

Office of Consumer Counsel

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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
Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	21	21	23	23	23	23	-

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	1,771,409	2,101,819	2,188,944	2,288,944	2,468,944	2,468,944	-
Other Expenses	384,443	307,411	461,482	461,482	461,482	461,482	-
Equipment	2,200	-	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	-
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	1,549,302	1,527,095	1,649,601	1,724,601	1,844,601	1,844,601	-
Indirect Overhead	90,972	150,471	157,648	157,648	124,209	124,209	-
Agency Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	3,798,326	4,086,796	4,459,875	4,634,875	4,901,436	4,901,436	-

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

Restore Funding for the Office of State Broadband

Personal Services	180,000	180,000	-
Fringe Benefits	120,000	120,000	-
Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	300,000	300,000	-

Background

The Office of Consumer Counsel's (OCC) Office of State Broadband (OSB) is tasked with facilitating the availability of broadband access to Connecticut residents and increasing access to and adoption of high-speed gigabit capable broadband networks. The OSB works in collaboration with other state agencies and public and non-profit entities, while providing advisory assistance to legislators, municipalities, local authorities and others.

The FY 26 and 27 Budget eliminated funding (\$180,000 in PS and \$120,000 in fringe benefits) for OSB consultants. However, OSB does not have consultants, only two full-time staff positions. These positions were funded through Section 182 of PA 25-174, which allowed OPM to carry forward \$300,000 in FY 26 to fund the OSB positions.

Governor

Restore funding of \$300,000 (\$180,000 in Personal Services (PS) and \$120,000 in Fringe Benefits) to fund a Staff Attorney 3 and an Associate Research Analyst, within the OSB.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Indirect Overhead	(33,439)	(33,439)	-
Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	(33,439)	(33,439)	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$33,439 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements related to indirect overhead.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - PF	4,634,875	4,634,875	-
Current Services	266,561	266,561	-
Total Recommended - PF	4,901,436	4,901,436	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - PF	23	23	-
Total Recommended - PF	23	23	-