

Office of Higher Education DHE66500

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	27	27	26	26	26	27	28

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	1,408,174	1,395,460	1,473,629	1,757,383	1,811,589	1,757,383	1,811,589
Other Expenses	94,027	384,908	449,093	516,166	529,166	1,318,175	1,081,175
Other Current Expenses							
Minority Advancement Program	1,308,055	2,642,032	1,625,187	1,655,313	1,659,292	1,655,313	1,659,292
National Service Act	144,677	207,982	251,505	291,032	296,810	291,032	296,810
Minority Teacher Incentive Program	456,627	512,269	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134
CT Loan Forgiveness	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	32,181,717	33,109,115	33,388,637	37,388,637	37,388,637	24,888,637	24,888,637
Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
Agency Total - General Fund	35,593,277	38,251,766	37,758,185	42,178,665	42,255,628	30,980,674	36,807,637
Additional Funds Available							
American Rescue Plan Act	-	21,500,000	43,000,000	-	-	18,000,000	-
Agency Grand Total	35,593,277	59,751,766	80,758,185	42,178,665	42,255,628	48,980,674	36,807,637

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

Policy Revisions

Transfer Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Funds

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	-	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)

Legislative

Transfer \$8.5 million from the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund that would have been allocated to the community colleges to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities for the debt free community college program. Section 11 of PA 23-208 is related to this change.

Provide Funding for Student Loan Forgiveness

CT Loan Forgiveness	-	-	-	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	-	1	-	1

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$6 million and one position in FY 25 for student loan forgiveness, for eligible Connecticut residents. Section 174 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, is related to this change. The program will provide capped reimbursement of student loan payments made by qualifying residents, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adjust Funding for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)
Total - General Fund	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)

Background

The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program provides need and need-merit based scholarships to Connecticut residents. The need - merit scholarship provides up to \$5,250 a year for full-time attendance in a four-year program of study or up to \$4,650 a year for full-time attendance in a two-year program. The need-based grant provides up to \$4,500 for full-time study in a two- or four-year program.

Governor

Provide \$4 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund. It is anticipated that the additional funding will provide approximately 1,000 additional scholarships.

Legislative

Funding is not provided.

Provide Funding for Health Care Adjunct Professor Grants

Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Legislative

Provide \$500,000 and one position in both FY 24 and FY 25 for health care adjunct professor grants. Of this funding, \$75,000 is salary for a Senior Consultant and the remainder is for grant awards. Sections 132 and 133 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, are related to this change. The program will provide grants to experienced licensed health care providers who accept and remain in, for at least one year, adjunct professor positions, with an additional incentive for staying in the positions for a subsequent year.

Western Connecticut State University Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation

Other Expenses	-	-	552,009	552,009	552,009	552,009
Total - General Fund	-	-	552,009	552,009	552,009	552,009

Legislative

Provide \$552,009 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the Western Connecticut State University Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation.

Provide Funding for University of Bridgeport and Goodwin University Entrepreneurial Network

Other Expenses	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 for University of Bridgeport and Goodwin University ENet.

Transfer Funding for Open Educational Resource Council

Other Expenses	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	-

Background

PA 19-117 established the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council. The statewide body includes representatives from Connecticut's public and private institutions of higher education. The council has been charged with promoting and supporting the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) which are free online and openly licensed instructional materials. The council focused on "high impact" course areas that see the largest enrollments and also involve the highest textbook costs. Through the work of the coordinating council approximately 1,184 students across 60 different course sections have avoided over \$171,000 in textbook costs.

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

Governor

Transfer funding of \$100,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 associated with the Open Educational Resources Grant Program, to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to reflect recent practice, and then eliminate the funding.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Current Services

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	341,624	395,830	341,624	395,830	-	-
Minority Advancement Program	36,062	40,041	36,062	40,041	-	-
National Service Act	46,077	51,855	46,077	51,855	-	-
Total - General Fund	423,763	487,726	423,763	487,726	-	-

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 \$423,763 in FY 24 and \$487,726 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(57,870)	(57,870)	(57,870)	(57,870)	-	-
Minority Advancement Program	(5,936)	(5,936)	(5,936)	(5,936)	-	-
National Service Act	(6,550)	(6,550)	(6,550)	(6,550)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(70,356)	(70,356)	(70,356)	(70,356)	-	-

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 \$70,356 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Regulation of Private Career Schools

Other Expenses	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-

Background

The Office of Higher Education (OHE) is responsible for the approval and oversight of private occupational schools. OHE provides consumer protection for students and potential students and works with schools to assure compliance with state statutes and regulations.

Governor

Provide \$100,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to provide regulatory support for the private occupational schools.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Provide Funding for a Credential Registry

Other Expenses	62,073	62,073	62,073	62,073	-	-
Total - General Fund	62,073	62,073	62,073	62,073	-	-

Background

PA 21-2, the FY 22 and FY 23 Budget, requires OHE to establish and maintain a credential registry database system. This system will provide information on credentials from higher education institutions, schools, and other educational facilities across the state.

Governor

Provide \$62,073 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for maintenance costs associated with the credential registry.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Software Maintenance

Other Expenses	5,000	18,000	5,000	18,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	5,000	18,000	5,000	18,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$5,000 in FY 24 and \$18,000 in FY 25 for software maintenance.

Legislative

Same as Governor

American Rescue Plan Act

Adjust ARPA Funding for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	18,000,000	-	18,000,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	18,000,000	-	18,000,000	-

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, reallocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, resulting in the shifting of approximately \$608.2 million in funding from FY 22 and FY 23 to FY 24 and FY 25.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$15 million in FY 23 for the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program. After the reduction, \$45 million in ARPA funding remains for the program, which also receives a General Fund appropriation.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$18 million in FY 24 to support Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships.

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	37,758,185	37,758,185	37,758,185	37,758,185	-	-
Policy Revisions	3,900,000	3,900,000	(7,297,991)	(1,547,991)	(11,197,991)	(5,447,991)
Current Services	520,480	597,443	520,480	597,443	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	42,178,665	42,255,628	30,980,674	36,807,637	(11,197,991)	(5,447,991)

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	26	26	26	26	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	1	2	1	2
Total Recommended - GF	26	26	27	28	1	2