

Department of Agriculture DAG42500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Regional Market Operation Fund	7	-	-	-	-	-	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	3,600,438	3,737,134	4,137,234	4,458,616	4,518,302	4,458,616	4,518,302
Other Expenses	794,897	931,359	748,332	748,332	748,332	2,298,332	1,898,332
Other Current Expenses							
Senior Food Vouchers	278,347	304,055	354,597	367,562	367,671	517,562	517,671
Dairy Farmer - Agriculture Sustainability	993,473	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce	144,542	104,038	167,938	167,938	167,938	247,938	247,938
Agency Total - General Fund	5,811,697	6,076,586	6,408,101	6,742,448	6,802,243	8,522,448	8,182,243
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	7,575,000	-	-	150,000	150,000
American Rescue Plan Act	-	1,450,000	700,000	100,000	100,000	2,100,000	100,000
Agency Grand Total	5,811,697	7,526,586	14,683,101	6,842,448	6,902,243	10,772,448	8,432,243

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for CT Grown for CT Kids in Schools

Other 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

Sections 27 and 28 of PA 23-167, *AAC Transparency in Education*, requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to administer the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program to assist local and regional boards of education in developing farm-to-school programs that will increase the availability of local foods in child nutrition programs.

Section 306 of PA 21-2, the FY 22 and FY 23 budget provided \$250,000 in ARPA in both of FY 22 and FY 23 for farm-to-school grants, with implementing language in Section 364 of PA 21-2, June Special Session that created the CT Grown for CT Kids program.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1 million in each of FY 24 and FY 25 to administer the CT Grown for CT Kids program.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Provide Funding for State Supplemental Food Voucher Programs

Senior Food Vouchers	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce	-	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 for Senior Food Vouchers and \$80,000 for the WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce, in each of FY 24 and FY 25, for a state supplemental program, to provide farmers' market coupon books to those between 186% and 235% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Establish Grant Program for Certain Farmers Markets - Top 10 by SNAP Utilization

Other Expenses	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 in Other Expenses to establish a grant to farmers' markets that participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, supporting the top ten markets by SNAP utilization.

Provide Funding for Graywall Farms in Lebanon

Other Expenses	-	-	400,000	-	400,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	400,000	-	400,000	-

Background

Graywall Farms is a dairy farm in Lebanon.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$400,000 in FY 24 to Other Expenses for Graywall Farms in Lebanon.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	475,665	535,351	475,665	535,351	-	-
Senior Food Vouchers	13,290	13,399	13,290	13,399	-	-
Total - General Fund	488,955	548,750	488,955	548,750	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides net funding of \$237.2 million in FY 24 and \$394 million in FY 25, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$488,955 in FY 24 and \$548,750 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(154,283)	(154,283)	(154,283)	(154,283)	-	-
Senior Food Vouchers	(325)	(325)	(325)	(325)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(154,608)	(154,608)	(154,608)	(154,608)	-	-

Background

The FY 23 Revised Budget included a total of \$128,456,014 for an extra 27th pay period for six appropriated funds. There are usually 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, but every 11 years there is an additional 27th pay period.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Governor

Remove funding of \$154,608 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Provide Funding for Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub

Other Expenses	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Background

Section 41 (b) of PA 23-204 and sections 154, 160 and 163 of PA 23-205 carryforward a total of \$339.6 million in unexpended balances from various FY 23 General Fund accounts for initiatives in FY 24 and FY 25.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in each of FY 24 and FY 25 to the Other Expenses account for Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub in Waterbury.

American Rescue Plan Act

Provide Funding for Container Gardens

ARPA - CSFRF	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-

Background

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, reallocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, resulting in the shifting of approximately \$608.2 million in funding from FY 22 and FY 23 to FY 24 and FY 25.

Shipping container gardens are used in multiple locations to grow fresh vegetables for schools and/or local food pantries. These containers require approximately five gallons of water a week and access to electricity.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 for shipping container gardens.

Provide Funding for an Oyster Cultch Management Program

ARPA - CSFRF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget reallocates \$433.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding across 17 agencies for a variety of purposes in FY 24 and FY 25.

Governor

Provide ARPA funding of \$100,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for an oyster cultch management program to promote oyster propagation.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	6,408,101	6,408,101	6,408,101	6,408,101	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	1,780,000	1,380,000	1,780,000	1,380,000
Current Services	334,347	394,142	334,347	394,142	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	6,742,448	6,802,243	8,522,448	8,182,243	1,780,000	1,380,000