

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

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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	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	-

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
Other Current Expenses							
Charter Oak State College	4,811,223	3,808,912	3,934,487	4,041,029	3,541,029	3,541,029	-
Community Tech College System	228,544,234	231,148,728	234,717,627	241,998,796	241,998,796	242,918,796	920,000
Connecticut State University	209,322,044	197,450,460	193,717,659	201,697,946	200,156,926	201,556,926	1,400,000
Board of Regents	560,084	594,722	503,881	519,512	519,512	519,512	-
Developmental Services	10,042,069	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	10,190,984	-
Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive	1,354,341	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	1,374,425	-
O'Neill Chair	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	-
Debt Free Community College	21,979,552	30,020,448	34,150,000	34,150,000	34,150,000	36,450,000	2,300,000
Finish Line Scholars	-	-	-	7,700,000	3,850,000	7,700,000	3,850,000
Disabilities Study	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Various Initiatives	-	-	53,000	-	-	-	-
Learn and Earn	-	-	-	-	-	175,000	175,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	2,040,000	2,600,000	560,000
Agency Total - General Fund	476,928,547	474,903,679	478,957,063	502,237,692	498,386,672	507,591,672	9,205,000

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

Provide Funding for Tuition Waivers for First Responders

Community Tech College System	-	920,000	920,000
Connecticut State University	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
Total - General Fund	-	2,320,000	2,320,000

Background

Sections 69 - 70 of PA 26-12 require the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) to waive tuition for up to 200 first responders enrolled at the Connecticut State Universities (CSUs) and CT State (400 across CSCU).

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2,320,000 in FY 27 for tuition waivers for first responders at the CSUs and CT State.

Provide Funding for Mary Ann Handley Award

Debt Free Community College	-	2,300,000	2,300,000
Total - General Fund	-	2,300,000	2,300,000

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Background

The Mary Ann Handley Award (i.e., Debt Free Community College) provides grants to eligible community college students equal to the greater of: (1) the difference between tuition and fees at CT State and any federal, state, private, and institutional scholarships received by such students; and (2) a minimum grant (\$500 for a full-time student or \$300 for a part-time student).

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2.3 million in FY 27 for the Mary Ann Handley Award to meet increased demand for the program.

Maintain Legislative Grants

Various Grants	(510,000)	-	510,000
Total - General Fund	(510,000)	-	510,000

Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$510,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Provide Funding for Food Service Contracts at the State Universities

Connecticut State University	458,980	458,980	-
Total - General Fund	458,980	458,980	-

Background

New contracts for food service employees were recently negotiated at Central, Southern, and Western Connecticut State Universities.

Governor

Provide funding of \$458,980 in FY 27 for food service contracts at three of the state universities. This funding precludes increases in student fees to cover contract costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for the Development of High-Quality Internship Opportunities

Learn and Earn	-	175,000	175,000
Total - General Fund	-	175,000	175,000

Background

Section 57 of PA 26-12 requires the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (along with UConn) to identify the characteristics of a high-quality internship and create a syllabus for an online training course for employers to develop such internships. Section 58 of PA 26-12 requires CSCU to administer the online training course via Charter Oak State College.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$175,000 in FY 27 for the development and administration of a high-quality internship training program at CSCU.

Transfer Funding for Open Educational Resources Council

Various Grants	50,000	100,000	50,000
Total - General Fund	50,000	100,000	50,000

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's goal is to promote and support the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) which are free online and openly licensed instructional materials. The council focuses on "high impact" course areas that see the largest enrollments and also involve the highest textbook costs. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for this initiative within the Office of Higher Education.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 from the Office of Higher Education to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities for the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council.

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

Transfer funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 from the Office of Higher Education and provide an additional \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000), to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities for the Open Educational Resources Coordinating Council.

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.

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Charter Oak State College	(500,000)	(500,000)	-
Connecticut State University	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-
Various Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$2.5 million from the Connecticut State University and Charter Oak State College accounts to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for U-Pass**Background**

U-Pass provides students at participating colleges and universities unlimited bus rides within the state. The cost to students is included in their annual student fees.

Legislative

Use CSCU budget reserves of \$1.1 million in FY 27 to offset an anticipated U-Pass fee increase of \$10 per semester that may be implemented by the state Department of Transportation as a result of adjustments to funding levels for its Bus Operations account. This will maintain the current cost of U-Pass for CSCU students.

Distribute Accessibility Accommodations Funding**Background**

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding of \$935,608 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for accessibility accommodations at two Connecticut State Universities.

Legislative

Distribute the accessibility accommodations funding of \$935,608 in both FY 26 and FY 27 accordingly: \$467,804 to Central Connecticut State University and \$467,804 to Southern Connecticut State University.

Provide Funding for AI Academy**Background**

PA 26-15 establishes various programs and initiatives related to artificial intelligence (AI). PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, provides funding of \$1.4 million in FY 27 to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for these initiatives across several agencies and organizations. See the DECD agency budget sheets for the full distribution of the funding.

Legislative

Provide \$125,000, via MOU with DECD, in FY 27 for the AI Academy.

Current Services**Maintain Funding for Finish Line Scholars Program**

Finish Line Scholars	(3,850,000)	-	3,850,000
Total - General Fund	(3,850,000)	-	3,850,000

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Background

Section 69 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, creates the Finish Line Scholars program beginning in FY 27. This extends the debt free community college program (previously known as PACT and recently renamed the Mary Ann Handley Award) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities (CSUs) and Charter Oak State College (COSC). Students who received debt free community college at CT State for at least 60 credits and then enroll at a CSU or COSC in fall 2026 or later are eligible.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$3,850,000 in FY 27 for the Finish Line Scholars program to reflect first-year costs of the program.

Legislative

Do not reduce funding of \$3,850,000 in FY 27 for the Finish Line Scholars program.

Section 470 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, made the following changes to the program: (1) limit program eligibility to those who earned an Associate's degree at CT State (replacing the prior requirement of 60 credits earned within the debt free community college program); and (2) require CSCU to report on program usage on January 1, 2027, July 1, 2027 and quarterly thereafter and adjust program reporting requirements. The FY 27 Revised Budget also renamed the account to "Finish Line Scholars."

Carryforward

Carry Forward Funding for AI Academy

Various Grants	-	500,000	500,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	500,000	500,000

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget provided \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Connecticut AI Academy.

Legislative

Carry forward funding of \$500,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for the Connecticut AI Academy. The FY 27 funding from the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget additionally remains in place.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	502,237,692	502,237,692	-
Policy Revisions	(1,020)	5,353,980	5,355,000
Current Services	(3,850,000)	-	3,850,000
Total Recommended - GF	498,386,672	507,591,672	9,205,000

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	4,633	4,633	-
Total Recommended - GF	4,633	4,633	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Various Grants				
Open Educational Resources Council	Operational support	50,000	50,000	100,000