

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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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	130	146	146	144	144	145	145
Workers' Compensation Fund	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

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	6,608,843	6,614,314	8,572,621	8,499,272	8,499,272	8,626,272	8,626,272
Other Expenses	1,012,695	1,340,285	1,398,575	1,137,575	1,137,575	2,042,575	2,182,575
Other Current Expenses							
Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	4,571,232	4,659,692	4,873,907	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360	5,036,360
Employment Opportunities - Blind & Disabled	200,929	241,409	406,594	416,974	416,974	416,974	416,974
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Vocational Rehabilitation - Disabled	6,809,785	7,536,668	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382	7,895,382
Supplementary Relief and Services	31,132	44,846	44,847	97,251	97,251	97,251	97,251
Special Training for the Deaf Blind	136,143	131,979	258,825	264,045	264,045	264,045	264,045
Connecticut Radio Information Service	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194	70,194
Independent Living Centers	1,023,927	1,070,723	1,000,000	1,025,528	1,025,528	1,025,528	1,025,528
Programs for Senior Citizens	3,817,965	4,405,195	4,423,247	4,536,165	4,536,165	5,036,165	5,036,165
Elderly Nutrition	3,404,171	3,491,074	4,904,171	4,991,074	4,991,074	5,141,074	5,141,074
Aging in Place Pilot Program	-	150,000	150,000	-	-	-	-
Communication Advocacy Network	-	51,582	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000	200,000
Agency Total - General Fund	27,687,016	29,807,961	34,098,363	34,069,820	34,069,820	35,851,820	35,991,820
Fall Prevention	119,898	50,075	382,660	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	119,898	50,075	382,660	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660
Personal Services	482,618	511,120	613,572	634,783	634,783	634,783	634,783
Other Expenses	43,625	35,930	48,440	48,440	48,440	48,440	48,440
Rehabilitative Services	324,909	355,129	1,000,721	595,631	595,631	595,631	595,631
Fringe Benefits	456,436	444,205	597,987	467,987	467,987	467,987	467,987
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	1,307,588	1,346,384	2,260,720	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841
Total - Appropriated Funds	29,114,502	31,204,420	36,741,743	36,007,353	36,007,353	37,981,321	38,121,321

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

Policy Revisions

Funding for Senior Centers

Other Expenses	(100,000)	(100,000)	720,000	660,000	820,000	760,000
Total - General Fund	(100,000)	(100,000)	720,000	660,000	820,000	760,000

Background

Governor

Reduce other expenses funding to Stamford Senior Center by \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Legislative

PA 25-168 maintains funding of \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for Stamford Senior Center, and provides additional funding of \$720,000 in FY 26 and \$660,000 in FY 27 to the following five senior centers:

- Mount St. Olive Senior Center (\$60,000 in FY 26)
- Meriden Senior Center (\$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27)
- Middletown Senior Center (\$110,000 in FY 26 and FY 27)
- Orange Senior Center (\$25,000 in FY 26 and FY 27)
- Woodbridge Senior Center (\$25,000 in FY 26 and FY 27)

Provide Funding for the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing

Personal Services	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Other Expenses	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

The Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing was created in 2024 to enhance support and services for this community. The Bureau was partially funded by ARPA dollars in FY 25 and FY 26.

Legislative

Provide Personal Services funding of \$200,000 and Other Expenses funding of \$10,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the Bureau for Persons Who Are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing and its activities. The Personal Services funding will support two positions, a Bureau Director and an administrative assistant. Part of the director's FY 26 salary is currently covered by ARPA dollars. The Other Expenses funding will cover the Bureau's interpreter service needs.

Provide Funding for Communication Advocacy Network

Communication Advocacy Network	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Background

The Communication Advocacy Network (CAN) provides auxiliary support services to statewide agencies who serve deaf or hard-of-hearing elderly (who require American Sign Language interpretation by native users of ASL) and Deaf-Blind, and Deaf persons with diminished visual acuity regardless of race or gender so that they can be provided opportunities to succeed in areas of employment, education, housing, economics, and self-determination.

Legislative

Increase funding to the Communication Advocacy Network by \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide Funding for AAA Service Navigators

Programs for Senior Citizens	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Background

Connecticut's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are nonprofit planning agencies funded by ADS. The AAAs provide financial support to social service providers for older adults. Services provided include nutritional services, disease prevention and health promotion

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services, family caregiver support services and adult day care aide positions. AAAs also assist older adults with matters relating to federal and state benefits.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). This funding will support the hiring of additional service navigators for each AAA, and will cover salaries, fringe benefits, and operating expenses.

Kuhn Employment Opportunities

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

Background

Kuhn Employment Opportunities is a non-profit agency that aims to help people with developmental, intellectual, and psychiatric disabilities find and retain employment.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$75,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to Kuhn Employment Opportunities.

Support Meals on Wheels & Congregate Meals

Elderly Nutrition	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Middletown Senior Center to support the Meals on Wheels and congregate meals programs in Middletown and Cromwell.

Eliminate Statewide Senior Center Coordinator Position

Personal Services	-	-	(73,000)	(73,000)	(73,000)	(73,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(73,000)	(73,000)	(73,000)	(73,000)
Positions - General Fund	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

Background

The Statewide Senior Center Coordinator position was created and funded by the FY 23 revisions to SA 21-15, the FY 22 and FY 23 Budget.

Legislative

Eliminate the Statewide Senior Center Coordinator position in ADS and reduce Personal Services funding by \$73,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide Funding for LTCO

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

Legislative

Provide funding of \$200,000 in FY 27 to offset reductions in federal funding to the Connecticut Long Term Care Ombudsman program.

Eliminate Funding for Aging in Place Pilot

Aging in Place Pilot Program	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, provided funding of \$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for an Aging in Place Pilot Program. The program was developed to serve senior citizens who own a home in Bloomfield and Hartford, assisting eligible seniors in identifying Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) contractors to perform home repairs on their primary residence. The Minority Construction Council (MCC) was tasked with overseeing the repair process by identifying qualified credentialed MBE contractors to perform the required repairs. The program funds covered the cost of the labor, materials needed to complete the home repair, and a fiduciary service fee. The MCC aimed to work with 25 senior homeowners to provide home repairs at no cost to the homeowners so they have homes that are safe, energy efficient and ADA accessible.

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

Governor

Reduce funding by \$150,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the elimination of the Aging in Place Pilot.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Transfer the Driver Training Program from ADS to DMV

Personal Services	(244,500)	(244,500)	(244,500)	(244,500)	-	-
Other Expenses	(21,000)	(21,000)	(21,000)	(21,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(265,500)	(265,500)	(265,500)	(265,500)	-	-
Positions - General Fund	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	-	-

Background

The Driver Training Program provides free special equipment evaluation, driver training, and license certification for people with physical disabilities who may require special adaptive equipment to operate a motor vehicle. In FY 24 the program served 278 clients. Of these, 143 clients completed the program, 43 were actively receiving services, and 92 had requested services.

PA 11-44 transferred the program from DMV to the newly established Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (now ADS).

Governor

Transfer three positions and \$265,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the transfer of the program to DMV (an equal transfer of General Fund dollars and positions to the Special Transportation Fund).

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Transfer Position from DMHAS to ADS

Personal Services	116,146	116,146	116,146	116,146	-	-
Total - General Fund	116,146	116,146	116,146	116,146	-	-
Positions - General Fund	1	1	1	1	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$116,146 and one position in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to the Department of Aging and Disability (ADS) to reflect ADS assuming contracting responsibilities.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Maintain Funding for Fall Prevention

Fall Prevention	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968
Total - Insurance Fund	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968

Background

The Fall Prevention Program aims to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults, educate professionals and the public about the importance of falls prevention, and share resources and best practices. The program partners ADS' Bureau of Aging with the Department of Public Health's Office of Injury and Violence Prevention, and is guided by Connecticut General Statute 17a-859.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$191,968 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$191,968 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the fall prevention program.

Reduce Workers' Rehabilitative Services Funding

Rehabilitative Services	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-

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

Background

The Worker's Rehabilitation program aims to assist injured workers in returning to employment, providing services such as counseling, aptitude and interest testing, formal training and education, and job placement assistance. The program is governed by Chapter 568 of the Connecticut General Statutes, also known as the Workers' Compensation Act, which requires the Department of Aging and Disability to provide vocational rehabilitation services.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$405,090 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect program requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Current Services

Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	305,005	305,005	305,005	305,005	-	-
Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	162,453	162,453	162,453	162,453	-	-
Total - General Fund	467,458	467,458	467,458	467,458	-	-
Personal Services	21,211	21,211	21,211	21,211	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	21,211	21,211	21,211	21,211	-	-

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 \$488,669 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Employment Opportunities - Blind & Disabled	10,380	10,380	10,380	10,380	-	-
Supplementary Relief and Services	52,404	52,404	52,404	52,404	-	-
Special Training for the Deaf Blind	5,220	5,220	5,220	5,220	-	-
Independent Living Centers	25,528	25,528	25,528	25,528	-	-
Programs for Senior Citizens	112,918	112,918	112,918	112,918	-	-
Elderly Nutrition	86,903	86,903	86,903	86,903	-	-
Total - General Fund	293,353	293,353	293,353	293,353	-	-

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 \$293,353 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

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

Adjust Funding to Reflect the Coverage of Waterbury Lease Costs Under DSS

Other Expenses	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(140,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$140,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect the Department of Social Services (DSS) assuming greater leasing costs related to the Waterbury location.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Current Staffing Levels

Personal Services	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$250,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor.

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Current Rate

Fringe Benefits	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	(130,000)	-	-

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$130,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

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	34,098,363	34,098,363	34,098,363	34,098,363	-	-
Policy Revisions	(399,354)	(399,354)	1,382,646	1,522,646	1,782,000	1,922,000
Current Services	370,811	370,811	370,811	370,811	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	34,069,820	34,069,820	35,851,820	35,991,820	1,782,000	1,922,000
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	382,660	382,660	382,660	382,660	-	-
Policy Revisions	(191,968)	(191,968)	-	-	191,968	191,968
Total Recommended - IF	190,692	190,692	382,660	382,660	191,968	191,968
FY 25 Appropriation - WF	2,260,720	2,260,720	2,260,720	2,260,720	-	-
Policy Revisions	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	(405,090)	-	-
Current Services	(108,789)	(108,789)	(108,789)	(108,789)	-	-
Total Recommended - WF	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	1,746,841	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	146	146	146	146	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	1	1
Total Recommended - GF	144	144	145	145	1	1