

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	146	146	145	145	148	150	2
Workers' Compensation Fund	6	6	6	6	6	6	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	6,614,314	8,024,740	8,526,272	8,626,272	9,042,629	9,242,629	200,000
Other Expenses	1,340,285	1,194,835	1,992,575	2,182,575	1,422,575	1,222,575	(200,000)
Other Current Expenses							
Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	4,659,692	4,434,659	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360	-
Employment Opportunities - Blind & Disabled	241,409	216,149	326,711	416,974	416,974	416,974	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled	7,536,668	8,345,068	7,944,542	7,895,382	8,677,931	7,947,786	(730,145)
Supplementary Relief and Services	44,846	44,774	97,251	97,251	44,847	44,847	-
Special Training for the Deaf Blind	131,979	165,660	218,942	264,045	264,045	264,045	-
Connecticut Radio Information Service	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	-
Independent Living Centers	1,070,723	1,025,523	1,049,476	1,025,528	1,025,528	1,025,528	-
Programs for Senior Citizens	4,405,195	4,472,525	5,142,092	5,036,165	5,629,165	6,296,165	667,000
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	-	951,825	951,825
Elderly Nutrition	3,491,074	4,991,074	5,222,596	5,141,074	5,111,074	5,294,406	183,332
Aging in Place Pilot Program	150,000	150,000	-	-	-	-	-
Communication Advocacy Network	51,582	99,884	200,000	200,000	180,000	200,000	20,000
Agency Total - General Fund	29,807,961	33,235,085	35,827,011	35,991,820	36,921,322	38,013,334	1,092,012
Fall Prevention	50,075	99,907	383,857	382,660	382,660	382,660	-
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	50,075	99,907	383,857	382,660	382,660	382,660	-
Personal Services	511,120	527,969	634,783	634,783	634,783	634,783	-
Other Expenses	35,930	45,254	48,440	48,440	48,440	48,440	-
Rehabilitative Services	355,129	468,428	595,631	595,631	595,631	595,631	-
Fringe Benefits	444,205	405,412	467,987	467,987	467,987	467,987	-
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	1,346,384	1,447,063	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	31,204,420	34,782,055	37,957,709	38,121,321	39,050,823	40,142,835	1,092,012

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Policy Revisions

Eliminate OHS and Transfer Functions to Various Agencies

Personal Services	343,357	343,357	-
Total - General Fund	343,357	343,357	-
Positions - General Fund	3	3	-

Background

PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, transfers \$16.2 million and 42 positions from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to six agencies in FY 27, which will assume responsibilities related to the agency's various programs including overseeing the Certificate of Need process and managing the Health Information Exchange.

Governor

Transfer \$343,357 and three positions from OHS to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS) in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(760,000)	(760,000)	-
Programs for Senior Citizens	760,000	760,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$760,000 from Other Expenses to the Programs for Senior Citizens account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Legislative Grants

Programs for Senior Citizens	(167,000)	-	167,000
Elderly Nutrition	(30,000)	-	30,000
Communication Advocacy Network	(20,000)	-	20,000
Total - General Fund	(217,000)	-	217,000

Governor

Reduce the Programs for Senior Citizens account by \$167,000, the Elderly Nutrition account by \$30,000, and the Communication Advocacy Network account by \$20,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Adjust Funding for SPARK-CT

Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled	730,145	-	(730,145)
Total - General Fund	730,145	-	(730,145)

Background

The Strengthening Professional Advancement in Rehabilitation Knowledge via Certified Training (SPARK-CT) program is designed to provide job training to disabled individuals through private contracted community care providers, training them to work as direct care workers. The program will operate within the agency's established Vocational Rehabilitation program, which provides counseling, job searching assistance, and training to disabled workers throughout the state.

Governor

Provide funding of \$730,145 in FY 27 to establish the SPARK-CT program.

Legislative

Do not provide funding to establish the SPARK-CT program.

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Increase Funding for Elderly Nutrition

Elderly Nutrition	-	153,332	153,332
Total - General Fund	-	153,332	153,332

Legislative

Provide funding of \$153,332 in FY 27 to fund a cost-of-living adjustment for Elderly Nutrition providers.

Provide Funding for AAA Service Navigators

Programs for Senior Citizens	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Background

Connecticut's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are nonprofit planning agencies funded by ADS. The AAAs provide financial support to social service providers for older adults. Services provided include nutritional services, disease prevention and health promotion services, family caregiver support services and adult day care aide positions. AAAs also assist older adults with matters relating to federal and state benefits.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 to support the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). This funding will support the hiring of additional service navigators for each AAA, and will cover salaries, fringe benefits, and operating expenses.

Transfer Funding for Ombudsman Positions

Personal Services	-	200,000	200,000
Other Expenses	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	2	2

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 from Other Expenses to Personal Services to support two new ombudsman positions.

Provide Funding for Senior Centers

Various Grants	-	315,000	315,000
Total - General Fund	-	315,000	315,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$315,000 in FY 27 to various senior centers as follows:

- \$150,000 to Manchester for the Senior Center to purchase two vans.
- \$90,000 to Milford to support the Senior Center and Food Bank.
- \$50,000 to Cheshire to support the Senior Center.
- \$25,000 to Colebrook for water treatment at the Community/Senior Center.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Provide Funding for Various Organizations Supporting Senior Citizens

Various Grants	-	636,825	636,825
Total - General Fund	-	636,825	636,825

Legislative

Provide funding of \$636,825 in FY 27 to various organizations providing services to senior citizens as follows:

- \$130,000 to The Marvin for Older Adults assisted living facility in Norwalk for an HVAC replacement.
- \$200,000 to the Elder House Adult Day Center in Norwalk to support a patio project.
- \$56,825 to the New American Dream Foundation to support their senior hot meal program in Danbury.
- \$250,000 to support elderly nutrition in Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield, to be distributed equally between the municipalities.

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Current Services

Provide Funding for Statewide Senior Center Coordinator

Personal Services	73,000	73,000	-
Total - General Fund	73,000	73,000	-

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, removed funding for the statewide senior center coordinator position. The coordinator had acted as a liaison between senior center directors, ADS, and the General Assembly, and provided guidance and support to the state's various senior centers regarding state and federal policy.

Governor

Provide funding of \$73,000 in FY 27 to restore the statewide senior center coordinator position.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer FY 2025 Private Provider COLA

Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled	52,404	52,404	-
Supplementary Relief and Services	(52,404)	(52,404)	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer \$52,404 in FY 27 from the Supplementary Relief and Services account to the Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled account to reflect current expenditures.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	35,991,820	35,991,820	-
Policy Revisions	856,502	1,948,514	1,092,012
Current Services	73,000	73,000	-
Total Recommended - GF	36,921,322	38,013,334	1,092,012
Original Appropriation - IF	382,660	382,660	-
Total Recommended - IF	382,660	382,660	-
Original Appropriation - WF	1,746,841	1,746,841	-
Total Recommended - WF	1,746,841	1,746,841	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	145	145	-
Policy Revisions	3	5	2
Total Recommended - GF	148	150	2
Original Appropriation - WF	6	6	-
Total Recommended - WF	6	6	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Various Grants				
Cheshire	Senior center	-	50,000	50,000
Colebrook	Senior and Community Center water treatment	-	25,000	25,000
Elder House Adult Day Center	Patio project	-	200,000	200,000
Manchester	Purchase of two vans for the senior center	-	150,000	150,000
Milford	Senior center and food bank	-	90,000	90,000
New American Dream Foundation	Hot meal program for seniors	-	56,825	56,825
Newington	Elderly nutrition	-	83,334	83,334
Rocky Hill	Elderly nutrition	-	83,333	83,333
The Marvin for Older Adults	HVAC replacement	-	130,000	130,000
Wethersfield	Elderly nutrition	-	83,333	83,333