

## Office of the Chief Medical Examiner CME49500

### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 20	Actual FY 21	Governor Estimated FY 22	Original Appropriation FY 23	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference -Gov FY 23
General Fund	51	51	52	52	60	63	3

### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 20	Actual FY 21	Governor Estimated FY 22	Original Appropriation FY 23	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference -Gov FY 23
Personal Services	5,837,460	6,285,120	6,919,156	6,953,140	7,355,531	7,454,531	99,000
Other Expenses	1,160,340	1,286,754	1,534,987	1,534,987	1,878,987	1,878,987	-
Equipment	23,310	22,636	23,310	23,310	23,310	23,310	-
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Medicolegal Investigations	22,141	21,992	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150	-
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>7,043,251</b>	<b>7,616,502</b>	<b>8,499,603</b>	<b>8,533,587</b>	<b>9,279,978</b>	<b>9,378,978</b>	<b>99,000</b>
<b>Additional Funds Available</b>							
American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	-	-	333,799	860,667	526,868
<b>Agency Grand Total</b>	<b>7,043,251</b>	<b>7,616,502</b>	<b>8,499,603</b>	<b>8,533,587</b>	<b>9,613,777</b>	<b>10,239,645</b>	<b>625,868</b>

Account	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
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## Current Services

### Provide Support for the Agency's Response to the Opioid Crisis

Personal Services	324,551	423,551	99,000
Other Expenses	10,000	10,000	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>334,551</b>	<b>433,551</b>	<b>99,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Background

Between 2018 and 2020, accidental drug deaths in CT rose by 357 decedents, or 35.1%.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$334,551 and seven full-time positions to reflect the agency's increasing caseload resulting from the ongoing opioid crisis: 3 Forensic Technicians, 2 Special Investigators, one Medical Records Clerk, and one Specialized Photographer. Funding will also support 3 part-time Lab Assistants and one part-time Forensic Technician (four part-time positions in total).

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$433,551 and 10 full-time positions to reflect the agency's increasing caseload resulting from the ongoing opioid crisis: 3 Forensic Technicians, 2 Special Investigators, 3 full-time Lab Assistants, one Medical Records Clerk, and one Specialized Photographer. Funding will also support one part-time Forensic Technician.

### Provide Other Expenses Funding and Support for Increased Caseloads

Personal Services	77,840	77,840	-
Other Expenses	334,000	334,000	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>411,840</b>	<b>411,840</b>	-
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-

Account	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
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**Background**

Between 2018 and 2020, the number of autopsies completed by the agency increased by 461 decedents, or 18.7%.

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$411,840 to support the annualized cost of three part-time Laboratory Assistants, necessary to maintain adequate 24/7 coverage and increased costs for toxicology testing, medical and laboratory supplies, and body transport resulting from increased caseloads.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

## American Rescue Plan Act

### Testing and Other COVID-Related Expenditures

ARPA - CSFRF	333,799	860,667	526,868
<b>Total - American Rescue Plan Act</b>	<b>333,799</b>	<b>860,667</b>	<b>526,868</b>

**Background**

The Governor's FY 23 Revised Budget allocates or reallocates \$1,120.3 million in ARPA funding for a variety of initiatives across 22 agencies. This funding is available due to: 1) reallocation of \$809.9 million in funding earmarked as FY 22 and FY 23 General Fund revenue replacement by SA 21-15, as amended by PA 21-2 JSS, and; 2) an available balance of ARPA funding totaling \$310.4 million that was previously unallocated. Funding is earmarked for use from FY 23 to FY 25.

**Legislative**

Provide funding of \$860,667 in FY 23 to support predominately additional personal protective equipment, testing, and storage expenses.

### Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	8,533,587	8,533,587	-
Current Services	746,391	845,391	99,000
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>9,279,978</b>	<b>9,378,978</b>	<b>99,000</b>

Positions	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	52	52	-
Current Services	8	11	3
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>