicial compensation respectively.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1,394,715 in FY 24 and \$2,831,272 in FY 25 to reflect 3% increase to judicial compensation in each fiscal year.

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	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Provide Funding for Youth Services Prevention

Youth Services Prevention	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000

Legislative

Provide additional funding of \$1.2 million in FY 24 and FY 25 to the Youth Services Prevention account.

Provide Funding for Certain Housing Action Erasure

Personal Services	-	-	362,000	100,000	362,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	362,000	100,000	362,000	100,000

Background

Section 23 of PA 23-207 requires the Judicial Department to erase certain housing action records.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$362,000 in FY 24 and \$100,000 in FY 25 to Personal Services to fill vacancies to carry out the requirements to erase certain housing action records.

Reduce Probate Subsidy

Probate Court	-	-	(13,200,000)	-	(13,200,000)	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	(13,200,000)	-	(13,200,000)	-

Background

Section 33 of PA 23-204 suspends the statutory sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) for FY 23 that is contained in subsection (j) of CGS 45a-82 which will result in excess funds in the PCAF.

CGS 5-259 describes which insurance plans are negotiated and provided by the Office of the State Comptroller. Under this statute, employees of the Probate Court have access to the same insurance plans as state employees; however, the employee share of the insurance premiums is at a different rate than the state employee share.

Legislative

Reduce the General Fund (GF) subsidy to the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) by \$13.2 million in FY 24 due to an excess of funds in the PCAF. The Probate Court Administration will retain this excess in FY 24 and use the funds in lieu of the GF subsidy and to fund the increases for judges' salaries provided in sections 81-84 of PA 23-204 and to fund the alignment of probate court employee share of premiums to state employee share of premiums as described in section 57 of PA 23-204. These excess funds will also be adequate to support the estimated loss of revenue attributable to the elimination of the fee for name changes through the Probate Court in section 308 of PA 23-204.

Provide Funding for Probate Court Employee Health Insurance

Background

CGS 5-259 describes what insurance plans are negotiated and provided by the Office of the State Comptroller. Under this statute, employees of the Probate Court have access to the same insurance plans as state employees; however, the employee share of the insurance premiums is at a different rate than what the state employee share is.

Legislative

Provide funding to align the probate court employee share of premiums to that of state employee share of premiums through suspension of the statutory sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) in FY 24. The sweep suspension will also allow the Probate Court Administration to retain enough funds to support the loss of revenue for name changes and an increase for judges' salaries.

Transfer Funding for LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network

LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Background

Section 147 of PA 23-204 renames the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Health and Human Services Network to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Justice and Opportunity Network and transfers the network from the Department of

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Public Health to the Judicial Department. The LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network will make recommendations to all three branches of government concerning access and opportunity LGBTQ persons in the state.

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network from the Department of Public Health.

Provide Funding for the Connecticut Sentencing Commission

Other Expenses	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

Background

The Connecticut Sentencing Commission reviews existing criminal sentencing and any proposed changes including statutes, proposed legislation, policies, and practices. The commission then makes recommendations to the governor, the General Assembly, and appropriate criminal justice agencies (CGS 54-300). They are supported by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP).

Legislative

Provide additional funding of \$200,000 to the IMRP/Sentencing Commission in FY 24 and FY 25.

Provide Funding to the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund

Other Expenses	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund.

Provide Additional Funding for Juvenile Planning

Juvenile Planning	-	-	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$175,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the Juvenile Planning account.

Provide Funding for Lawyers for Children America

Other Expenses	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to Lawyers for Children America.

Provide Funding for Casa Otonal

Other Expenses	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for Casa Otonal for bilingual CNA training.

Provide Funding to the Children's Law Center

Children's Law Center	-	-	57,555	57,555	57,555	57,555
Total - General Fund	-	-	57,555	57,555	57,555	57,555

Background

The Children's Law Center provides legal representation to poor children whose parents are involved in high-conflict family court cases. They also provide mediation and a legal help line.

Legislative

Provide additional funding of \$57,555 in both FY 24 and FY 25.

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	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Current Services

Provide Funding to Expand the Use of GPS Electronic Monitoring

Alternative Incarceration Program	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	-

Background

The courts may order certain individuals to use electronic monitoring. Currently, both GPS monitoring and Radio Frequency Monitoring (RFM) are used at the judge's discretion. GPS monitoring is more costly, but it is also more accurate than RFM.

Governor

Provide funding of \$350,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to increase the use of GPS monitoring.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Fund Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Increases

Alternative Incarceration Program	412,000	412,000	412,000	412,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	412,000	412,000	412,000	412,000	-	-

Background

The Governor's Proposed Budget includes an increase to rates for Medicaid reimbursement. This aligns the Judicial Branch's reimbursement rates with the rate increase at DSS in November 2021.

Governor

Provide additional funding of \$412,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the increased Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Family Violence Education Program Expenditures

Alternative Incarceration Program	109,000	109,000	109,000	109,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	109,000	109,000	109,000	109,000	-	-

Background

Individuals who complete the nine-week Family Violence and Education Program (FVEP) may be eligible for a dismissal of charges. This pre-trial program is offered by community providers statewide and has a goal of reducing re-offense.

Governor

Provide funding of \$109,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to FVEP expenditures.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(13,695,868)	(13,695,868)	(13,695,868)	(13,695,868)	-	-
Probate Court	(78,000)	(78,000)	(78,000)	(78,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(13,773,868)	(13,773,868)	(13,773,868)	(13,773,868)	-	-
Foreclosure Mediation Program	(91,808)	(91,808)	(91,808)	(91,808)	-	-
Total - Banking Fund	(91,808)	(91,808)	(91,808)	(91,808)	-	-

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.

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

Governor

Remove funding of \$13,865,676 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	12,462,788	12,462,788	12,462,788	12,462,788	-	-
Total - General Fund	12,462,788	12,462,788	12,462,788	12,462,788	-	-
Foreclosure Mediation Program	107,643	107,643	107,643	107,643	-	-
Total - Banking Fund	107,643	107,643	107,643	107,643	-	-

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 \$12,570,431 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Alternative Incarceration Program	3,600,151	3,600,151	3,600,151	3,600,151	-	-
Justice Education Center, Inc.	33,721	33,721	33,721	33,721	-	-
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	1,794,417	1,794,417	1,794,417	1,794,417	-	-
Children of Incarcerated Parents	35,446	35,446	35,446	35,446	-	-
Youth Violence Initiative	153,731	153,731	153,731	153,731	-	-
Youth Services Prevention	313,135	313,135	313,135	313,135	-	-
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	1,559,028	1,559,028	1,559,028	1,559,028	-	-
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	555,131	555,131	555,131	555,131	-	-
Total - General Fund	8,044,760	8,044,760	8,044,760	8,044,760	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, and Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department. Funding of approximately \$87 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 is provided to annualize the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in FY 22 (4%) and FY 23 (5.4%). Funding was previously centrally appropriated in the Office of Policy and Management's Private Provider account.

Governor

Funding of \$8,044,760 is provided in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support the annualization of FY 23 COLAs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Various Accounts

Personal Services	(3,942,936)	(4,070,830)	55,158	87,188	3,998,094	4,158,018
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	(750,000)	(750,000)	-	-	750,000	750,000
Workers' Compensation Claims	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	(375,000)	(375,000)	-	-	375,000	375,000
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	(375,000)	(375,000)	-	-	375,000	375,000
Total - General Fund	(6,442,936)	(6,570,830)	(944,842)	(912,812)	5,498,094	5,658,018

Governor

Remove funding of \$6,442,936 in FY 24 and \$6,570,830 in FY 25 to reflect savings in various accounts.

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

Legislative

Adjust funding in various accounts for an increase of \$5,498,094 in FY 24 and \$5,658,018 in FY 25.

Carryforward**Provide Funding to the LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network**

Other Expenses	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 to the LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network.

Provide Funding to SCRIP, Inc.

Other Expenses	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$75,000 in FY 24 to SCRIP, Inc. for facility improvements and programming.

American Rescue Plan Act**Provide Funding for Victim Service Providers**

ARPA - CSFRF	13,175,000	-	13,175,000	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	13,175,000	-	13,175,000	20,000,000	-	20,000,000

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. This proposal includes ARPA dollars intended to supplement federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) which have been declining since 2018. These funds would be provided to victim service organizations. In FY 23, \$14.9 million was allocated for this purpose.

Governor

Provide ARPA funding of \$13,175,000 in FY 24 to supplement the anticipated reductions in the VOCA grants to victim service organizations.

Legislative

Provide ARPA funding of \$13,175,000 in FY 24 and \$20,000,000 in FY 25 to supplement the anticipated reductions in the VOCA grants to victim service organizations.

Provide Funding to Modernize and Upgrade IT and Courthouse Security

ARPA - CSFRF	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-	-	-

Background

The Governor's Proposed Budget allocates \$1.25 million of ARPA dollars in FY 24 to establish specialized resources with the Office of Protective Intelligence, modernize information technology, and upgrade courthouse security.

Governor

Provide ARPA funding of \$1.25 million in FY 24 to modernize and upgrade information technology and courthouse security.

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 Equipment to Livestream Supreme Court Proceedings

ARPA - CSFRF	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-

Background

The proposed budget allocates \$350,000 of ARPA dollars in FY 24 for capital and initial expenses for livestreaming Supreme Court proceedings.

Governor

Provide \$350,000 of ARPA funding in FY 24 for expenditures related to livestreaming Supreme Court proceedings.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Family Re-entry of New Haven

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	350,000	-	350,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	350,000	-	350,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$350,000 to Family Re-Entry of New Haven.

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	584,961,972	584,961,972	584,961,972	584,961,972	-	-
Policy Revisions	2,556,978	4,518,877	(2,810,730)	13,563,827	(5,367,708)	9,044,950
Current Services	1,161,744	1,033,850	6,659,838	6,691,868	5,498,094	5,658,018
Total Recommended - GF	588,680,694	590,514,699	588,811,080	605,217,667	130,386	14,702,968
FY 23 Appropriation - BF	2,142,821	2,142,821	2,142,821	2,142,821	-	-
Current Services	15,835	15,835	15,835	15,835	-	-
Total Recommended - BF	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	-	-