

Department of Mental Health and Addiction 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	3,421	3,421	3,416	3,416	3,416	3,416	-
Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund	3	3	3	3	3	3	-

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	235,115,448	265,398,884	264,828,417	257,078,417	257,078,417	257,078,417	-
Other Expenses	38,090,154	36,535,100	37,421,895	37,617,895	37,636,645	37,636,645	-
Other Current Expenses							
Housing Supports and Services	28,390,799	28,299,945	30,499,469	29,716,445	30,716,445	30,716,445	-
Managed Service System	72,172,284	71,191,190	76,335,910	77,687,785	83,037,785	83,962,785	925,000
Legal Services	764,660	764,660	782,767	764,660	764,660	764,660	-
Connecticut Mental Health Center	9,229,406	9,229,406	9,229,406	9,229,406	9,229,406	9,229,406	-
Professional Services	26,281,082	23,733,161	23,400,697	23,400,697	23,400,697	23,400,697	-
Behavioral Health Recovery Services	23,318,050	23,024,472	26,748,804	26,407,864	26,694,864	26,694,864	-
Nursing Home Screening	652,784	652,784	652,784	652,784	652,784	652,784	-
Young Adult Services	93,464,810	95,123,506	97,113,739	95,902,326	95,902,326	95,902,326	-
TBI Community Services	9,368,820	9,413,876	9,617,061	9,443,717	9,443,717	9,443,717	-
Behavioral Health Medications	7,720,752	9,320,728	9,470,754	8,170,754	9,470,754	9,470,754	-
Medicaid Adult Rehabilitation Option	4,219,683	4,419,683	4,419,683	4,419,683	4,419,683	4,419,683	-
Discharge and Diversion Services	41,857,990	42,195,884	44,076,583	43,157,991	46,382,991	46,382,991	-
Home and Community Based Services	23,706,187	24,365,826	25,757,154	26,723,158	27,413,158	27,413,158	-
Nursing Home Contract	1,152,856	1,152,855	1,152,856	1,152,856	1,152,856	1,152,856	-
Katie Blair House	17,016	17,016	17,016	17,016	17,016	17,016	-
Forensic Services	11,583,938	11,411,881	11,669,700	11,544,887	13,444,887	13,444,887	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Grants for Substance Abuse Services	36,917,479	37,103,117	38,189,280	37,103,118	42,653,118	42,853,118	200,000
Grants for Mental Health Services	77,117,159	77,117,159	79,126,320	77,117,159	77,117,159	77,117,159	-
Employment Opportunities	9,873,631	9,873,631	10,108,383	9,873,631	9,873,631	9,873,631	-
Agency Total - General Fund	751,014,988	780,344,764	800,618,678	787,182,249	806,502,999	807,627,999	1,125,000
Managed Service System	462,686	462,699	474,209	462,699	462,699	462,699	-
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	462,686	462,699	474,209	462,699	462,699	462,699	-
Fringe Benefits	98,685	166,314	221,000	221,000	221,000	221,000	-
Cannabis Prevention	2,133,033	3,133,225	3,144,268	3,144,268	3,144,268	3,144,268	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund	2,231,718	3,299,539	3,365,268	3,365,268	3,365,268	3,365,268	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	753,709,392	784,107,002	804,458,155	791,010,216	810,330,966	811,455,966	1,125,000

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Facilitate Timely Discharge from State Hospitals

Other Expenses	18,750	18,750	-
Managed Service System	300,000	300,000	-
Discharge and Diversion Services	3,225,000	3,225,000	-
Total - General Fund	3,543,750	3,543,750	-

Background

HR/SR 10, voted to the floor by the Appropriations Committee on 4/14/26, approve the provisions of the settlement agreement, Lindsay et al. v. Navarretta, et al., with the purpose of resolving claims regarding the timely provision of mental health services in the most integrated setting.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,543,750 in FY 27 to reflect partial year funding for individuals deemed clinically ready to transition from Whiting Forensic Hospital back into the community. Funding supports staff in local mental health authorities (LMHAs) to provide temporary leave/conditional release services as well as funding for placements in forensic mental health intensive beds and supervised apartments.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Sunset CHESS and Transfer Supportive Housing Funding to DMHAS

Housing Supports and Services	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	-

Background

The Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) program was intended to provide healthcare and housing services to individuals with mental health, substance use and other serious health conditions through a collaboration with several state agencies and non-profit providers. An interagency workgroup recommended sunsetting the program due to a combination of logistical barriers (including federal requirements, limited housing subsidies and non-Medicaid eligible costs), and instead providing supportive housing services to clients via the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

Governor

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 27 to reflect support for CHESS participants with a housing subsidy to transition to the permanent supportive housing program in DMHAS. A related adjustment is reflected in the Department of Social Services.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Suicide Prevention Services

Managed Service System	-	775,000	775,000
Total - General Fund	-	775,000	775,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$775,000 in FY 27 for Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (\$155,000 per RBHAO) to expand suicide prevention and postvention services via the Regional Suicide Advisory Boards (RSABs).

Provide Funding for Enders Island

Grants for Substance Abuse Services	-	200,000	200,000
Total - General Fund	-	200,000	200,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 to St. Edmund's Retreat Center Inc to support the replacement of the Enders Island wooden causeway bridge.

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.

Maintain Legislative Grants

Managed Service System	(150,000)	-	150,000
Total - General Fund	(150,000)	-	150,000

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

Reduce the Managed Service System account by \$150,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Current Services

Transfer Funding Related to the Substance Use Disorder Waiver

Managed Service System	5,200,000	5,200,000	-
Grants for Substance Abuse Services	5,550,000	5,550,000	-
Total - General Fund	10,750,000	10,750,000	-

Background

Funding of \$15,025,000 is transferred from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Departments of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services and to the Judicial Department to reflect program supports in the appropriate agency. FY 26 funding is transferred from DSS to meet program requirements via interagency agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10,750,000 in FY 27 to reflect support for the SUD service system through DMHAS.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Behavioral Health Recovery Services	287,000	287,000	-
Behavioral Health Medications	1,300,000	1,300,000	-
Home and Community Based Services	690,000	690,000	-
Forensic Services	1,900,000	1,900,000	-
Total - General Fund	4,177,000	4,177,000	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$4,177,000 in FY 27 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements. This includes annualizing the FY 26 shortfall in Behavioral Health Medications, wage increases for providers under the Mental Health waiver, and increased competency restoration costs (including treatment, education, and case management services).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	787,182,249	787,182,249	-
Policy Revisions	4,393,750	5,518,750	1,125,000
Current Services	14,927,000	14,927,000	-
Total Recommended - GF	806,502,999	807,627,999	1,125,000
Original Appropriation - IF	462,699	462,699	-
Total Recommended - IF	462,699	462,699	-
Original Appropriation - CPRSF	3,365,268	3,365,268	-
Total Recommended - CPRSF	3,365,268	3,365,268	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	3,416	3,416	-
Total Recommended - GF	3,416	3,416	-
Original Appropriation - CPRSF	3	3	-
Total Recommended - CPRSF	3	3	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Grants for Substance Abuse Services				
St. Edmund's Retreat Center	Enders Island wooden causeway bridge replacement	-	200,000	200,000