

Department of Housing

DOH46900

Position Summary

Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Permanent Full-Time - GF	2	20	20	21	21	0

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 13	Governor Estimated FY 14	Original Appropriation FY 15	Governor Revised FY 15	Legislative FY 15	Difference Leg-Gov FY 15
Personal Services	31,273	1,913,586	1,969,658	2,048,711	2,035,008	(13,703)
Other Expenses	0	140,000	140,000	175,000	173,266	(1,734)
Other Current Expenses						
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	0	1,058,144	1,058,144	1,058,144	1,196,144	138,000
Fair Housing	0	293,313	293,313	0	0	0
Main Street Investment Fund Administration	0	71,250	71,250	0	0	0
Other Than Payments to Local Governments						
Tax Relief For Elderly Renters	0	24,860,000	24,860,000	0	0	0
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	0	2,178,000	2,345,000	2,345,000	2,345,000	0
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	0	7,232,393	7,784,420	7,784,420	7,784,420	0
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	0	438,500	438,500	438,500	438,500	0
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	0	2,191,495	2,162,504	2,162,504	2,162,504	0
Housing/Homeless Services	0	58,815,972	63,440,480	63,390,480	63,740,480	350,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments						
Tax Abatement	0	1,444,646	1,444,646	1,444,646	1,444,646	0
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	0	1,873,400	1,873,400	1,873,400	1,873,400	0
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	0	640,398	640,398	640,398	640,398	0
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	55,377	7,043	537,706	511,608	(26,098)
Agency Total - General Fund	31,273	103,206,474	108,528,756	83,898,909	84,345,374	446,465
Fair Housing	0	168,639	168,639	500,000	500,000	0
Agency Total - Banking Fund	0	168,639	168,639	500,000	500,000	0
Total - Appropriated Funds	31,273	103,375,113	108,697,395	84,398,909	84,845,374	446,465
Additional Funds Available						
Carry Forward Funding	0	0	0	1,650,000	1,650,000	0
Agency Grand Total	31,273	103,375,113	108,697,395	86,048,909	86,495,374	446,465

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Current Services

Provide Additional Funding for Other Expenses

Other Expenses	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	0

Governor

Provide funding of \$35,000, or 25% of the original FY 15 appropriation, to reflect expenditure requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Reduce Renters' Rebate to Reflect Current Utilization

Tax Relief For Elderly Renters	0	(3,000,000)	0	(3,000,000)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(3,000,000)	0	(3,000,000)	0	0

Background

The Renters' Rebate/Tax Relief for Elderly Renters program provides reimbursement for renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home, may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

PA 13-234, the health and human services implementer, limited intake to the program by specifying that an individual who did not receive a grant for expenses incurred in calendar year 2011, or any subsequent year, would not be eligible to apply for another grant. There is an anticipated lapse of approximately \$3 million in FY 14 in this account primarily attributable to this policy change.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$3 million for the Renters' Rebate program to reflect current utilization of the program.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Money Follows the Person to Reflect Needs

Housing/Homeless Services	0	(600,000)	0	(600,000)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(600,000)	0	(600,000)	0	0

Background

The federal Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant encourages states to reduce their reliance on institutional care for Medicaid recipients by transitioning individuals out of institutional settings and into community settings with appropriate supports.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$600,000 for the Money Follows the Person program to reflect savings due to slower than anticipated transition for individuals in the program. The savings will be repurposed to provide support services and rental assistance program (RAP) certificates for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Revise Estimated GAAP Requirements

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	530,663	0	530,663	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	530,663	0	530,663	0	0

Background

Each agency's budget includes a line item account called "Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals." This line item represents the estimate of the difference between an agency's cash-basis budget amount and the accrual-basis amounts that will be reflected under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). These funds will not be available for spending; in the aggregate they will prevent the state's GAAP deficit from growing.

Governor

Provide funding of \$530,663 to reflect updated estimates of accruals to comply with GAAP. Across all appropriated funds, there is a net GAAP reduction of \$33.8 million.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Policy Revisions

Re-open Eligibility to Renters' Rebate Program

Tax Relief For Elderly Renters	0	6,549,269	0	6,549,269	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	6,549,269	0	6,549,269	0	0

Background

The Renters' Rebate/Tax Relief for Elderly Renters program provides reimbursement for renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home, may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

Section 38 of PA 13-234, the health and human services implementer, limited intake to the program by specifying that an individual who did not receive a grant for expenses incurred in calendar year 2011, or any subsequent year, would not be not eligible to apply for another grant.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,549,269 to the Renters' Rebate program to re-open eligibility to the program. Section 7 of SB 21, the Governor's proposed general government implementer, re-opens eligibility to the program, applicable to rebate applications made on or after April 1, 2014.

Legislative

Same as Governor Section 49 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer, re-opens eligibility to the program, applicable to rebate applications made on or after April 1, 2014.

Transfer Renters' Rebate Program to OPM

Personal Services	(1)	(69,243)	(1)	(69,243)	0	0
Tax Relief For Elderly Renters	0	(28,409,269)	0	(28,409,269)	0	0
Total - General Fund	(1)	(28,478,512)	(1)	(28,478,512)	0	0

Background

PA 13-234, the health and human services implementer, transferred the Renters' Rebate program from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to the Department of Housing. PA 13-184, the FY 14 and FY 15 Budget, transferred the associated funding to the program. However, for administrative purposes, the program remained in OPM in FY 14.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$28,478,512 and one position associated with the Renters' Rebate program to the Office of Policy and Management. Sections 5 - 11 and 27 of SB 21, the Governor's proposed general government implementer, returns the administration of the Renters' Rebate Program to the Office of Policy and Management from the Department of Housing.

Legislative

Same as Governor Sections 48 - 54 and 258 of PA 14-217, the budget implementer, returns the administration of the Renters' Rebate Program to the Office of Policy and Management from the Department of Housing.

Provide Funding for 110 Additional RAPs

Housing/Homeless Services	0	1,100,000	0	1,100,000	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	1,100,000	0	1,100,000	0	0

Background

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is the major state-funded program for assisting very-low income families to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1.1 million to support Rental Assistance Program (RAP) certificates for 110 units of scattered site supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities. Funding of \$1.1 million under the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will support the services related to these units.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Transfer Funding to DMHAS for Services Related to RAPs

Housing/Homeless Services	0	(600,000)	0	(600,000)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(600,000)	0	(600,000)	0	0

Governor

Transfer funding of \$600,000 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Housing Support Services. These funds, in conjunction with funding of \$500,000 under the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will support \$1.1 million for wrap-around services related to 110 new Rental Assistance Program (RAP) units of scattered site supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for 20 DCF RAPs

Housing/Homeless Services	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000

Background

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is the major state-funded program for assisting very-low income families to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 to support 20 RAPs for clients of the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Provide Funding for Public Housing Resident Network

Housing/Homeless Services	0	0	0	150,000	0	150,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	150,000	0	150,000

Background

The Public Housing Resident Network is a statewide organization that seeks to educate, empower and unite public housing residents throughout Connecticut.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 to the Public Housing Resident Network to provide information, training, and technical assistance to housing authority residents.

Provide Funding for Housing Authority Technical Assistance

Personal Services	2	148,296	2	148,296	0	0
Total - General Fund	2	148,296	2	148,296	0	0

Governor

Provide funding of \$148,296 and two staff positions to provide individualized technical assistance to housing authorities statewide so they may develop and enhance their ability to address housing needs in their communities.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Supportive Housing Facilities

Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	0	0	0	138,000	0	138,000
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	138,000	0	138,000

Background

The Jefferson is a 70 unit mixed-use elderly housing complex in New Britain. Of the 70 units, 100% are affordable housing units with 14 units set aside for homeless persons.

The Horace Bushnell Apartments in Hartford has 74 units of elderly housing with eight units set aside for homeless persons.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$138,000 for the Columbus House to support the costs associated with Resident Service Coordinator/Case Manager services at The Jefferson complex in New Britain and the Horace Bushnell Apartments in Hartford. The funding will be distributed equally between the two housing facilities to fund one Resident Service Coordinator/Case Manager at each.

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Reduce Funding for Main Street Investment Fund

Main Street Investment Fund Administration	0	(71,250)	0	(71,250)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(71,250)	0	(71,250)	0	0

Background

The Main Street Investment Fund provides grants of up to \$500,000 to towns that either (1) have populations of 30,000 or less or (2) are eligible for the Small Town Economic Assistance Program. Towns must use the grants for eligible projects that develop or improve their commercial centers to: (1) attract small business; (2) promote commercial viability; and (3) improve aesthetics and pedestrian access.

The state contracts with the Connecticut Main Streets Center to assist with the administration of the program.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$71,250 for the Main Street Investment Fund Administration account. The Department of Housing will administer the Fund rather than through contracted services.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Support Housing for Homeless Veterans

Housing/Homeless Services	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	0

Background

The Security Deposit Guarantee Program provides a guarantee to landlords of up to two months' rent instead of an actual payment for eligible households.

Governor

Provide funding of \$50,000 to Security Deposit program to assist homeless veterans.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Support of Fair Housing Program to the Banking Fund

Fair Housing	0	(293,313)	0	(293,313)	0	0
Total - General Fund	0	(293,313)	0	(293,313)	0	0
Fair Housing	0	293,313	0	293,313	0	0
Total - Banking Fund	0	293,313	0	293,313	0	0

Background

The Department of Housing provides a state grant to the Connecticut Fair Housing Center through the Fair Housing account. The intent of the grant is to increase the access of people in protected classes to the existing supply of houses in the state as well as expand outreach and educational activities. The Fair Housing Center promotes opportunities and protects against housing discrimination. The Fair Housing Center receives funding through a General Fund appropriation as well as a Banking Fund appropriation that supports two positions. The Banking Fund is supported by assessments, fees and fines paid by depository institutions supervised by the Department of Banking. As of March 2014, the balance in the Banking Fund is \$29.1 million.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$293,313 for the Fair Housing Center through the Banking Fund instead of the General Fund.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Additional Funding for the Fair Housing Program

Fair Housing	0	38,048	0	38,048	0	0
Total - Banking Fund	0	38,048	0	38,048	0	0

Governor

Provide funding of \$38,048 to the Fair Housing Center for general operational support.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Distribute Lapses

Personal Services	0	0	0	(13,703)	0	(13,703)
Other Expenses	0	0	0	(1,734)	0	(1,734)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(15,437)	0	(15,437)

Background

The Governor's Revised FY 15 budget included a bottom line General Lapse of \$14,243,700, a General Other Expenses Lapse of \$4,000,000, and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$6,796,754. These lapse amounts would have been determined and distributed to agencies by OPM at the beginning of FY 15.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$15,437 to reflect distribution of the General Lapse, \$1,734 for the General Other Expense Lapse, and \$13,703 for the Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse.

Adjust Funding for GAAP

Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	0	0	0	(26,098)	0	(26,098)
Total - General Fund	0	0	0	(26,098)	0	(26,098)

Legislative

Adjust funding by \$26,098 in FY 15 to reflect changes to GAAP accruals as a result of a policy change.

Carry Forward

Carry Forward Funding for Rental Assistance Program

Housing/Homeless Services	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	0
Total - Carry Forward Funding	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	0

Governor

Section 11 of HB 5030, the Governor's FY 15 Revised Budget, carries forward \$1 million from FY 14 into FY 15 for the Rental Assistance Program.

Legislative

Section 10 of PA 14-47, the FY 15 Revised Budget, carries forward \$1 million from FY 14 into FY 15 for the Rental Assistance Program.

Carry Forward Funding for Rapid Re-housing

Housing/Homeless Services	0	650,000	0	650,000	0	0
Total - Carry Forward Funding	0	650,000	0	650,000	0	0

Background

Rapid Re-housing is a mechanism to assist families who currently are homeless or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless find stable housing rather than emergency shelter. The FY 14 - 15 biennial budget includes \$250,000 in each fiscal year to facilitate rapid re-housing activities and homelessness prevention in Southeastern Connecticut.

Governor

Section 11 of HB 5030, the Governor's FY 15 Revised Budget, carries forward \$650,000 from FY 14 into FY 15 to support rapid re-housing activities.

Legislative

Section 10 of PA 14-47, the FY 15 Revised Budget, carries forward \$650,000 from FY 14 into FY 15 to support rapid re-housing activities.

Account	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 15		Legislative FY 15		Difference from Governor	
	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$	Pos.	\$
Original Appropriation - GF	20	108,528,756	20	108,528,756	0	0
Current Services	0	(3,034,337)	0	(3,034,337)	0	0
Policy Revisions	1	(21,595,510)	1	(21,149,045)	0	446,465
Total Recommended - GF	21	83,898,909	21	84,345,374	0	446,465
Original Appropriation - BF	0	168,639	0	168,639	0	0
Policy Revisions	0	331,361	0	331,361	0	0
Total Recommended - BF	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	0

Other Significant Legislation**PA 14-45, An Act Transferring Funds Deposited in the Community Investment Act to the Department of Housing**

The Act redirects to the Department of Housing all community investment account (CIA) funds that the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority received under prior law.

PA 14-47, An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Sections 30 and 31 contain provisions that allow the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to allocate specific lapses to state agencies in the three branches of government (these are typically called holdbacks). The agency's FY 15 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table to achieve the lapses included in PA 14-47. This includes a General Lapse of \$7,300 and a Statewide Hiring Reduction Lapse of \$9,909. See the FY 15 Holdbacks schedule in Section VI of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

Account	Appropriation \$	Reduction Amount \$	Net Remaining \$	% Reduction
Personal Services	2,035,008	(17,209)	2,017,799	0.85%