

Department of Housing DOH46900

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 14	Actual FY 15	Governor Estimated FY 16	Original Appropriation FY 17	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference Fin-Gov FY 17
General Fund	20	21	23	23	23	23	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 14	Actual FY 15	Governor Estimated FY 16	Original Appropriation FY 17	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference Fin-Gov FY 17
Personal Services	1,849,132	1,870,549	2,234,652	2,242,842	-	2,003,013	2,003,013
Other Expenses	174,831	173,266	173,266	194,266	-	180,052	180,052
Other Current Expenses							
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	1,052,360	1,188,638	1,196,144	1,196,144	-	1,045,889	1,045,889
Fair Housing	293,313	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Operations	-	-	-	-	83,598,359	-	(83,598,359)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Tax Relief For Elderly Renters	21,607,330	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	2,178,000	2,345,000	2,255,625	2,332,250	-	2,181,051	2,181,051
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	7,105,908	7,517,398	7,783,636	8,054,279	-	7,359,331	7,359,331
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	438,400	304,560	411,094	416,575	-	366,503	366,503
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	2,167,081	1,732,854	2,162,504	2,162,504	-	2,002,085	2,002,085
Housing/Homeless Services	52,937,732	60,636,303	69,107,806	75,227,013	-	66,995,503	66,995,503
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Tax Abatement	1,444,646	1,372,414	1,118,580	1,153,793	-	1,078,993	1,078,993
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	1,873,400	1,779,730	-	-	-	-	-
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	640,398	640,398	640,398	640,398	-	592,893	592,893
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	12,420	16,986	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	93,774,951	79,578,096	87,083,705	93,620,064	83,598,359	83,805,313	206,954
Fair Housing	168,639	500,000	670,000	670,000	-	670,000	670,000
Agency Operations	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	(500,000)
Agency Total - Banking Fund	168,639	500,000	670,000	670,000	500,000	670,000	170,000
Total - Appropriated Funds	93,943,590	80,078,096	87,753,705	94,290,064	84,098,359	84,475,313	376,954

Account	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
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Policy Revisions

Reduce Funding for Various Accounts

Personal Services	-	(122,200)	(122,200)
Other Expenses	-	(12,482)	(12,482)
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	-	(72,506)	(72,506)

Account	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
Agency Operations	(5,052,653)	-	5,052,653
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	-	(151,199)	(151,199)
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	-	(617,112)	(617,112)
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	-	(25,408)	(25,408)
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	-	(138,794)	(138,794)
Housing/Homeless Services	-	(4,040,432)	(4,040,432)
Tax Abatement	-	(74,800)	(74,800)
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	-	(41,102)	(41,102)
Total - General Fund	(5,052,653)	(5,296,035)	(243,382)

Background

The Governor reduces funding in the new Agency Operations accounts across state agencies by \$267.9 million.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$5,052,653 to reflect a 5.75% reduction.

Final

Reduce funding by \$5,296,035 across all accounts to achieved savings.

Eliminate the Tax Abatement Program

Tax Abatement	(1,153,793)	-	1,153,793
Total - General Fund	(1,153,793)	-	1,153,793

Background

Through the Tax Abatement program, the state makes partial tax payments to municipalities on behalf of non-profit owners of eligible rental housing in order to maintain rent at an affordable level for tenants. The program funds only those municipalities originally in the program; no new applicants are currently accepted. In FY 16, funding for this program was eliminated through a statutorily required lapse adjustment per PA 15-244.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1,153,793 in FY 17 in order to achieve savings. This adjustment which is a continuation of the FY 16 lapse in the account effectively eliminates the program in FY 17.

Final

Maintain funding of \$1,153,793 in FY 17 for the Tax Abatement program.

Consolidate Appropriations for Agency Operations

Personal Services	(2,125,213)	-	2,125,213
Other Expenses	(192,534)	-	192,534
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	(1,118,395)	-	1,118,395
Agency Operations	87,872,219	-	(87,872,219)
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	(2,332,250)	-	2,332,250
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	(7,976,443)	-	7,976,443
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	(316,575)	-	316,575
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	(2,140,879)	-	2,140,879
Housing/Homeless Services	(71,035,935)	-	71,035,935
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	(633,995)	-	633,995
Total - General Fund	-	-	-
Fair Housing	(500,000)	-	500,000
Agency Operations	500,000	-	(500,000)
Total - Banking Fund	-	-	-

Background

Currently, state agency appropriations are distributed between multiple line items. The Governor's Revised FY 17 budget consolidates funding by collapsing most or all appropriations into a new "Agency Operations" line item. Certain major line items such as Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grants, entitlements, pension and debt service payments, remain as separate line items within their respective agencies and are not consolidated.

Governor

Consolidate all agency appropriations into one account.

Account	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
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Final

Maintain existing appropriated accounts.

Transfer Funding to Agencies for Fringe Benefits

Agency Operations	778,793	-	(778,793)
Total - General Fund	778,793	-	(778,793)

Background

Funding for fringe benefits for General Fund and Special Transportation Fund supported employees is budgeted centrally in the State Comptroller-Fringe Benefit accounts.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$778,793 from the Office of the State Comptroller to the Agency Operations account to support fringe benefit costs for employers' social security and Medicare taxes, active employee health, and the normal retirement costs for employees whose earnings are supported by the General Fund and the Special Transportation Fund.

Final

Maintain funding for fringe benefits within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Adjust Funding for Additional Attorneys

Fair Housing	(170,000)	-	170,000
Total - Banking Fund	(170,000)	-	170,000

Background

In 2012, the state received funding from the National Mortgage Settlement. Per a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Banking and the Department of Economic and Community Development from 2012, \$510,000 was provided to the Connecticut Fair Housing Center for two staff attorney for a three year duration to support foreclosure prevention activities. On an annual basis, the funding equated to \$170,000 in each of FY 13-FY 15. This MOU and the funding agreement were transferred to the Department of Housing when it was established in FY 14. The FY 16 and FY 17 Biennial Budget included an appropriation from the Banking Fund to continue to fund these positions.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$170,000 in FY 17 for two positions related to foreclosure prevention activities at the Connecticut Fair Housing Center in order to achieve savings.

Final

Maintain funding of \$170,000 in FY 17 for two positions related to foreclosure prevention activities at the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Adjust Funding for Housing Assistance and Counseling Program

Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	(75,336)	-	75,336
Total - General Fund	(75,336)	-	75,336

Background

The Housing Assistance and Counseling program provides assisted living services to the residents of five federal housing facilities. The program allows elderly residents to remain in their apartments and prevents premature replacement in nursing homes or other higher level of care facilities.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$75,336 for the Housing Assistance and Counseling Program to achieve savings.

Final

Maintain funding of \$75,336 for the Housing Assistance and Counseling Program

Rollout of FY 16 DMP

Personal Services	(67,039)	(67,039)	-
Other Expenses	(1,732)	(1,732)	-
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	(59,807)	(59,807)	-
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	(77,836)	(77,836)	-
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	(24,664)	(24,664)	-
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	(21,625)	(21,625)	-

Account	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
Housing/Homeless Services	(691,078)	(691,078)	-
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	(6,403)	(6,403)	-
Total - General Fund	(950,184)	(950,184)	-

Background

PA 15-1 December Special Session (AA Making Certain Structural Changes to the State Budget and Adjustments to the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017) made FY 16 General Fund expenditure modifications of \$195.8 million in various agencies and accounts. The Governor's FY 17 budget includes the rollout of \$90.5 million of the FY 16 DMP across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$950,184 in FY 17 to reflect the rollout of expenditure reductions in PA 15-1 DSS.

Final

Same as Governor

Distribute Lapses

Personal Services	(50,590)	(50,590)	-
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	(17,942)	(17,942)	-
Total - General Fund	(68,532)	(68,532)	-

Background

The Original FY 16 - 17 Biennial Budget included bottom line savings targets (lapses) totaling \$95,110,616 in FY 16 and \$100,816,745 in FY 17. These savings targets were allocated to agencies via holdbacks in FY 16.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$68,532 to reflect the allocation of these lapses in the FY 17 revised budget.

Final

Same as Governor

Current Services

Reduce Funding for Rental Assistance Program

Housing/Homeless Services	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-
Total - General Fund	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-

Background

The state Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is the major state-supported program for assisting very-low-income families to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. The RAP is comprised of traditional assistance to eligible households, as well as set asides for specific populations and initiatives, such as the Money Follows the Person program, supportive housing for Department of Children and Families clients, and scattered site supportive housing.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$3.5 million for the Rental Assistance Program to reflect savings experienced in FY 16 across RAP's various subprograms.

Final

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	93,620,064	93,620,064	-
Policy Revisions	(6,521,705)	(6,314,751)	206,954
Current Services	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-
Total Recommended - GF	83,598,359	83,805,313	206,954
Original Appropriation - BF	670,000	670,000	-
Policy Revisions	(170,000)	-	170,000
Total Recommended - BF	500,000	670,000	170,000

Positions	Governor Revised FY 17	Final FY 17	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	23	23	-
Total Recommended - GF	23	23	-

Other Significant Legislation**PA 16-3, An Act Concerning Revenue and Other Items to Implement the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017**

Section 42 extends by two years the requirement that municipalities waive certain payments due from certain state-financed housing authorities under the Moderate Rental PILOT program. This is an extension of PA 15-5 JSS, which prohibited municipalities from requiring an authority to make these payments to municipalities in FY 16 only. PA 16-2 MSS, the revised FY 17 budget, did not provide an appropriation for this program.

PA 16-2, An Act Adjusting the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017

Sections 26, 34, 35, and 36 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 17 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table below to achieve the lapses included in PA 16-2. This includes an Unallocated Lapse of \$168,093 and a Targeted Lapse of \$1,382,821. See the FY 17 Holdbacks schedule in Section V of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

Account	Appropriation \$	Reduction Amount \$	Net Remaining \$	% Reduction
Personal Services	2,003,013	(20,030)	1,982,983	1.00%
Other Expenses	180,052	(1,800)	178,252	1.00%
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	1,045,889	(10,458)	1,035,431	1.00%
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	2,181,051	(21,810)	2,159,241	1.00%
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	7,359,331	(73,593)	7,285,738	1.00%
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	366,503	(318,282)	48,221	86.84%
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	2,002,085	(20,020)	1,982,065	1.00%
Tax Abatement	1,078,993	(1,078,993)	-	100.00%
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	592,893	(5,928)	586,965	1.00%