

## Department of Agriculture

### DAG42500

#### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	52	52	52	52	52	52	54

#### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	4,237,016	4,138,165	4,518,302	4,413,414	4,413,414	4,413,414	4,713,414
Other Expenses	4,592,885	4,939,846	1,898,332	898,332	898,332	2,373,332	2,373,332
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Senior Food Vouchers	297,085	97,849	517,671	368,418	368,418	518,418	518,418
Dairy Farmer - Agriculture Sustainability	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce	160,121	20,827	247,938	167,938	167,938	247,938	247,938
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>10,287,107</b>	<b>10,196,687</b>	<b>8,182,243</b>	<b>6,848,102</b>	<b>6,848,102</b>	<b>8,553,102</b>	<b>8,853,102</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

## Policy Revisions

### Maintain Funding for CT Grown for CT Kids

Other Expenses	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(1,000,000)</b>	<b>(1,000,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

#### Background

The Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program is a competitive no-match grant to provide funds to various education organizations and entities administering or assisting in the development of a farm to school program.

Historical funding for the program includes:

- FY 22 (ARPA): \$250,000, 14 projects awarded;
- FY 23 (ARPA): \$500,000, 33 projects awarded;
- FY 24 (State Appropriation): \$1 million, 45 projects awarded;
- FY 24 (ARPA): \$2.0 million, 8 projects awarded; and
- FY 25 (State Appropriation): \$1 million, 34 projects awarded.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 (which eliminates the state appropriation) for the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program.

#### Legislative

Maintain funding for the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

### Provide Funding for New Positions

Personal Services	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	-	<b>300,000</b>	-	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	<b>2</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$300,000 in FY 27 and two positions, to support the Assist State Veterinarian and Assist Bureau Director positions.

### Provide Funding for Grants

Other Expenses	-	-	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>325,000</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>325,000</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$325,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for various grants, including:

- Havens Harvest (\$150,000,)
- Filling in the Blanks (\$100,000,)
- Eastend Popup Market (\$50,000,)
- West Haven Food Insecurity Nonprofit (\$25,000.)

### Increase Funding for Other Expenses

Other Expenses	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27, for current requirements, within Other Expenses.

## Current Services

### Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	195,112	195,112	195,112	195,112	-	-
Senior Food Vouchers	747	747	747	747	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>195,859</b>	<b>195,859</b>	<b>195,859</b>	<b>195,859</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 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 \$195,859 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

### Maintain State Supplemental Food Voucher Programs

Senior Food Vouchers	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-	150,000	150,000
WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce	(80,000)	(80,000)	-	-	80,000	80,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(230,000)</b>	<b>(230,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>

#### Background

State supplemental food voucher programs serve participants of Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and seniors, over the age of 60, who meet income eligibility guidelines by providing a mobile application or preloaded benefit cards to purchase Connecticut grown fresh fruit, vegetables, cut herbs, honey, and chicken eggs at authorized locations throughout Connecticut.

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$230,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 related to Supplemental Food Voucher programs.

#### Legislative

Maintain funding for state supplemental food voucher programs.

### Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	8,182,243	8,182,243	8,182,243	8,182,243	-	-
Policy Revisions	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	475,000	775,000	1,475,000	1,775,000
Current Services	(334,141)	(334,141)	(104,141)	(104,141)	230,000	230,000
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>6,848,102</b>	<b>6,848,102</b>	<b>8,553,102</b>	<b>8,853,102</b>	<b>1,705,000</b>	<b>2,005,000</b>

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	52	52	52	52	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	-	2	-	2
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>