

Department of Public Health

DPH48500

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	480	481	484	484	503	510	7
Insurance Fund	9	9	9	9	13	9	(4)
Cannabis Regulatory 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	36,534,617	40,854,367	40,420,559	40,640,559	42,656,663	43,329,915	673,252
Other Expenses	6,252,942	9,530,395	8,732,228	8,939,228	9,635,270	9,235,270	(400,000)
Other Current Expenses							
Gun Violence Prevention	700,032	3,812,137	4,404,299	4,404,299	4,204,299	4,654,299	450,000
Lung Cancer Detection and Referrals	408,268	86,233	479,137	479,137	479,137	479,137	-
Pancreatic Cancer Screening	-	-	106,996	127,161	127,161	127,161	-
Public Health Response	-	-	-	720,931	720,931	-	(720,931)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Community Health Services	1,862,846	1,916,568	4,342,827	2,398,494	1,898,494	1,898,494	-
Rape Crisis	600,754	600,893	630,623	616,233	616,233	616,233	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	507,200	2,034,000	1,526,800
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Local and District Departments of Health	7,210,900	7,210,900	6,509,802	8,213,916	8,341,658	8,341,658	-
School Based Health Clinics	10,265,071	12,435,778	13,772,114	14,400,721	14,400,721	15,102,721	702,000
Agency Total - General Fund	63,835,430	76,447,271	79,398,585	80,940,679	83,587,767	85,818,888	2,231,121
Needle and Syringe Exchange Program	429,312	553,900	524,665	513,515	513,515	513,515	-
Children's Health Initiatives	3,158,623	2,940,242	3,449,882	3,389,838	3,389,838	3,389,838	-
AIDS Services	4,016,491	4,911,743	5,442,930	5,366,231	5,366,231	5,366,231	-
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment	2,274,786	2,450,568	2,609,710	2,563,100	2,563,100	2,563,100	-
Immunization Services	26,515,015	42,537,699	49,176,811	50,845,097	50,845,097	50,845,097	-
Health Systems Planning Unit	-	-	-	-	784,018	-	(784,018)
X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care	442,338	423,153	971,849	971,849	771,849	871,849	100,000
Venereal Disease Control	166,133	114,623	203,256	203,256	203,256	203,256	-
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	37,002,698	53,931,928	62,379,103	63,852,886	64,436,904	63,752,886	(684,018)
Personal Services	102,203	139,953	192,520	192,520	192,520	192,520	-
Other Expenses	194,633	162,887	275,700	275,700	275,700	275,700	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	296,836	302,840	468,220	468,220	468,220	468,220	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	101,134,964	130,682,039	142,245,908	145,261,785	148,492,891	150,039,994	1,547,103

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

Eliminate OHS and Transfer Functions to Various Agencies

Personal Services	2,016,104	2,427,356	411,252
Other Expenses	13,042	13,042	-
Total - General Fund	2,029,146	2,440,398	411,252
Positions - General Fund	19	23	4
Health Systems Planning Unit	784,018	-	(784,018)
Total - Insurance Fund	784,018	-	(784,018)
Positions - Insurance Fund	4	-	(4)

Background

PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, transfers \$16.2 million and 42 positions from the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to six agencies in FY 27, which will assume responsibilities related to the agency's various programs including overseeing the Certificate of Need process and managing the Health Information Exchange.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$2,813,164 and 23 positions from OHS to DPH in FY 27. The funding and positions will support the Certificate of Need (CON) program, as this function is transferred from OHS to DPH. This includes the CON program's supporting data collection and analysis activities along with communication functions.

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$2,440,398 and 23 positions from OHS to DPH in FY 27 for the same functions as the Governor's recommended budget. Fund all transferred positions from the General Fund.

Provide Funding for Adult Influenza Vaccine Pilot Program

Other Expenses	892,000	892,000	-
Total - General Fund	892,000	892,000	-

Background

The Department of Public Health (DPH) operates the Connecticut Vaccines for Adults (CVFA) Program which provides certain adult vaccinations at no cost to healthcare providers for uninsured adults. Vaccines currently covered by the program include Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, Tdap, Shingles, Pneumococcal Conjugate, and RSV. Vaccines purchased and administered through this program are funded using limited federal Section 317 funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

PA 26-3 newly authorizes a state-funded Vaccines for Adults Program. Under the program, DPH must purchase and distribute vaccines to free clinics, municipal and district health departments, and other licensed health care providers who vaccinate uninsured and under-insured adults ages 19 and older (all as determined by the Commissioner).

Governor

Provide funding of \$892,000 in FY 27 to include up to 52,000 flu vaccine doses as an expansion of the CVFA program.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for CHR Service Expansion

Various Grants	-	800,000	800,000
Total - General Fund	-	800,000	800,000

Background

Community Health Resources (CHR) is a nonprofit providing mental health, addiction, and primary care services. They offer over 80 programs for all ages, specializing in integrated behavioral healthcare and 24/7 crisis response.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$800,000 in FY 27 to CHR to expand their ED program.

Reduce Funding for HAVEN

Other Expenses	-	(750,000)	(750,000)
Total - General Fund	-	(750,000)	(750,000)

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Background

Funding of \$725,000 was provided in FY 27 to maintain support for the Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN) program anticipating the elimination of fee revenues associated with proposed eliminations of certain healthcare professional licensure renewal fees.

HAVEN provides confidential assistance for licensed healthcare professionals to access educational, rehabilitative, and support services pertaining to behavioral and physical health conditions as well as misuse or abuse of substances.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$750,000 in FY 27 to the HAVEN program. The proposed licensure fee eliminations did not occur in FY 27, no longer necessitating the appropriation of additional funds to replace lost HAVEN revenues.

Eliminate Funding for Public Health Response

Public Health Response	-	(720,931)	(720,931)
Total - General Fund	-	(720,931)	(720,931)

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, established two separate, nonlapsing accounts to be used by the Department of Public Health to: (1) give timely, effective communication to the public, health care providers, and other stakeholders during a governor-declared public health emergency; (2) address unexpected shortfalls in public health funding; and (3) ensure the department's ability to respond to the state's health care needs and provide essential public health services. Funding for these purposes has since been kept in a centralized Public Health Response account, and in FY 26 no funding was expended.

Legislative

Eliminate funding of \$720,931 in FY 27 to the Public Health Response account.

Transfer Legislative Grants to a Separate Account

Other Expenses	(634,000)	(634,000)	-
Various Grants	634,000	634,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$634,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Maintain Legislative Grants

Gun Violence Prevention	(200,000)	-	200,000
Various Grants	(126,800)	-	126,800
Total - General Fund	(326,800)	-	326,800

Governor

Reduce the Gun Violence Prevention account by \$200,000 and the Various Grants account by \$126,800 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction of \$326,800 to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants.

Transfer DPH Grants for Federally Qualified Health Centers to DSS

Other Expenses	(75,000)	(75,000)	-
Community Health Services	(500,000)	(500,000)	-
Total - General Fund	(575,000)	(575,000)	-

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding through DPH to support two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs): Fair Haven Community Health Center (\$500,000 within the Community Health Services account) and Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center (\$75,000 within the Other Expenses account). The Department of Social Services (DSS) currently provides funding to FQHCs via both grants and Medicaid payments.

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

Transfer funding of \$575,000 in FY 27 to the Department of Social Services to centralize the administration of payments to FQHCs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Grants

Various Grants	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Background

Section 34 of PA 26-12 requires DPH, starting in FY 27, to establish and administer a grant program to expand certified nursing assistant (CNA) training programs in the greater Hartford area and rural communities in the state. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide education and training to prospective certified nursing assistants in such areas. To the extent possible, federal funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program will be utilized for the grants to programs in rural communities.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 to support grants for certified nursing assistant (CNA) training programs in the greater Hartford area and rural communities in the state.

Provide Funding for Southeastern Connecticut School Based Health Centers

School Based Health Clinics	-	443,000	443,000
Total - General Fund	-	443,000	443,000

Background

School based health centers (SBHCs) are comprehensive primary care facilities located in or on the grounds of schools. SBHCs provide a range of physical and mental healthcare, and in some sites, dental services. All students who attend a school in which an SBHC is located are eligible for care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, but require written consent signed by the parent/guardian to receive it. The Department of Public Health funds several SBHC contractors that operate over 91 different health centers across various communities.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$443,000 in FY 27 to United Community and Family Services for ten school based health centers (six schools in Norwich, two schools in Montville, and two schools in Waterford).

Provide Funding for Newington School Based Health Center

School Based Health Clinics	-	159,000	159,000
Total - General Fund	-	159,000	159,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$159,000 in FY 27 to support Newington High School's school based health center.

Provide Funding for Norwalk School Based Health Center

School Based Health Clinics	-	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	100,000	100,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 to the Human Services Council to support their school based health center serving both Norwalk High School and P-TECH Norwalk.

Provide Funding for Hartford Communities That Care

Gun Violence Prevention	-	250,000	250,000
Total - General Fund	-	250,000	250,000

Background

Hartford Communities That Care (HCTC) is a nonprofit, community-based organization whose mission is to create a nonviolent, drug-free environment for youth and families. HCTC identifies, develops, and implements evidence-based crisis response, mental health and supportive programs, partnerships, and policies to improve the lives of youth and adult victims of crime and their families.

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

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 27 to Hartford Communities That Care to support the Youth Leadership and Community Well-being Initiative, offsetting federal funding loss.

Provide Funding to Support Certificate of Need Transfer to DPH

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 for consulting to support the transition of the Certificate of Need (CON) program from OHS to DPH.

Provide Funding for Stratford Environmental Cleanup

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 to the Stratford Department of Public Health to support environmental cleanup.

Provide Funding for Northeast Hartford Urgent Care Study

Other Expenses	-	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	100,000	100,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 to conduct a study of Northeast Hartford urgent care.

Provide Funding for Hospital Nurse Staffing Oversight

Personal Services	-	92,000	92,000
Total - General Fund	-	92,000	92,000
Positions - General Fund	-	1	1

Background

Section 33 of PA 26-12 requires the DPH commissioner, by January 1, 2027, to create a report on the number of variations from hospital nurse staffing plans.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$92,000 and one position in FY 27 to support a Nurse Supervisor overseeing hospital nurse staffing reporting and investigations.

Provide Funding for Private Equity Enforcement

Personal Services	-	90,000	90,000
Total - General Fund	-	90,000	90,000
Positions - General Fund	-	1	1

Background

PA 26-103 and PA 26-22 require hospitals and nursing homes to provide DPH with annual attestations against private equity ownership and controlling interests. Under these public acts, if a hospital or nursing home fails to submit the required attestation, DPH may impose a civil penalty of up to \$2,000.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$90,000 and one position in FY 27 to support private equity enforcement.

Provide Funding for Well Testing in Rural Areas

Personal Services	-	80,000	80,000
Total - General Fund	-	80,000	80,000
Positions - General Fund	-	1	1

Legislative

Provide funding of \$80,000 and one position in FY 27 to support well testing for contamination in rural areas.

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Provide Funding for DataHaven

Other Expenses	-	50,000	50,000
Total - General Fund	-	50,000	50,000

Background

DataHaven is a New Haven nonprofit that analyzes public data to improve community well-being and health equity throughout Connecticut. It partners with DPH on statewide health initiatives, including the Community Wellbeing Survey.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 to DataHaven.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Other Expenses	500,000	500,000	-
Total - General Fund	500,000	500,000	-
X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care	(200,000)	(100,000)	100,000
Total - Insurance Fund	(200,000)	(100,000)	100,000

Governor

Provide net funding of \$300,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. This includes an increase of \$500,000 to Other Expenses to support increased state laboratory costs, and a reduction of \$200,000 to the X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care account which aligns program funding with recurring lapses.

Legislative

Provide net funding of \$400,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. This includes an increase of \$500,000 to the Other Expenses account and a reduction in funding of \$100,000 to the X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care account.

Adjust Funding for Per Capita Local Health Grants

Local and District Departments of Health	127,742	127,742	-
Total - General Fund	127,742	127,742	-

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, increases funding by \$980,803 in FY 27 (compared to FY 25) to fully fund eligible full-time local and district health departments at newly implemented per capita rates of \$2.13 (an increase of \$0.20 over prior law) and \$3.00 (an increase of \$0.40), respectively.

Governor

Provide funding of \$127,742 in FY 27 to fully fund local and district health department per capita grants based on updated population estimates.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	80,940,679	80,940,679	-
Policy Revisions	2,019,346	4,250,467	2,231,121
Current Services	627,742	627,742	-
Total Recommended - GF	83,587,767	85,818,888	2,231,121
Original Appropriation - IF	63,852,886	63,852,886	-
Policy Revisions	784,018	-	(784,018)
Current Services	(200,000)	(100,000)	100,000
Total Recommended - IF	64,436,904	63,752,886	(684,018)
Original Appropriation - CRF	468,220	468,220	-
Total Recommended - CRF	468,220	468,220	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	484	484	-
Policy Revisions	19	26	7
Total Recommended - GF	503	510	7
Original Appropriation - IF	9	9	-
Policy Revisions	4	-	(4)
Total Recommended - IF	13	9	(4)
Original Appropriation - CRF	3	3	-
Total Recommended - CRF	3	3	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
Gun Violence Prevention				
Hartford Communities That Care	Offset federal funding loss for Youth Leadership and Community Well-being Initiative	1,000,000	250,000	1,250,000
Other Expenses				
DataHaven	Operational support	-	50,000	50,000
Hartford	Conduct an urgent care study of Northeast Hartford	-	100,000	100,000
School Based Health Clinics				
Human Services Council	Operational support for Norwalk school based health center	-	100,000	100,000
Newington Board of Education	Operational support for Newington school based health center	-	159,000	159,000
United Community and Family Services	Operational support for ten school based health centers	-	443,000	443,000
Various Grants				
Community Health Resources	Expansion of ED Program	-	800,000	800,000
Stratford	Health Department for environmental cleanup	-	100,000	100,000