

Agricultural Experiment Station AES48000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund	70	71	74	77	77	75	75
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	3	3

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	5,871,088	6,621,858	6,383,934	7,188,454	7,282,721	6,991,785	7,087,352
Other Expenses	860,707	886,207	941,499	1,006,499	1,006,499	941,499	941,499
Other Current Expenses							
Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	672,880	673,699	689,985	740,270	746,270	740,270	746,270
Wildlife Disease Prevention	99,149	99,373	103,195	127,221	129,011	127,221	129,011
Agency Total - General Fund	7,503,824	8,281,137	8,118,613	9,062,444	9,164,501	8,800,775	8,904,132
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	248,669	248,669
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	65,000	65,000
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	313,669	313,669
Total - Appropriated Funds	7,503,824	8,281,137	8,118,613	9,062,444	9,164,501	9,114,444	9,217,801

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for PFAS Testing in Farming Soil

Personal Services	-	-	52,000	53,300	52,000	53,300
Total - General Fund	-	-	52,000	53,300	52,000	53,300
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Background

According to the PFAS Action Plan released in 2019 by the Connecticut Interagency PFAS Task Force: *PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), a class of more than 4,700 synthetic organic chemicals manufactured and used since the 1940s, have a potential risk to human health and the environment. PFAS are widely used in consumer products such as nonstick cookware, waterproof apparel, stain-resistant textiles and carpets, personal care products, cleaners, waxes, and food packaging materials. They also have numerous industrial applications – for instance, PFAS are used in metal finishing operations and as the primary ingredient in aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), the class of firefighting foam used to extinguish high-hazard flammable liquid fires. In the past few years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun to assess PFAS, primarily in drinking water.*

Legislative

Provide funding of \$52,000 in FY 24 and \$53,300 in FY 25 for one laboratory technician position to perform testing on the presence of PFAS in farming soil.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Adjust Funding for Regulation, Prevention & Education of Adult Recreational Cannabis Use

Personal Services	248,669	248,669	-	-	(248,669)	(248,669)
Other Expenses	65,000	65,000	-	-	(65,000)	(65,000)
Total - General Fund	313,669	313,669	-	-	(313,669)	(313,669)
Positions - General Fund	3	3	-	-	(3)	(3)
Personal Services	-	-	248,669	248,669	248,669	248,669
Other Expenses	-	-	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	313,669	313,669	313,669	313,669
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	3	3	3	3

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023. The Governor's Recommended Budget moves all recreational cannabis expenditures from a non-appropriated, off-budget account to the General Fund, Special Transportation Fund, and two newly-created, appropriated funds that are on-budget.

Fund	Agencies	FY 24 \$ (in millions)	FY 25 \$ (in millions)
General Fund	DCP, DESPP, DRS, DPH, OAG, AES, UConn, OWS	9.0	9.2
Social Equity and Innovation Fund	DECD	5.8	10.2
Prevention and Recovery Services Fund	DMHAS	2.4	3.4
Special Transportation Fund	DOT, DMV	1.1	1.1
TOTAL		18.3	23.8

*Totals are rounded to the nearest tenth of a million. The sum of the four funds for FY 25 is \$0.1 million less than the reflected total due to rounding.

Governor

Provide funding of \$313,669 in both FY 24 and FY 25 and three positions for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$313,669 in FY 24 and FY 25 and three positions in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (not the General Fund) for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	787,792	882,059	787,792	882,059	-	-
Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	64,202	70,202	64,202	70,202	-	-
Wildlife Disease Prevention	27,848	29,638	27,848	29,638	-	-
Total - General Fund	879,842	981,899	879,842	981,899	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides net funding of \$237.2 million in FY 24 and \$394 million in FY 25, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$879,842 in FY 24 and \$981,899 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(231,941)	(231,941)	(231,941)	(231,941)	-	-
Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	(13,917)	(13,917)	(13,917)	(13,917)	-	-
Wildlife Disease Prevention	(3,822)	(3,822)	(3,822)	(3,822)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(249,680)	(249,680)	(249,680)	(249,680)	-	-

Background

The FY 23 Revised Budget included a total of \$128,456,014 for an extra 27th pay period for six appropriated funds. There are usually 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, but every 11 years there is an additional 27th pay period.

Governor

Remove funding of \$249,680 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	8,118,613	8,118,613	8,118,613	8,118,613	-	-
Policy Revisions	313,669	313,669	52,000	53,300	(261,669)	(260,369)
Current Services	630,162	732,219	630,162	732,219	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	9,062,444	9,164,501	8,800,775	8,904,132	(261,669)	(260,369)
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	313,669	313,669	313,669	313,669
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	313,669	313,669	313,669	313,669

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	74	74	74	74	-	-
Policy Revisions	3	3	1	1	(2)	(2)
Total Recommended - GF	77	77	75	75	(2)	(2)
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	3	3	3	3
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	3	3	3	3