

Department of Social Services DSS60000

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	1,912	1,897	1,910	1,862	1,862	1,813	1,826

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	126,880,684	129,308,269	141,311,454	153,031,721	155,096,990	151,160,321	154,061,290
Other Expenses	141,811,726	145,092,808	159,603,082	172,372,594	154,243,116	172,372,594	155,393,116
Other Current Expenses							
Genetic Tests in Paternity Actions	13,745	22,171	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906	81,906
HUSKY B Program	11,276,889	12,534,985	15,570,000	31,050,000	38,230,000	31,050,000	38,230,000
Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	-	-	3,269,396	10,000	18,370,000	10,000	18,370,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Medicaid	2,444,122,147	2,548,586,538	3,036,265,362	3,181,634,431	3,254,504,431	3,190,404,431	3,287,715,431
Old Age Assistance	39,036,976	40,477,570	33,360,000	46,950,000	49,010,000	46,950,000	51,346,541
Aid To The Blind	452,814	387,493	478,900	568,800	589,500	568,800	619,721
Aid To The Disabled	50,323,755	49,307,928	38,120,000	48,180,000	47,950,000	48,320,000	50,543,338
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	43,327,152	34,351,297	36,910,000	57,760,000	68,430,000	57,990,000	69,641,000
Emergency Assistance	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Food Stamp Training Expenses	5,950	2,825	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341	9,341
DMHAS-Disproportionate Share	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000	108,935,000
Connecticut Home Care Program	31,872,007	35,232,141	41,993,477	46,340,000	46,720,000	46,340,000	46,720,000
Human Resource Development-Hispanic Programs	742,660	-	1,043,704	1,043,704	1,043,704	1,043,704	1,043,704
Community Residential Services	639,934,602	704,454,796	727,985,200	-	-	-	-
Safety Net Services	1,329,872	1,329,543	1,334,544	1,462,802	1,462,802	1,462,802	1,462,802
Refunds Of Collections	-	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965	89,965
Services for Persons With Disabilities	262,545	268,331	276,362	301,953	301,953	301,953	301,953
Nutrition Assistance	749,040	752,571	750,204	822,373	822,373	1,000,000	1,000,000
State Administered General Assistance	15,285,037	13,184,394	12,940,000	13,300,000	13,660,000	13,300,000	14,710,000
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	17,625,736	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737	11,138,737
Community Services	1,340,128	2,787,429	3,155,376	3,850,625	3,415,965	6,320,625	6,335,965
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	3,282,417	3,601,188	3,803,200	4,107,797	4,107,797	4,177,301	4,177,301
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	1,180,154	1,048,029	1,255,827	1,361,787	1,361,787	1,361,787	1,361,787
Domestic Violence Shelters	5,293,062	5,525,594	6,865,349	7,459,941	7,459,941	7,459,941	7,459,941
Hospital Supplemental Payments	548,300,000	568,300,000	568,300,000	568,300,000	568,300,000	568,300,000	568,300,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Municipality	98,000	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281	98,281
Agency Total - General Fund	4,233,482,098	4,416,817,883	4,954,944,668	4,460,261,759	4,555,433,590	4,470,247,490	4,599,147,121

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	20,600,000	-	-	35,550,000	-
American Rescue Plan Act	-	32,750,000	82,380,000	34,750,000	4,000,000	43,630,000	8,500,000
Agency Grand Total	4,233,482,098	4,449,567,883	5,057,924,668	4,495,011,759	4,559,433,590	4,549,427,490	4,607,647,121

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

Policy Revisions

Reduce Position Count

Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	-	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)

Legislative

Reduce the agency position count by 100 to better align with the number of funded positions.

Establish PCA Career Pathways

Legislative

Establish a PCA career pathways program. DSS shall redirect two currently funded vacancies to provide staff to support the program.

Increase Income Eligibility for HUSKY C

Personal Services	-	-	-	750,000	-	750,000
Other Expenses	-	-	-	1,150,000	-	1,150,000
Medicaid	-	-	-	6,600,000	-	6,600,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	8,500,000	-	8,500,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	-	11	-	11

Legislative

Provide funding of \$8.5 million in FY 25 to support increasing income eligibility for the HUSKY C program from 97% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 105% FPL inclusive of applicable disregards, effective 10/1/24. Personal Services funding supports seven eligibility services workers, three eligibility services specialists and one supervisor. Other Expenses costs are one-time in nature and support system modifications to accommodate the eligibility changes. Section 302 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Provide Funding for Medicaid Rate Increases

Medicaid	-	-	-	7,000,000	-	7,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	7,000,000	-	7,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$7 million in FY 25 to support Medicaid rate increases based on the outcome of the Medicaid rate study supported by ARPA funding (\$1 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25).

Provide Funding for Bristol Hospital

Medicaid	-	-	5,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	5,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000

Legislative

Provide total funding of \$5 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 for Bristol Hospital. Funding will support the development and implementation of a plan to maintain essential health services aligned with community need and a path to financial viability. Section 50 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

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

Provide Funding to Increase Ambulance Rates

Medicaid	-	-	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 25 to increase ambulance rates and mileage reimbursement by 20%.

Expand HUSKY Health Coverage

Medicaid	-	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 25 to expand HUSKY health coverage for children, regardless of immigration status, from age 12 to age 15, effective 7/1/24. Sections 283 and 285 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, are related to this change.

Eliminate Temporary Funding for Access to Abortions and Contraceptives for Nonresidents

Medicaid	2,000,000	-	-	-	(2,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	2,000,000	-	-	-	(2,000,000)	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 to support individuals coming to Connecticut to access contraceptives and abortion services (including transportation and lodging costs) from states that restrict such services. This is fully state-funded.

Legislative

Funding is not provided.

Add Agency-Based Services under Community First Choice

Medicaid	(12,300,000)	3,100,000	(12,300,000)	3,100,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	(12,300,000)	3,100,000	(12,300,000)	3,100,000	-	-

Background

Community First Choice (CFC) is a state plan, community-based service available to Medicaid eligible individuals who can self-direct services and meet institutional level of care. Services support individuals in their homes and include things like meal prep, household chores, and assistance with activities of daily living.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$12.3 million in FY 24 and provide funding of \$3.1 million in FY 25 related to expanding the Community First Choice (CFC) program to allow for consumers to utilize agency-based services in addition to self-direction. FY 24 savings reflect a reduced state share of expenditures due to the enhanced federal match (6%) available under CFC.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Align Complex Care Rates with Pediatric Rates

Medicaid	-	-	600,000	1,350,000	600,000	1,350,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	600,000	1,350,000	600,000	1,350,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$600,000 in FY 24 and \$1,350,000 in FY 25 to support aligning adult complex care rates with pediatric rates, effective 1/1/24. Section 282 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Increase Adult Day Rates

Medicaid	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to increase Medicaid rates for adult day services. A portion of increased funding may support transportation costs.

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

Provide Funding to Support Medicaid Rate Increases for Delivered Meal Services

Medicaid	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support increased Medicaid rates for delivered meal services under home and community based services waivers, including the Connecticut Home Care Program.

Provide Funding to Support Autism Waiver

Personal Services	-	-	117,500	441,400	117,500	441,400
Medicaid	-	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	117,500	1,641,400	117,500	1,641,400
Positions - General Fund	-	-	3	5	3	5

Background

PA 23-137, *AAC Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability*, requires the Department of Social Services to expand the Medicaid waiver program for persons with autism spectrum disorder to reduce the number of persons on the waiting list and report annually, on January 1, about such wait list and individuals receiving services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$117,500 in FY 24 and \$1,641,400 in FY 25 to support approximately 120 additional individuals on the autism waiver in FY 25. Personal Services funding supports additional case managers while Medicaid funding supports waiver services for clients. Section 5 of PA 23-137 is related to this change.

Provide Funding for Room and Board Costs

Aid To The Disabled	-	-	140,000	500,000	140,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	140,000	500,000	140,000	500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$140,000 in FY 24 and \$500,000 in FY 25 in the Aid to the Disabled account to support room and board costs for DDS consumers receiving group home placements as part of the Waiting List Initiative funded in DDS.

Add Periodontal Coverage for Medicaid Members with Certain Medical Conditions

Medicaid	700,000	1,000,000	400,000	1,000,000	(300,000)	-
Total - General Fund	700,000	1,000,000	400,000	1,000,000	(300,000)	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$700,000 in FY 24 and \$1 million in FY 25 to reflect the addition of periodontal coverage for Medicaid members with certain health conditions, such as diabetes.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$400,000 in FY 24 and \$1 million in FY 25 to reflect the addition of periodontal coverage for Medicaid members with certain health conditions, such as diabetes. This assumes enrollment begins 1/1/24.

Adjust Funding for Frequency Limitation on Crowns

Medicaid	(500,000)	(500,000)	-	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	(500,000)	(500,000)	-	-	500,000	500,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect a reduction in the frequency of replacement crowns. Savings assume a 10% reduction in related expenditures.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect the current policy for replacement crowns.

Increase Methadone Rates

Medicaid	-	-	-	361,000	-	361,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	361,000	-	361,000

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$361,000 in FY 25 to support a 2.3% rate increase for methadone rates under Medicaid. This represents the state share of total funding to providers of approximately \$1.5 million.

Rebase Rates for Residential Care Homes

Old Age Assistance	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$5.2 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect rebasing residential care home (RCH) rates based on 2022 cost reports.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 277 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Provide Funding to Support Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs)

Medicaid	-	-	1,900,000	2,100,000	1,900,000	2,100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,900,000	2,100,000	1,900,000	2,100,000

Background

There are over 300 people living in 66 DDS licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/IID) run by private providers and paid by the DSS.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1.9 million in FY 24 and \$2.1 million in FY 25 to reflect increased payments to ICF rates as follows: (1) Rebase FY 24 rates based on 2022 cost reports with a two percent adjustment factor and a full hold harmless, and (2) Rebase FY 25 rates based on 2023 cost reports and a hold harmless of \$501 per bed per day. Section 274 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Adjust Funding for Statutory Rate Increases

Medicaid	(37,800,000)	(63,700,000)	(37,800,000)	(63,700,000)	-	-
Old Age Assistance	(2,250,000)	(3,860,000)	(2,250,000)	(1,582,459)	-	2,277,541
Aid To The Blind	(32,000)	(51,100)	(32,000)	(20,879)	-	30,221
Aid To The Disabled	(2,090,000)	(3,410,000)	(2,090,000)	(1,396,662)	-	2,013,338
Total - General Fund	(42,172,000)	(71,021,100)	(42,172,000)	(66,700,000)	-	4,321,100

Governor

Reduce funding by \$42,172,000 in FY 24 and \$71,021,100 in FY 25 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$35.9 million in FY 24 and \$60.5 million in FY 25), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1.9 million in FY 24 and \$3.2 million in FY 25), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$4,372,000 in FY 24 and \$7,321,100 in FY 25).

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$42,172,000 in FY 24 and \$66.7 million in FY 25 to reflect the elimination of statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$35.9 million in FY 24 and \$60.5 million in FY 25) and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1.9 million in FY 24 and \$3.2 million in FY 25). In addition, funding is reduced by \$4,372,000 in FY 24 and \$3 million in FY 25) to reflect a delay in statutorily required rate increases for residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities until FY 25.

Allow for Retroactive Payments under the State Supplement Program

Old Age Assistance	170,000	230,000	170,000	230,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	3,800	5,200	3,800	5,200	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	210,000	280,000	210,000	280,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	383,800	515,200	383,800	515,200	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of 383,800 in FY 24 and \$515,200 in FY 25 to reflect allowing individuals seeking coverage to receive Supplemental Assistance benefits for up to 90 days prior to the date of application if otherwise eligible for the program.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 272 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Reflect Medicaid Savings from Additional Specialized Care Units

Medicaid	-	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 25 to reflect supporting Medicaid members in need of specialized nursing home services in-state beginning in FY 25, rather than supporting them in a more costly out-of-state setting. Specialized services include bariatric, ventilator and hemodialysis beds. ARPA funding is proposed in FY 24 to support infrastructure costs associated with increasing the state's capacity for such beds.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Quality Assurance Efforts

Personal Services	1,988,900	2,227,100	-	-	(1,988,900)	(2,227,100)
Medicaid	(2,070,000)	(3,100,000)	-	-	2,070,000	3,100,000
Total - General Fund	(81,100)	(872,900)	-	-	81,100	872,900
Positions - General Fund	27	27	-	-	(27)	(27)

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,988,900 in FY 24 and \$2,227,100 in FY 25 and 27 positions to support increased quality assurance efforts, and reduce funding by \$2,070,000 in FY 24 and \$3.1 million in FY 25 to reflect associated Medicaid savings. The new positions are proposed to support audits (15), client fraud investigations / resource and recoveries (2), special investigations (6), and quality control/claims (4).

Legislative

Maintain current positions and funding structure for quality assurance efforts.

Provide Funding to Increase Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) Time Limit

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	-	-	230,000	1,200,000	230,000	1,200,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	230,000	1,200,000	230,000	1,200,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$230,000 in FY 24 and \$1.2 million in FY 25 to increase the TFA time limit to 36 months, effective 4/1/24. Sections 264-265 and 267-270 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, are related to this change. Additional funding of \$1.2 million is carried forward for system updates to support this change under Section 41(b)(2) of the budget bill.

Increase the Earned Income Disregard under TFA

Other Expenses	500,000	-	500,000	-	-	-
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	730,000	3,100,000	730,000	3,100,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,230,000	3,100,000	1,230,000	3,100,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,230,000 in FY 24 and \$3.1 million in FY 25 to reflect increasing the earned income disregard under TFA from 100% FPL to 230% FPL, allowing individuals to remain on the program longer. Families with income above 100% FPL and up to 170% FPL can remain on the program for six months with no impact to their benefits, while families above 170% FPL and up to 230% FPL can remain on the program for six months with a 20% reduction in their benefit level.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Section 266 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change. This is effective 1/1/24.

Double the Asset Limit under TFA & SAGA

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	760,000	3,260,000	760,000	3,260,000	-	-
------------------------------------	---------	-----------	---------	-----------	---	---

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
State Administered General Assistance	140,000	480,000	140,000	480,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	900,000	3,740,000	900,000	3,740,000	-	-

Governor

Provide total funding of \$900,000 in FY 24 and \$3,740,000 in FY 25 associated with increasing the asset limit for (1) Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and (2) State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) from \$250 to \$500.

Legislative

Same as Governor. Sections 266 and 271 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, are related to this change. This is effective 10/1/23.

Restore Burial Expense Assistance Benefit to \$1,800

Old Age Assistance	-	-	-	59,000	-	59,000
Aid To The Disabled	-	-	-	80,000	-	80,000
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,000
State Administered General Assistance	-	-	-	1,050,000	-	1,050,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000

Background

Upon the death of any beneficiary under the state supplement, temporary family assistance program, and State Administered General Assistance, the Department of Social Services pays up to \$1,350 to support the funeral and burial expenses of such decedent.

Legislative

Provide total funding of \$1.2 million in FY 25 to reflect increasing the funeral and burial allowance by \$450 to \$1,800. Sections 286-287 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, are related to this change.

Provide Funding for Refugee Assistance

Community Services	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 for integrative community services for refugees provided through the following agencies: Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), Jewish Family Services of Greenwich, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI), and Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT).

Provide Increased Funding for Nutrition Assistance

Nutrition Assistance	-	-	177,627	177,627	177,627	177,627
Total - General Fund	-	-	177,627	177,627	177,627	177,627

Legislative

Provide additional funding of \$177,627 in FY 24 and FY 25 for Nutrition Assistance.

Provide Funding for Community Services

Community Services	-	-	1,470,000	1,920,000	1,470,000	1,920,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,470,000	1,920,000	1,470,000	1,920,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1,470,000 in FY 24 and \$1,920,000 in FY 25 to support grants as follows: ROCA Hartford Young Mothers Program (\$500,000 in FY 24 and \$1 million in FY 25), Person to Person (\$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25), Catholic Charities of New Haven (\$270,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support the outpatient clinic), Spanish Community of Wallingford (\$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25), and Junta for Progressive Action (\$50,000 in FY 24 for Big Turtle Village summer camp).

Increase Funding for Fatherhood Initiative

Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	-	-	69,504	69,504	69,504	69,504
Total - General Fund	-	-	69,504	69,504	69,504	69,504

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$69,504 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect increasing Fatherhood Initiative grants by \$11,584 each.

Transfer Funds to DMHAS to Cover Contracted Services at 60 West

Medicaid	(705,569)	(705,569)	(705,569)	(705,569)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(705,569)	(705,569)	(705,569)	(705,569)	-	-

Background

The state contracts with 60 West, a privately owned skilled nursing facility located in Rocky Hill, to support individuals from inpatient psychiatric and state correctional institutions who meet nursing home level of care. Individuals often have a degenerative medical condition or a terminal/hospice level of care diagnosis requiring skilled living services. The facility has a secured cognitive impairment unit and an open long-term care unit.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$705,569 in both FY 24 and FY 25 from DSS to DMHAS to support the cost of contracted services at 60 West.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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 the majority 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. The majority of individuals receiving residential support through this account are enrolled in the Medicaid waiver program. The state generally receives 50% federal reimbursement for services provided under the waiver, and the associated federal funds are deposited to the General Fund as revenue.

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

Reduce Vehicle Fleet Operations

Other Expenses	(90,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(90,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	(90,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$90,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect a 20% reduction in fleet vehicle requirements as a result of the shift to telework and virtual meetings.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Information Technology Transfer

Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Positions - General Fund	(75)	(75)	-	-	75	75

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).

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

Governor

Transfer 75 IT positions to DAS in FY 24 and FY 25.

Legislative

IT positions are retained in the agency.

Current Services

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

Community Residential Services	73,280,000	93,883,561	73,280,000	93,883,561	-	-
Total - General Fund	73,280,000	93,883,561	73,280,000	93,883,561	-	-

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 Rescue Plan Act) and was distributed to the accounts that support DDS' contracted private providers.

Governor

Provide funding of \$73,280,000 in FY 24 and \$93,883,561 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 Residential Services Caseload Growth

Community Residential Services	5,806,778	13,459,214	5,806,778	13,459,214	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,806,778	13,459,214	5,806,778	13,459,214	-	-

Background

The Community Residential Services account funds individuals supported by the DDS. The DDS Management Information Report (September 2022) shows that 7,086 individuals are funded through this account as follows: 1,331 individuals with in-home supports, 1,558 individuals self-direct their services, and 4,197 individuals reside in group homes, community companion homes or continuous residential supports (24- hour supports).

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,806,778 in FY 24 and \$13,459,214 in FY 25 to support residential services for 66 individuals in FY 24 and an additional 60 individuals in FY 25 who will be aging out of residential services provided by the Department of Children and Families or local education agencies and 31 individuals in FY 24 and an additional 31 individuals in FY 25 who will be transitioning from long-term facilities under Money Follows the Person. The state generally receives 50% federal reimbursement for this Medicaid waived program with the main exception being that under MFP the reimbursement is 75% in the first year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Personal Services	(38,951)	(38,951)	(38,951)	(38,951)	-	-
Other Expenses	356,771	(5,071,795)	356,771	(5,071,795)	-	-
Medicaid	(756,470)	(8,015,122)	(756,470)	(8,015,122)	-	-
Connecticut Home Care Program	763,232	(457,825)	763,232	(457,825)	-	-
Community Residential Services	(24,773,859)	(50,682,130)	(24,773,859)	(50,682,130)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(24,449,277)	(64,265,823)	(24,449,277)	(64,265,823)	-	-

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

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 a total of \$116 million in various DSS accounts and 11 staff including a Principal Health Care Analyst, Associate Health Care Analyst, Grants and Contract Specialist, Accountant, Social Services Medical Admin Manager, and six Public Assistance Consultants to support the ARPA HCBS reinvestment plan.

Governor

Net funding is reduced by \$24,449,277 in FY 24 and by \$64,265,823 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

Align Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve to Reflect Anticipated Revenues

Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	(2,031,319)	16,328,681	(2,031,319)	16,328,681	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,031,319)	16,328,681	(2,031,319)	16,328,681	-	-

Background

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration 1115 Waiver was approved on April 14, 2022 and is effective through March 31, 2027. The demonstration enables the state to cover an array of SUD services in various settings (residential and inpatient) under HUSKY Health not previously reimbursable. The additional revenue is being reinvested in the SUD service system to ensure a complete array of services is available.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,031,319 in FY 24 and provide funding of \$16,328,681 in FY 25 to align funding with the level of revenue anticipated to be generated that has not already been allocated to agencies.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding to DMHAS to Reflect Program Requirements Related to the Substance Use Disorder Waiver

Substance Use Disorder Waiver Reserve	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	(1,228,077)	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$1,228,077 in both FY 24 and FY 25 from DSS to reflect SUD waiver demonstration requirements in DMHAS.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reflect End of Enhanced Federal Match Related to Public Health Emergency

HUSKY B Program	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	-	-
Medicaid	294,300,000	348,700,000	294,300,000	348,700,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	296,200,000	350,600,000	296,200,000	350,600,000	-	-

Background

The state received an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) on Medicaid and HUSKY B expenditures during the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, passed in December 2022, phases-out the enhanced match as follows:

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

Phase-Out Enhanced FMAP	Medicaid	HUSKY B
through March 31, 2023	6.2%	4.34%
April 1 - June 30, 2023	5.0%	3.5%
July 1 - September 30, 2023	2.5%	1.75%
October 1 - December 31, 2023	1.5%	1.1%

Governor

Provide total funding of \$296.2 million in FY 24 and \$350.6 million in FY 25 to reflect a return to the standard FMAP on federally reimbursable expenditures under Medicaid (from 56.2% to 50%) and HUSKY B (from 69.34% to 65%) by January 1, 2024.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - HUSKY B

HUSKY B Program	3,380,000	6,230,000	3,380,000	6,230,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	3,380,000	6,230,000	3,380,000	6,230,000	-	-

Background

The HUSKY B Program provides health coverage for children of families with incomes in excess of 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 323% FPL. HUSKY program expenditures typically receive 65% federal reimbursement (69.34% during the PHE). HUSKY B also supports prenatal services for pregnant women under the unborn child option (as of 4/1/22), as well as state-funded coverage for children ages 12 and under regardless of immigration status (as of 1/1/23). As of December 2022, approximately 15,600 individuals were enrolled under HUSKY B.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,380,000 in FY 24 and \$6,230,000 in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under HUSKY B.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reflect Current Services Requirements for New Coverage Groups

HUSKY B Program	10,200,000	14,530,000	10,200,000	14,530,000	-	-
Medicaid	6,100,000	7,450,000	6,100,000	7,450,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	16,300,000	21,980,000	16,300,000	21,980,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$16.3 million in FY 24 and \$21,980,000 in FY 25 to support current expenditure requirements for new coverage groups as follows: \$10.2 million in FY 24 and \$14,530,000 in FY 25 to support children ages 12 and under regardless of immigration status on HUSKY B, \$4,170,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the annualization of postpartum coverage, and \$1,930,000 in FY 24 and \$3,280,000 in FY 25 to support dental and non-emergency medical transportation benefits for Covered CT enrollees.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Medicaid

Medicaid	(216,038,892)	(248,210,240)	(216,038,892)	(248,210,240)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(216,038,892)	(248,210,240)	(216,038,892)	(248,210,240)	-	-

Background

DSS' Medicaid program provides remedial, preventive, and long-term medical care for income eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals (HUSKY C), low-income adults (HUSKY D) and families with children (HUSKY A). Payment is made directly to health care providers, by the department, for services delivered to eligible individuals. Based on September 2022 quarterly enrollment figures, Medicaid services individuals across the HUSKY Health programs as follows: 540,700 individuals in HUSKY A, 8,400 in HUSKY C, and 345,800 in HUSKY D. The program complies with federal Medicaid law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and regulations.

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

Governor

Reduce funding by \$216,038,892 in FY 24 and \$248,210,240 in FY 25 to reflect current services requirements under the Medicaid program in DSS, including adjustments for anticipated cost and caseload changes, annualization of FY 23 costs, and Medicare Part D clawback requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for the Covered CT Program from the Office of Health Strategy

Medicaid	26,340,000	37,270,000	26,340,000	37,270,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	26,340,000	37,270,000	26,340,000	37,270,000	-	-

Background

The Covered CT program, established by Sec. 16-19 of PA 21-2, JSS, began on July 1, 2021 and was created to support low-income individuals who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford coverage through the state's health insurance marketplace, Access Health CT. The program provides no-cost coverage by eliminating any remaining premium obligation or cost-sharing obligation for a benchmark silver-level qualified health plan (QHP) available through Access Health CT. The state directly reimburses the plan for the monthly premium and cost-sharing amounts that the participant would normally have to pay. Participants will also receive free dental care and non-emergency medical transportation services, comparable to the benefits offered under the Connecticut Medicaid program. Funding will support the state's share of costs for the Covered CT program. Enrollment is projected to increase from the current caseload of approximately 15,000 participants as of December 2022 to over 40,000 participants by June 2025.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$26,340,000 in FY 24 and \$37,270,000 in FY 25 from OHS to reflect the administration of the Covered CT program under DSS. After accounting for the federal share, total funding of \$53.6 million in FY 24 and \$74.5 million in FY 25 is transferred from OHS.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Conform with Hospital Settlement Agreement

Medicaid	16,140,000	33,010,000	16,140,000	33,010,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	16,140,000	33,010,000	16,140,000	33,010,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$16,140,000 in FY 24 and \$33,010,000 in FY 25 to conform to the hospital settlement agreement.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reflect Transition to Acuity-Based Reimbursement for Nursing Homes

Medicaid	17,160,000	32,840,000	17,160,000	32,840,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	17,160,000	32,840,000	17,160,000	32,840,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$17,160,000 in FY 24 and \$32,840,000 in FY 25 to reflect the transition to acuity-based rates for nursing homes.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Nursing Home Fair Rent Additions

Medicaid	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 to reflect nursing home fair rent additions.

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 Statutorily Required Rate Increases

Medicaid	37,800,000	63,700,000	37,800,000	63,700,000	-	-
Old Age Assistance	2,250,000	3,860,000	2,250,000	3,860,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	32,000	51,100	32,000	51,100	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	2,090,000	3,410,000	2,090,000	3,410,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	42,172,000	71,021,100	42,172,000	71,021,100	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$42,172,000 in FY 24 and \$71,021,100 in FY 25 to reflect statutorily required rate increases for nursing homes (\$35.9 million in FY 24 and \$60.5 million in FY 25), intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-IDDs, \$1.9 million in FY 24 and \$3.2 million in FY 25), as well as residential care homes (RCHs) and rated housing facilities (\$4,372,000 in FY 24 and \$7,321,100 in FY 25).

Legislative

Same as Governor. Statutorily required rate increases funded under Medicaid are removed in a separate policy write-up. Increases for RCHs and rated housing facilities are delayed to FY 25.

Provide Funding for Statutorily Required Cost of Living Adjustments

Old Age Assistance	420,000	750,000	420,000	750,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	3,200	6,100	3,200	6,100	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	630,000	1,100,000	630,000	1,100,000	-	-
Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	4,170,000	6,760,000	4,170,000	6,760,000	-	-
State Administered General Assistance	510,000	900,000	510,000	900,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,733,200	9,516,100	5,733,200	9,516,100	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,733,200 in FY 24 and \$9,516,100 in FY 25 to reflect statutorily required cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for the following programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), and State Administered General Assistance.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Supplemental Assistance Program

Old Age Assistance	9,900,000	11,570,000	9,900,000	11,570,000	-	-
Aid To The Blind	82,900	99,300	82,900	99,300	-	-
Aid To The Disabled	7,120,000	6,350,000	7,120,000	6,350,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	17,102,900	18,019,300	17,102,900	18,019,300	-	-

Background

State Supplemental programs consist of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Disabled. These programs provide monthly financial assistance to low-income individuals. These programs are entirely state funded but operate under both state and federal guidelines. In order to receive benefits, an individual must have another source of income to supplement, such as federal Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or veterans' benefits. All recipients are automatically eligible for health care benefits under the state's Medicaid program. As of December 2022, paid cases totaled 6,200 per month under Aid to the Disabled, 3,500 under Old Age Assistance, and 60 under Aid to the Blind.

Governor

Provide total funding of \$17,102,900 in FY 24 and \$18,019,300 in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Disabled.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Connecticut Home Care Program

Connecticut Home Care Program	1,793,291	3,324,348	1,793,291	3,324,348	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,793,291	3,324,348	1,793,291	3,324,348	-	-

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

Background

The state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (CHCP) provides home and community-based services to the elderly who are at risk of nursing home placement and meet the program's financial eligibility criteria. Category 1 (currently closed to intake) is targeted to individuals who are at risk of hospitalization or short-term nursing facility placement if preventive home care services are not provided. Category 2 is targeted to individuals who are frail enough to require nursing facility care but have resources that would prevent them from qualifying for Medicaid upon admission to a nursing facility. As of December 2022, the program is supporting approximately 1,700 state-funded clients.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,793,291 in FY 24 and \$3,324,348 in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under the Connecticut Home Care Program.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)

Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	15,190,000	18,400,000	15,190,000	18,400,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	15,190,000	18,400,000	15,190,000	18,400,000	-	-

Background

The Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families. The TFA program limits assistance to 21 months for non-exempt cases, with possible six month extensions for good cause. Individuals in the TFA program are usually eligible for health care services provided under the state's Medicaid program. Until recently, the average monthly caseload under this (and its predecessor) program steadily declined. PA 22-118 (as amendment by PA 22-146) included changes that adjusted the standard of need to 55% FPL resulting in increased caseload and higher benefits. As of December 2022, TFA is supporting approximately 6,400 participants (up from 5,800 in December 2021) with an average cost per case of \$630 per month (up from \$483 in December 2021).

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,190,000 in FY 24 and \$18.4 million in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under the TFA program.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services - State Administered General Assistance (SAGA)

State Administered General Assistance	(290,000)	(660,000)	(290,000)	(660,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(290,000)	(660,000)	(290,000)	(660,000)	-	-

Background

The State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides limited cash assistance to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons. As of December 2022, there were approximately 3,900 unduplicated paid cases with an average cost per case of \$245.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$290,000 in FY 24 and \$660,000 in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements for SAGA.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Update Current Services- Other Expenses

Other Expenses	12,002,741	(198,171)	12,002,741	(198,171)	-	-
Total - General Fund	12,002,741	(198,171)	12,002,741	(198,171)	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,002,741 in FY 24 and reduce funding by \$198,171 in FY 25 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under Other Expenses. FY 24 increases include supports for the public health emergency unwinding and enterprise operating model transition.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	15,191,063	17,018,132	15,191,063	17,018,132	-	-
Total - General Fund	15,191,063	17,018,132	15,191,063	17,018,132	-	-

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 \$15,191,063 in FY 24 and \$17,018,132 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove FY 2023 Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	(5,420,745)	-	-

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 \$5,420,745 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Safety Net Services	128,258	128,258	128,258	128,258	-	-
Services for Persons With Disabilities	25,591	25,591	25,591	25,591	-	-
Nutrition Assistance	72,169	72,169	72,169	72,169	-	-
Community Services	695,249	260,589	695,249	260,589	-	-
Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	304,597	304,597	304,597	304,597	-	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	105,960	105,960	105,960	105,960	-	-
Domestic Violence Shelters	594,592	594,592	594,592	594,592	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,926,416	1,491,756	1,926,416	1,491,756	-	-

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 Veterans' 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 (5.41%). Funding was previously centrally appropriated in the Office of Policy and Management's Private Provider account.

Governor

Funding of \$1,926,416 in FY 24 and \$1,491,756 in FY 25 is provided to support the annualization of FY 23 COLAs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Additional Support to Waiver and Home Health Providers Related to Minimum Wage

Medicaid	14,000,000	14,400,000	14,000,000	14,400,000	-	-
Connecticut Home Care Program	1,790,000	1,860,000	1,790,000	1,860,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	15,790,000	16,260,000	15,790,000	16,260,000	-	-

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

Governor

Provide funding of \$15,790,000 in FY 24 and \$16,260,000 in FY 25 to support increased costs for home health and waiver providers due to minimum wage increases.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward**Provide Funding for FQHCs in FY 24**

Medicaid	-	-	32,000,000	-	32,000,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	32,000,000	-	32,000,000	-

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 carryforward funding of \$32 million in FY 24 to support temporary grants to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Provide Carryforward Funding to Support DSS System Changes for TFA

Medicaid	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	-

Legislative

Provide carryforward funding of \$1.2 million in FY 24 to support required DSS system changes related to extending the TFA time limit to 36 months.

Provide Funding for MED-Connect Study

Medicaid	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-

Background

Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities, known as MED-Connect, provides medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities with incomes up to \$75,000 annually. Some enrollees pay a monthly premium, depending on income.

Legislative

Provide carryforward funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 to support a study on MED-Connect and the potential for expanding eligibility for the program.

Provide Support for Harriott Home Health Services

Community Services	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-

Background

Harriott Home Health Services provides in-home medical and behavioral health services in the Hartford area.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 for a grant to Harriott Home Health Services for operational support.

Provide Support for Branford Counseling and Community Services

Community Services	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 to support one-time programming costs to Branford Counseling and Community Services.

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

Provide Support for Human Resources Agency of New Britain

Community Services	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	100,000	-	100,000	-

Background

Human Resources Agency (HRA) of New Britain is a community action agency providing services to residents of New Britain, Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, and Plymouth.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 23 for a grant to Human Resources Agency of New Britain for campus improvements.

Provide Support for Food2Kids

Community Services	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	-

Background

Food2Kids, located in Orange, supports school children in need by providing food on weekends when children are out of school.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$25,000 in FY 24 for a grant to Food2Kids for operational support.

Provide Support for Brian's Angels

Community Services	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	-

Background

Brian's Angels supports the homeless community in Bristol through the provision of food, clothing, and shelter.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$25,000 in FY 24 for a grant to Brian's Angels for one-time operational support.

American Rescue Plan Act

Provide Client Support Funds - Community Action Agencies

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.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10 million in FY 24 for client support funds to the Community Action Agencies (CAA).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Two Months of Premium Assistance under Access Health CT

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

Governor

Provide funding of \$10 million in FY 24 to provide two months of premium assistance for individuals with income above the Covered Connecticut threshold of 175% FPL but below 200% FPL, who enroll in a benchmark silver-level qualified health plan under Access Health CT.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Day Kimball Hospital

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	8,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000	2,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	8,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000	2,000,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$8 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 to support Day Kimball Hospital. Funding will support the development and implementation of a plan to maintain essential health services aligned with community need and a path to financial viability. Section 51 of PA 23-204, the budget bill, is related to this change.

Provide Capital Funding for RCHs Grandfathered under Outdated Codes

ARPA - CSFRF	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	-	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 24 to support capital funding for Residential Care Homes (RCHs) grandfathered under outdated codes.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Support for Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund

ARPA - CSFRF	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$4 million in FY 24 for the Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund. Specialized services include bariatric, ventilator and hemodialysis beds. This funding will support infrastructure costs associated with increasing the state's capacity for such beds.

Legislative

Save as Governor

Provide Funding for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services

ARPA - CSFRF	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$4 million in FY 25 to reflect continued support for specialized mental health providers offering early treatment services for children and parents.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Migrant Support

ARPA - CSFRF	3,250,000	-	3,250,000	-	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	3,250,000	-	3,250,000	-	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,250,000 in FY 24 to support refugee workforce training and wraparound services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3,250,000 in FY 24 for migrant support, including refugee workforce training and wraparound services.

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

Provide Funding for a Provider Rate Study and Implementation Strategy

ARPA - CSFRF	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	2,000,000

Background

Section 1 of PA 23-186 requires DSS to conduct a two-part study of Medicaid rates of reimbursement beginning with (1) an examination of such rates for physician specialists, dentists and behavioral health providers followed by (2) a review of the reimbursement system for all other aspects of the Medicaid program, including, but not limited to, ambulance services, the encounter-based reimbursement model for federally qualified health centers and reimbursement rates for specialty hospitals, complex nursing care and methadone maintenance.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 for a provider rate study and implementation strategy. The study is anticipated to encompass a review of all rates and fee-setting processes, levels of payment and related access implications, as well as develop a system to rank rates and prioritize rate-setting policies.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 for a provider rate study and implementation strategy. The study is anticipated to be done in two phases and encompass a review of all rates and fee-setting processes, levels of payment and related access implications, and a system to rank rates and prioritize rate-setting policies.

Provide Supports for Public Health Emergency Unwind

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

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 to support the Public Health Emergency (PHE) unwinding process through outreach to medically needy individuals who may no longer qualify for Medicaid and for whom a gap in health care coverage could be catastrophic (e.g., those on dialysis).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Hospital Based Autism Services Pilot

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

Background

Section 18 of PA 23-137 requires DSS to establish a two-year pilot program in partnership with a hospital to provide nonresidential outpatient day services for persons with autism spectrum disorder, by 1/1/24.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support a hospital-based autism services pilot.

Provide Capital Grants for Mobile Vans for Free Health Clinics

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

Governor

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 to support capital grants for the purchase or upgrade of free health clinic mobile vans.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reallocate Funding for Charter Oak Health Care

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	230,000	-	230,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	230,000	-	230,000	-

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

Legislative

Reallocate funding of \$230,000 in FY 24 to support Charter Oak Health Care. Funding of \$330,000 was originally provided for Charter Oak Urgent Care in FY 23.

Fund Temporary Workers to Support HUSKY Eligibility

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 for temporary workers to support the HUSKY eligibility process.

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	4,954,944,668	4,954,944,668	4,954,944,668	4,954,944,668	-	-
Policy Revisions	(827,732,988)	(842,180,214)	(817,747,257)	(798,466,683)	9,985,731	43,713,531
Current Services	333,050,079	442,669,136	333,050,079	442,669,136	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	4,460,261,759	4,555,433,590	4,470,247,490	4,599,147,121	9,985,731	43,713,531

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	1,910	1,910	1,910	1,910	-	-
Policy Revisions	(48)	(48)	(97)	(84)	(49)	(36)
Total Recommended - GF	1,862	1,862	1,813	1,826	(49)	(36)