# Department of Consumer Protection DCP39500

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

Fiind	Actual Actual		Appropriation	Governor Re	commended	Legislative		
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	
General Fund	222	221	217	282	282	220	220	
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	62	62	

## **Budget Summary**

Associat	Actual	Actual	Appropriation	Governor Rec	ommended	Legisla	tive
Account	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	12,967,283	14,899,835	14,180,441	21,348,624	21,686,405	15,781,283	16,030,358
Other Expenses	903,927	1,054,345	697,940	2,316,209	2,066,209	1,967,440	1,717,440
Agency Total - General Fund	13,871,210	15,954,180	14,878,381	23,664,833	23,752,614	17,748,723	17,747,798
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Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	5,567,341	5,656,047
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	348,769	348,769
Agency Total - Cannabis							
Regulatory Fund	-	-	-	-	-	5,916,110	6,004,816
Total - Appropriated Funds	13,871,210	15,954,180	14,878,381	23,664,833	23,752,614	23,664,833	23,752,614
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Agency Grand Total	13,871,210	15,954,180	14,878,381	23,664,833	23,752,614	23,694,833	23,782,614

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

# **Policy Revisions**

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

Personal Services	5,567,341	5,656,047	-	-	(5,567,341)	(5,656,047)
Other Expenses	348,769	348,769	-	-	(348,769)	(348,769)
Total - General Fund	5,916,110	6,004,816	-	-	(5,916,110)	(6,004,816)
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	62	62	-	-	(62)	(62)
Personal Services	-	-	5,567,341	5,656,047	5,567,341	5,656,047
Other Expenses	-	-	348,769	348,769	348,769	348,769
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	-	5,916,110	6,004,816	5,916,110	6,004,816
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory						
Fund	-	-	62	62	62	62

#### 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.

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

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 \$5.9 million in FY 24 and \$6.0 million in FY 25 for 62 positions for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$5.9 million in FY 24 and \$6.0 million in FY 25, and 62 positions, in the Cannabis Fund (not the General Fund) for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

#### Provide Funding to Expand the Prescription Monitoring Program

Personal Services	186,601	186,601	186,601	186,601	-	-
Other Expenses	575,000	325,000	575,000	325,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	761,601	511,601	761,601	511,601	-	-
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	3	3	3	3	-	-

#### Background

The Prescription Monitoring Program collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients. The purpose of the CPMRS is to present a complete picture of a patient's controlled substance use, including prescriptions by other providers.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$761,601 in FY 24 and \$511,601 in FY 25 for expansion and system maintenance costs and to hire three new employees to oversee the expanded program.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

#### **Enforce Online Dating Regulations**

#### Legislative

Assign two vacant funded positions to enforce online dating regulations.

# **Current Services**

#### Provide Funding for Prescription Monitoring Program Maintenance

Other Expenses	694,500	694,500	694,500	694,500	-	-
Total - General Fund	694,500	694,500	694,500	694,500	-	-

#### Background

The Prescription Monitoring Program collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients. The purpose of the CPMRS is to present a complete picture of a patient's controlled substance use, including prescriptions by other providers.

Account	Governor Re	Governor Recommended		Legislative		om Governor
Account	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$694,500 in FY 24 and FY 25 for maintenance of the prescription monitoring program which will upgrade the database to continued integration with systems its integrated with.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

#### Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	1,961,916	2,210,991	1,961,916	2,210,991	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,961,916	2,210,991	1,961,916	2,210,991	-	-

#### 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 \$1,961,916 in FY 24 and \$2,210,991 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

#### **Remove Funding for 27th Payroll**

Personal Services	(547,675)	(547,675)	(547,675)	(547,675)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(547,675)	(547,675)	(547,675)	(547,675)	-	-

#### Background

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

#### Governor

Remove funding of \$547,675 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

# Carryforward

#### Provide Funding for Professional Assistance Program

Other Expenses	-	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<b>Total - Carry Forward Funding</b>	-	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

#### Background

Section 41(b) of PA 23-204 and sections 154, 160, and 163 of PA 23-205 carryforward a total of \$339.6 million in unexpended balances from various FY 23 General Fund accounts for initiatives in FY 24 and FY 25.

#### Legislative

Provide carryforward funding of \$30,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 to support the assistance program for health care professionals per section 19a-12a(b) of the General Statutes.

## 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	14,878,381	14,878,381	14,878,381	14,878,381	-	-
Policy Revisions	6,677,711	6,516,417	761,601	511,601	(5,916,110)	(6,004,816)
Current Services	2,108,741	2,357,816	2,108,741	2,357,816	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	23,664,833	23,752,614	17,748,723	17,747,798	(5,916,110)	(6,004,816)
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	5,916,110	6,004,816	5,916,110	6,004,816
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	5,916,110	6,004,816	5,916,110	6,004,816

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	217	217	217	217	-	-
Policy Revisions	65	65	3	3	(62)	(62)
Total Recommended - GF	282	282	220	220	(62)	(62)
FY 23 Appropriation - CANF	-	-	-	-	_	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	62	62	62	62
Total Recommended - CANF	-	-	62	62	62	62