

Department of Housing DOH46900

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	23	23	23	23	23	23	-
Insurance Fund	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

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	1,767,451	1,750,005	1,852,236	1,930,530	2,021,472	2,021,472	-
Other Expenses	164,892	164,067	164,069	164,069	112,210	112,210	-
Other Current Expenses							
Elderly Rental Registry and Counselors	1,011,170	1,011,170	1,011,170	1,011,170	1,011,170	1,011,170	-
Homeless Youth	2,284,904	2,234,904	2,644,904	2,934,904	2,934,904	2,934,904	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Subsidized Assisted Living Demonstration	2,612,000	2,678,000	2,636,000	2,928,000	2,928,000	2,928,000	-
Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	7,189,480	7,189,480	7,189,480	7,189,480	9,189,480	9,189,480	-
Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy	1,935,242	1,911,453	1,935,626	1,935,626	1,935,626	1,935,626	-
Housing/Homeless Services	75,925,554	83,183,703	85,369,348	85,323,311	85,323,311	85,423,311	100,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Housing/Homeless Services - Municipality	575,226	575,226	607,063	637,088	637,088	637,088	-
Agency Total - General Fund	93,465,919	100,698,008	103,409,896	104,054,178	106,093,261	106,193,261	100,000
Fair Housing	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	-
Agency Total - Banking Fund	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	-
Crumbling Foundations	102,360	106,569	156,000	158,383	158,383	158,383	-
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	102,360	106,569	156,000	158,383	158,383	158,383	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	94,238,279	101,474,577	104,235,896	104,882,561	106,921,644	107,021,644	100,000
Additional Funds Available							
Carryforward Funding	-	-	5,149,000	5,101,900	5,101,900	5,101,900	-
American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	300,000	-	50,000,000	57,675,000	7,675,000
Agency Grand Total	94,238,279	101,474,577	109,684,896	109,984,461	162,023,544	169,798,544	7,775,000

Account	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
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Policy Revisions

Provide Full Funding for the Congregate Operating Subsidy Program through the General Fund

Congregate Facilities Operation Costs	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	-

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Background

Through the Congregate Facilities Operating Cost Subsidies Program, the Department of Housing (DOH) provides grants to housing authorities and nonprofit corporations that own/operate state-financed congregate rental housing for the elderly. In FY 20, DOH assisted 25 congregate facilities with \$8.3 million in assistance.

Since FY 18, DOH has supplemented available appropriations with funding from the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund (HRRLF) and the Elderly Congregate Rent Subsidy (ERAP) account to cover the program's growing costs without a change to appropriations. However, there is no longer sufficient funding in the HRRLF to support the program.

Governor

Increase funding by \$2 million to support the full estimated annual cost of the Congregate Facilities Operating Subsidy Program in the General Fund. This funding will eliminate the program's reliance on the HRRLF, which has been depleted as a result.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Fund Administrative Support Position for Bonded Programs

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

Background

DOH administers state bond funds in excess of \$50 million per year through various programs, including the Affordable Housing Program (FLEX) and Housing Trust Fund.

Governor

Provide \$100,000 in Personal Services for a new General Fund position to reduce reliance on bond funds for administration of bonded programs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Christian Community Action

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

Background

Christian Community Action, Inc. is a non-profit organization in New Haven.

Legislative

Provide \$100,000 for a grant to Christian Community Action, Inc.

Transfer Funding to Reflect Centralizing Information Technology Functions in DAS

Personal Services	(9,058)	(9,058)	-
Other Expenses	(51,859)	(51,859)	-
Total - General Fund	(60,917)	(60,917)	-
Positions - General Fund	(1)	(1)	-

Background

The Governor's Revised FY 23 Budget centralizes Executive Branch IT functions in the Department of Administrative Services' new unit, the Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS). This IT centralization transfers 483 positions and \$39 million in Personal Services and \$32 million in Other Expenses across all appropriated funds to DAS.

PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, centralized certain Executive Branch IT functions in the Department of Administrative Services' new unit, the Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS). This IT centralization transfers 219 positions and \$23,441,490 million in Personal Services, \$20,820,373 million in Other Expenses, and \$1,375,200 in Fringe Benefits across four appropriated funds to DAS.

Governor

Transfer \$60,917 (\$9,058 in Personal Services and \$51,859 in Other Expenses) and one position to reflect centralizing this agency's IT functions in DAS.

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Legislative

Same as Governor

American Rescue Plan Act

Provide Support for Affordable Housing

ARPA - CSFRF	50,000,000	50,000,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	50,000,000	50,000,000	-

Background

PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, allocates or reallocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and allocates the portion of ARPA funding unallocated by SA 21-15, the FY 22 and FY 23 Budget. This results in a total of \$1,752.3 million in new ARPA allocations for a variety of initiatives and grant programs. This funding, plus all previous allocations, represents the total ARPA award to Connecticut via the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) and the Capital Relief Fund.

Governor

Provide funding of \$50 million in FY 23 to fund affordable housing initiatives across the state. DOH anticipates supporting the creation of 350 additional units of affordable housing targeted for households earning between 30% and 50% of the area median income, and leveraging that investment to support the production of as many as 1,000 additional units of housing.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Provide Funding for Homeless Services

ARPA - CSFRF	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	5,000,000	5,000,000

Background

PA 21-2 JSS, the implementer for the FY 22 and FY 23 Biennial Budget, carried forward FY 21 unexpended balances from various accounts to provide up to \$5 million in both FY 22 and FY 23 for homeless shelters.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$5 million for homeless services in FY 23. This is in addition to the \$5 million for homeless shelters in FY 23 previously provided by PA 21-2 JSS, the implementer of the FY 22 and FY 23 Biennial Budget.

Provide Funding for the Rental Assistance Program

ARPA - CSFRF	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	1,000,000	1,000,000

Background

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) is the major state-supported program for assisting very-low income families to afford housing in the private market. A family that is issued a RAP certificate is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. The state pays the housing subsidy directly to the landlord on behalf of the participating family. The family pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

Legislative

Providing funding of \$1 million to increase funding available for the Rental Assistance Program (RAP).

Provide Funding for Homeless Youth Transitional Housing

ARPA - CSFRF	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	1,000,000	1,000,000

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Background

DOH partners with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide a statewide scattered-site transitional living program for young adults pursuant to CGS 17a-62. There are also federally-funded transitional living programs for young adults in Connecticut funded through DOH and directly through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million to support homeless youth transitional housing.

Provide Funding for Angel of Edgewood

ARPA - CSFRF	-	175,000	175,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	175,000	175,000

Background

Angel of Edgewood, Inc. is a nonprofit community cafe, pantry, and resource center in Hartford.

Legislative

Provide \$175,000 to support operations of Angel of Edgewood, Inc.

Provide Funding for Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance

ARPA - CSFRF	-	500,000	500,000
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	500,000	500,000

Background

The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) is a partnership between Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford Hospital and Trinity College.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 to the Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance in Hartford.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	104,054,178	104,054,178	-
Policy Revisions	2,039,083	2,139,083	100,000
Total Recommended - GF	106,093,261	106,193,261	100,000
Original Appropriation - BF	670,000	670,000	-
Total Recommended - BF	670,000	670,000	-
Original Appropriation - IF	158,383	158,383	-
Total Recommended - IF	158,383	158,383	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 23	Legislative FY 23	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	23	23	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	23	23	-
Original Appropriation - IF	1	1	-
Total Recommended - IF	1	1	-

Other Significant Legislation

PA 22-118, An Act Adjusting the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2023, Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue, School Construction and Other Items to Implement the State Budget and Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State.

Section 55 transfers \$20 million from the resources of the Community Investment Account (CIA) to the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Housing (DOH), the Department of Economic and Community Development, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for various initiatives in FY 23. To DOH, the section transfers \$5 million for eviction prevention as follows:

- \$2 million for Project Longevity housing vouchers to be issued in Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport and New Haven
- \$1.5 million for the Rent Bank
- \$1.5 million for the Coordinated Access Networks (CAN).

Section 330 earmarks up to \$20 million in Urban Act bonds for a Department of Housing (DOH) homeownership initiative for certain housing construction and redevelopment activities. This initiative must be in collaboration with one or more local community development financial institutions in qualified census tracts as defined under the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. Under the initiative, construction and redevelopment activities (1) must be completed by developers or nonprofits residing in the municipality where the work occurs and (2) result in new homeownership opportunities for residents of the qualified census tracts.

Section 333 modifies the bond-funded Homelessness Prevention and Response Fund's purpose to providing grants to capitalize operating and replacement reserves in supportive housing units.

Section 359 requires the DOH commissioner and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority executive director to seek to partner with one or more hospitals in the state to increase healthcare workforce housing options. By January 1, 2023, they must report to the Housing Committee on the partnership's status and recommendations on other ways to increase these housing options. The section also authorizes up to \$20 million in state general obligation bonds for DOH to (1) develop housing for health care workers and (2) fund the costs associated with the partnership. DOH must develop this housing together with the Chief Workforce Officer. The agency may use the bond funds for land acquisition, project design, and construction costs, among other things.

Section 482 modifies the eligibility criteria for the Rent Bank grant component of DOH's Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program (EFPP), authorized by CGS 8-347, and increases the maximum amount of Rent Bank assistance an eligible family may receive during a consecutive 18-month period from \$1,200 to \$3,500. The EFPP has not been funded since FY 16, but section 55 provides \$1.5 million in funding for the Rent Bank through a transfer of funds from the Community Investment Account (CIA).