

Office of Workforce Strategy OWS47500

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	-	-	-	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	-	259,666	-	1,317,872	1,336,510	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	35,000	35,000	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	-	259,666	-	1,352,872	1,371,510	-	-

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

Policy Revisions

Adjust Resources for the Office of Workforce Strategy

Personal Services	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.

Currently 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.

Governor

Transfer funds of \$470,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 and three positions from the Governor's Office to OWS. While OWS will be budgetarily a stand-alone agency, the agency will reside within the Department of Labor for administrative purposes only, as they have the capacity to support OWS in administering similar tranches of federal funding. Sec. 2 of HB 6660, *An Act Recommending the Governor's Budget Recommendations for General Government*, implements this provision.

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. Sec. 70 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, implements this provision.

Adjust Funding for Positions Currently Supported by Federal Funds

Personal Services	468,864	484,379	-	-	(468,864)	(484,379)
Other Expenses	35,000	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	(35,000)
Total - General Fund	503,864	519,379	-	-	(503,864)	(519,379)
Positions - General Fund	4	4	-	-	(4)	(4)

Background

Currently 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.

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

Governor

Provide funding of \$468,864 in FY 24 and \$484,379 FY 25 to support four positions currently funded through primarily through federal funding. In addition, provide \$35,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for general administrative expenses.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$468,864 in FY 24 and \$484,379 FY 25 to support four positions currently funded through primarily through federal funding under the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). In addition, provide funding of \$35,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 in DECD for general administrative expenses.

Adjust Funding and Positions for Administrative and Fiscal Support

Personal Services	245,000	245,000	-	-	(245,000)	(245,000)
Total - General Fund	245,000	245,000	-	-	(245,000)	(245,000)
Positions - General Fund	2	2	-	-	(2)	(2)

Background

The Office of Workforce Strategy is currently under the Governor's Office for administrative purposes only. The OWS currently has two temporary positions supported by federal funds that provide administrative support to the office.

Governor

Provide funding of \$245,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support two positions for administrative and fiscal support for OWS as a stand-alone agency.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$245,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support two positions for administrative and fiscal support under the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Adjust Funding for Regulation, Prevention & Education of Adult Recreational Cannabis Use

Personal Services	100,000	100,000	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total - General Fund	100,000	100,000	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
Positions - General Fund	1	1	-	-	(1)	(1)

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 \$100,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis under the Department of Economic and Community Development.

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

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

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.

Governor

Provide funding of \$34,008 in FY 24 and \$37,131 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

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

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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	1,318,864	1,334,379	-	-	(1,318,864)	(1,334,379)
Current Services	34,008	37,131	-	-	(34,008)	(37,131)
Total Recommended - GF	1,352,872	1,371,510	-	-	(1,352,872)	(1,371,510)

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	10	10	-	-	(10)	(10)
Total Recommended - GF	10	10	-	-	(10)	(10)