

Department of Housing DOH46900

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
General Fund	21	23	23	23	23	23	23
Insurance Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
Personal Services	1,870,549	2,002,589	2,003,013	1,853,013	1,853,013	1,853,013	1,853,013
Other Expenses	173,266	171,794	180,052	162,047	162,047	162,047	162,047
Other Current Expenses							
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	1,188,638	1,107,398	1,045,889	1,035,431	1,035,431	1,035,431	1,035,431
Homeless Youth	-	-	-	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	2,345,000	2,251,114	2,181,051	2,325,370	2,534,220	2,084,241	2,084,241
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	7,517,398	7,681,166	7,359,331	7,336,204	7,336,204	7,336,204	7,336,204
Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	304,560	384,123	366,503	-	-	-	-
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	1,732,854	2,043,242	2,002,085	1,982,065	1,982,065	1,982,065	1,982,065
Housing/Homeless Services	60,636,303	65,090,466	66,995,503	73,731,471	78,336,053	74,024,210	78,628,792
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Tax Abatement	1,372,414	-	1,078,993	-	-	-	-
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	1,779,730	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	640,398	632,458	592,893	586,965	586,965	586,965	586,965
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	16,986	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Total - General Fund	79,578,096	81,364,350	83,805,313	91,341,653	96,155,085	91,393,263	95,997,845
Fair Housing							
Fair Housing	500,000	670,000	670,000	603,000	603,000	670,000	670,000
Crumbling Foundations	-	-	-	2,700,000	2,700,000	-	-
Agency Total - Banking Fund	500,000	670,000	670,000	3,303,000	3,303,000	670,000	670,000
Crumbling Foundations							
Crumbling Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	110,844	110,844
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	-	-	-	-	-	110,844	110,844
Total - Appropriated Funds	80,078,096	82,034,350	84,475,313	94,644,653	99,458,085	92,174,107	96,778,689
Additional Funds Available							
Federal Funds	-	189,286,052	174,223,266	169,400,920	154,529,325	169,400,920	154,529,325
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	-	5,204,514	1,312,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Private Contributions	-	50,914,871	80,773,850	122,822,925	107,622,925	122,822,925	107,622,925
Agency Grand Total	80,078,096	327,439,787	340,784,429	388,368,498	363,110,335	385,897,952	360,430,939

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

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	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Support Crumbling Foundations

Crumbling Foundations	2,700,000	2,700,000	-	-	(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)
Total - Banking Fund	2,700,000	2,700,000	-	-	(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)
Crumbling Foundations	-	-	110,844	110,844	110,844	110,844
Total - Insurance Fund	-	-	110,844	110,844	110,844	110,844
Positions - Insurance Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Background

Crumbling foundations resulting from the presence of pyrrhotite have impacted homes in more than thirty towns in northcentral and northeastern Connecticut.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2.7 million in both FY 18 and FY 19 for a new program that will subsidize interest rates paid by impacted homeowners on loans that support the remediation of crumbling foundation issues.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$110,844 in FY 18 and FY 19 to support a special homeowner advocate position within the department to provide advice and assistance and coordinate state programs related to the crumbling foundations issue.

Provide TANF/SSBG Funding to CCDF

Housing/Homeless Services	3,495,579	4,660,772	3,495,579	4,660,772	-	-
Total - General Fund	3,495,579	4,660,772	3,495,579	4,660,772	-	-

Background

Connecticut receives \$266.8 million per year under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and transfers 10% of this amount to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Currently, TANF/SSBG funding is granted to the Departments of Social Services (DSS), Housing (DOH), and Children and Families (DCF), as well as the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The accounting period for the federal government begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

Governor

Shift funding of \$7,735,567 in FY 18 and \$10,314,089 in FY 19 from the current TANF/SSBG recipient agencies (DSS, DOH and DCF) to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) under OEC. This shift will have no net impact on revenue, or General Fund appropriations, and will not result in any reduction in services. Provide General Fund support to the former TANF/SSBG recipient agencies of \$7,735,567 in FY 18 and \$10,314,089 in FY 19 and decrease OEC General Fund support by equal amounts. This includes funding of \$2,407,211 (partial year due to federal accounting period) and \$3,209,614 (full-year) to DCF. (See the table below for further details.) The purpose of this shift is to simplify administrative activities related to provision of block grant-funded services for all agencies involved.

General Fund Appropriations Related to TANF/SSBG Shift

Agency	FY 18	FY 19
Department of Housing	3,495,579	4,660,772
Department of Social Services	1,832,777	2,443,703
Department of Children and Families	2,407,211	3,209,614
Office of Early Childhood	(7,735,567)	(10,314,089)
TOTAL	-	-

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Residences for Persons with AIDS

Housing/Homeless Services	(526,930)	(526,930)	(234,191)	(234,191)	292,739	292,739
Total - General Fund	(526,930)	(526,930)	(234,191)	(234,191)	292,739	292,739

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Background

The Department of Housing provides grants for housing and services to low income households that have a member diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$526,930 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for the Residences for Persons with AIDS program to achieve savings.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$234,191 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for the Residences for Persons with AIDS program to achieve savings.

Reduce Funding for Various Line Items

Personal Services	(129,970)	(129,970)	(129,970)	(129,970)	-	-
Other Expenses	(16,205)	(16,205)	(16,205)	(16,205)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(146,175)	(146,175)	(146,175)	(146,175)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$146,175 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings in the Personal Services and Other Expenses accounts.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Dedicate Funding for the Katie Blair House

Background

The Katie Blair House offers a supportive home environment for homeless women with no children for up to two years. On-site staff provide assistance with personal goal development and linkage to community services while residents prepare for independent living.

Legislative

Dedicate \$145,000 in FY 18 and FY 19 from the Housing/Homeless Services line item for a grant-in-aid to Bethsaida Community, Inc. for the Katie Blair House in Norwich.

Reduce Funding for Assisted Living Demonstration Program

Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	-	-	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)

Background

The Assisted Living Demonstration program provides grants to owners/managers of affordable housing units in the program which help offset the cost of rent for the low or very-low income elderly residents. Pursuant to CGS 17b-347e, the Department of Economic and Community Development (as the predecessor agency to the Department of Housing) joined a Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Public Health, and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to fund the Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration program.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$75,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings.

Adjust Funding for Fair Housing

Fair Housing	(67,000)	(67,000)	-	-	67,000	67,000
Total - Banking Fund	(67,000)	(67,000)	-	-	67,000	67,000

Background

The Fair Housing Center works to ensure that all people have equal access to housing opportunities in Connecticut. The state provides a grant to the Fair Housing Center to support fair housing and foreclosure prevention activities.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$67,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for the grant to the CT Fair Housing Center.

Legislative

Maintain funding for the grant to the CT Fair Housing Center.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Reduce Funding for the Security Deposit Guarantee Program

Housing/Homeless Services	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	-	-

Background

The Security Deposit Guarantee Program provides a guarantee to landlords of up to two month's rent instead of an actual payment.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$60,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(20,030)	(20,030)	(20,030)	(20,030)	-	-
Other Expenses	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	-	-
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	(10,458)	(10,458)	(10,458)	(10,458)	-	-
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	(21,810)	(21,810)	(21,810)	(21,810)	-	-
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	(73,593)	(73,593)	(73,593)	(73,593)	-	-
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	(20,020)	(20,020)	(20,020)	(20,020)	-	-
Tax Abatement	(1,078,993)	(1,078,993)	(1,078,993)	(1,078,993)	-	-
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	(5,928)	(5,928)	(5,928)	(5,928)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,232,632)	(1,232,632)	(1,232,632)	(1,232,632)	-	-

Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,232,632 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Current Services

Transfer Homeless Youth Program to Department of Housing

Homeless Youth	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087	2,329,087	-	-

Background

The Start program, currently funded under DCF's Homeless Youth account, is run by a non-profit provider, The Connection, Inc., to provide an array of outreach and survival support services for homeless youth, or youth who have unstable housing, between the ages of 16 and 24 in the Hartford area. Sections 418 and 419 of PA 15-5 JSS transfer the homeless youth program under DCF to DOH.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$2,329,087 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for homeless youth from DCF to DOH to reflect the transfer outlined in PA 15-5 JSS.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Provide Funding for Caseload for Money Follows the Person

Housing/Homeless Services	1,779,951	5,219,340	1,779,951	5,219,340	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,779,951	5,219,340	1,779,951	5,219,340	-	-

Background

The federal Money Follows the Person (MFP) 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

Provide funding of \$1,779,951 in FY 18 and \$5,219,340 in FY 19 to support rental assistance for new MFP transitions that are projected to occur in FY 18 and FY 19.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize FY 17 Funding for Money Follows the Person

Housing/Homeless Services	2,047,368	2,047,368	2,047,368	2,047,368	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,047,368	2,047,368	2,047,368	2,047,368	-	-

Background

Annualization refers to providing the amount of resources necessary for a 12 month period of operation.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,047,368 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect full year funding for new transitions to the MFP program occurring in the current fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Eliminate Funding for Housing Assistance and Counseling

Housing Assistance and Counseling Program	(366,503)	(366,503)	(366,503)	(366,503)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(366,503)	(366,503)	(366,503)	(366,503)	-	-

Background

The Departments of Housing and Social Services with the Office of Policy and Management developed and implemented a demonstration program to bring assisted living services to residents of two federally-funded facilities and encourage participation in the state's Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. The state began a phase down of the program in FY 17 due to budget constraints.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$366,503 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to complete the phase out of the demonstration program.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Assisted Living Demonstration Program

Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	166,129	374,979	-	-	(166,129)	(374,979)
Total - General Fund	166,129	374,979	-	-	(166,129)	(374,979)

Background

The Assisted Living Demonstration program provides grants to owners/managers of affordable housing units in the program which help offset the cost of rent for the low or very-low income elderly residents. Pursuant to CGS 17b-347e, DECD (as the predecessor agency to the Department of Housing) joined a Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Public Health, and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to fund the Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration program.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Governor

Provide funding of \$166,129 in FY 18 and \$374,979 in FY 19 for the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to finance the payment of debt service on mortgage loans and bonds in support of the Assisted Living Demonstration program.

Legislative

Do not provide funding of \$166,129 in FY 18 and \$374,979 in FY 18 and FY 19 in order to achieve savings.

Annualize Funding for Congregate Program

Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	50,466	50,466	50,466	50,466	-	-
Total - General Fund	50,466	50,466	50,466	50,466	-	-

Background

The Congregate Housing for the Elderly program provides grants, interim loans, permanent loans, deferred loans or any combination thereof for the development of congregate housing for frail elderly persons.

Governor

Provide funding of \$50,466 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize the cost of the Greenwich congregate facility that expanded in FY 17.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	83,805,313	83,805,313	83,805,313	83,805,313	-	-
Policy Revisions	1,529,842	2,695,035	1,747,581	2,912,774	217,739	217,739
Current Services	6,006,498	9,654,737	5,840,369	9,279,758	(166,129)	(374,979)
Total Recommended - GF	91,341,653	96,155,085	91,393,263	95,997,845	51,610	(157,240)
FY 17 Appropriation - BF	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	-	-
Policy Revisions	2,633,000	2,633,000	-	-	(2,633,000)	(2,633,000)
Total Recommended - BF	3,303,000	3,303,000	670,000	670,000	(2,633,000)	(2,633,000)
FY 17 Appropriation - IF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	110,844	110,844	110,844	110,844
Total Recommended - IF	-	-	110,844	110,844	110,844	110,844

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	23	23	23	23	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	23	23	23	23	-	-
FY 17 Appropriation - IF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	1	1	1	1
Total Recommended - IF	-	-	1	1	1	1

Other Significant Legislation

PA 17-2 JSS, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2019

Sections 12 - 16 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 18 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table below to achieve the lapses included in PA 17-2 JSS and amended in PA 17-4 JSS. This includes a Hiring Reduction Savings of \$4,079, a Labor Concessions Savings of \$66,627, and a Targeted Savings of \$1,753,981. See the FY 18 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	1,853,013	(70,706)	1,782,307	3.8%
Other Expenses	162,047	(8,102)	153,945	5.0%
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	1,035,431	(20,709)	1,014,722	2.0%
Homeless Youth	2,329,087	(46,582)	2,282,505	2.0%
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	7,336,204	(146,724)	7,189,480	2.0%
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	1,982,065	(39,641)	1,942,424	2.0%
Housing/Homeless Services	74,024,210	(1,480,484)	72,543,726	2.0%
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	586,965	(11,739)	575,226	2.0%