# Office of Consumer Counsel

# DCC38100

### **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

| Fund                        | Actual<br>FY 14 | Actual<br>FY 15 | Governor<br>Estimated<br>FY 16 | Original<br>Appropriation<br>FY 17 | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17 | Final<br>FY 17 | Difference<br>Fin-Gov<br>FY 17 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Consumer Counsel and Public |                 |                 |                                |                                    |                              |                |                                |
| Utility Control Fund        | 13              | 14              | 15                             | 15                                 | 14                           | 15             | 1                              |

### **Budget Summary**

| Actual<br>FY 14 | Actual<br>FY 15   | Governor<br>Estimated<br>FY 16   | Original<br>Appropriation<br>FY 17  | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17  | Final<br>FY 17   | Difference<br>Fin-Gov<br>FY 17   |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1,062,308       | 1,125,917   | 1,497,103  | 1,508,306   | -   | 1,488,306  | 1,488,306  |
| 357,750         | 283,415   | 552,907  | 452,907   | -   | 502,907  | 502,907  |
| -               | 2,200   | 12,200   | 2,200   | -   | 2,200  | 2,200  |
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| 836,140         | 856,484   | 1,271,038  | 1,280,560   | -   | 1,221,728  | 1,221,728  |
| 69,625          | (49,789)  | 97,613   | 97,613  | -   | 66,419   | 66,419   |
| -               | -   | -  | -   | 2,944,310   | -  | (2,944,310)  |
| 16,621          | 7,128   | -  | -   | -   | -  | -  |
| 2 242 442       | 2 225 255   | 2 /20 861  | 2 241 596   | 2 044 210   | 2 291 560  | 337,250  |
|                 | FY 14<br>1,062,308<br>357,750<br>-<br>836,140<br>69,625<br>-<br>- | FY 14 FY 15   1,062,308 1,125,917   357,750 283,415   - 2,200   836,140 856,484   69,625 (49,789)   - -   16,621 7,128 | Actual<br>FY 14 Actual<br>FY 15 Estimated<br>FY 16   1,062,308 1,125,917 1,497,103   357,750 283,415 552,907   - 2,200 12,200   836,140 856,484 1,271,038   69,625 (49,789) 97,613   - - -   16,621 7,128 - | Actual<br>FY 14 Actual<br>FY 15 Estimated<br>FY 16 Appropriation<br>FY 17   1,062,308 1,125,917 1,497,103 1,508,306   357,750 283,415 552,907 452,907   - 2,200 12,200 2,200   836,140 856,484 1,271,038 1,280,560   69,625 (49,789) 97,613 97,613   - - - -   16,621 7,128 - - | Actual<br>FY 14 Actual<br>FY 15 Estimated<br>FY 16 Appropriation<br>FY 17 Revised<br>FY 17   1,062,308 1,125,917 1,497,103 1,508,306 -   357,750 283,415 552,907 452,907 -   - 2,200 12,200 2,200 -   836,140 856,484 1,271,038 1,280,560 -   69,625 (49,789) 97,613 97,613 -   16,621 7,128 - - - | Actual<br>FY 14 Actual<br>FY 15 Estimated<br>FY 16 Appropriation<br>FY 17 Revised<br>FY 17 Final<br>FY 17   1,062,308 1,125,917 1,497,103 1,508,306 - 1,488,306   357,750 283,415 552,907 452,907 - 502,907   - 2,200 12,200 2,200 - 2,200   836,140 856,484 1,271,038 1,280,560 - 1,221,728   69,625 (49,789) 97,613 97,613 - 66,419   - - - 2,944,310 - -   16,621 7,128 - - - - |

| Account |
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# Policy Revisions

#### **Reduce Funding for Personal Services**

| Personal Services   | - | (20,000) | (20,000) |
|---|---|----------|----------|
| <b>Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund</b> | - | (20,000) | (20,000) |
| Final   |   |          |          |

Reduce funding by \$20,000.

#### **Consolidate Appropriations for Agency Operations**

| Personal Services  | (1,433,306) | - | 1,433,306   |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| Other Expenses   | (282,907)   | - | 282,907     |
| Equipment  | (2,200)     | - | 2,200       |
| Fringe Benefits  | (1,159,478) | - | 1,159,478   |
| Indirect Overhead  | (66,419)    | - | 66,419      |
| Agency Operations  | 2,944,310   | - | (2,944,310) |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control 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.

| Account | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17 | Final<br>FY 17 | Difference from<br>Governor |
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#### Governor

Consolidate all agency appropriations into one account.

#### Final

Maintain existing appropriated accounts.

#### Eliminate the Office of State Broadband

| Personal Services  | (75,000)  | - | 75,000  |
|--|-----------|---|---------|
| Other Expenses   | (170,000) | - | 170,000 |
| Fringe Benefits  | (62,250)  | - | 62,250  |
| Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund | (307,250) | - | 307,250 |
| Positions - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control  |           |   |         |
| Fund   | (1)       | - | 1       |

#### Background

PA 15-5 June Special Session established the Office of State Broadband within the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC).

#### Governor

Eliminate the Office of State Broadband, its one position and associated funding of \$307,250.

#### Final

Maintain the Office of State Broadband, its one position and associated funding of \$307,250 within the Office of Consumer Counsel.

#### Provide Funding for Broadband

| Other Expenses  | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
|---|---|--------|--------|
| <b>Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund</b> | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |

#### Final

Provide funding of \$50,000 for expanded broadband in northwest Connecticut.

# **Current Services**

#### **Adjust Fringe Benefits**

| Fringe Benefits   | (58,832) | (58,832) | - |
|---|----------|----------|---|
| <b>Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund</b> | (58,832) | (58,832) | - |

#### Background

Non-General Fund agencies are budgeted directly for employee fringe benefits.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$58,832 to reflect revised fringe benefits costs.

#### Final

Same as Governor

| Account | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17 | Final<br>FY 17 | Difference from<br>Governor |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
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## Adjust Indirect Overhead

| Indirect Overhead  | (31,194) | (31,194) | - |
|--|----------|----------|---|
| Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund | (31,194) | (31,194) | - |

#### Background

Non-General Fund agencies are budgeted directly for indirect overhead.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$31,194 to reflect revised indirect overhead costs.

#### Final

Same as Governor

## Totals

| Budget Components           | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17 | Final<br>FY 17 | Difference<br>from<br>Governor |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Original Appropriation - PF | 3,341,586                    | 3,341,586      | -                              |
| Policy Revisions            | (307,250)                    | 30,000         | 337,250                        |
| Current Services            | (90,026)                     | (90,026)       | -                              |
| Total Recommended - PF      | 2,944,310                    | 3,281,560      | 337,250                        |

| Positions                   | Governor<br>Revised<br>FY 17 | Final<br>FY 17 | Difference<br>from<br>Governor |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Original Appropriation - PF | 15                           | 15             | -                              |
| Policy Revisions            | (1)                          | -              | 1                              |
| Total Recommended - PF      | 14                           | 15             | 1                              |