

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

DEP43000

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	557	557	563	563	566	569	3
Special Transportation Fund	46	46	46	46	46	46	-
Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	148	148	151	151	63	63	-

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	22,986,152	23,397,415	23,815,954	23,865,954	23,865,954	24,348,753	482,799
Other Expenses	2,026,010	2,485,428	1,337,261	1,602,261	1,197,261	1,007,261	(190,000)
Other Current Expenses							
Mosquito and Tick Control	233,959	281,197	284,240	284,240	284,240	284,240	-
State Superfund Site Maintenance	393,868	393,917	399,577	399,577	399,577	399,577	-
Laboratory Fees	122,565	122,565	122,565	122,565	122,565	122,565	-
Dam Maintenance	90,396	149,250	151,902	151,902	151,902	151,902	-
Emergency Spill Response	7,017,567	7,081,014	7,157,024	7,657,024	7,879,637	7,657,024	(222,613)
Solid Waste Management	5,298,225	5,391,880	4,078,312	4,078,312	4,078,312	4,078,312	-
Underground Storage Tank	1,034,304	1,075,137	-	1,085,420	1,085,420	1,085,420	-
Clean Air	4,200,896	4,401,006	4,449,309	4,449,309	4,449,309	4,449,309	-
Environmental Conservation	4,672,748	4,839,254	4,893,567	4,893,567	4,893,567	4,893,567	-
Environmental Quality	6,723,551	7,045,149	7,056,504	7,056,504	7,056,504	7,056,504	-
Fish Hatcheries	3,427,647	3,489,121	3,004,540	3,004,540	3,004,540	3,004,540	-
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	-	-	182,315	278,315	278,315	278,315	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Interstate Environmental Commission	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	-
New England Interstate Water Pollution Commission	-	53,108	26,554	26,554	26,554	26,554	-
Northeast Interstate Forest Fire Compact	3,082	3,080	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082	-
Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission	30,295	30,295	30,295	30,295	30,295	30,295	-
Thames River Valley Flood Control Commission	45,151	45,151	45,151	45,151	45,151	45,151	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	484,000	1,045,000	561,000
Agency Total - General Fund	58,309,749	60,287,300	57,041,485	59,037,905	59,339,518	59,970,704	631,186
Personal Services	3,470,687	3,741,173	3,781,576	3,781,576	3,781,576	3,781,576	-
Other Expenses	708,399	714,706	665,006	665,006	665,006	665,006	-
Agency Total - Special Transportation Fund	4,179,086	4,455,879	4,446,582	4,446,582	4,446,582	4,446,582	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000
Agency Total - Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000

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	13,736,017	16,440,785	17,340,038	17,340,038	6,581,551	6,581,551	-
Other Expenses	1,423,216	1,549,196	1,479,367	1,479,367	1,144,367	1,144,367	-
Equipment	19,003	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	-
Fringe Benefits	11,764,196	12,040,514	12,689,262	12,689,262	5,087,538	5,087,538	-
Indirect Overhead	203,340	(38,117)	489,330	489,330	354,058	354,058	-
Agency Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	27,145,772	30,011,878	32,017,497	32,017,497	13,187,014	13,187,014	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	89,634,607	94,755,057	93,505,564	95,501,984	76,973,114	77,754,300	781,186

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

Transfer Funding to Establish PURA as an Independent Agency

Personal Services	(10,758,487)	(10,758,487)	-
Other Expenses	(335,000)	(335,000)	-
Fringe Benefits	(8,316,311)	(8,316,311)	-
Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	(19,409,798)	(19,409,798)	-
Positions - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	(88)	(88)	-

Background

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) is responsible for overseeing various aspects of Connecticut's investor-owned utilities, including the state's electric, natural gas, water, and telecommunications companies.

PURA sets the rates charged by investor-owned utilities, advances the modernization of the electric distribution system, regulates the retail electric supplier market, implements federal requirements for natural gas pipeline safety, ensures adequate water system infrastructure investments, reviews mergers and acquisitions, provides education and outreach for consumers, and regulates the expansion of telecommunications infrastructure.

Currently, PURA is a part of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Governor

Transfer funding of \$19,409,798 and 88 positions from DEEP to PURA in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(605,000)	(605,000)	-
Various Grants	605,000	605,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$605,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Legislative Grants

Various Grants	(121,000)	-	121,000
Total - General Fund	(121,000)	-	121,000

Governor

Reduce the Various Grants account by \$121,000 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of 20% to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Provide New Positions for Release-Based Cleanup

Personal Services	-	146,574	146,574
Emergency Spill Response	146,574	-	(146,574)
Total - General Fund	146,574	146,574	-
Positions - General Fund	2	2	-

Background

PA 20-9 sunsets the Connecticut Property Transfer Act (the state's primary program for pollution cleanup) and establishes a release-based cleanup framework. This transition aligns Connecticut with 48 other states that utilize a release-based approach and eliminates barriers to property redevelopment under the Transfer Act.

Governor

Provide funding of \$146,574 and two positions in FY 27 to the Personal Services account for release-based cleanup. The two new positions include an Emergency Response Coordinator and an Environmental Analyst. These positions will support emergency response, auditing, and enforcement activities associated with the implementation of the release-based cleanup framework, which took effect March 1, 2026.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$146,574 and two positions in FY 27 to the Emergency Spill Response account for release-based cleanup. The two new positions include an Emergency Response Coordinator and an Environmental Analyst. These positions will support emergency response, auditing, and enforcement activities associated with the implementation of the release-based cleanup framework, which took effect March 1, 2026.

Adjust Funding for New Positions for Emergency Spill Response

Emergency Spill Response	76,039	-	(76,039)
Total - General Fund	76,039	-	(76,039)
Positions - General Fund	1	-	(1)

Background

DEEP receives approximately 6,500 spill reports annually, with the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) responding to about 1,900 incidents per year, including oil, petroleum, chemical, and biological releases.

CGS Sec. 22a-451(c) requires DEEP to recover spill response costs. DEEP recovered approximately \$857,000 in FY 24 and FY 25.

Governor

Provide funding of \$76,039 and one position in FY 27 for emergency spill response. The new position will be a dedicated Environmental Analyst who will support spill response cost recovery, allowing DEEP to pursue additional recoveries.

Legislative

Funding is not provided for an emergency spill response position.

Providing Funding for New Environmental Analyst 2 Positions

Personal Services	-	174,225	174,225
Other Expenses	-	10,000	10,000
Total - General Fund	-	184,225	184,225
Positions - General Fund	-	2	2

Background

PA 26-61, *An Act Concerning Riparian Areas*, increased the protection and preservation of areas immediately adjacent to watercourses in the state, requiring additional staff for DEEP.

HB 5522, *An Act Concerning the Sewage Right to Know Act and Requiring a Report Concerning Well Water Contamination Protocols*, would have required various implementation and public availability of the requirements of the sewage right-to-know act, requiring additional staff for DEEP.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$184,225 in FY 27 for two new Environmental Analyst 2 positions.

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Provide Funding for Enforcement Positions Associated with PA 26-2

Personal Services	-	162,000	162,000
Total - General Fund	-	162,000	162,000
Positions - General Fund	-	2	2

Background

PA 26-2, *An Act Concerning Redemption of Out-of-State Beverage Containers*, makes several changes to the state's beverage container redemption law ("bottle bill") including, replacing the current redemption center registration with a licensure requirement and requires license applicants to pay a \$2,500 application fee.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$162,000 and two new positions in FY 27 for enforcement positions associated with PA 26-2.

Adjust Funding for a Bear Safety Public Education Campaign

Other Expenses	200,000	-	(200,000)
Total - General Fund	200,000	-	(200,000)

Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 for a statewide marketing and educational campaign promoting best practices to prevent bear encounters.

Legislative

Funding is not provided for a bear safety public education campaign.

Provide Funding for Various Tribal Nation Activities through the Mashantucket Pequot Mohegan Fund

Various Grants	-	150,000	150,000
Total - Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund	-	150,000	150,000

Background

Sections 478 and 479 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, provides funding for both state and federally recognized tribes, through the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 27 from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund to: 1) assist members of the three state recognized tribes - the Schaghticoke, the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot and the Golden Hill Paugussett with storm damage, snow plow, hazardous trash removal for reservation members (\$100,000) and 2) assist members of the two federally recognized tribes - the Mohegan Tribe and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, as well as members of the three state recognized tribes, with hunting and fishing license fees (\$50,000).

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 the Berlin Land Trust

Various Grants	-	190,000	190,000
Total - General Fund	-	190,000	190,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$190,000 in FY 27 for the Berlin Land Trust.

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 Open Space Preservation

Various Grants	-	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	150,000	150,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 27 for Cheshire open space preservation.

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Provide Funding for Well Water Remediation

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 for a well water remediation pilot program in Tolland.

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Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements for Fringe Benefits

Fringe Benefits	714,587	714,587	-
Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	714,587	714,587	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$714,587 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements for fringe benefits.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements for Indirect Overhead

Indirect Overhead	(135,272)	(135,272)	-
Total - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	(135,272)	(135,272)	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$135,272 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements for indirect overhead.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Carryforward Funding for Batterson Park

Other Expenses	-	4,730,000	4,730,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	4,730,000	4,730,000

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget carried forward \$4,730,000 in FY 26 for Batterson Park, which is owned by Hartford.

Legislative

Carry forward funding of up to \$4,730,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for Batterson Park, which is owned by Hartford.

Carryforward Funding for Sustainable CT

Various Grants	-	250,000	250,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	250,000	250,000

Legislative

Carry forward funding of up to \$250,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for Sustainable CT.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	59,037,905	59,037,905	-
Policy Revisions	301,613	932,799	631,186
Total Recommended - GF	59,339,518	59,970,704	631,186
Original Appropriation - TF	4,446,582	4,446,582	-
Total Recommended - TF	4,446,582	4,446,582	-
Original Appropriation - MF	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	150,000	150,000
Total Recommended - MF	-	150,000	150,000
Original Appropriation - PF	32,017,497	32,017,497	-
Policy Revisions	(19,409,798)	(19,409,798)	-
Current Services	579,315	579,315	-
Total Recommended - PF	13,187,014	13,187,014	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	563	563	-
Policy Revisions	3	6	3
Total Recommended - GF	566	569	3
Original Appropriation - TF	46	46	-
Total Recommended - TF	46	46	-
Original Appropriation - PF	151	151	-
Policy Revisions	(88)	(88)	-
Total Recommended - PF	63	63	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Various Grants				
Berlin Land Trust	Operational support	-	190,000	190,000
Cheshire	Open space preservation	-	150,000	150,000
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND				
Various Grants				
The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Mohegan, Schaghticoke, Paucatuck Eastern Pequot, and Golden Hill Paugussett Tribes	Hunting and fishing license fees	-	50,000	50,000
The Schaghticoke, Paucatuck Eastern Pequot, and Golden Hill Paugussett Tribes	Storm damage, snow and trash removal	-	100,000	100,000
CARRYFORWARD				
Other Expenses				
Hartford	Batterson Park improvements	-	4,730,000	4,730,000
Various Grants				
Sustainable CT	Operational support	-	250,000	250,000