

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

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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 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 | 4,633 |

Budget Summary

| Account | Actual FY 23 | Actual FY 24 | Appropriation FY 25 | Governor Recommended | | Legislative | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 26 | FY 27 |
| Other Current Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Charter Oak State College | 4,947,602 | 4,811,223 | 3,182,468 | 3,634,487 | 3,741,029 | 3,934,487 | 4,041,029 |
| Community Tech College System | 214,552,654 | 228,544,234 | 217,494,271 | 234,717,627 | 241,998,796 | 234,717,627 | 241,998,796 |
| Connecticut State University | 204,544,326 | 209,322,044 | 178,635,888 | 192,782,051 | 198,762,338 | 193,717,659 | 201,697,946 |
| Board of Regents | 453,500 | 560,084 | 466,906 | 503,881 | 519,512 | 503,881 | 519,512 |
| Developmental Services | 9,896,460 | 10,042,069 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 | 10,190,984 |
| Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive | 1,335,638 | 1,354,341 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 | 1,374,425 |
| O'Neill Chair | 315,000 | 315,000 | 315,000 | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |
| Debt Free Community College | - | 21,979,552 | 28,500,000 | 28,500,000 | 28,500,000 | 34,150,000 | 34,150,000 |
| Expanded PACT | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,700,000 |
| Disabilities Study | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250,000 |
| Various Initiatives | - | - | - | - | - | 53,000 | - |
| Agency Total - General Fund | 436,045,180 | 476,928,547 | 440,159,942 | 471,703,455 | 485,087,084 | 478,957,063 | 502,237,692 |

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

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Expanded PACT

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Expanded PACT | - | - | - | 7,700,000 | - | 7,700,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 7,700,000 | - | 7,700,000 |

Background

Section 69 of PA 25-168 creates the finish line scholars program beginning in FY 27. This extends the debt free community college program (PACT) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities (CSUs) and Charter Oak State College (COSC). Students who received debt free community college at CT State for at least 60 credits and then enroll at a CSU or COSC in fall 2026 or later are eligible.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$7.7 million in FY 27 to extend PACT (debt free community college) through a bachelor's degree at the Connecticut State Universities and Charter Oak State College.

Provide Funding for PA 24-81 Expansion of PACT (Debt Free Community College)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Debt Free Community College | - | - | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 | 5,650,000 |

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

Background

Section 75 of PA 24-81 expanded PACT (debt free community college) in FY 25 by: (1) doubling minimum grant awards from \$250 to \$500 for full time students and \$150 to \$300 for part-time students; (2) allowing out-of-state high school graduates to receive grant awards; and (3) making transitional program students eligible for grant awards.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$5,650,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand PACT (debt free community college) pursuant to PA 24-81.

Provide Funding for Social Work and Law Enforcement Project and Police Training Center

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| Connecticut State University | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - | 2,000,000 |

Background

Sections 137-138 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to establish: (1) a social work and law enforcement project at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) and (2) a police training center at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 27 to establish: (1) a social work and law enforcement project at SCSU, and (2) a police training center at CCSU. Related funding is additionally provided within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Provide Funding to Assist Students with Accessibility Accommodations

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Connecticut State University | - | - | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 | 935,608 |

Legislative

Provide funding of \$935,608 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for four staff for a pilot program to support students with accessibility accommodations at two Connecticut State Universities. Equal funding of \$467,804 in both FY 26 and FY 27 is provided to each of Central and Southern.

Provide Funding for Connecticut AI Academy

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Charter Oak State College | - | - | 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 for the Connecticut AI Academy.

Provide Funding to Study Expanded Programming for Students with Disabilities

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| Disabilities Study | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | - | 250,000 | - | 250,000 |

Background

Section 139 of PA 25-168 requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education to develop a plan, by January 1, 2027, to provide inclusive educational programming for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities at the Connecticut State Universities (CSUs).

Legislative

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 27 for a study of inclusive programming for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities at the CSUs.

Maintain Funding for the O'Neill Endowed Chair

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|---|----------------|----------------|
| O'Neill Chair | (315,000) | (315,000) | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |
| Total - General Fund | (315,000) | (315,000) | - | - | 315,000 | 315,000 |

Background

The Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics was established in 2000 to promote understanding of Connecticut state government. The chair is housed within Central Connecticut State University's Center for Community Engagement and Social Research.

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

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$315,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the O'Neill Chair.

Adjust Funding for LADDERS Initiative at Charter Oak State College

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Charter Oak State College | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - | (200,000) | (200,000) |
| Total - General Fund | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - | (200,000) | (200,000) |

Background

The proposed Leveraging Academic Degrees to Drive Employment Readiness and Success (LADDERS) initiative is intended to allow CT State Community College online students to transfer to online courses at Charter Oak State College in order to continue their education in a bachelor's degree program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to establish the LADDERS initiative. The funding would support communication and student outreach, dual enrollment between CT State and Charter Oak, tuition assistance, and employer partnerships.

Legislative

Do not provide funding of \$200,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the LADDERS initiative.

Provide Funding for Various Grants

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Various Initiatives | - | - | 53,000 | - | 53,000 | - |
| Total - General Fund | - | - | 53,000 | - | 53,000 | - |

Legislative

Provide funding of \$53,000 in FY 26. Funding is provided accordingly: (1) \$50,000 for vending machines that dispense emergency contraceptives; and (2) \$3,000 for a food pantry at Central Connecticut State University.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 RSA Transfer

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Charter Oak State College | 149,576 | 149,576 | 149,576 | 149,576 | - | - |
| Community Tech College System | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | 10,222,231 | - | - |
| Connecticut State University | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | 8,395,887 | - | - |
| Board of Regents | 21,945 | 21,945 | 21,945 | 21,945 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | 18,789,639 | - | - |

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.

Governor

Provide funding of \$18,789,639 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize CSCU's FY 25 RSA transfer.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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

Provide Inflationary Increases for Block Grants

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Charter Oak State College | 102,443 | 208,985 | 102,443 | 208,985 | - | - |
| Community Tech College System | 7,001,125 | 14,282,294 | 7,001,125 | 14,282,294 | - | - |
| Connecticut State University | 5,750,276 | 11,730,563 | 5,750,276 | 11,730,563 | - | - |
| Board of Regents | 15,030 | 30,661 | 15,030 | 30,661 | - | - |
| Total - General Fund | 12,868,874 | 26,252,503 | 12,868,874 | 26,252,503 | - | - |

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 \$12,868,874 in FY 26 and \$26,252,503 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 | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | 440,159,942 | - | - |
| Policy Revisions | (115,000) | (115,000) | 7,138,608 | 17,035,608 | 7,253,608 | 17,150,608 |
| Current Services | 31,658,513 | 45,042,142 | 31,658,513 | 45,042,142 | - | - |
| Total Recommended - GF | 471,703,455 | 485,087,084 | 478,957,063 | 502,237,692 | 7,253,608 | 17,150,608 |