

## Department of Economic and Community Development

### ECD46000

#### 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	86	102	102	103	105	108	110
Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund	-	13	13	-	-	-	-
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	1	1	-	-	1	1

#### 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	7,962,105	8,636,275	9,100,611	9,111,748	9,309,148	9,532,248	9,842,148
Other Expenses	29,858,609	8,634,976	611,278	611,278	611,278	1,611,278	611,278
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Spanish-American Merchants Association	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
Office of Military Affairs	159,644	157,532	213,992	181,521	181,521	181,521	181,521
CCAT-CT Manufacturing Supply Chain	85,000	1,585,000	2,585,000	2,585,000	2,585,000	2,585,000	2,585,000
Capital Region Development Authority	6,249,121	12,949,942	10,845,022	10,845,022	10,845,022	10,845,022	10,845,022
Manufacturing Growth Initiative	156,860	158,672	169,780	178,133	178,133	178,133	178,133
Hartford 2000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Office of Workforce Strategy	-	720,911	1,234,379	1,407,351	1,407,351	1,303,046	1,303,046
Black Business Alliance	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
Hartford Economic Development Corporation	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194	442,194
<b>Other Than Payments to Local Governments</b>							
CONNSTEP	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	-	9,665,000	8,275,000	-	-	18,651,000	20,176,930
MRDA	-	-	600,000	1,100,000	1,300,000	1,100,000	1,300,000
AdvanceCT	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Futures Inc	-	-	-	-	-	85,000	85,000
Forge City Works	-	-	-	-	-	365,000	300,000
CT Community Empowerment Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
City Seed	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>45,817,921</b>	<b>46,354,890</b>	<b>37,481,644</b>	<b>29,866,635</b>	<b>30,264,035</b>	<b>50,683,830</b>	<b>51,654,660</b>
Statewide Marketing	4,251,007	4,500,380	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	242,371	242,371	242,371	199,956	199,956	242,371	242,371
New Britain Arts Council	39,380	39,380	39,380	32,488	32,488	39,380	39,380
Westville Village Renaissance Alliance	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
Neighborhood Music School	150,540	200,540	200,540	165,445	165,445	200,540	200,540
Greater Hartford Community Foundation Travelers Championship	-	150,000	150,000	123,750	123,750	150,000	150,000
CT Convention & Sports Bureau	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
Nutmeg Games	40,000	40,000	40,000	33,000	33,000	40,000	40,000
Discovery Museum	196,895	196,895	196,895	162,438	162,438	196,895	196,895

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
National Theatre of the Deaf	78,758	78,758	78,758	64,975	64,975	78,758	78,758
Connecticut Science Center	446,626	546,626	546,626	450,966	450,966	546,626	546,626
CT Flagship Producing Theaters Grant	259,950	259,950	259,951	259,951	259,951	360,000	360,000
Performing Arts Centers	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571	787,571
Performing Theaters Grant	392,600	1,400,600	550,600	550,600	550,600	900,600	900,600
Arts Commission	1,495,530	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298	1,497,298
Art Museum Consortium	487,313	687,313	687,313	687,313	687,313	887,313	887,313
Litchfield Jazz Festival	29,000	29,000	29,000	23,925	23,925	29,000	29,000
Arte Inc.	20,735	20,735	20,735	17,106	17,106	20,735	20,735
CT Virtuosi Orchestra	15,250	15,250	15,250	12,581	12,581	15,250	15,250
Barnum Museum	50,000	50,000	50,000	41,250	41,250	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	393,856	1,775,000	1,275,000	-	-	1,090,000	1,090,000
Creative Youth Productions	150,000	150,000	150,000	123,750	123,750	300,000	300,000
Music Haven	-	100,000	100,000	82,500	82,500	100,000	100,000
West Hartford Pride	-	40,000	40,000	33,000	33,000	80,000	80,000
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	-	100,000	100,000	82,500	82,500	100,000	100,000
Leffingwell House Museum	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
CT Main Street Center	-	-	-	-	-	350,000	350,000
Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Ball & Socket Arts	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
<b>Grant Payments to Local Governments</b>							
Greater Hartford Arts Council	74,079	74,079	74,079	61,115	61,115	74,079	74,079
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	30,863	80,863	80,863	66,712	66,712	80,863	80,863
Maritime Center Authority	303,705	803,705	803,705	663,057	663,057	803,705	803,705
Connecticut Humanities Council	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	1,185,000	1,360,000
Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	36,414	-	36,414	30,042	30,042	36,414	36,414
New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	414,511	414,511	414,511	341,972	341,972	414,511	414,511
New Haven Arts Council	52,000	77,000	77,000	63,525	63,525	77,000	77,000
Beardsley Zoo	253,879	400,000	400,000	330,000	330,000	400,000	400,000
Mystic Aquarium	322,397	322,397	322,397	265,978	265,978	322,397	472,397
Northwestern Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Eastern Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Central Tourism	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Twain/Stowe Homes	81,196	81,196	81,196	66,987	66,987	81,196	81,196
Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	52,000	52,000	52,000	42,900	42,900	52,000	52,000
Stamford Downtown Special Services District	50,000	50,000	50,000	41,250	41,250	50,000	50,000
<b>Agency Total - Tourism Fund</b>	<b>13,393,426</b>	<b>17,458,418</b>	<b>16,144,453</b>	<b>14,100,901</b>	<b>14,100,901</b>	<b>17,884,502</b>	<b>18,709,502</b>
Personal Services	-	770,595	1,276,351	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	701,217	7,679,717	-	-	-	-
Fringe Benefits	-	636,896	1,243,932	-	-	-	-
<b>Agency Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,108,708</b>	<b>10,200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Personal Services	-	60,355	100,000	-	-	104,305	104,305
<b>Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,355</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>
<b>Total - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>59,211,347</b>	<b>65,982,371</b>	<b>63,926,097</b>	<b>43,967,536</b>	<b>44,364,936</b>	<b>68,672,637</b>	<b>70,468,467</b>

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

## Policy Revisions

### Increase funding to MRDA for Operating Expenses

MRDA	500,000	700,000	500,000	700,000	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

PA 19-117, the FY 20 and FY 21 Budget, established the Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA) as a quasi-public agency to stimulate economic and transit-oriented development in specified development districts. The Authority was formally established in practice in July 2024 and is overseen by an executive director and a board of directors. The FY 24 and FY 25 Biennial Budget provided \$600,000 and three positions in each fiscal year to support the administration of MRDA. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, renamed MRDA to the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA)

#### Governor

Increase funding by \$500,000 in FY 26 and \$700,000 in FY 27 to support the administration of the CMDA.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Provide Funding for Four Grant Positions

Personal Services	-	-	212,500	325,000	212,500	325,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,500</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>212,500</b>	<b>325,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$212,500 in FY 26 and \$325,000 in FY 27 for four full-time positions to administer the grants appropriated through the agency. In FY 26, three positions are funded for a half year and one position for a full year. In FY 27, all four positions are funded for the full year.

### Reflect Transfer of Positions from OTG to DECD

Personal Services	-	-	208,000	208,000	208,000	208,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>208,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$208,000 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support positions that have previously transferred from the Office of the Governor (OTG) to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

### Provide Funding for Two Positions for AI Innovation Economy Development

Personal Services	-	197,400	-	197,400	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$197,400 in FY 27 and two full-time positions to support economic development and innovation initiatives associated with artificial intelligence (AI).

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Provide Funding for SB 2

Other Expenses	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 26 to support a one-time cost to the agency associated with Section 5 of SB 2, *An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence*. This provision requires the agency to enter into a contract with an outside vendor to develop a plan to establish an artificial intelligence safety institute. SB 2 was not enacted.

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

### Transfer Social Equity and Innovation Fund Off-Budget

Personal Services	(1,401,631)	(1,401,631)	(1,401,631)	(1,401,631)	-	-
Other Expenses	(7,679,717)	(7,679,717)	(7,679,717)	(7,679,717)	-	-
Fringe Benefits	(1,366,883)	(1,366,883)	(1,366,883)	(1,366,883)	-	-
<b>Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund</b>	<b>(10,448,231)</b>	<b>(10,448,231)</b>	<b>(10,448,231)</b>	<b>(10,448,231)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Positions - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

PA 21-1, JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, established the Social Equity Council (SEC) to promote and encourage full participation in the cannabis industry by people from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement. The SEC was initially supported through a temporary non-appropriated account in FY 23 with funds from cannabis-related taxes and fees. The Social Equity and Innovation Fund (SEIF) became the primary funding source for the SEC in FY 24, receiving \$5.8 million in FY 24 and \$10.2 million in appropriations through the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget. The SEIF is funded through a portion of cannabis excise tax revenues and hybrid retailer conversion fees.

#### Governor

Transfer funding of \$10,448,231 and 13 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the "social equity and innovation account," a non-appropriated account, to support administration of the SEC.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, re-establishes the "social equity and innovation account" as a non-appropriated account to support the SEC and its initiatives. The Act also provides a portion of cannabis excise tax collections and transfers the balance of the SEIF as of the end of FY 25 to this account.

### Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

Office of Workforce Strategy	104,305	104,305	-	-	(104,305)	(104,305)
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(104,305)</b>	<b>(104,305)</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>
Personal Services	(104,305)	(104,305)	-	-	104,305	104,305
<b>Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund</b>	<b>(104,305)</b>	<b>(104,305)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>
<b>Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

#### 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 \$104,305 and one position in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund. This position supports workforce development initiatives in the cannabis industry.

#### Legislative

Maintain funding of \$104,305 and one position in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

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

### Provide Funding for Various Grants

Various Grants	-	-	16,506,000	18,031,930	16,506,000	18,031,930
Futures Inc	-	-	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
Forge City Works	-	-	365,000	300,000	365,000	300,000
City Seed	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>17,256,000</b>	<b>18,716,930</b>	<b>17,256,000</b>	<b>18,716,930</b>
CT Convention & Sports Bureau	-	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
CT Flagship Producing Theaters Grant	-	-	100,049	100,049	100,049	100,049
Performing Theaters Grant	-	-	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Art Museum Consortium	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	-	-	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000
Creative Youth Productions	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
West Hartford Pride	-	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Leffingwell House Museum	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
CT Main Street Center	-	-	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	-	-	335,000	510,000	335,000	510,000
Mystic Aquarium	-	-	-	150,000	-	150,000
<b>Total - Tourism Fund</b>	-	-	<b>1,740,049</b>	<b>2,565,049</b>	<b>1,740,049</b>	<b>2,565,049</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$18,996,049 in FY 26 and \$21,281,979 to support grants for various organizations and projects. See the DECD Grants Table at the end of this section for the complete list.

### Adjust Funding for Various Grants (Tourism Fund)

Various Grants	(1,275,000)	(1,275,000)	-	-	1,275,000	1,275,000
<b>Total - Tourism Fund</b>	<b>(1,275,000)</b>	<b>(1,275,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,275,000</b>	<b>1,275,000</b>

#### Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1,275,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the "Various Grants" account to achieve savings.

#### Legislative

Maintain funding to support grants for various organizations and projects. See the DECD Grants Table at the end of this section for the complete list.

### Eliminate Funding for Certain Grants

Various Grants	(8,275,000)	(8,275,000)	(6,030,000)	(6,030,000)	2,245,000	2,245,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(8,275,000)</b>	<b>(8,275,000)</b>	<b>(6,030,000)</b>	<b>(6,030,000)</b>	<b>2,245,000</b>	<b>2,245,000</b>

#### Governor

Eliminate funding of \$8,275,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for the "Various Grants" account to achieve savings.

#### Legislative

Eliminate funding of \$6,130,000 for the following grants listed.

Grant/Project	FY 25 Appropriation
Blue Hills Civic Organization	(5,500,000)
Dixwell Community House	(30,000)
Food Desert Tax Abatement	(500,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6,030,000)</b>

### Provide Funding for Certain Grants through New Accounts

Various Grants	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
CT Community Empowerment Foundation	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various Grants	-	-	(350,000)	(350,000)	(350,000)	(350,000)
Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Ball & Socket Arts	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Total - Tourism Fund</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Legislative**

Provide funding for the grants listed above through dedicated accounts. These grants were funded under the "Various Grants" account in FY 25.

**Adjust Funding for Various Arts/Culture/Tourism Fund Grants**

Hartford Urban Arts Grant	(42,415)	(42,415)	-	-	42,415	42,415
New Britain Arts Council	(6,892)	(6,892)	-	-	6,892	6,892
Neighborhood Music School	(35,095)	(35,095)	-	-	35,095	35,095
Greater Hartford Community Foundation Travelers Championship	(26,250)	(26,250)	-	-	26,250	26,250
Nutmeg Games	(7,000)	(7,000)	-	-	7,000	7,000
Discovery Museum	(34,457)	(34,457)	-	-	34,457	34,457
National Theatre of the Deaf	(13,783)	(13,783)	-	-	13,783	13,783
Connecticut Science Center	(95,660)	(95,660)	-	-	95,660	95,660
Litchfield Jazz Festival	(5,075)	(5,075)	-	-	5,075	5,075
Arte Inc.	(3,629)	(3,629)	-	-	3,629	3,629
CT Virtuosi Orchestra	(2,669)	(2,669)	-	-	2,669	2,669
Barnum Museum	(8,750)	(8,750)	-	-	8,750	8,750
Creative Youth Productions	(26,250)	(26,250)	-	-	26,250	26,250
Music Haven	(17,500)	(17,500)	-	-	17,500	17,500
West Hartford Pride	(7,000)	(7,000)	-	-	7,000	7,000
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	(17,500)	(17,500)	-	-	17,500	17,500
Greater Hartford Arts Council	(12,964)	(12,964)	-	-	12,964	12,964
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	(14,151)	(14,151)	-	-	14,151	14,151
Maritime Center Authority	(140,648)	(140,648)	-	-	140,648	140,648
Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	(6,372)	(6,372)	-	-	6,372	6,372
New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	(72,539)	(72,539)	-	-	72,539	72,539
New Haven Arts Council	(13,475)	(13,475)	-	-	13,475	13,475
Beardsley Zoo	(70,000)	(70,000)	-	-	70,000	70,000
Mystic Aquarium	(56,419)	(56,419)	-	-	56,419	56,419
Twain/Stowe Homes	(14,209)	(14,209)	-	-	14,209	14,209
Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	(9,100)	(9,100)	-	-	9,100	9,100
Stamford Downtown Special Services District	(8,750)	(8,750)	-	-	8,750	8,750
<b>Total - Tourism Fund</b>	<b>(768,552)</b>	<b>(768,552)</b>	-	-	<b>768,552</b>	<b>768,552</b>

**Governor**

Reduce various arts/culture/tourism grants by a total \$768,552 in FY 26 and FY 27, or 17.5% per line item, to achieve savings.

**Legislative**

Maintain funding for the arts/culture/tourism grants.

## Current Services

**Annualize Cost of Existing Wage Agreements**

Personal Services	311,137	311,137	311,137	311,137	-	-
Office of Military Affairs	7,529	7,529	7,529	7,529	-	-
Manufacturing Growth Initiative	8,353	8,353	8,353	8,353	-	-
Office of Workforce Strategy	68,667	68,667	68,667	68,667	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>395,686</b>	<b>395,686</b>	<b>395,686</b>	<b>395,686</b>	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	36,796	36,796	36,796	36,796	-	-
Fringe Benefits	28,392	28,392	28,392	28,392	-	-
<b>Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund</b>	<b>65,188</b>	<b>65,188</b>	<b>65,188</b>	<b>65,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Personal Services	4,305	4,305	4,305	4,305	-	-
<b>Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**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 \$465,179 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

**Annualize FY 25 Holdbacks**

Personal Services	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Background**

The Office of Policy and Management implemented FY 25 holdbacks totaling \$129 million. The Governor's FY 26 and FY 27 Budget annualizes \$9.9 million of these holdbacks in FY 26 and FY 27 in the Department of Economic and Community Development and the State Department of Education.

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$300,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize this agency's FY 25 holdbacks.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

**Adjust Social Equity Council Funding to Reflect Current Staff Expenses**

Personal Services	88,484	88,484	88,484	88,484	-	-
Fringe Benefits	94,559	94,559	94,559	94,559	-	-
<b>Total - Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund</b>	<b>183,043</b>	<b>183,043</b>	<b>183,043</b>	<b>183,043</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Governor**

Provide funding of \$183,043 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current staffing costs for the Social Equity Council.

**Legislative**

Same as Governor

**Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements of the Office of Military Affairs**

Office of Military Affairs	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Governor**

Reduce funding by \$40,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

**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	37,481,644	37,481,644	37,481,644	37,481,644	-	-
Policy Revisions	(7,670,695)	(7,273,295)	13,146,500	14,117,330	20,817,195	21,390,625
Current Services	55,686	55,686	55,686	55,686	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>29,866,635</b>	<b>30,264,035</b>	<b>50,683,830</b>	<b>51,654,660</b>	<b>20,817,195</b>	<b>21,390,625</b>
FY 25 Appropriation - ED	16,144,453	16,144,453	16,144,453	16,144,453	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2,043,552)	(2,043,552)	1,740,049	2,565,049	3,783,601	4,608,601
<b>Total Recommended - ED</b>	<b>14,100,901</b>	<b>14,100,901</b>	<b>17,884,502</b>	<b>18,709,502</b>	<b>3,783,601</b>	<b>4,608,601</b>
FY 25 Appropriation - CSEIF	10,200,000	10,200,000	10,200,000	10,200,000	-	-
Policy Revisions	(10,448,231)	(10,448,231)	(10,448,231)	(10,448,231)	-	-
Current Services	248,231	248,231	248,231	248,231	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - CSEIF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
Policy Revisions	(104,305)	(104,305)	-	-	104,305	104,305
Current Services	4,305	4,305	4,305	4,305	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - CRF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>	<b>104,305</b>

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	102	102	102	102	-	-
Policy Revisions	1	3	6	8	5	5
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
FY 25 Appropriation - CSEIF	13	13	13	13	-	-
Policy Revisions	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - CSEIF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	1	1	1	1	-	-
Policy Revisions	(1)	(1)	-	-	1	1
<b>Total Recommended - CRF</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**DECD Appropriated Grants: FY 26 and FY 27**

Account	Grant/Project	FY 26	FY 27
<b>General Fund</b>			
Spanish-American Merchants Association	Spanish-American Merchants Association	442,194	442,194
Hartford 2000	Hartford 2000	20,000	20,000
Hartford Economic Development Corporation	Hartford Economic Development Corporation	442,194	442,194
CONNSTEP	CONNSTEP	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	100 Girls Leading	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	A Little Compassion Inc.	10,000	10,000
Various Grants	ActUp Theater, Hartford	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Amazing Grace Food Pantry	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	America 250 Commission	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Andover Parks & Rec	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	Angel of Edgewood	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Annex Little League	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Avon Senior Center	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Batchelder School, Hartford - Musical Instruments and Instruction	90,000	110,000
Various Grants	BEDCO: Bridgeport Jazz Festival	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	BEDCO: Downtown Thursdays - Bridgeport	300,000	150,000
Various Grants	Bethlehem House, Bridgeport	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Blue Hills Civic Organization	-	-
Various Grants	Bolton Parks & Rec	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	Boys and Girls Club of Stamford	100,000	100,000

**DECD Appropriated Grants: FY 26 and FY 27**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Grant/Project</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Various Grants	Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	Bridgeport Fitness Academy	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Bridgeport Pop Warner Raiders Football and Cheerleading	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Bridgeport pride	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Buddy Jordan Foundation	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Building One	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	Burroughs Community Center Infrastructure Improvements	-	900,000
Various Grants	Center for Family Justice, Bridgeport	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Cheshire Town Pool Upgrades	150,000	
Various Grants	Clay Arsenal Development Corporation	525,000	525,000
Various Grants	Color a Positive Thought	75,000	75,000
Various Grants	Colors of the World	40,000	40,000
Various Grants	Community Resources for Justice (Family ReEntry) "Rise" Program, New Haven	528,000	528,000
Various Grants	Compass Youth Collaborative	700,000	700,000
Various Grants	East End Tabernacle Church, Bridgeport	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Bridgeport	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	University of Bridgeport	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	Cornerstone Community Foundation	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	CT Invention Convention	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Danbury Youth Services - Porch & Parking Lot	-	83,930
Various Grants	Dixwell Community House	-	-
Various Grants	East Hartford Historical Preservation Projects	200,000	250,000
Various Grants	Enfield Food Shelf	5,000	-
Various Grants	Fathers Helping Fathers	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Food Desert Tax Abatement	-	-
Various Grants	Founders Walk	600,000	600,000
Various Grants	Four Season Ski Jumping Facility Upgrades	-	100,000
Various Grants	Friends Center Day Care	75,000	75,000
Various Grants	Friends of Cos Cob Library	5,000	5,000
Various Grants	Friends of Nathaniel Witherell Inc.	20,000	20,000
Various Grants	From Quicksand Unto Solid Ground	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Glastonbury Parks & Rec	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	Hartford Communities that Care - Musical Instruments and Instruction	90,000	110,000
Various Grants	Hartford Police Athletic League - Musical Instruments and Instruction	85,000	115,000
Various Grants	High Poverty Community Leadership Development	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	Homes for Hope	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven	10,000	10,000
Various Grants	Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation	2,500	2,500
Various Grants	Jerome Orcutt Boys and Girls Club, Bridgeport	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	Juneteenth of Fairfield County	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County "Disconnected Youth" Program	287,500	287,500
Various Grants	Junta for Progressive Action	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	Kamora's Cultural Corner, Hartford	10,000	10,000
Various Grants	Kennelly School, Hartford - Musical Instruments and Instruction	90,000	110,000
Various Grants	Latinas & Power, Corp.	125,000	125,000
Various Grants	Life Health and Wellness Center	10,000	10,000
Various Grants	Lucy Robbins Welles Library Renovation Planning (Newington)	20,000	20,000
Various Grants	Manchester Park Improvements	300,000	300,000

## DECD Appropriated Grants: FY 26 and FY 27

Account	Grant/Project	FY 26	FY 27
<b>General Fund</b>			
Various Grants	Manchester Parks & Rec	1,000,000	1,000,000
Various Grants	Mary's Place	25,000	-
Various Grants	Middlesex YMCA	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Milford American Legion	65,000	65,000
Various Grants	MLK Monument - Two Park Benches	3,000	
Various Grants	Mobility Hub West Hartford	300,000	300,000
Various Grants	N.E. Supreme Athletes	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Naugatuck American Legion	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	Naylor School, Hartford - Musical Instruments and Instruction	90,000	110,000
Various Grants	New Haven Boys and Girls Club	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Town of Newington Project Planning: 30K to be used for Fire Department planning and 20K to be used for animal shelter planning	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Newington Town Pools Project Planning (Mill Pond & Churchill)	15,000	15,000
Various Grants	Northern Middlesex YMCA	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	Old Wethersfield CT Shop Keepers	100,000	-
Various Grants	One Love	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	PAL Hartford	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	Parkville Senior Center	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	Plainville PARC	50,000	-
Various Grants	Raymond Boathouse, Norwalk	50,000	-
Various Grants	RF Youth Boxing, Inc. (RFYB Fitness Professional Academy)	160,000	160,000
Various Grants	RichDae Foundation, Inc.	175,000	-
Various Grants	Ridgefield Meeting House	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Roaring Brook Nature Center	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Rocky Hill VFW	10,000	-
Various Grants	Saint Joseph Parenting Center	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	SAND Elementary School, Hartford - Musical Instruments and Instruction	90,000	110,000
Various Grants	SilverSource, Inc.	150,000	150,000
Various Grants	Sisters at the Shore	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Sons of Thunder	30,000	30,000
Various Grants	South End Community Center	205,000	205,000
Various Grants	Southend Senior Center (Hartford)	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	Southington Community Cultural Arts	10,000	-
Various Grants	Special Olympics CT	150,000	200,000
Various Grants	Stamford Museum & Nature Center	500,000	1,000,000
Various Grants	Stay At Home Wilton	60,000	60,000
Various Grants	STEAM Train	30,000	30,000
Various Grants	Stepping to Prosperity Inc	75,000	75,000
Various Grants	Stratford Old Timers Athletic Association	75,000	75,000
Various Grants	Stratford Veterans Museum	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Team, Inc	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Town of Farmington - Part Time Seasonal Help	20,000	20,000
Various Grants	Trumbull Gardens (through Color a Positive Thought)	90,000	90,000
Various Grants	Trumbull Nature and Arts Center	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative	550,000	550,000
Various Grants	Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse	-	450,000
Various Grants	Waterbury Little League	40,000	-
Various Grants	Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative - Recruitment Ambassadors	250,000	250,000
Various Grants	Wethersfield Historical Society	10,000	-
Various Grants	Wethersfield Senior Center	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	Willow Plaza	60,000	

## DECD Appropriated Grants: FY 26 and FY 27

Account	Grant/Project	FY 26	FY 27
<b>General Fund</b>			
Various Grants	Wilson-Gray YMCA	500,000	500,000
Various Grants	Windsor Community Center	15,000	15,000
Various Grants	Wolf Pit School Playground	-	200,000
Various Grants	Working Cities Challenge	1,150,000	1,150,000
Various Grants	YMCA of Meriden, New Britain, Berlin	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Youth Business Initiative	20,000	20,000
Various Grants	Youth programming at Parker Memorial Community Center, Hartford	100,000	100,000
Various Grants	Human Resources Agency of New Britain Paving at Food Pantry	100,000	
Various Grants	Upper Albany - City of Hartford	1,000,000	1,000,000
Futures Inc	Futures Inc	85,000	85,000
Forge City Works	Forge City Works	365,000	300,000
CT Community Empowerment Foundation	CT Community Empowerment Foundation	100,000	100,000
City Seed	City Seed New Haven	300,000	300,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>		<b>20,905,388</b>	<b>22,366,318</b>
<b>Tourism Fund</b>			
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	Artist Collective	115,126	115,126
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	Real Arts Ways	115,126	115,126
Hartford Urban Arts Grant	West Indian Foundation	12,119	12,119
New Britain Arts Council	New Britain Arts Council	39,380	39,380
Westville Village Renaissance Alliance	Westville Village Renaissance Alliance	145,000	145,000
Neighborhood Music School	Neighborhood Music School	200,540	200,540
Greater Hartford Community Foundation	Greater Hartford Community Foundation		
Travelers Championship	Travelers Championship	150,000	150,000
CT Convention & Sports Bureau	CT Convention & Sports Bureau	-	500,000
Nutmeg Games	Nutmeg Games	40,000	40,000
Discovery Museum	Discovery Museum	196,895	196,895
National Theatre of the Deaf	National Theatre of the Deaf	78,758	78,758
Connecticut Science Center	Connecticut Science Center	546,626	546,626
Flagship Producing Theaters	Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	60,000	60,000
Flagship Producing Theaters	Goodspeed Opera House	60,000	60,000
Flagship Producing Theaters	Hartford Stage	60,000	60,000
Flagship Producing Theaters	Long Wharf Theatre	60,000	60,000
Flagship Producing Theaters	Westport County Playhouse	60,000	60,000
Flagship Producing Theaters	Yale Repertory Theatre	60,000	60,000
Performing Arts Center	Bushnell Theater	196,893	196,893
Performing Arts Center	Palace Theater	196,892	196,892
Performing Arts Center	Shubert Theater	196,893	196,893
Performing Arts Center	Stamford Center	196,893	196,893
Performing Theater Grant	Chestnut Street Playhouse	25,000	25,000
Performing Theater Grant	City Youth Theater (Waterbury)	20,000	20,000
Performing Theater Grant	Curtain Call Theater	100,000	100,000
Performing Theater Grant	Garde Arts Theater	155,961	155,961
Performing Theater Grant	HartBeat Ensemble	13,680	13,680
Performing Theater Grant	Ivoryton Playhouse	54,723	54,723
Performing Theater Grant	Katherine Hepburn Theater	25,000	25,000
Performing Theater Grant	Niantic Bay Playhouse	25,000	25,000
Performing Theater Grant	Playhouse on Park	65,158	65,158
Performing Theater Grant	Seven Angels	40,944	40,944
Performing Theater Grant	TheaterWorks (Hartford)	75,000	75,000
Performing Theater Grant	Warner Theater	300,134	300,134
Arts Commission	Arts Commission	1,497,298	1,497,298
Arts Museum Consortium	Aldrich Contemporary	41,045	41,045
Arts Museum Consortium	Bruce Museum	41,045	41,045
Arts Museum Consortium	Florence Griswold	41,045	41,045
Arts Museum Consortium	Lyman Allen Art Museum	41,045	41,045
Arts Museum Consortium	Mattatuck Museum	41,044	41,044

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Account	Grant/Project	FY 26	FY 27
<b>Tourism Fund</b>			
Arts Museum Consortium	New Britain Museum	141,044	141,044
Arts Museum Consortium	Wadsworth Atheneum	400,000	400,000
Arts Museum Consortium	Hill-Stead Museum	141,045	141,045
Litchfield Jazz Festival	Litchfield Jazz Festival	29,000	29,000
Arte Inc.	Arte Inc.	20,735	20,735
CT Virtuosi Orchestra	CT Virtuosi Orchestra	15,250	15,250
Barnum Museum	Barnum Museum	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Discovering Amistad	615,000	615,000
Various Grants	Hartford Summer in the City	200,000	200,000
Various Grants	New Haven Symphony	80,000	80,000
Various Grants	Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000
Various Grants	Op Sail (New London)	80,000	80,000
Various Grants	West Hartford Art League	-	-
Various Grants	CT River Museum	25,000	25,000
Various Grants	Mystic Chamber of Commerce	40,000	40,000
Creative Youth Productions	Creative Youth Productions	300,000	300,000
Music Haven	Music Haven	100,000	100,000
West Hartford Pride	West Hartford Pride	80,000	80,000
Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	Amistad Center for Arts and Culture	100,000	100,000
Leffingwell House Museum	Leffingwell House Museum	50,000	50,000
CT Main Street Center	CT Main Street Center	350,000	350,000
Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival	Norwalk International Cultural Exchange - NICE Festival	50,000	50,000
Ball & Socket Arts	Ball & Sockets	300,000	300,000
New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	414,511	414,511
Greater Hartford Arts Council	Greater Hartford Arts Council	65,954	65,954
Greater Hartford Arts Council	Hartford Jazz Festival	8,125	8,125
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	Stepping Stones Museum for Children	80,863	80,863
Maritime Center Authority	Maritime Center Authority	803,705	803,705
Connecticut Humanities Council	CAST Children's Theater	10,000	10,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	Connecticut Humanities Council - operational	850,000	1,075,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	CT Humanities: Durational Grant Administration	150,000	100,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	Musicals at Richter Inc.	65,000	65,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	Oddfellows Playhouse	10,000	10,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	Sterling House (Stratford)	50,000	50,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	West Haven Historical Society	25,000	25,000
Connecticut Humanities Council	West Haven Veteran's Museum	25,000	25,000
Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	36,414	36,414
New Haven Arts Council	New Haven Arts Council	77,000	77,000
Beardsley Zoo	Beardsley Zoo	400,000	400,000
Mystic Aquarium	Mystic Aquarium	322,397	472,397
Northwestern Tourism	Northwestern Tourism	400,000	400,000
Eastern Tourism	Eastern Tourism	400,000	400,000
Central Tourism	Central Tourism	400,000	400,000
Twain/Stowe Homes	Harriet Beecher Stowe	40,598	40,598
Twain/Stowe Homes	Mark Twain House	40,598	40,598
Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	52,000	52,000
Stamford Downtown Special Services District	Stamford Downtown Special Services District	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Tourism Fund</b>		<b>13,384,502</b>	<b>14,209,502</b>
<b>Grand Total DECD</b>		<b>34,289,890</b>	<b>36,575,820</b>

Note: Under the "Various Grants" account in the General Fund, \$100,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 have not been assigned to a specific grant or project.