

August 24, 2026

Subject: 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline Fund Deposits and Expenditures
Annual Report – FY 2026

Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriations, Children's, Human Services, and Public Health Committees:

Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 17a-674a of the Connecticut General Statutes, DMHAS is required to annually report on the deposits and expenditures of the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline Fund to the Appropriations, Public Health, Human Services, and Children Committees.

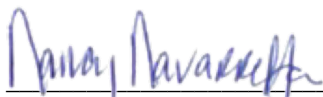
For context, this account was created in 2022 solely for the following purposes: (1) ensuring the efficient and effective routing of calls made to the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by persons in the state to an appropriate crisis center; and (2) personnel and the provision of acute mental health, crisis outreach and stabilization services by directly responding to the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The statute permits three types of moneys to be deposited: (1) appropriations from the General Assembly; (2) any grants or gifts intended for deposit; and (3) interest, premiums, gain, or other earnings on the fund.

Of note, there have been no state appropriations into this fund to date. In FY 2026, the fund received \$50 from a donation, the first deposit since its creation. No expenditures from the fund have been made.

DMHAS will produce future reports before the statutory annual deadline of January 1st for the preceding fiscal year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kelly Sinko Steuber, Chief of Policy and Governmental Affairs, at Kelly.Sinko@ct.gov and Chandra Persaud, Legislative Program Manager, at Chandra.Persaud@ct.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



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