Higher Education University of Connecticut

# University of Connecticut UOC67000

#### **Permanent Full-Time Positions**

Fund	Actual	Actual	Appropriation	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413

# **Budget Summary**

Account	Actual Actual A		Appropriation	Governor Rec	ommended	Legislative				
Account	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27			
Other Current Expenses										
Operating Expenses	254,204,158	253,505,868	216,977,564	231,900,002	237,163,874	265,235,002	250,543,874			
Veterinary Diagnostic										
Laboratory	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000			
Institute for Municipal and										
Regional Policy	400,000	700,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000			
UConn Veterans Program	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000			
Health Services - Regional										
Campuses	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000			
Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	500,000	500,000			
Agency Total - General Fund	254,604,158	256,315,868	219,637,564	234,560,002	239,823,874	268,185,002	253,493,874			

Account	Governor Re	commended	Legis	lative	Difference from Governor	
Account	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

# **Policy Revisions**

### **Provide Funding for Block Grant**

Operating Expenses	_	_	30,000,000	10,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	30,000,000	10,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000

#### Background

The constituent units of higher education, including UConn, receive block grants from the state to fund operating expenses. UConn also receives General Fund line-item appropriations for various programs and initiatives. All General Fund funding is in addition to other sources of funds received by the institutions, such as tuition and other student charges, federal funding, and foundation support.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$30 million in FY 26 and \$10 million in FY 27 to the block grant for deficit mitigation.

# Provide Funding for Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation

Operating Expenses	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

#### Background

The Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation at the University of Connecticut researches practical solutions for problems arising as a result of climate change.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation.

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Account	Governor Re	commended	Legis	lative	Difference from Governor	
Account	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

#### **Provide Funding for Puerto Rican Initiative**

Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	-	-	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000

#### Background

The Puerto Rican Studies Initiative at the University of Connecticut documents and studies the impact that Puerto Ricans have made on the culture and economy of Connecticut.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$290,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Puerto Rican Studies Initiative.

#### Provide Funding for Robotics at UConn-Waterbury

Operating Expenses	-	-	-	120,000	-	120,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	120,000	-	120,000

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$120,000 in FY 27 for the UConn-Waterbury robotics program.

#### Provide Funding for Studies of Municipal Property Tax Assistance and Veterans' Benefits

Operating Expenses	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	-

#### Background

Section 17 of PA 25-95 requires the University of Connecticut to complete two studies concerning municipal property tax exemptions by January 1, 2027. The studies involve (1) the state and town impacts of adjusting various property tax exemptions and limiting eligibility for such exemptions; and (2) municipal assistance to veterans, with findings and recommendations specific to each municipality.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$75,000 in FY 26 to conduct two studies as required by PA 25-95.

# **Adjust Block Grant Funding**

Operating Expenses	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	-	-	2,260,000	2,260,000
Total - General Fund	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	-	-	2,260,000	2,260,000

#### Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the block grant account to achieve savings. The intent of this adjustment is to maintain support for the line-item programs and initiatives and reduce block grant funding by approximately the total of those line-items.

#### Legislative

Do not reduce funding by \$2,260,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the block grant.

# **Current Services**

#### **Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfers**

Operating Expenses	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	-	-
Total - General Fund	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	10,197,946	-	-

#### Background

In FY 25, OPM provided \$26.3 million across the constituent units from the Reserve for Salary Adjustments (RSA) account for SEBAC wage increases. The constituent unit block grant accounts traditionally pay for personnel costs. The Governor's Recommended Budget provides the units \$34.3 million to annualize this amount. Each unit receives an amount 30.6% greater in both FY 26 and FY 27 than its FY 25 RSA transfer amount.

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Account	Governor Re	commended	Legis	lative	Difference from Governor	
Account	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$10,197,946 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize UConn's FY 25 RSA transfer.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

# **Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants**

Operating Expenses	6,984,492	12,248,364	6,984,492	12,248,364	-	-
Total - General Fund	6,984,492	12,248,364	6,984,492	12,248,364	-	-

#### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$23.5 million in FY 26 and \$46 million in FY 27 for additional block grant funding across the constituent units. The funding provides inflationary increases (above the Governor's recommended RSA annualization) of 3.1% in FY 26 and increases (above FY 25) ranging from 5.4% to 6.3% in FY 27.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$6,984,492 in FY 26 and \$12,248,364 in FY 27 for additional block grant funding.

#### 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	219,637,564	219,637,564	219,637,564	219,637,564	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2,260,000)	(2,260,000)	31,365,000	11,410,000	33,625,000	13,670,000
Current Services	17,182,438	22,446,310	17,182,438	22,446,310	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	234,560,002	239,823,874	268,185,002	253,493,874	33,625,000	13,670,000