## **Higher Education** Coordinator – Dan Dilworth Office of Fiscal Analysis

	Page	A	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff
	#	Analyst	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov - App FY 26
General Fund									
Office of Higher									
Education	2	DD	13,723,774	36,807,637	36,989,963	36,989,963	31,494,177	32,898,392	(14.44)
University of Connecticut	5	DD	256,315,868	219,637,564	236,970,232	236,970,232	234,560,002	239,823,874	6.79
University of Connecticut									
Health Center	7	DD	146,388,592	113,889,981	120,524,472	120,524,472	123,053,275	126,851,644	8.05
Connecticut State									
Colleges and Universities	9	DD	476,928,547	440,159,942	555,360,568	555,360,568	471,703,455	485,087,084	7.17
Total - General Fund			893,356,781	810,495,124	949,845,235	949,845,235	860,810,909	884,660,994	6.21
<b>Cannabis Regulatory Fun</b>	d								
University of Connecticut									
Health Center	7	DD	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Appropriated									
Funds			893,535,166	810,673,509	950,023,620	950,023,620	860,810,909	884,660,994	6.18

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## **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

Firm d	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff
Fund	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
General Fund	27	27	28	28	28	28	3.70

## **Budget Summary**

Annual	Actual	Appropriation	Agency Re	equested	Governor Rec	commended	% Diff
Account	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
Personal Services	1,626,550	1,811,589	1,955,031	1,955,031	1,855,031	1,855,031	2.40
Other Expenses	1,227,589	1,081,175	1,081,175	1,081,175	781,175	781,175	(27.75)
Other Current Expenses		· · · ·	· · · ·	· · · · · ·		· · · · ·	
Minority Advancement Program	1,690,528	1,659,292	1,674,835	1,674,835	1,674,835	1,674,835	0.94
National Service Act	454,740	296,810	320,151	320,151	320,151	320,151	7.86
Minority Teacher Incentive							
Program	446,669	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134	570,134	-
CT Loan Forgiveness	-	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	-	-	(100.00)
AmeriCorps State Matching							
Funds	-	-	-	-	1,404,214	2,808,429	n/a
Other Than Payments to Local Go	overnments	· · ·	· · ·				
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship							
Fund	8,017,698	24,888,637	24,888,637	24,888,637	24,888,637	24,888,637	-
Health Care Adjunct Grant							
Program	260,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	-	(100.00)
Agency Total - General Fund	13,723,774	36,807,637	36,989,963	36,989,963	31,494,177	32,898,392	(14.44)

Account	Governor Recommended		
Actount	FY 26	FY 27	

# **Policy Revisions**

## Eliminate Funding for Newer Programs, Including Student Loan Assistance

CT Loan Forgiveness	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)
Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	(240,000)	(240,000)
Total - General Fund	(6,240,000)	(6,240,000)

### Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, established two new programs within the Office of Higher Education (OHE):

**CT Loan Forgiveness**: Sec. 174 of PA 23-204 established the CT Loan Forgiveness Program, which OHE has named the Student Loan Reimbursement Program. Funding began in FY 25. This program provides grants of up to \$5,000 annually for up to four years to eligible Connecticut residents. The grants are reimbursements for student loan payments. To receive a grant, recipients must: (1) have outstanding student loans; (2) have graduated from an in-state college or university; (3) meet certain income requirements; and (4) perform at least 50 hours of volunteer work during each year they receive a grant. Funding began in FY 25. OHE has received 1,430 applications to date and plans to begin awarding grants after March 31.

**Health Care Adjunct Grant Program**: Sec. 133 of PA 23-204 established the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program, which provides grants of \$20,000 to health care providers who accept positions as adjunct professors in health care related fields at a public institution of higher education and remain in such positions for one year. Each grant recipient who remains in the position for a second year may receive an additional \$20,000 grant. Funding began in FY 24. There were 13 applicants in FY 24, each of whom received a grant, for a total of \$260,000 in awards. The FY 25 application deadline is April 30.

Account	Governor Rec	commended
Account	FY 26	FY 27

### Governor

Eliminate funding of \$6,240,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the health care adjunct and student loan assistance grant programs.

### Provide Funding for AmeriCorps Expansion

AmeriCorps State Matching Funds	1,404,214	2,808,429
Total - General Fund	1,404,214	2,808,429
Positions - General Fund	1	1

### Background

AmeriCorps is a federal program that provides a wide range of volunteer and service opportunities across the country in the areas of disaster relief, economic development, education, environment, physical and mental health, and veterans' services. There are approximately 2,400 volunteers in AmeriCorps programs across Connecticut. Each program has its own sponsor responsible for 24% of the program budget; the federal government provides funding up to 76% of the remaining budget on a competitive basis.

### Governor

Provide one position and funding of \$1,404,214 in FY 26 and \$2,808,429 in FY 27 to expand AmeriCorps opportunities for Connecticut residents. It is anticipated that this would result in matching federal funding of up to \$4.4 million in FY 26 and up to \$8 million in FY 27, supporting an additional 500 volunteers by FY 27.

## **Current Services**

### Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	143,442	143,442
Minority Advancement Program	15,543	15,543
National Service Act	23,341	23,341
Total - General Fund	182,326	182,326

### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$182,326 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

### **Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements**

Personal Services	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total - General Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)

### Governor

Reduce funding by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

### **Reduce Funding for Adjunct Professor Grant Program**

Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	(260,000)	(260,000)
Total - General Fund	(260,000)	(260,000)

### Governor

Reduce funding by \$260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Health Care Adjunct Grant Program to reflect actual FY 24 expenditures. (The Governor also proposes to eliminate the program; see Policy Revisions.)

### Eliminate Funding for IT Functions Performed by DAS

Other Expenses	(300,000)	(300,000)
Total - General Fund	(300,000)	(300,000)

### Background

The Bureau of Information Technology Solutions within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has provided IT services to the Office of Higher Education since FY 23.

### Governor

Eliminate funding of \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for agency IT needs that are now fulfilled by DAS. This funding was for software maintenance for the financial aid processing system used for the Willis Scholarship program.

Pudget Components	Governor Recommended			
Budget Components	FY 26	FY 27		
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	36,807,637	36,807,637		
Policy Revisions	(4,835,786)	(3,431,571)		
Current Services	(477,674)	(477,674)		
Total Recommended - GF	31,494,177	32,898,392		

Positions	Governor Re	commended		
rositions	FY 26 FY 27			
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	27	27		
Policy Revisions	1	1		
Total Recommended - GF	28	28		

## Totals

# University of Connecticut UOC67000

## **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

E. d	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff
Fund	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
General Fund	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	-

## **Budget Summary**

Anner	Actual	Appropriation	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff
Account	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
Other Current Expenses		· · · ·					
Operating Expenses	253,505,868	216,977,564	234,310,232	234,310,232	231,900,002	237,163,874	6.88
Veterinary Diagnostic							
Laboratory	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Institute for Municipal and							
Regional Policy	700,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
UConn Veterans Program	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Health Services - Regional							
Campuses	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	-
Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	256,315,868	219,637,564	236,970,232	236,970,232	234,560,002	239,823,874	6.79

Account	Governor Rec	ommended
Account	FY 26	FY 27

# Policy Revisions

## **Reduce Block Grant Funding**

Operating Expenses	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)
Total - General Fund	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)

### Background

The constituent units of higher education, including UConn, receive block grants from the state to fund operating expenses. UConn also receives General Fund line-item appropriations for various programs and initiatives. All General Fund funding is in addition to other sources of funds received by the institutions, such as tuition and other student charges, federal funding, and foundation support.

### Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the block grant account to achieve savings. The intent of this adjustment is to maintain support for the line-item programs and initiatives and reduce block grant funding by approximately the total of those line-items.

Account	Governor Rec	ommended
Account	FY 26	FY 27

## **Current Services**

### Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

Operating Expenses	10,197,946	10,197,946
Total - General Fund	10,197,946	10,197,946

### Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$10,197,946 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn's FY 25 RSA transfer.

## **Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants**

Operating Expenses	6,984,492	12,248,364
Total - General Fund	6,984,492	12,248,364

### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$6,984,492 in FY 26 and \$12,248,364 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Budget Components	Governor Reco	mmended
budget Components	FY 26 FY 2	
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	219,637,564	219,637,564
Policy Revisions	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)
Current Services	17,182,438	22,446,310
Total Recommended - GF	234,560,002	239,823,874

### Totals

# University of Connecticut Health Center UHC72000

## **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

Fund	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff Gov-App
runu	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26
General Fund	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,698	1,700	1,700	0.12
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	2	2	2	2	-	-	(100.00)

## **Budget Summary**

Anneret	Actual Appropriation		Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff
Account	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
Other Current Expenses				· · · · ·	· · · ·		
Operating Expenses	145,965,137	113,460,246	120,094,737	120,094,737	122,623,540	126,421,909	8.08
AHEC	423,455	429,735	429,735	429,735	429,735	429,735	-
Agency Total - General Fund	146,388,592	113,889,981	120,524,472	120,524,472	123,053,275	126,851,644	8.05
Operating Expenses	178,385	178.385	178,385	178,385	_	_	(100.00)
Agency Total - Cannabis			-,	-,			(
Regulatory Fund	178,385	178,385	178,385	178,385	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Appropriated Funds	146,566,977	114,068,366	120,702,857	120,702,857	123,053,275	126,851,644	7.88

Account	Governor Rec	commended
Account	FY 26 FY 27	

## **Policy Revisions**

## Transfer Cannabis Costs into the General Fund

Operating Expenses	178,385	178,385
Total - General Fund	178,385	178,385
Positions - General Fund	2	2
Operating Expenses	(178,385)	(178,385)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(178,385)	(178,385)
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(2)	(2)

### 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 the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

### Governor

Transfer funding of \$178,385 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for the Connecticut Poison Control Center at UConn Health from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Account	Governor Recommended		
	FY 26	FY 27	

## **Current Services**

## Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers

Operating Expenses	5,332,632	5,332,632
Total - General Fund	5,332,632	5,332,632

### Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$5,332,632 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn Health's FY 25 RSA transfer.

### **Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants**

Operating Expenses	3,652,277	7,450,646
Total - General Fund	3,652,277	7,450,646

### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$3,652,277 in FY 26 and \$7,450,646 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Product Commences	Governor Recommended			
Budget Components	FY 26	FY 27		
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	113,889,981	113,889,981		
Policy Revisions	178,385	178,385		
Current Services	8,984,909	12,783,278		
Total Recommended - GF	123,053,275	126,851,644		
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	178,385	178,385		
Policy Revisions	(178,385)	(178,385)		
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-		

Positions	Governor Recommended		
Positions	FY 26	FY 27	
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	1,698	1,698	
Policy Revisions	2	2	
Total Recommended - GF	1,700	1,700	
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	2	2	
Policy Revisions	(2)	(2)	
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	

## Totals

# Connecticut State Colleges and Universities BOR77700

## **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

Euro d	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff
Fund	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
General Fund	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	4,633	-

## **Budget Summary**

A	Actual	Appropriation	Agency R	equested	Governor Re	commended	% Diff
Account	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	Gov-App FY 26
Other Current Expenses		·					
Charter Oak State College	4,811,223	3,182,468	5,400,287	5,400,287	3,634,487	3,741,029	14.20
Community Tech College System	228,544,234	217,494,271	266,997,237	266,997,237	234,717,627	241,998,796	7.92
Connecticut State University	209,322,044	178,635,888	236,443,784	236,443,784	192,782,051	198,762,338	7.92
Board of Regents	560,084	466,906	488,851	488,851	503,881	519,512	7.92
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	-	-	(100.00)
Debt Free Community College	21,979,552	28,500,000	34,150,000	34,150,000	28,500,000	28,500,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	476,928,547	440,159,942	555,360,568	555,360,568	471,703,455	485,087,084	7.17

Account	Governor Recommended		
	FY 26	FY 27	

# **Policy Revisions**

## Eliminate Funding for the O'Neill Endowed Chair

O'Neill Chair	(315,000)	(315,000)
Total - General Fund	(315,000)	(315,000)

### Background

The Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics was established in 2000 to promote understanding of Connecticut state government. The chair is housed within Central Connecticut State University's Center for Community Engagement and Social Research.

### Governor

Eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

### Provide Funding for LADDERS Initiative at Charter Oak State College

Charter Oak State College	200,000	200,000
Total - General Fund	200,000	200,000

### Background

The proposed Leveraging Academic Degrees to Drive Employment Readiness and Success (LADDERS) initiative is intended to allow CT State Community College online students to transfer to online courses at Charter Oak State College in order to continue their education in a bachelor's degree program.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to establish the LADDERS initiative. The funding would support communication and student outreach, dual enrollment between CT State and Charter Oak, tuition assistance, and employer partnerships.

Account	Governor Recommended		
	FY 26	FY 27	

## **Current Services**

### Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfer

Charter Oak State College	149,576	149,576
Community Tech College System	10,222,231	10,222,231
Connecticut State University	8,395,887	8,395,887
Board of Regents	21,945	21,945
Total - General Fund	18,789,639	18,789,639

### Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$18,789,639 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize CSCU's FY 25 RSA transfer.

## **Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants**

Charter Oak State College	102,443	208,985
Community Tech College System	7,001,125	14,282,294
Connecticut State University	5,750,276	11,730,563
Board of Regents	15,030	30,661
Total - General Fund	12,868,874	26,252,503

### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

### Governor

Provide funding of \$12,868,874 in FY 26 and \$26,252,503 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

Totals			
Budget Components	Governor Recommended		
	FY 26	FY 27	
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	440,159,942	440,159,942	
Policy Revisions	(115,000)	(115,000)	
Current Services	31,658,513	45,042,142	
Total Recommended - GF	471,703,455	485,087,084	

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