

Department of Public Health

DPH48500

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	472	480	481	484	484	484	484
Insurance Fund	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	3	3	-	-	3	3

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	34,836,711	36,534,617	40,945,779	40,753,079	40,753,079	40,620,559	40,640,559
Other Expenses	8,009,921	6,252,942	7,605,228	7,880,928	7,880,928	8,132,228	8,939,228
Other Current Expenses							
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	115,603	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Pandemic Preparedness	172,344	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco Prevention	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gun Violence Prevention	247,572	700,032	3,900,000	3,904,299	3,904,299	4,404,299	4,404,299
Lung Cancer Detection and Referrals	-	408,268	477,857	479,137	479,137	479,137	479,137
Pancreatic Cancer Screening	-	-	-	-	-	106,996	127,161
Public Health Response	-	-	-	-	-	868,858	720,931
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Community Health Services	1,702,908	1,862,846	1,851,235	1,898,494	1,898,494	2,398,494	2,398,494
Rape Crisis	600,893	600,754	600,893	616,233	616,233	616,233	616,233
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Local and District Departments of Health	7,186,576	7,210,900	7,192,101	6,509,802	6,509,802	6,509,802	8,213,916
School Based Health Clinics	11,053,559	10,265,071	11,544,057	11,790,721	11,790,721	13,540,721	14,400,721
Agency Total - General Fund	64,926,087	63,835,430	74,117,150	73,832,693	73,832,693	77,677,327	80,940,679
Needle and Syringe Exchange Program	468,498	429,312	501,629	513,515	513,515	513,515	513,515
Children's Health Initiatives	3,151,454	3,158,623	3,315,046	3,389,838	3,389,838	3,389,838	3,389,838
AIDS Services	4,561,574	4,016,491	5,284,470	5,066,231	5,066,231	5,366,231	5,366,231
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment	2,435,580	2,274,786	2,503,761	2,563,100	2,563,100	2,563,100	2,563,100
Immunization Services	40,908,975	26,515,015	64,201,121	56,476,811	58,145,097	49,176,811	50,845,097
X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care	805,265	442,338	970,931	971,849	971,849	971,849	971,849
Venereal Disease Control	157,509	166,133	201,791	203,256	203,256	203,256	203,256
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	52,488,855	37,002,698	76,978,749	69,184,600	70,852,886	62,184,600	63,852,886
Personal Services	-	102,203	187,959	-	-	192,520	192,520
Other Expenses	-	194,633	275,700	-	-	275,700	275,700
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	296,836	463,659	-	-	468,220	468,220
Total - Appropriated Funds	117,414,942	101,134,964	151,559,558	143,017,293	144,685,579	140,330,147	145,261,785

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for School Based Health Centers

School Based Health Clinics	-	-	200,000	1,060,000	200,000	1,060,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	200,000	1,060,000	200,000	1,060,000

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 91 different health centers across various communities.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 26 and \$1,060,000 in FY 27 to Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut for eight school based health centers (serving nine schools across Groton, Ledyard, and Stonington) to cover budget shortfalls and support ongoing services.

School-Based Health Center	Municipality	FY 26	FY 27
Ella T. Grasso Technical High School	Groton	83,000	200,000
Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School	Groton	22,000	150,000
Gallup Hill School	Ledyard	-	100,000
Gales Ferry Elementary School & Juliet Long Elementary School	Ledyard	-	100,000
Ledyard Middle School	Ledyard	-	100,000
Ledyard High School	Ledyard	95,000	200,000
Stonington High School	Stonington	-	105,000
West Vine Elementary School	Stonington	-	105,000
TOTAL		200,000	1,060,000

Provide Funding for Other School Based Health Centers

School Based Health Clinics	-	-	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000

Background

The Education Finance Reform account held a \$150 million FY 25 appropriation established by PA 23-204 to increase funding for ECS and certain choice school programs. PA 24-81 adjusted the distribution of the appropriation. The distribution of the Education Finance Reform appropriation included \$10.4 million in FY 25 for a variety of education-related programs and purposes. Among them, funding of \$650,000 was provided to InterCommunity Health Care, an organization that provides primary care and behavioral health services in nine East Hartford schools through school based health centers.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1,550,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to continue funding for InterCommunity Health Care.

Adjust Funding for Local Health Department & District Grants

Local and District Departments of Health	(723,311)	(723,311)	(723,311)	980,803	-	1,704,114
Total - General Fund	(723,311)	(723,311)	(723,311)	980,803	-	1,704,114

Background

The Local and District Departments of Health account provides per capita grants as follows:

- Each **health district** that has a population of at least 50,000 or serves at least three municipalities receives **\$2.60 per capita** for each town, city, and borough of such district, provided: (1) the Commissioner approves the district's public health program and budget, and (2) the towns, cities, and boroughs of such district appropriate from annual tax receipts for the maintenance of the health district at least \$1 per capita; and
- Each **municipal health department** receives **\$1.93 per capita**, provided the municipality: (1) employs a full-time director of health, (2) submits a public health program and budget which is approved by the Commissioner, (3) appropriates at least \$1 per capita from

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annual tax receipts for health department services, and (4) has a population of at least 50,000. By law, every city or town having a population over 40,000 for a period of five consecutive years must hire a full-time local director of health.

These grants are reduced proportionately if available appropriations fail to fully fund the amount determined by statutory formula, pursuant to CGS Sec. 19a-202(b) and CGS Sec. 19a-245(b). The grants have been fully funded since FY 22 when an increase of \$0.75 per capita was implemented for eligible full-time and district health departments.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$723,311 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for grant payments to qualifying local health authorities. This represents a 10% decrease from the amount needed to fully fund statutory per capita formula grants based on updated population estimates; grants will be reduced pro rata.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$723,311 in FY 26 and provide funding of \$980,803 in FY 27 to fully fund eligible full-time local and district health departments at per capita rates of \$2.13 (an increase of \$0.20 over current law) and \$3.00 (an increase of \$0.40), respectively.

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

Personal Services	192,520	192,520	-	-	(192,520)	(192,520)
Other Expenses	275,700	275,700	-	-	(275,700)	(275,700)
Total - General Fund	468,220	468,220	-	-	(468,220)	(468,220)
Positions - General Fund	3	3	-	-	(3)	(3)
Personal Services	(192,520)	(192,520)	-	-	192,520	192,520
Other Expenses	(275,700)	(275,700)	-	-	275,700	275,700
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(468,220)	(468,220)	-	-	468,220	468,220
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(3)	(3)	-	-	3	3

Background

PA 21-1, JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$468,220 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation, prevention, and education duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$468,220 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation, prevention, and education duties within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Provide Funding for Public Health Response

Public Health Response	-	-	868,858	720,931	868,858	720,931
Total - General Fund	-	-	868,858	720,931	868,858	720,931

Background

Sections 176 and 177 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, establishes two separate, nonlapsing accounts to be used by the Department of Public Health to respond to various public health emergencies:

- **Public Health Urgent Communication Account:** DPH must use any available funding within the account to give timely, effective communication to the public, health care providers, and other stakeholders during a governor-declared public health emergency.
- **Emergency Public Health Financial Safeguard Account:** DPH must use any available funding within the account to: (1) address unexpected shortfalls in public health funding; and (2) ensure the department's ability to respond to the state's health care needs and provide essential public health services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$868,858 in FY 26 and \$720,931 in FY 27 to support new public health urgent communication and emergency public health financial safeguard accounts.

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding to Healthcare Organizations

Other Expenses	-	-	527,000	609,000	527,000	609,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	527,000	609,000	527,000	609,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$527,000 in FY 26 and \$609,000 in FY 27 to various organizations supporting physical and behavioral health.

Organization	FY 26	FY 27
Goodwin College Respiratory Program	150,000	150,000
My People Clinical Services	150,000	150,000
Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance	92,000	184,000
Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center	75,000	75,000
Lucinda's House	50,000	50,000
Simsbury Ambulance	10,000	-
TOTAL	527,000	609,000

Provide Funding to Fair Haven Community Health Center

Community Health Services	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Fair Haven Community Health Center.

Provide Funding for Hartford Communities That Care

Gun Violence Prevention	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Background

Hartford Communities That Care (HCTC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), community-based organization whose mission is to create a non-violent, 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.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support Hartford Communities That Care.

Provide Funding for HAVEN through General Fund

Other Expenses	-	-	-	725,000	-	725,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	725,000	-	725,000

Background

Connecticut is expected to receive more than \$600 million over 18 years as part of nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. The Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) is a separate, nonlapsing fund administered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from DMHAS. Expenditures must be approved by the Committee and used in accordance with the controlling judgment, consent decree, or settlement.

Governor

Provide \$725,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the OSF to maintain support for the HAVEN program. 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

Provide funding of \$725,000 in FY 27 from the General Fund to support the HAVEN program.

Provide Funding for Pancreatic Cancer Screening and Treatment Referral Program

Pancreatic Cancer Screening	-	-	106,996	127,161	106,996	127,161
Total - General Fund	-	-	106,996	127,161	106,996	127,161
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

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	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

Section 180 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, requires DPH to establish a pancreatic cancer screening and treatment referral program. The program is created to: (1) promote screening and detection of pancreatic cancer among persons who may be susceptible to the disease due to higher risk factors; (2) educate the public, including unserved and underserved populations, regarding pancreatic cancer and the benefits of early detection; and (3) provide referrals to appropriate pancreatic screening and counseling services and treatment referral services.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$106,996 in FY 26 and \$127,161 in FY 27 to hire a new full-time position to administer the new pancreatic cancer screening and treatment referral program.

Provide Funding for Maternity Care Report Card

Personal Services	-	-	60,000	80,000	60,000	80,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	60,000	80,000	60,000	80,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

Section 124 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, establishes a maternal care advisory committee and requires DPH to establish an annual maternity care report card for birth centers and hospitals providing obstetric services. The report card will include quantitative metrics, qualitative measures based on patient-reported experiences, and to the extent recommended by the advisory committee, an equity assessment of care received by patients at each birth center and hospital. The first report card will be complete by January 1, 2027.

Legislative

Provides funding of \$60,000 in FY 26 and \$80,000 in FY 27 for two part-time staff positions to establish and maintain the maternity care report card.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	-	-
AIDS Services	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-	300,000	300,000
Immunization Services	(7,735,531)	(6,067,245)	(15,035,531)	(13,367,245)	(7,300,000)	(7,300,000)
Total - Insurance Fund	(8,035,531)	(6,367,245)	(15,035,531)	(13,367,245)	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$10,135,531 in FY 26 and \$8,467,245 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements. The reduction to Immunization Services reflects the anticipated drawdown of an existing vaccine stockpile.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$17,135,531 in FY 26 and \$15,467,245 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	1,714,780	1,714,780	1,714,780	1,714,780	-	-
Gun Violence Prevention	4,299	4,299	4,299	4,299	-	-
Lung Cancer Detection and Referrals	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,720,359	1,720,359	1,720,359	1,720,359	-	-
Children's Health Initiatives	10,785	10,785	10,785	10,785	-	-
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment	9,653	9,653	9,653	9,653	-	-
Immunization Services	11,221	11,221	11,221	11,221	-	-
Total - Insurance Fund	31,659	31,659	31,659	31,659	-	-
Personal Services	4,561	4,561	4,561	4,561	-	-
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	4,561	4,561	4,561	4,561	-	-

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

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 \$1,756,579 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Community Health Services	47,259	47,259	47,259	47,259	-	-
Rape Crisis	15,340	15,340	15,340	15,340	-	-
School Based Health Clinics	246,664	246,664	246,664	246,664	-	-
Total - General Fund	309,263	309,263	309,263	309,263	-	-
Needle and Syringe Exchange Program						
	11,886	11,886	11,886	11,886	-	-
Children's Health Initiatives	64,007	64,007	64,007	64,007	-	-
AIDS Services	81,761	81,761	81,761	81,761	-	-
Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Treatment						
	49,686	49,686	49,686	49,686	-	-
X-Ray Screening and Tuberculosis Care						
	918	918	918	918	-	-
Venereal Disease Control	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	-	-
Total - Insurance Fund	209,723	209,723	209,723	209,723	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood, and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$518,986 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Fund Statutory Per Capita Local Health Department & District Grants

Local and District Departments of Health	41,012	41,012	41,012	41,012	-	-
Total - General Fund	41,012	41,012	41,012	41,012	-	-

Background

A statutory per capita grant is paid by the Department of Public Health to eligible local health authorities.

Governor

Provide funding of \$41,012 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect updated population estimates for health districts' and municipal health departments' per capita grants. (See also the Policy Revisions adjustment to this account.)

Legislative

Same as Governor

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	74,117,150	74,117,150	74,117,150	74,117,150	-	-
Policy Revisions	(255,091)	(255,091)	3,589,543	6,852,895	3,844,634	7,107,986
Current Services	(29,366)	(29,366)	(29,366)	(29,366)	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	73,832,693	73,832,693	77,677,327	80,940,679	3,844,634	7,107,986
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	76,978,749	76,978,749	76,978,749	76,978,749	-	-
Current Services	(7,794,149)	(6,125,863)	(14,794,149)	(13,125,863)	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)
Total Recommended - IF	69,184,600	70,852,886	62,184,600	63,852,886	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	463,659	463,659	463,659	463,659	-	-
Policy Revisions	(468,220)	(468,220)	-	-	468,220	468,220
Current Services	4,561	4,561	4,561	4,561	-	-
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	468,220	468,220	468,220	468,220

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	481	481	481	481	-	-
Policy Revisions	3	3	3	3	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	484	484	484	484	-	-
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	3	3	3	3	-	-
Policy Revisions	(3)	(3)	-	-	3	3
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	3	3	3	3