

Agricultural Experiment Station AES48000

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	74	75	75	78	78	77	77
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	6,152,304	6,584,164	7,087,352	7,456,600	7,456,600	7,197,533	7,197,533
Other Expenses	941,245	941,499	941,499	1,146,499	1,146,499	1,081,499	1,081,499
Other Current Expenses							
Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	741,170	734,973	746,270	857,623	857,623	857,623	857,623
Wildlife Disease Prevention	134,013	123,539	129,011	133,357	133,357	133,357	133,357
Agency Total - General Fund	7,968,732	8,384,175	8,904,132	9,594,079	9,594,079	9,270,012	9,270,012
Personal Services	-	248,669	248,669	-	-	259,067	259,067
Other Expenses	-	65,000	65,000	-	-	65,000	65,000
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	313,669	313,669	-	-	324,067	324,067
Total - Appropriated Funds	7,968,732	8,697,844	9,217,801	9,594,079	9,594,079	9,594,079	9,594,079

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

Policy Revisions

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

Personal Services	259,067	259,067	-	-	(259,067)	(259,067)
Other Expenses	65,000	65,000	-	-	(65,000)	(65,000)
Total - General Fund	324,067	324,067	-	-	(324,067)	(324,067)
Positions - General Fund	3	3	-	-	(3)	(3)
Personal Services	(259,067)	(259,067)	-	-	259,067	259,067
Other Expenses	(65,000)	(65,000)	-	-	65,000	65,000
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(324,067)	(324,067)	-	-	324,067	324,067
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 moved 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 affected 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF. This proposal was not adopted in the final legislative budget.

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

Governor

Transfer funding of \$324,067 and three positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Legislative

Maintain cannabis funding within the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Provide Funding for the Active Tick Surveillance Program

Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	95,049	95,049	95,049	95,049	-	-
Total - General Fund	95,049	95,049	95,049	95,049	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

The Tick Surveillance program involves field collected ticks from sites around Connecticut which are tested for tick-borne pathogens including Lyme disease. The results are posted on the Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) website and reported to the state local health departments to monitor disease risk. Funding for this program was historically supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) but has been eliminated.

Governor

Provide funding of \$95,049 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to fund two research technicians in the Tick Surveillance program.

Legislative

Provide two positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the Tick Surveillance program.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	310,181	310,181	310,181	310,181	-	-
Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention	16,304	16,304	16,304	16,304	-	-
Wildlife Disease Prevention	4,346	4,346	4,346	4,346	-	-
Total - General Fund	330,831	330,831	330,831	330,831	-	-
Personal Services	10,398	10,398	10,398	10,398	-	-
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	10,398	10,398	10,398	10,398	-	-

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 \$330,831 in the General Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27, and \$10,398 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund 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	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$200,00 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

Provide Funding for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Testing on Farming Soil

Other Expenses	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$50,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for laboratory supplies to conduct testing of farm soil.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding Due to Increased Electric Costs

Other Expenses	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	-	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$90,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support increased electric costs.

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	8,904,132	8,904,132	8,904,132	8,904,132	-	-
Policy Revisions	419,116	419,116	95,049	95,049	(324,067)	(324,067)
Current Services	270,831	270,831	270,831	270,831	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	9,594,079	9,594,079	9,270,012	9,270,012	(324,067)	(324,067)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	313,669	313,669	313,669	313,669	-	-
Policy Revisions	(324,067)	(324,067)	-	-	324,067	324,067
Current Services	10,398	10,398	10,398	10,398	-	-
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	324,067	324,067	324,067	324,067

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	75	75	75	75	-	-
Policy Revisions	3	3	2	2	(1)	(1)
Total Recommended - GF	78	78	77	77	(1)	(1)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	3	3	3	3	-	-
Policy Revisions	(3)	(3)	-	-	3	3
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	3	3	3	3