

University of Connecticut UOC67000

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	2,413	2,413	2,413	4,113	4,113	2,413	2,413

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Other Current Expenses							
Operating Expenses	206,589,318	248,222,860	207,784,065	324,604,845	330,310,930	213,505,868	216,977,564
Workers' Compensation Claims	2,232,371	-	-	-	-	-	-
Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy	-	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	550,000	550,000
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
UConn Veterans Program	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
Health Services - Regional Campuses	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	210,000	210,000
Agency Total - General Fund	208,821,689	248,622,860	208,184,065	325,004,845	330,710,930	216,165,868	219,637,564
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Funding	-	-	24,470,946	-	-	40,150,000	20,000,000
American Rescue Plan Act	-	20,000,000	39,200,000	73,600,000	36,800,000	42,200,000	11,100,000
Agency Grand Total	208,821,689	268,622,860	271,855,011	398,604,845	367,510,930	298,515,868	250,737,564

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

Policy Revisions

Maintain Separate UConn and UConn Health Funding

Operating Expenses	150,675,636	152,910,025	-	-	(150,675,636)	(152,910,025)
Total - General Fund	150,675,636	152,910,025	-	-	(150,675,636)	(152,910,025)
Positions - General Fund	1,698	1,698	-	-	(1,698)	(1,698)

Background

The constituent units of higher education, including the UConn Health Center, receive block grants from the state to fund operating expenses. This funding is in addition to other sources of funds received by the institutions, such as tuition, Federal funding, and private contributions. The Governor's Recommended Budget consolidates the UConn Health Center's: (1) block grant of approximately \$150.3 million in FY 24 and \$152.5 million in FY 25, and (2) Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) account of \$423,455 in FY 24 and \$429,735 in FY 25, along with a total of 1,698 positions, into the University of Connecticut block grant for administrative purposes.

Governor

Consolidate funding of \$150,675,636 in FY 24 and \$152,910,025 in FY 25, and 1,698 positions, to reflect the merging of the UConn and UConn Health Center block grants and the transfer of the UConn Health AHEC funds into the consolidated UConn block grant.

Legislative

Do not consolidate the UConn and UConn Health block grants.

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

Restructure Fringe Benefits Funding to Higher Education Constituent Units

Operating Expenses	(60,362,455)	(60,362,455)	(20,607,411)	(20,607,411)	39,755,044	39,755,044
Total - General Fund	(60,362,455)	(60,362,455)	(20,607,411)	(20,607,411)	39,755,044	39,755,044

Background

Currently, the General Fund through the Office of the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits (OSC-FB) pays for the fringe benefits costs of constituent unit employees paid out of the General Fund, while the constituent units bear the fringe benefits costs of those constituent unit employees who are paid out of other college and university funds (e.g., tuition revenues).

Governor

Reduce funding by \$60,362,455 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to realign higher education fringe benefits funding. The realignment would result in the payment of direct-charged fringe benefits (employee healthcare, Social Security taxes, group life and unemployment insurance) by the unit of higher education in which the employee is employed, for all constituent unit employees. Remaining fringe costs (pension, retiree healthcare, and OPEB match) for all constituent unit employees would be paid by the General Fund (Office of the State Comptroller-Fringe Benefits, OSC-FB). The realignment is intended to be net-neutral to both the constituent units and the General Fund, and consequently, adjustments to the block grants and OSC-FB are made.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$20,607,411 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to realign higher education fringe benefits funding. This maintains the Governor's proposal to realign higher education fringe benefits, but reflects only the amount attributable to the University of Connecticut. An additional reduction of \$39,755,044 is made to the UConn Health Center block grant to reflect the combined impact of this policy on UConn and UConn Health.

Provide Funding for Health Services at Regional Campuses

Health Services - Regional Campuses	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1.4 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 for health services at UConn's regional campuses.

Provide Funding for Puerto Rican Studies Initiative

Puerto Rican Studies Initiative	-	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000

Background

The Puerto Rican Studies Initiative for Community Engagement and Public Policy (PRSI) is a research initiative to study Puerto Ricans' economic, intellectual, and cultural contributions to Connecticut and to provide research-based support for the development of public policies addressing the needs of Puerto Ricans in the State of Connecticut. In FY 23, \$500,000 in ARPA funding was provided for this initiative.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$210,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the Puerto Rican Studies Initiative.

Provide Funding for Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy

Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

Background

The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) is a non-partisan public policy organization that studies and produces reports and recommendations relating to a wide variety of policy topics. Current projects relate to issues such as criminal justice and police transparency.

Legislative

Provide \$150,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy.

Provide Funding for Various Initiatives

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
UConn Veterans Program	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Total - General Fund	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Background

The CT Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab performs testing for state and Federal programs of animal disease control. Carryforward funding of \$250,000 was provided in both FY 22 and FY 23 within the Department of Agriculture.

The UConn Veterans Program offers a variety of services for veterans that attend UConn. Carryforward funding of \$250,000 was provided in both FY 22 and FY 23.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25. Of this amount, \$250,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 is for the CT Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and \$250,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 is for the UConn Veterans Program.

Provide Funding for Regulation, Prevention & Education of Adult Recreational Cannabis Use

Operating Expenses	178,385	178,385	-	-	(178,385)	(178,385)
Total - General Fund	178,385	178,385	-	-	(178,385)	(178,385)
Positions - General Fund	2	2	-	-	(2)	(2)

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 all recreational cannabis expenditures from a non-appropriated, off-budget account to the General Fund, Special Transportation Fund, and two newly-created, appropriated funds that are on-budget.

Fund	Agencies	FY 24 \$ (in millions)	FY 25 \$ (in millions)
General Fund	DCP, DESPP, DRS, DPH, OAG, AES, UConn, OWS	9.0	9.2
Social Equity and Innovation Fund	DECD	5.8	10.2
Prevention and Recovery Services Fund	DMHAS	2.4	3.4
Special Transportation Fund	DOT, DMV	1.1	1.1
TOTAL		18.3	23.8

*Totals are rounded to the nearest tenth of a million. The sum of the four funds for FY 25 is \$0.1 million less than the reflected total due to rounding.

Governor

Provide funding of \$178,385 and two positions in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the regulation, prevention, and education of adult recreational cannabis.

Legislative

Funding is not provided within UConn.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Operating Expenses	26,329,214	29,800,910	26,329,214	29,800,910	-	-
Total - General Fund	26,329,214	29,800,910	26,329,214	29,800,910	-	-

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 \$26,329,214 in FY 24 and \$29,800,910 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

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

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Provide Funding for Temporary Support

Operating Expenses	-	-	40,000,000	20,000,000	40,000,000	20,000,000
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	40,000,000	20,000,000	40,000,000	20,000,000

Background

PA 23-204 (Section 41(b)), the FY 24 and FY 25 budget and PA 23-205 (Sections 222,228, and 231), the FY 24 and FY 25 bond act, 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 \$40 million in FY 24 and \$20 million in FY 25 for temporary operating support for the University of Connecticut.

Provide Funding for Hate Crimes Database

Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-
Total - Carry Forward Funding	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 in FY 24 to the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy for the development of a hate crimes database.

American Rescue Plan Act

Provide Funding for Temporary Operating Support

ARPA - CSFRF	73,600,000	36,800,000	42,200,000	11,100,000	(31,400,000)	(25,700,000)
Total - American Rescue Plan Act	73,600,000	36,800,000	42,200,000	11,100,000	(31,400,000)	(25,700,000)

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.

Governor

Provide funding of \$73.6 million in FY 24 and \$36.8 million in FY 25 for temporary operating support for UConn (including UConn Health). The UConn Health Center and UConn Storrs & Regionals have received a total of \$203.9 million (\$145.7 million and \$58.2 million respectively) in temporary operating support from previous ARPA allocations.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$42.2 million in FY 24 and \$11.1 million in FY 25 for temporary operating support for UConn.

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	208,184,065	208,184,065	208,184,065	208,184,065	-	-
Policy Revisions	90,491,566	92,725,955	(18,347,411)	(18,347,411)	(108,838,977)	(111,073,366)
Current Services	26,329,214	29,800,910	26,329,214	29,800,910	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	325,004,845	330,710,930	216,165,868	219,637,564	(108,838,977)	(111,073,366)

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	2,413	2,413	2,413	2,413	-	-
Policy Revisions	1,700	1,700	-	-	(1,700)	(1,700)
Total Recommended - GF	4,113	4,113	2,413	2,413	(1,700)	(1,700)