

State of Connecticut **Recovery Plan**

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2025 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

When the State of Connecticut originally received the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in 2021, Governor Lamont outlined five priorities for investing these funds in the state's future with a focus on equity. These priority areas included: 1) Defeating COVID-19; 2) Investing in the future; 3) Creating a more affordable Connecticut; 4) Economic growth work for everyone; and 5) Investment in the state itself.¹ As the country has fully transitioned into the endemic phase of the public health event, Connecticut is seeing exciting developments from their earlier recovery investments. The state has focused budgetary investments, especially the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, into the needs of those with housing insecurity, those unable to afford childcare, those seeking support for mental health needs, and those running businesses and nonprofits. All of these investments have helped realize Governor Lamont's vision of making Connecticut the place where out-of-staters want to move is paying off as the state has gained population over the last few years even as surrounding states are losing residents.² Governor Lamont has worked to position Connecticut as a state with a strong economy that supports people working, owning businesses, and staying to start their careers after completing their degrees.

With strategic attention paid to maintaining public health and overcoming the negative economic impacts of the pandemic itself, Connecticut's sustained economic growth and sound fiscal management has bolstered the economy. Connecticut continues to enjoy considerable organic revenue growth which has allowed it to maintain or expand services while managing the State budget and is projected to close the most recent fiscal year with a well-funded Budget Reserve Fund to ensure supplementary funds are available to support long-term sustainability and the fiscal health of the State.

Connecticut created innovative solutions to address important health issues exposed by the pandemic as well as for remedying learning loss and reducing chronic absenteeism in schools. Many of these strategies and solutions have evolved into national models. As the world entered the endemic phase of this public health event, the emphasis Connecticut placed on maintaining safe schools, increasing access to physical and behavioral health resources, and making the state accessible and affordable for all residents has made this state a vibrant and desirable place to live and work.

Connecticut's labor market has fully recovered from the pandemic in late 2023. Payroll jobs are above 19,700 above pre-pandemic levels (February 2020) as of June 2025 (latest available). The unemployment rate is 4.1% as of June 2025 (latest available), while higher than a year ago the labor force is also up 13,561 from June 2024 and new entrants into the labor force often need time to find a job. Data on job openings show that those jobs are available. The Labor Force Participation Rate remains below pre-pandemic levels but at 64.8% is two and a half percentage points above the national average. In making their SLFRF investments, Connecticut leaders prioritized strategic and affirmative investments to provide education opportunities to individuals looking to upskill and increase their marketability for 21st century jobs, food to struggling families, and housing support services to ensure access to safe, affordable housing

¹ [Connecticut's Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: A Roadmap for Transformative, Equitable, and Healthy Recovery.](#)

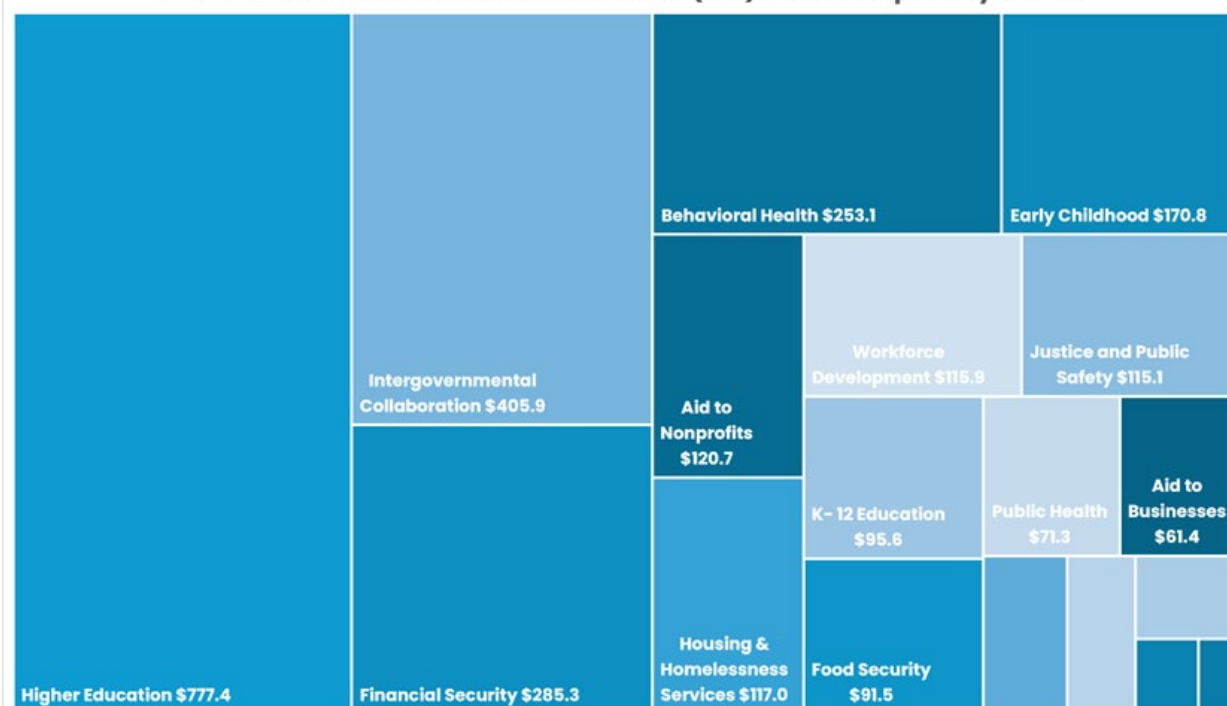
² [Governor Lamot, State of the State 2024.](#)

for all residents. In recognizing that an endemic economic recovery will not remedy past inequities, these investments in safe, affordable childcare for working parents, and in addressing educational losses and disparities that have impacted children in low-income households who have fallen behind during the period of remote learning remain state priorities.

Connecticut has used the SLFRF funds awarded to make transformative investments in health equity, to emerge healthier and stronger from prenatal care to end of life care, and to assist those most in need in this state. To address ongoing behavioral health needs, the state has dedicated funds to improving access to behavioral health providers in pediatric practices and school-based settings during the school year and in the summertime. The state had expanded capacity for medical/psychiatric services in one of the state's leading children's hospitals and has created alternative options to the emergency department in urgent crisis centers and subacute crisis centers for behavioral health emergencies. Beyond behavioral health, the state has examined ways to improve access to health services over the life course by supporting new parents in the earliest days of their new children's lives and by enhancing existing services for school age children in School-Based Health Centers. These programs are taking shape and have had early impacts on families and communities.

Pursuant to Special Act No. 21-1 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly and signed by the Governor on March 31, 2021, the Governor submitted a proposed plan for recommended allocations of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund and worked collaboratively with the General Assembly to develop a plan to make transformative investments in equity and build Connecticut back better. The initial plan, Public Act 21-2 of the June Special Session, was expanded in May 2022 through passage of Public Act 22-118, as amended by Public Act 22-146, and details a list of more than 300 projects representing the entirety of Connecticut's \$2.8 billion award from the Coronavirus SLFRF. This list of projects was further expanded in Public Act 23-204. In the past year, many of the projects outlined in PA 22-146 and PA 23-204 have moved through the initial phases of implementation and are actively serving residents or expanding existing services to improve program delivery. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM), state agencies, the General Assembly, and grantees worked in coordination to scope intended uses of the funds and to ensure compliance with federal guidance. All told, Connecticut has allocated \$2.8B to 595 investments that span eighteen thematic areas. The details of the investments are shown in the treemap that follows and further highlighted in the next section, Uses of Funds.

Connecticut has invested SLFRF Funds (\$M) across 18 priority areas.



Investment Areas	Budget (\$M)
Aid to Businesses	\$61.4
Aid to Nonprofits	\$120.7
Behavioral Health	\$253.1
Broadband/IT Modernization	\$9.6
COVID Mitigation and Prevention	\$15.4
Early Childhood	\$170.8
Financial Security	\$285.3
Food Security	\$91.5
Higher Education	\$777.4
Housing & Homelessness Services	\$117.0
Infrastructure	\$43.6
Intergovernmental Collaboration	\$405.9
Justice and Public Safety	\$115.1
K- 12 Education	\$95.6
Parks and Recreation	\$28.0
Premium Pay	\$35.0
Public Health	\$71.3
Workforce Development	\$115.9
Total	\$2,812.5

Uses of Funds

The state of Connecticut has spent the last four years focused on defeating COVID-19, investing in our future, creating a more affordable Connecticut, prioritizing economic growth that works for all, and modernizing state government. The SLFRF funded projects described below and in the Project Inventory are addressing the pandemic and its negative economic consequences head on. Each initiative is designed to address the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, serve disproportionately impacted communities, determine premium pay for essential workers, and supplement our state operations through revenue replacement.

This report on Uses of Funds will follow the same format as last year's report. Initially, the state described Uses of Funds using the US Treasury Expenditure categories. As the state moved from a pandemic to endemic phase of recovery, Connecticut has assigned thematic focus areas to the investments using the following categories: higher education, infrastructure, behavioral health, intergovernmental collaboration, financial security, early childhood, aid to nonprofits, housing and homelessness services, K-12 education, justice and public safety, food security, aid to businesses, COVID mitigation, workforce development, public health, parks and recreation, premium pay, and broadband/IT modernization.³ While the State of Connecticut initially reported on SLFRF projects using the Treasury Expenditure categories, in this report, we will report on the projects using a selection of thematic focus areas. Details about projects by thematic focus area can also be found in our online dashboard [here](#).

Workforce Development

Restoring jobs, rebuilding our economy, and returning to growth by focusing on workforce development are central to the investment of SLFRF funds in Connecticut. The state's investments address workers impacted by the pandemic as well as growing industries where there is a critical hiring need. The SLFRF funds address issues of unemployment, underemployment and upskilling for the future in several ways. These projects are operational, serving state residents, and transforming workforce training:

- **Career ConneCT:** Career ConneCT was designed to enable unemployed and underemployed people, especially those whose employment was impacted by the pandemic, to acquire the skills for good jobs that support themselves and their families. Career ConneCT provides multiple pathways to participate in short-term (typically 5- to 20-week) training in fast-growing labor sectors, including manufacturing, IT, healthcare and clean energy. These training programs lead to industry-recognized credentials and entry-level employment in high-quality career pathways. The program also provides access to career pathway exploration for high school students. As of June 15, 2025, nearly 6,500 individuals across 19 programs have been enrolled in workforce training programs and 5,119 have completed programs. Over 3,500 participants have been placed into employment. 823 of Connecticut's Youth have been served in the Summer Youth Programming administered by the Regional Workforce Development Boards.

³ The thematic categories were adopted based on Results for America's [American Rescue Plan Data and Evidence Dashboard](#). These categories are more recognizable than the existing UST Expenditure Categories and provide the opportunity for users to see the cross-cutting efforts of state agencies in a particular issue area.

- Health Horizons:** These funds address the state's workforce shortage in nursing and social work. Health Horizons has established a strong infrastructure that aligns services and outcomes with higher education (the public, privates, and UConn) to maximize impacts. Health Horizons provides tuition assistance to students, recruits, and retains diverse faculty, and builds partnerships between healthcare employers and higher education institutions. The program has since launched a second round of innovation funding resulting in eight additional innovative programs. The effectiveness of the strategies will be evaluated in the future. The Health Horizons program is now in its second year and below are a few highlights: This initiative aims to enhance capacity for nursing and social work students, contributing to the broader goal of hiring 133 new faculty members overall. 73 new hires expanding both nursing and social work offering statewide. 32 of the 73 hires are multi-year hires creating continuity in program offerings at the universities. The scholarship goal for the combined two program years was to award 900. Year-to-date, Health Horizons issued 1,662 (185% of goal) scholarships to eligible students in nursing and social works programs across the state. 42% or 691 of those scholarships went to Pell eligible students. The innovative initiatives under health horizons, ten nursing and six social work programs that partner with higher education, business and industry are further expanding the nursing and social work pathways. These innovative initiatives have assisted in standing up nursing programs in the East and master's level social work programs in the central part of the state. Round two funding has supports for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse at five universities in the State furthering the pipeline of qualified healthcare workers.

Housing

Housing remains a priority of this administration, including workforce housing, affordable housing, supportive housing, and elder housing. The SLFRF funds allow the state to complement current and future state efforts in expanding the inventory of affordable options to meet the growing demand among the state's residents. The advent of these funds has advanced innovative programming to support individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity:

- Affordable housing:** Implementation of the Support for Affordable Housing work (\$50M in SLFRF funding) continues to move forward. The four projects approved this year will yield 71 units all under 50% AMI. The overall goal for the entire investment is 350 affordable units.
- Legal representation for tenant eviction:** The funds were used to establish the Right to Counsel Program (RTC) which provides free legal representation to income-eligible tenants and occupants in residential eviction and administrative proceedings. From January 31, 2022 to March 31, 2024, a total of 4,749 clients received services, of which 2,750 clients received full representation. Through RTC Program representation, the "prevent eviction judgment" goal has been achieved in 67.4% of closed, extensive services cases and the "prevent involuntary move" goal has been achieved in 63.4% of closed, extensive services cases. In September 2023, the RTC Program was expanded to include 10 additional qualifying zip codes as well as other eligibility expansions. Since the launch of the program, the defendant representation rate in RTC qualifying zip codes has seen an overall increase from 6.2% in 2017, 6.4% in 2018, 6.7% in 2019, 10.3% in 2020, 11.2% in 2021, to when the program launched in 2022 with 16.9% representation, 18.4% in 2023 and 12.4% in 2024 through April of 2024.

- **Staffing for foreclosure remediation program:** One of the best ways to improve housing security is to prevent homelessness in the first place. The funds support 15 Mediations Specialists and 20 Office Clerks to assist with the increase in housing foreclosure due to the pandemic. To date, 11 Mediation Specialists (4 positions were vacated and programmatic needs do not require the positions be filled) and 18 Office Clerks (2 positions were vacated and programmatic needs and an anticipated winding down of ARPA funds do not require the positions be filled) positions are filled. From September 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 (30 months or 2.5 years), the Mediation Specialists conducted mediations on approximately 35,417 housing summary process cases statewide. In addition, from October 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 (29 months), the Mediation Specialists completed 1,990 foreclosure mediations statewide. These resolutions increase housing stability, reduce homelessness, and help Connecticut's residents maintain stable housing.

Behavioral Health

The pandemic exposed the gaps in our behavioral health system that impact residents across the life course. The state has dedicated funding to improving local response to behavioral health emergencies as well as creating a bridge to continuous care. Considerable investments in the state's behavioral health programming include:

- **Enhance Mobile Crisis Services Case Management:** This project adds 2 FTE mobile crisis licensed clinicians to each of the 8 DMHAS-funded private non-profit mobile crisis teams for the purpose of providing clinical assessment and short-term, intensive clinical/case management services for individuals in crisis until they are able to be connected to a behavioral health services provider. The agencies that will receive this funding are: Communicare (BHCare and Bridges), Community Mental Health Affiliates, Community Health Resources, InterCommunity, Danbury Hospital, Rushford, and United Services. Mobile crisis teams received these additional dollars to provide clinical case management to individuals who needed further follow-up after their mobile crisis intervention, to ensure their connection to ongoing services. All providers expressed that this funding was beneficial and afforded positive outcomes. To date, 1,720 individuals have utilized these services, which include: assistance with government benefits, assistance with housing, vocational assistance, medical cab (MTM) coordination, transportation, coordination with community providers, other case management services, and outreach and engagement.
- **Urgent Crisis/Subacute Crisis:** The advent of urgent crisis and subacute crisis centers is one approach to providing alternatives to those seeking support in hospital emergency departments. Since their opening, 2,280 children in behavioral health crisis have been served without admission to a hospital emergency room. Over the last year, DCF has worked with state regulatory agencies to build out sustainability of funding using Medicaid billing and has recently received final approval to begin diverting ambulances from emergency departments to the urgent crisis centers, where appropriate. Urgent crisis centers serve youth and families for up to 24 hours and subacute crisis centers provide a bridge to those who need extended support. At this time, 1 of the 2 planned subacute crisis programs is staffed and operational, with the other program completing final inspections on their physical space with a target opening date in summer 2024.

- **School Mental Health Workers:** The SLFRF-funded School Mental Health Workers Grant Program has been successful in addressing the pressing demand for school-based mental health support for students. As of November 2024, the grant facilitated the hiring of 17 social workers, 2 school psychologists, and 2 school counselors indirectly supporting the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of 7,808 students across 20 school districts. School districts report that increased staffing allowed for better rapport building with students and their families as well as establishment of stronger ties with their communities.
- **Expanding mental health in pediatric practices:** The funds support expanding behavioral health services available in private practice pediatric offices. The funds were used to provide matching grants of up to 50% to pay salaries for licensed social workers providing counseling and other services in a primary care setting. A Request for Proposals (RFP) that incorporated both the Pilot Program and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Incentive Grant project (Project 28170) was issued as RFA Log # DPH20240910RFP Combined RFA for Behavioral Health Workforce. Seven (7) applications were received from institutions eligible to receive funds and all were awarded funding. The awards were made to practices in all parts of the state including rural northwestern and eastern Connecticut. The contracting process was completed in 2024 and contracts started December 1, 2024. The projects are in the implementation phase. While some recipients of the funds were able to hire a social worker very quickly, others are still in the recruitment process. Two quarters of data have been submitted showing that 415 children aged 18 and under received behavioral health services from a social worker hired under this program.

K-12 Education and Early Childhood

The SLFRF funds have provided Connecticut with several opportunities to increase access to affordable early care and early education as well as to address learning losses that persisted into the endemic phase of the public health event. In addition to affordable childcare, the Governor has focused SLFRF funds on improvements to the system of care provision and structural limitations of previous funding:

- **Universal Home Visiting:** The Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Department of Public Health (DPH) continue to collaborate on the implementation of the Universal Nurse Home Visiting-Community Health Worker pilot (aka Family Bridge). The pilot adheres to the Family Connects International evidence-based universal nurse home visiting model, which is augmented with community health workers. The pilot has been fully staffed, with 6 home visiting registered nurses (RNs) and 8 certified community health workers (CHW), as well as a program administrator, program support specialist, and community alignment specialist, all of whom were hired by Bridgeport Hospital. All RNs have completed the Family Connects International RN training program, and all CHWs have completed a CHW-specific upskilling curriculum created exclusively for Family Bridge CHWs by Southwestern Area Health Education Center (SWAHEC) through a subcontract with Bridgeport Hospital.
- **Funding improvements:**
 - **Care 4 Kids:** The state continues to support the Care 4 Kids childcare subsidy program, which helps families earning low- to moderate-incomes in Connecticut

pay for childcare costs. This grant program bolsters the provision of healthy early childhood environments in disproportionately low- to moderate-income communities and helps parents address COVID-19 related income loss and to provide support to parents re-entering/remaining in the workforce.

- **School Readiness:** This grant program is designed to increase enrollment and decrease the financial burden for the state's School Readiness and Child Day Care programs. School Readiness and Child Day Care programs apply to the Office of Early Childhood on a quarterly basis to receive funds to support families in specific income brackets. The program has been operational beginning in the summer of 2022 and has served 825 programs. These funds will ensure that School Readiness and Child Day Care programs receive fees that support the full cost of the care they provide and will provide a bridge to a state increase in reimbursement rates that took effect in FY24.
- **Facility Renovation and Construction:** Many childcare providers would like to improve the physical plant to be able to care for more children or to provide improved experiences of those already in their care. The Office of Early Childhood established a fund that childcare programs can access to make facilities improvements. In the last year, the grant opportunity was opened and yielded a total of 730 applications for facilities improvements (renovation, new construction, upgrades, and fixtures/furniture/equipment) for a total of over \$73 million in requests. The grantmaking partner can award funds for 130 projects using the \$15 million allocated. Since the last report, the facilities fund contractor completed disbursement of all funds, developed a report on the state of child care facilities in Connecticut, and toured several completed projects with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) staff. The project added 1,536 childcare slots across the state (1,167 infant/toddler; 369 preschool).

Connecticut maintained open and safe schooling to the extent possible through the pandemic. In the endemic era, the efforts to recover from chronic absenteeism and disconnection are the primary goals of the department.

- **Learning Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP):** To respond to the rising levels of chronic absenteeism, the State Department of Education (SDE) has instituted an intensive home visiting program that is yielding strong results and becoming a national model. The program started over two years ago and in the last year SDE is currently in the process of onboarding 12 new districts. This expansion will bring the total number of districts to 26. Districts were selected based on the number of chronically absent high need students in 2021-22 and 2022-23. The department conducted an extensive evaluation of this program in its first year. This evaluation served as the basis for second year expansion and early positive outcomes served as the basis for sustained funding of the program. As of April 2025, there was a total of 71,000 home visits made to more than 42,000 students across the 25 LEAP districts.
- **Right to Read:** These funds are supporting the implementation of funding for a new curriculum to innovate the way districts provide reading instruction to all students (the Right to Read bill). The Department allocated the funds using a formula that considers K-3 enrollment and the free/reduced-price enrollment. "The total available resources of approximately \$27.5 million were proportionally distributed among districts based on their individual weighted student enrollment in Grades K-3 in the October 2022

collection. The weighting of student enrollment is based on socioeconomic status (i.e., a weight of 2 for students eligible for free meals, a weight of 1.3 for student eligible for reduced-price meals, and a weight of 1 for students not eligible for free- or reduced-price meals).” Evaluation of the curriculum implementation is being conducted by the following CCERC team: Kristin Rainville, Sacred Heart University; Katie Cunningham, Sacred Heart University; and Jinhai Yu, University of Connecticut. They have procured IRB approval for the study, created and disseminated a survey instrument, and also developed an observation tool. A short list of districts for in-depth case study was identified. Data collection for the evaluation is still underway. Survey responses are being received and site visits with the observation tool are being conducted. As of April 11, 2025, over 90 percent of funds allocated have been expended by districts to procure and implement the curriculum materials.

Community Engagement

To develop a strategy for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding, state leadership went through robust, democratic process of debate, negotiation, and collaboration between the Governor and the General Assembly of Connecticut. In April 2021, Governor Lamont released Connecticut’s Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: A Roadmap for a Transformative, Equitable and Healthy Recovery for our State. This plan represented the work of a robust set of interagency processes to develop a transformative plan for a stronger, post-pandemic Connecticut and initiated months of democratic engagement over the final allocation of these SLFRF dollars. This process of public, democratic debate culminated in the passage of Public Act 21-2 of the June Special Session, An Act Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items to Implement the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2023, detailing 109 initiatives designed to build Connecticut back better. These efforts were furthered through the passage of Public Act 22-118, as amended by Public Act 22-146, which has grown the number of SLFRF initiatives to more than 300 and demonstrates Connecticut’s responsiveness to the public and the various needs they have brought to the forefront. This work was further enhanced during the Legislative Session ending in June 2023, with passage of Public Act 23-204 and in May 2024 with the passage of Public Act 24-81.

Connecticut’s SLFRF strategy centers investments in programs with deep community ties and proven track records of success. State leadership understands that local nonprofit organizations are a valuable resource in combatting the negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 on Connecticut residents because of their local knowledge and years of experience engaging with distinct populations. The state SLFRF plan prioritizes projects that directly support existing work that is already being done well by community organizations in our state. State agencies such as the Departments of Children and Families, Economic and Community Development, Education, Housing, Public Health, Social Services, and Labor have led out on building these partnerships. In addition, programs like the Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP), have involved community members directly and have been successful because of these direct connections.

Connecticut is also designing collaboration and community engagement into our initiatives. The flagship workforce development project, CareerConneCT requires the state’s five Regional Workforce Development Boards to collaborate with regional training providers and companies to inform the design of each application submitted. The statewide marketing campaign for

industries negatively impacted by the pandemic is being developed by a series of community surveys and engagement with nonprofits and for-profit travel and tourism partners throughout the state. As of June 15, 2025, nearly 6,500 individuals across 19 programs have been enrolled in workforce training programs and 5,119 have completed programs.

In the past year, the Research and Evaluation Unit (described in detail in the Use of Evidence Section) has worked to increase transparency regarding the state's use of SLFRF as well as engage public audiences in the state's work via the creation of a public-facing data dashboard. This dashboard is updated quarterly when project and expenditure data are submitted to the US Treasury Department. Over the course of the year, the Research and Evaluation team has made several upgrades to the original dashboard. While the team started the dashboard with basic views into expenditure categories, users could miss projects that had been coded as Revenue Replacement. In the past year, the team has completed planned upgrades that include new visualizations exploring projects by thematic code as well as by agency. There is a visualization capturing state expenditures and budgeted amounts for projects. Currently, the data dashboard provides the public with views into the state's overall spending and spending by focus area. The dashboard displays agency-level spending and budgets for SLFRF programs and connects the public to legislatively mandated status reports. All visualizations were developed to anticipate state stakeholders' questions and data needs.

Labor Practices

Connecticut adopted prevailing wage laws to ensure that the hourly wages commonly paid to construction workers in the state were maintained and prevented low bid requirements from reducing the market price for labor to levels that would disrupt the local economy. The law (codified in Connecticut General Statutes Section 31-53 and 31-53a) applies to each contract for the construction, remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of any public works project by the State or its agents, or by any political subdivision of the State and is therefore applicable for state SLFRF projects.

Connecticut's prevailing wage laws provide monetary thresholds which must first be met. The prevailing wage law does not apply where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with new construction of a public works project is \$1 million or more. The prevailing wages law applies where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of any public works project \$100,000 or more.

In addition to the state's prevailing wage requirements, Connecticut recently adopted expansive reforms to state minimum wage requirements through the passage of Public Act 19-4 to address existing pay disparities and ensure hardworking families can obtain financial security. As of January 1, 2025 the minimum wage is \$16.35 per hour. It will increase on January 1, 2026 based on the increase of the employment cost index which will be published July 31, 2025.

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The State of Connecticut has invested crucial resources into ensuring the use of evidence and evaluation for the SLFRF-funded projects and in advancing performance measurement in the course of doing this work. Three years ago, Connecticut established the Evaluation and Impact Unit with an initial focus on SLFRF funded projects. Nested within the Office of Policy and Management's Data and Policy Analytics Division, the team worked directly with agencies to

prioritize measurement and evaluation of program outcomes. In the spring of 2024, this team evolved to incorporate some of the work underway with Connecticut's statewide longitudinal data system Preschool through Age 20 Workforce information Network (P20 WIN). Recognizing that many of the evaluation questions related to the state's SLFRF projects would involve interagency data-sharing, the team has worked closely with agencies to draft evaluation programs. Renamed the Research and Evaluation team, they have three goals related to the SLFRF investments: 1) Increase Transparency; 2) Support Evaluation; and 3) Build Capacity to improve evidence and evaluation activities related to SLFRF and state business. Their work is now also focused on developing closeout reporting to capture performance outcomes as project spending winds down and state agencies contemplate sustainability after ARPA funding sunsets.

Transparency

In terms of increasing transparency, the Research and Evaluation team maintains a public-facing dashboard ([American Rescue Plan Act Project Inventory Dashboard](#)) that brings together elements of the quarterly Project and Expenditure Report, the Annual Recovery Plan, and related data efforts to provide an overview of the state's SLFRF investments and the progress towards obligation and expenditures. Launched in January 2023, the team has made significant enhancements over the past year and has used this dashboard as a template for data storytelling for [Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act funding](#). The team has provided demonstrations of this dashboard to internal legislative and budget staff, executive branch agency partners, and to external stakeholders in philanthropy. The team emphasizes the need for transparency when working with SLFRF project leaders on their data planning for their work. With consistent tracking and reporting, these metrics will provide concrete data to generate a cohesive narrative of Connecticut's strengths, areas that can be improved over time, and Connecticut's overall response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Evaluation

In the last year, Research and Evaluation Unit staff have worked directly with all SLFRF-funded project leaders to determine which projects require support for generating evidence and to build the list of projects most in need of evaluation. The Unit staff have worked to connect these projects with resources within and outside of state government to ensure sufficient evidence-building is taking place. Research and Evaluation started the year with a focus on evaluation literacy in two "Evaluation 101" workshops.

Several agencies drafted and distributed Requests for Proposals (RFP) to solicit evaluation partners for the SLFRF funded projects. These agencies have partnered with Research and Evaluation to identify their research questions, to consider their data and to design their RFPs. In the last fiscal year, two agencies have drafted Requests for Proposals to solicit support for evaluation. At the time of submission, several evaluation projects are in early development. These include evaluation of scholarship programs and workforce development.

Some agencies have already conducted evaluations of their work. In some cases, the agencies designed and released an RFP and in other cases, agencies built research collaboration with higher education institutions. These projects have boasted early positive returns, including reductions in chronic absenteeism in public schools and higher rates of eviction prevention.

These positive evaluations led to continued budget support, making the connection between evaluation and sustainability.

The Research and Evaluation team was able to contribute to the Moving Beyond Implications Conference convened at the state's Capitol by the Connecticut Scholars Strategy Network and UConn School of Public Policy. This year's presentation highlighted the way that research partnerships like those established in evaluating SLFRF investments could be important models of government and higher education collaboration in the future.

Capacity-building

The standards that the US Treasury (UST) Department has set related to the use of evidence and evaluation are important for states to adopt, but they assume a data culture already exists within state government. This was not necessarily the case, and as such, since the team's launch in fall 2022, they have provided direct support and guidance related to evidence, evaluation and data storytelling to recipients of the SLFRF funds. This support and guidance have taken multiple forms.

In some cases, the Research and Evaluation team offered guidance to their Budget Division colleagues to ensure data collection efforts persist even when UST reporting guidelines may not mandate them. In line with SLFRF's focus on generating meaningful impact while engaging with community organizations, Connecticut's approach to performance tracking gives subrecipients the flexibility to design and choose meaningful metrics that align with their own understanding of the complexities of the programs and populations they serve. All agencies follow the UST guidance regarding mandatory performance indicators for their associated expenditure categories. It is possible that the UST mandatory performance indicators are not relevant to the way the agency has funded their project, and as such, OPM has requested that agencies to identify their own "agency-selected indicators" that more accurately reflect the work undertaken. The Budget team ensures agencies have awareness of the Research and Evaluation Unit when they are getting their initial allocations situated and the Research and Evaluation Unit continues to support agencies in administration, rules making, and contract language that will generate the right data needed to review and evaluate the project once launched. The Research and Evaluation team established a Mid-Year Update process to ensure that annual reporting would be smooth and this mid-year check-in enabled the collection of new data and updates.

The team continues to use the workshop content designed in the last two years to support SLFRF project leaders and colleagues in establishing the data culture necessary to measure the impact of their work. The building capacity work continues to advance agency experience with performance management. Many state agencies and their community partner organizations have a strong track record of measuring relevant performance indicators, which provides a baseline indicator for new and expanded programs. But not all agencies have experience in performance management. As such, OPM has developed capacity-building opportunities for teams developing metrics for the first time. The initial workshops covered the following topics: building a data culture, data literacy, improving documentation, and data collection, data indicators and data storytelling. Moving past these initial topics, the Research and Evaluation Unit developed and delivered content related to Learning Agendas, Evaluation (101) and Data Analysis. Much of the work is available publicly on the [agency's YouTube channel](#). The

workshops were available for SLFRF-funded project leads along with colleagues from their home agencies.

While there are mandatory performance indicators associated with some expenditure categories, the Research and Evaluation team has been working with agencies to align their work with measurable outcomes for each project and to plan for measurement of impact over time. While only some SLFRF projects are undergoing formal program evaluations as described above, all projects are required to track and report on performance metrics. As part of OPM's SLFRF procedures, all state agencies must propose output and outcome metrics to measure the success of their project.

The Research and Evaluation Unit's work is beginning to take hold. The rollout of capacity building workshops and the focus on evidence generation has become a piece of routine communication about SLFRF projects. In the last year, their focus in building capacity has been on supporting agencies as they create Learning Agendas and become better data storytellers. This consistent focus on how we measure the impact of our work will enable Connecticut to communicate the impact of SLFRF investments clearly and consistently.

PROJECT INVENTORY

The project inventory that follows includes data and status updates on all SLFRF projects. Each entry displays mandatory performance indicators for those expenditure categories which require them. In addition to the mandatory performance indicators, each entry includes performance updates for projects with budgets greater than \$1M whose funds have been allocated to their respective state agency.

It is possible that mandatory performance indicators are not relevant to the specific use of funds. In these cases, the entry lists the performance indicators selected by the project leads and reports those data rather than the mandatory performance indicator required for that expenditure category.

Example Project

Project [Identification Number]: [Project Name]

Funding amount: [Funding amount]

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Project Inventory

CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Project 28001: Education Technology Training at Gateway

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for education technology training at Gateway Community College. With the shift towards remote learning during Covid-19, many higher education institutions have invested in new technology and policies to promote non-traditional learning solutions.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28002: Healthcare Workforce Needs

Funding Amount: \$35,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: Funding to CSCU to develop scholarships, faculty hires, and innovative programs to increase the number of nursing and mental health professionals in the state of Connecticut. Funding will be distributed to both public and private institutions of higher education.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Performance Update:

These funds address the state's workforce shortage in nursing and social work. Health Horizons has established a strong infrastructure that aligns services and outcomes with higher education (the public, privates, and UConn) to maximize impacts.

Health Horizons provides tuition assistance to low-income and minority students, recruits, and retains diverse faculty, and builds partnerships between healthcare employers and higher education institutions. The program has since launched a second round of innovation funding resulting in eight additional innovative programs. The effectiveness of the strategies will be evaluated in the future. The Health Horizons program is now in its second year and below are a few highlights:

- This initiative aims to enhance capacity for nursing and social work students, contributing to the broader goal of hiring 133 new faculty members overall. 73 new hires expanding both nursing and social work offering statewide. 32 of the 73 hires are multi-year hires creating continuity in program offerings at the universities.
- The scholarship goal for the combined two program years was to award 900. Year-to-date, health horizons issued 1,662 (185% of goal) scholarships to eligible students in nursing and social works programs across the state. 42% or 691 of those scholarships went to Pell eligible students.

The innovative initiatives under health horizons, ten nursing and six social work programs that partner with higher education, business and industry are further expanding the nursing and social work pathways. These innovative initiatives have assisted in standing up nursing programs in the East and master's level social work programs in the central part of the state. Round two funding has support for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse at five universities in the State furthering the pipeline of qualified healthcare workers.

Project 28003: Provide Operating Support

Funding Amount: \$118,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for recovery support to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to use as needed. This funding helps CSCU manage negative externalities for both students and institutions of higher education during the shift to online learning and

pandemic mitigation during Covid-19.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 28004: Provide Support to Certain Facilities

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support alterations and improvements to Connecticut State Colleges and Universities facilities that are typically funded by student and user fees.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28005: Temporary Support - Charter Oak

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support alterations and improvements to Charter Oak State College facilities that are typically funded by student and user fees.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 28006: Temporary Support - CT State Universities

Funding Amount: \$14,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support alterations and improvements to CT State Universities' facilities that are typically funded by student and user fees.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 28007: Temporary Support - Community Colleges

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support alterations and improvements to community college facilities that are typically funded by student and user fees.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 28217: CDL Training

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Commercial Driver's License training at community colleges

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Performance Update: Performance update pending at the time of this report.

Project 29691: Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges

Funding Amount: \$19,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: In response to declining student achievement retention and a corresponding loss of tuition and fee revenue that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Connecticut community colleges are implementing Guided Pathways Advising, a wholistic case management advising model. With partial support from State Fiscal Relief funding, Guided Pathways Advising will be implemented at scale across all 12 Connecticut community colleges beginning in FY22. Under the program, Connecticut community colleges will hire 158 advisors and eight other supervisory and support staff over a 3-year period.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The 2024 performance report highlighted the systemwide redesign of academic advising at CT State through the implementation of the Guided Pathways Advising (GPA) model. This redesign supports both local and centralized structures that enhance students' academic outcomes and overall well-being. The advising model continues to operate as a Holistic Case Management approach, with notable progress in staffing and outreach efforts over the past year.

As of Spring 2025, average caseloads were reduced to 262 students per GPA 1 Advisor and 137 students per GPA 2 Advisor with caseloads, significantly improving capacity for personalized, proactive support. Advisor engagement remained strong, with 33,693 appointments logged in Fall 2024, up from 32,199 the previous fall, and 29,116 appointments in Spring 2025, slightly down from 30,345 in Spring 2024.

In addition to their core advising responsibilities, Guided Pathways Advisors play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and connection within the campus community. Advisors regularly engage beyond individual appointments by participating in and leading student clubs and organizations, supporting enrollment and open house events, and collaborating closely with academic, student affairs, and enrollment management departments. Their involvement ensures students are not only informed but also feel welcomed, supported, and integrated into the broader college experience. Moreover, advisors contribute meaningfully to institutional governance at both the campus and statewide levels, serving in leadership roles and on key committees that elevate student needs and ensure student-centered perspectives inform policy and practice. This broad-based engagement deepens student-advisor relationships and expands opportunities for meaningful interaction, ultimately strengthening students' sense of connection, support, and belonging across CT State.

Since its launch in Fall 2022, the program has served over 35,000 students annually across 12 campuses. Ongoing evaluation by Guided Pathways Advising leadership and Institutional Research continues to show that students who complete at least one documented advising appointment persist at significantly higher rates, on average, across demographic groups including race, ethnicity, and sex. These students also consistently attempt and complete more credits, demonstrating stronger academic momentum.

Although advising engagement is not the sole driver of these outcomes, Guided Pathways leadership emphasizes that reduced advisor caseloads and increased availability have enabled earlier, more frequent outreach and stronger connections to wraparound services. Combined with systemwide investments in mental health, food security, and holistic support, these efforts continue to improve student retention and academic success across CT State.

Project 29692: Higher Education – CSCU

Funding Amount: \$305,271,360

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support is provided to Connecticut State Colleges and University CSCU for the provision of public services. This allocation from Connecticut's State Fiscal Recovery Fund award will be used to support adjunct faculty necessary to provide adequate course availability to students at CSCU institutions. Without these funds fiscal constraints would require these institutions to eliminate a large number of course sections across 16 institutions. Given CSCU's CDC-compliant social distancing protocols which limit class size based on room, the students served by adjunct faculty in these courses would have difficulty finding alternatives within the system resulting in deferred completion, further decreased revenue for the system, and diminished student success.

Issue Area: Higher Education

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Project 28249: Valley Regional High School Tennis Courts

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Valley Regional High School, a public school supporting students from the municipalities of Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4, for alterations and improvements to tennis courts.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28505: Lyme Public Library and Town Hall HVAC

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to install an HVAC system for the Lyme public library in order to help mitigate the spread of communicable diseases.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28509: Cromwell

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to install a prefabricated bathroom facility within the Cromwell High School athletic field complex.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Project 28009: Senior Centers

Funding Amount: \$6,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Senior Centers throughout the state, as the elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update:

With the passage of PA 24-81 during the last few days of the legislative session, a reduction in this line item meant that the funding available to support Senior Centers went from \$10M to \$6.5M. This reduction happened a little over a month before the deadline for Senior Centers to submit their proposals (June 28, 2024), which meant that several proposals were in differing stages of approval and review. ADS worked with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to figure out how this reduction would affect individual [potential] beneficiaries, as well as statewide initiatives (originally \$1M was set aside for initiatives that would support all CT Senior Centers).

In June 2024, a communication was sent out to all Municipalities and individual Senior Centers on behalf of Commissioner Porter, explaining that funds were only available to those entities who had submitted proposals through May 7, 2024.

Out of the allocated \$6.5M, a total of \$6,499.965 has been obligated through 108 contracts to 107 entities (94 municipal-run senior centers and 13 non-profit senior centers). 48 other proposals had come in after May 7th for which there was not enough funding; this included submissions from possibly 42 municipally run centers, and 4 non-profit senior centers. Only 15 municipalities did not take advantage of the opportunity, neither requesting funds or designating them to another town or non-profit senior center; and one non-profit senior center that was designated funds did not request funds.

Those who have contracts in place are doing great things with the funds- including renovating spaces to expanding hours and transportation services, providing increased outreach and education, and bringing in new members and attendees by supporting cultural events and adventures, and new and innovative programming.

In CY2025, ADS will roll-out programmatic reporting to all these beneficiaries so as to ensure the impact of ARPA funds designated to senior centers can be highlighted. ADS has

participated in a number of events already, from ribbon cuttings for outside sitting areas and exercise spaces to the inaugural trip of a new wheelchair accessible vehicle, all partially or wholly supported with these dollars.

Project 28010: Meals on Wheels

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide financial support to Elderly Nutrition Provider (ENP) beneficiaries contracted with the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to maintain the state's elderly nutrition program. Each ENP has identified their individual impact and needs which has resulted in various program and capital costs being supported, including vehicle repair, vehicle procurement, equipment repair, food costs, labor costs/staff wage increases, food packaging costs, utility costs and fuel costs.

Issue Area: Food Security

Status: Completed

Project 28011: Respite Care for Alzheimer's

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support respite care (adult day care services) for caregivers of victims of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia. Caregivers of vulnerable adults faced increasing burdens during the Covid-19 pandemic due to increased public health concerns.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: The funds are under contract with Connecticut's 5 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to expand the number of individuals that are served in the existing Connecticut Statewide Respite Care Program (CSRCP) by arranging respite care for caregivers of individuals of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia.

Project 28012: Area Agencies on Aging

Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to the state's five Area Agencies on Aging, which are private, nonprofit planning agencies that provide a variety of services to Connecticut's elderly population, including: social services, nutritional services, disease prevention and health promotion services, family caregivers support services, and adult day care services to victims of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia. Centers may also provide direct services in the areas of community education, advocacy, case management, information and assistance, and benefits counseling and training.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: The funds equally support Connecticut's 5 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which provide a variety of services and supports to older adults and caregivers of older adults in their respective regions. Each AAA has identified specific needs such as addressing transportation challenges, eviction prevention, mental health supports and elderly nutrition.

Project 28013: Avon Senior Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Avon Senior Center, as Connecticut's elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28014: Dixwell Senior Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Dixwell Senior Center, as Connecticut's elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28015: Eisenhower Senior Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Eisenhower Senior Center, as Connecticut's elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28016: Orange Senior Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Orange Senior Center, as Connecticut's elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28017: Sullivan Senior Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support Sullivan Senior Center, as Connecticut's elderly population and their caregivers faced significant additional public health and negative economic impacts as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28247: Senior Center Outdoor Fitness Area - Ellington

Funding Amount: \$57,418

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Ellington for alterations and improvements to the Senior Center's outdoor spaces.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28273: Elderly Nutrition

Funding Amount: \$2,250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$2,250,000 in FY 24 to support the Elderly Nutrition Program throughout the state, including home delivered and congregate meals, that receive funding through the state's Area Agencies on Aging.

Issue Area: Food Security

Performance Update: The additional \$2.25M allocated to "Meals on Wheels" in 2023 was distributed to the State's 5 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and 11 CT Elderly Nutrition Providers (ENPs). \$1.5 Million was awarded to the AAAs to help smooth the transition in SFY 24, between the sunset of COVID-19 relief funds in 2023 and SFY25. These funds were used to provide meals to older adults both in the community and congregate settings. The remaining \$750k was awarded directly to the ENPs to support them to meet increased demand and financial challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were used to make capital improvements (purchase of delivery vehicles, delivery vehicle

repairs, increase of refrigeration capacity, etc.) to improve infrastructure needed to meet demand, meet increasing cost of food and supplies, and temporarily maintain meal levels while transitioning out of pandemic.

Project 28274: Prevalence of Autism Study

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$10,000 in FY 24 in the agency's Other Expenses account to support the cost studying and reporting on the higher prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and determine whether state programs adequately address such higher prevalence.

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Project 28534: Establish Deaf Blind Bureau

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to establish a Bureau of Services for Persons who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing within the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28535: Area Agencies on Aging Awareness Program

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to support the state's five Area Agencies on Aging to develop and implement a statewide awareness campaign targeting the state's older adult population.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28536: Alzheimer's Awareness Program

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter to develop and implement a statewide awareness campaign for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28537: Ellington Vehicle Purchase

Funding Amount: \$99,778

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to Ellington Senior Center for the purchase and procurement of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for use by the Senior Center

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28538: Nutmeg Rides

Funding Amount: \$225,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for Nutmeg Senior Rides Inc to support the continued provision of transportation services in their region and for the capital purchase of at least 3 vehicles and related costs

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28539: Bristol Senior Center Parking Lot

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the Town of Bristol to implement the design,

demolition and renovation of the parking lot at the Senior Center

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28540: Newtown Transportation Program for Seniors

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the purchase of an accessible vehicle for transportation through the Senior Center Human Services department in Newtown

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28541: Community Renewal Team Meals on Wheels

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for program operations of CRT's Elderly Nutrition Program which were impacted by increased costs related to program operations.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28542: Kuhn Employment Opportunities

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for renovations including improvements to bathrooms and the ventilation.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29798: Blind and Deaf Community Supports

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will address deficiencies in support services for individuals who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. This may include purchase of clear masks, specialized vaccine clinic supports, and informational videos communication cards and interpreter services for the deaf community. Additionally funding is provided in response to reduced operations at the Library for the Blind in Rocky Hill in order to provide comparable services to the blind community and to expand the library's programming.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update:

Community Engagement and Professional Development

Marketing Engagement & Public Relations Campaign

- Adams & Knight provided a final report detailing the engagement received by all marketing assets associated with this ARPA grant. The marketing efforts launched on January 20, 2024 and concluded May 31, 2024. This campaign included the following channels: social media paid ads (static and video posts) on Facebook, Instagram, and Linked In and digital website ads targeting healthcare decision-makers and the general public; Cable TV ads and streaming service ads targeting the general public. Throughout the duration of the campaign, a total of 19.5M impressions were generated and over 15K clicks were made to the ARPA landing page on our website. Both 30-second PSAs recorded a 79% video completion rate by those who watched, equating to over 75,000 ThruPlays. All information related to this ARPA project and our Lost in Translation campaign (including all media coverage) may be found on our website here: <https://www.asd-1817.org/programs/outreach-services/lost-in-translation-campaign>.
- ASD released a press release following the launch of the training video with all Connecticut hospitals through the Connecticut Hospital Association (additional information below). The press release may be found [here](#). NBC CT responded to this press release with the following story on September 20,

2024: <https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/local/american-school-for-the-deaf-creates-training-video-for-hospital-workers/3391188/>. All information related to this ARPA project and our Lost in Translation campaign (including all media coverage) may be found on our website here: <https://www.asd-1817.org/programs/outreach-services/lost-in-translation-campaign>.

- ASD and Hartford HealthCare (HHC) organized a joint press conference announcing a new partnership that will allow ASD's Community Interpreting program to provide American Sign Language interpreting services throughout the healthcare system. The press conference took place on Thursday, November 14, 2024, which included remarks from Deputy Commissioner Suzette DeBeatham-Brown from the Department of Aging and Disability Services. Widespread coverage of this event was secured, including the three major news networks: NBC CT, WTNH, and WFSB. Links to the coverage are below: WTNH (11/14/24): [American School for the Deaf Partners with Hartford HealthCare](#); NBC CT (11/14/24): [ASL Interpreters now available at Hartford HealthCare Systems](#); [ASL interpreters now available at Hartford HealthCare systems](#) Hartford Business Journal (11/14/24): [Hartford HealthCare, American School for the Deaf, partner to broaden access for deaf, blind patients](#); [Hartford HealthCare, American School for the Deaf partner to broaden access for deaf, blind patients | Hartford Business Journal](#) WFSB (11/14/24): [Hartford HealthCare Partners With the American School for the Deaf](#); [MEDICAL ROUNDS: Hartford HealthCare partners with the American School for the Deaf](#) HouseDems.CT (11/15/24): [Updates from State Rep. Chris Poulos \(HHC Announcement\)](#); [Updates from State Rep. Chris Poulos - November 15, 2024 | Connecticut House Democrats](#) CT Insider (12/1/24): [American School for the Deaf, Hartford HealthCare partner for sign language interpreter program](#); <https://www.ctinsider.com/connecticut/article/deaf-hartford-healthcare-asl-interpreting-partners-19925242.php> Stamford Advocate (12/1/24): [American School for the Deaf, Hartford Healthcare partner for sign language interpreter program](#); [American School for the Deaf, Hartford HealthCare open ASL partnership](#). All information related to this ARPA project and our Lost in Translation campaign (including all media coverage) may be found on our website here: <https://www.asd-1817.org/programs/outreach-services/lost-in-translation-campaign>.

Professional Development and Training

- The training video was completed, with Marlee Matlin's PSA as the introduction. Links to the videos may be downloaded from this embedded [document](#). The CT Hospital Association is planning to release the video to its membership in early September. Hartford HealthCare has decided to incorporate this training video as the introduction to its training required for all employees. ASD is working with Adams & Knight to develop accompanying printed materials that may be posted within healthcare facilities to remind staff about the importance of communication accessibility for patients who are deaf and hard of hearing, and to provide quick tips when working with patients with hearing loss. The training video was completed, with Marlee Matlin's PSA as the introduction. Links to the videos may be downloaded from this embedded [document](#).
- The CT Hospital Association released this training video to its membership on September 5, 2024. Hartford HealthCare has decided to incorporate this training video as the introduction to its training required for all employees. Adams & Knight developed accompanying materials that may be printed and posted within healthcare facilities to remind staff about the importance of communication accessibility for patients who are deaf and hard of hearing. These materials were developed in varying sizes to allow flexibility in printing of flyers or posters. The poster size may be viewed [here](#). These materials were shared with the CT

Hospital Association to share with their membership as additional resources. As a result of the new partnership between ASD and Hartford HealthCare, HHC requested that the training video be co-branded with the healthcare provider's logo so that it may be included within the professional development modules required of all employees. This co-branding was completed and HHC is in the process of rolling out the launch of this new training video across their network. The co-branded video may be found [here](#).

Cultural Workshops-

Protactile Interpreting Training

- In coordination with an ASD staff member who is also a representative from the DeafBlind Support and Access Network (DBSAN), one cultural workshop took place on December 8, 2024. This was a Protactile training for members of the DeafBlind community offered by three presenters: Rhonda Voight-Campbell, Roberto Cabrera, and Yashaira Romilus.
- A two-day Protactile Interpreting Training took place on December 7 & 8, 2024 at the American School for the Deaf for interpreters and members of the DeafBlind community. For interpreters, a beginner course was offered during the morning of December 7th with the advanced course following in the afternoon on the same day. A Protactile training for individuals who are DeafBlind took place on December 8th. Please see an event outline [here](#), and a flyer for the event [here](#).
- In support of community education professional development and training projects, as well as planning and messaging meetings, we have provided six hours of protactile interpreting in January and February 2025 for DeafBlind participants to ensure full communication access.
- A two-day Protactile Interpreting Training for DeafBlind patients in medical settings took place at the American School for the Deaf on February 1-2, 2025. A total of 40 people attended the workshop, 34 of them interpreters. Participants completed a survey at the end of the two days that asked the following questions: 1) Would you recommend this educational activity to other interpreters? Why or why not? 2) What, if anything, would you like the presenter to know? 3) Anything that could be improved? Or considered for next time? 4) What was something surprising, especially beneficial, or an area of valued growth you gained from this learning opportunity? 5) Additional comments/questions? 6) Ideas for future trainings/workshops? The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive.

Professional Development in Healthcare

- Adams & Knight met with individuals who are DeafBlind on September 13th to learn from their perspective the important information to be included in the training video. It was decided during this meeting that in addition to a focus on medical settings, general information will also be included that would benefit employees at state agencies that work with DeafBlind consumers. Adams & Knight developed an outline for the video, which may be found [here](#). This draft was shared with individuals who are DeafBlind, including representatives from the DeafBlind Association of Connecticut (DBAC) and the DeafBlind Support and Access Network (DBSAN). Feedback from the team will be incorporated. Filming for the video is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.
- The Adams & Knight team spent two days in December (December 16 – 17, 2024) at the American School for the Deaf campus filming footage for the training video. Lisa Flaherty-Vaughn and Jesse Stanely participated in the filming. The script for the training video may be found [here](#). The Adams & Knight team is currently editing this video.

Public Education Campaign

- The Sullivan & LeShane team met with representatives from the DeafBlind community on September 9th. They are currently developing an outline covering topics revealed during the discussion to be highlighted in various media appearances, editorials, and social media content, which is scheduled to begin in December 2024.
- The Sullivan & LeShane team returned to ASD for a second campaign planning meeting on December 9, 2024. Key themes for message development were discussed. Sullivan & LeShane will plan to engage the media during the months of January – April 2025.

Communication Accessibility in Healthcare and Emergency Services

In-Person Interpreting Pilot Program

- As part of ASD's upcoming partnership with Hartford HealthCare, ASD organized a 3-week on-site pilot at Hartford Hospital to better understand the demand for ASL interpretation services at the hospital. Through this pilot, ASD scheduled an in-person interpreter at the hospital during the overnight hours of 7 p.m. – 7 a.m., 7 nights per week during the time period of September 1 – September 21, 2024. During this pilot, a total of 20 hours of in-person ASL interpretation was provided to one patient over the course of three days in both the emergency department, and the observation area. Additionally, education was provided to hospital staff to improve their methods for communicating with patients who are deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind. The on-site interpreters also ensured open lines of communication with staff at the reception area to be sure that interpretation services could be secured easily. The lead interpreter also identified checkpoints at the hospital – including security, reception, and the waiting room area – where it would be helpful to post a QR code leading to a vlog in American Sign Language explaining the process and expectations for that area. These recommendations were well-received and vlog QR codes are in the process of being developed.

Medical Interpreting Training Program

- ASD hosted a three-day in-person medical interpreting training October 25 – 27, 2024 at the American School for the Deaf. Three medical procedures were used as the basis for the training, based on input from the deaf and hard of hearing community (Colonoscopy, Cystoscopy, and Vasectomy). The training was offered free of charge for any interested Connecticut interpreters and 1.5 CEUs were provided to all who participated. The flyer for this event may be found [here](#). 26 interpreters participated in the event.

Clear Mask Distribution Pilot

- A distribution plan is now in progress and distribution has begun to the hospitals and other medical settings that expressed interest through the CT Hospital Association or were identified through a survey shared among the deaf and hard of hearing communities in Connecticut. So far, 80 masks have been delivered in total, 40 to each of two different sites in West Hartford, one medical practice associated with Hartford HealthCare and one medical practice associated with Prime Health Care. At the time of this report, seven more drop-offs have been scheduled for March.

Access to Education & Employment

Literacy Programming

- ASD began offering departmental American Sign Language instruction for staff wishing to improve their signing skills, including Student Health Center staff and Residential Counselors who work directly with students on campus. These courses began in June and will continue through the school year. The portion of this work

covered by this ARPA grant will conclude in December. The classes are offered both synchronously and asynchronously to the following departments: Student Health Center, Facilities/Plant Operations, Business Office, Human Resources, Institutional Advancement, and 2nd shift Residential Counselors. ASD also purchased two new literacy curricula that will be used in the classroom to support our students' literacy development.

Summer Camperships

- During the month of August 2024, one (1) campership application was approved for a camper to attend Cue Camp Mechuwana (a program of the Cued Speech Association of New England). The camp scholarship application may be found at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs-vCGDK1e2CPi5onYjcbax0TT6tv2Ej-Kjt1xrkQJQqOiPw/viewform>.
- The campership application for summer 2025 has been posted on ASD's website (link here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs-vCGDK1e2CPi5onYjcbax0TT6tv2Ej-Kjt1xrkQJQqOiPw/viewform>). Having received approval for an extension on this ARPA grant, application language has been updated to reflect the extension, removing the application deadline date of December 31, 2024. The following language was added to all communications, including notice on the ASD website: *PLEASE NOTE: There are limited scholarships remaining which will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.*
- In January, ASD received 18 applications for summer camperships. Of these, seven were not eligible and two were duplicates. ASD confirmed six camp scholarships for deaf and hard of hearing youth who reside in Connecticut. We are awaiting confirmation of registration for three other applicants.
- In February, ASD received six additional applications for summer camperships (for a total so far of 24 received since 1/1/2025). Of these six new applications, one was not eligible as the family does not live in Connecticut. ASD confirmed three camp scholarships for deaf and hard of hearing youth who reside in Connecticut. We are awaiting confirmation of registration for two other applicants.

Self-Advocacy Initiatives

Deaf Community Advocacy

- The CT Association of the Deaf organized and ran a workshop entitled "Self-Advocacy for Effective Communication in Medical Settings" from 10:00-3:00 on December 7, 2024, at the Bridgeport Public Library.
- The CT Association of the Deaf organized and ran a workshop entitled "Self-Advocacy for Effective Communication in Medical Settings" from 9:00-3:00 on January 25, 2025, at the Greater Hartford Club for the Deaf in East Hartford, CT. The workshop had 20 participants.
- The CT Association of the Deaf organized and ran another workshop entitled "Self-Advocacy for Effective Communication in Medical Settings" from 9:00-3:00 on February 22, 2025, at the Danbury Public Library. The workshop had 12 participants. This was the final workshop in this series.

DeafBlind Advocacy Retreat

- CAN also provided interpreting and SSP support during a focus group organized by Innivee Strategies with representatives from Connecticut's DeafBlind community as part of the DeafBlind needs assessment project. This focus group took place on October 17th at CAN's offices. A total of nine (9) DeafBlind individuals participated in this focus group.
- Communication Advocacy Network (CAN) organized a training for Support Service Providers on Saturday, November 2nd. This grant was used to provide interpreting

services during this event. Two presenters led the workshop (including a Protactile interpreter) and 18 Support Service Providers (SSPs) participated. Topics covered included: History of DeafBlindness, the role of the Support Service Provider, and best practices for working with DeafBlind clients.

Statewide Needs Assessment: Connecticut's DeafBlind Community

- The Innivee team travelled to Connecticut to hold a focus group with representatives from Connecticut's DeafBlind community at the offices of Communication Advocacy Network on October 17th. Nine (9) DeafBlind individuals attended the focus group session. Given the communication needs and preferences of the individuals participating, the session transitioned into individual/small-group interviews. A link to the call for focus group participants may be found [here](#). Innivee also met with representatives from the DeafBlind Association of Connecticut on October 3rd to share information about the project and gather feedback.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Project 28275: Container Gardens

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Issue Area: Food Security

Performance Update: The funds support the purchase of shipping container gardens through a competitive grant program which received 17 applications requesting \$3.7 million with \$2 million available to award. This initiative is part of the [Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids grant \(CTG4CTK Grant\)](#), administered by the Department of Agriculture (DoAg), which provides a mix of financial and technical assistance to local and regional boards of education, regional education centers, cooperative arrangements, childcare centers, group childcare homes and family childcare homes, or any organization or entity administering or assisting in the development of a farm-to-school program and partnering with a Connecticut public school. In May 2024, eight (8) contracts were awarded and executed between CT DoAg and farmers (3), nonprofits (2), school districts (2), and tribes (1). This marks progress in promoting sustainable food practices, food sovereignty, and expanding agricultural education opportunities within these communities. By March of 2025, more than one-half of grantees have received their shipping containers and have begun programming related to the students they aimed to serve. Mid-Project reports are due in May of 2025 which will provide significant data points related to the populations served.

Project 28276: Oyster Cultch Management Program

Funding Amount: \$199,995

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28357: Food2Kids - Milford Food Insecurity Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DOAG shall provide funding to Food2Kids to allow the nonprofit to continue to provide meals, snacks and beverages to children who are eligible for free and reduced lunch school programs. Funds will be used to support the purchasing of food,

snacks and beverages for 225 students weekly who have little to no food on weekends when they are away from school This will enable the nonprofit to continue to serve 225 local students yearly

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 28358: Haven's Harvest Food Program

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DOAG shall provide funding to Haven's Harvest to allow the nonprofit to continue to enhance its food delivery services by making food rescue more accessible and efficient for their community Funds will be used to support program operations, including the procurement and distribution of food, maintaining pantry facilities, and supporting staff and volunteers who assist clients This funding will allow for Haven's Harvest to hire a Project Manager for one year, hire a development consultant for 706 hours, pay for 95 months of rent, in order to upgrade the White Label Haven's Harvest HH App Developing the White Label HH App will reduce the time staff spend helping volunteers navigate the current system, the app will free up resources for other essential tasks, and it will include user-friendly infographics and streamlined reporting features, allowing Haven's Harvest to more effectively communicate data and impact with stakeholders

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 28359: Nutrition Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DOAG shall purchase card reader devices for the use of senior FMNP, WIC FMNP, and SNAP eligible benefits; activate, loan, and distribute said devices to statewide farmers markets; provide additional funding towards Senior FMNP benefits for use by qualified recipients; and pay the University of Connecticut to conduct a study to understand the barriers of the WIC FMNP participants

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 28360: WHEAT - West Haven Food Insecurity Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DOAG shall provide funding to WHEAT to allow the nonprofit to continue to provide food assistance to children and families experiencing hunger who fall below 300 of the Federal Poverty Level Funds will be used to support program operations, including the procurement and distribution of food, maintaining pantry facilities, and supporting staff and volunteers who assist clients This funding will enable WHEAT to serve an estimated 2,500 families comprising approximately 7,500 people yearly, ensuring that critical food resources are available to meet the growing needs of the community

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 29693: Senior Food Vouchers

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

Project Overview: The funds will be used to increase the value of the check booklets provided to seniors over the age of 60 and disabled individuals living in congregate housing where nutrition services are provided. Eligible program participants facing increased food insecurity due to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will receive check booklets that were increased in value from \$15 to \$21 to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Connecticut farmers' markets and farm stands.

Issue Area: Food Security

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at

the time of reporting.

Project 29694: Farmer's Market Nutrition

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

Project Overview: The funds will be used to increase the value of the check booklets provided to WIC participants facing food insecurity due to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year check booklets increased from \$15 to \$21 to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Connecticut farmers' markets and farm stands.

Issue Area: Food Security

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 29695: Farm-to-School Grant

Funding Amount: \$713,405

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTG4CTK is a grant program to support and establish farm to school programs in schools, school districts, childcare centers and homes. Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools, and early care and education sites. Students gain access to healthy local foods as well as education opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips.

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 29696: Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

Project Overview: In partnership with End Hunger CT! funds will enable SNAP participants who have faced an increase in food insecurity due to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to double the value of their SNAP benefits to purchase CT Grown farm products at participating Connecticut farmer stands, and at farmers' markets End Hunger CT!'s Full Shelves Pantry Program which supports food pantries and social service organizations with bulk purchases of food. This program enables organizations to achieve economies of scale through bulk purchase of food, access to a more diverse selection of foods and the efficient delivery of those foods that can be achieved independently which assists low to moderate communities with improving accessibility to food to individuals and families that have felt the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Food Security

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Project 28018: Expand Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Funding Amount: \$25,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to complete the expansion of pediatric mobile crisis intervention services (aka emergency mobile psychiatric services, or EMPS) to statewide 24/7 coverage, remedying a gap in public healthcare crisis services that was exacerbated during the pandemic.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28019: Support Additional Urgent Crisis Centers and Sub-Acute Crisis Stabilization Units

Funding Amount: \$21,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to establish three additional urgent crisis centers, partnered with subacute crisis stabilization units, to provide diversionary services across the state.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28020: Support for Improved Outcomes for Youth (YSBs and JRBs)

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support at-risk youth who have interacted with the justice system through increased funding for community support organizations Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) and Juvenile Review Boards (JRBs).

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28021: Social Determinant Mental Health Fund

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Assist urban and minority families who do not have access to traditional third part reimbursement mechanisms with payment for mental health interventions to mitigate youth behavioral health issues. The program will target assistance to youth experiencing behavioral health issues due to discrimination and social exclusion, adverse early life experiences, poor education, poverty, income inequality, food insecurity, housing instability, unemployment and/or poor access to health care, amongst other factors. The program will be operated by a singular fiduciary and aims to reduce racial, ethnic, gender and socioeconomic mental health disparities.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28022: Family Assistance Grants

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Assist families who do not have access to traditional third-party reimbursement mechanisms with payment for mental health interventions to mitigate youth behavioral health issues. The program will be operated by a singular fiduciary charged with determining eligibility, maximizing alternative payment resources, managing payment of prescribed medications or treatments for the treatment of a behavioral health condition, and facilitating access to intensive evidence-based services.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28023: Expand Access Mental Health

Funding Amount: \$990,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to expand access to mental health services in the state. Project scoping and development currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28024: Resource Guide

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for the creation of a mental health services resource guide. Project scoping and development currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28025: Peer to Peer Training for Students

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for local or regional boards of education to administer a peer-to-peer mental health support program for participating students in grades six to twelve.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28026: Respite for non-DCF Children

Funding Amount: \$84,996

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Funding to offer specialized COVID-Respite Care to parent/caregivers who have a child or children with serious emotional disturbance (SED), who were negatively impacted by the pandemic. Respite services will provide support and care to the child for 60-90 minutes per week for a period of 8-10 weeks and will be offered in a group setting through either the use of existing agency staff or by a subcontract, using credentialed providers and/ or appropriately screened individuals. It is not expected that all children and families enrolled in Care Coordination will need COVID-Respite Care.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28027: Children in Placement, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding to offset negative economic impacts to Children in Placement, Inc., a non-profit organization that advocates for the best interests of Connecticut's abused and neglected children throughout child welfare and judicial systems. Children in Placement secures safe homes, supportive services and a stable transition into adulthood by objectively assessing and supporting each child's situation, and aims to bring awareness, partnerships, resources and system policy changes.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28029: Girls for Technology

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding to offset negative economic impacts to Girls for Technology, Inc. as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Girls for Technology, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose programs provide enrichment opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math to adolescent girls in the Greater Hartford area.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28030: R-Kids

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28140: Homeless Youth Transitional Housing

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.17 - Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Project Overview: Provide funding to support a statewide scattered-site transitional living program for young adults, similar to other federally-funded transitional living programs for young adults in Connecticut.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program supported supplemental services and not necessarily eviction prevention or the preservation of affordable housing. These funds enable the provisions of housing supplemental assistance to 191 young adults in SFY 2022, 179 in SFY 2023 and 131 year to date in SFY 2024.

Project 28152: Peer-to-Peer

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support peer-to-peer mental health services. Project scoping and development currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28180: Waterbury Seed Funds for Wheeler Clinic

Funding Amount: \$650,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Funding for Wheeler Clinic to administer a pilot program in Waterbury providing intensive outpatient services, including an extended day treatment program, for adolescents with mental or behavioral health issues. The program would provide evidence-based clinical interventions and supports to help successfully stabilize and maintain children/youth in their own homes and communities. Efforts would focus on the prevention of hospitalization and out-of-home placement, provision of clinical treatment and specific behavioral assistance, and the engagement and support of families and caregivers.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28513: Middletown Office

Funding Amount: \$667,856

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to maintain Middletown office to serve community and preserve government services provided by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28514: Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to host and fund educational events. These events will engage Hispanic and African American youth, while teaching them life skills, communication, and relationship skills

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28515: Community Guidance Clinic

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to be used to increase services allowing the Mobile Health Crisis Units to refer children and families for immediate intervention. Funding will allow Community Guidance for Central CT to provide 66 additional slots for FFT Functional Family Therapy and IPV Intimate Partner Violence

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28555: Urgent Crisis Centers

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for Urgent Crisis Centers to invest in a new level of care to support youth/young adults who can be safely cared for in community-based settings.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28556: Children's Behavioral Health

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Funding will be invested in workforce stabilization of DCF contracted behavioral health community programs.

Issue Area: TBD

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29779: Fostering the Community

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.13 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Project Overview: Fostering the Community will develop an educational on-line database portal of trainings and articles for foster parents to access. The materials will address the behavioral health challenges that foster children are experiencing most frequently due to COVID-19. Trainings will be in the form of written content from experts in foster care issues and recorded video trainings. Funds will be used for three purposes to contract with an IT consultant to create the portal and assist with technical aspects of posting accessing trainings; to reimburse behavioral health professions for the production of live and recorded trainings and the collection of other print materials; and community outreach to determine topics of interest and share upcoming events and training resources for foster parents.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project will indirectly help children and families and as such there are no indicators to report at this time.

Project 29781: Children's Mental Health Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$10,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Will support various initiatives including expanding hours of operation of mobile crisis intervention teams to provide 24/7 response statewide; establishing intensive

transition care management services to expedite and facilitate the timely and safe transition of children from acute levels of care to the community; creation of an urgent crisis center to provide immediate care to children having a behavioral health episode who are in need of an urgent response to divert children from emergency departments; interventions to address trauma experienced by youth residing in urban communities; and expanded data analysis related to racial equity and justice in behavioral health to be utilized to improve provider specific program performance.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29782: Child First

Funding Amount: \$10,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.12 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting

Project Overview: Child First is a home visiting model that is targeted to serve families that present with the highest level of need for this service type. Utilizing an evidence-based psycho-educational model this service provides home-based assessment family plan development parent-child therapeutic intervention and education and care coordination case management for high-risk families with children under six years of age including pregnant women in order to decrease social-emotional and behavioral problems developmental and learning problems and abuse and neglect. ARPA funding will allow for essentially doubling the capacity of Child First service teams statewide. An estimated 44% of all Child First families reside at a Qualified Census Tract address and at a minimum 25% of all those served are on the child welfare caseload. DCF families have been waitlisted for Child First services historically and there is ample need within the child welfare-involved population alone to fill all the newly available capacity that would be added to pre-existing contracted capacity.

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Performance data have been collected but are not available at the time of this report's submission. They will be submitted in an upcoming quarterly Project and Expenditure report.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Project 28553: Implement New Cannabis Regulations

Funding Amount: \$387,410

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to enact stricter health and public safety requirements for federally legal intoxicating hemp-derived consumable products.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Project 29786: TRUE Unit - Cheshire CI

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Program enhancements implementing a nationally recognized correction model that expands services to reduce recidivism among young men aged 18-24 and emphasizes personal dignity and developmentally appropriate programming.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The Department of Correction plans to extend the impact and sustainability of the professional development workshops conducted in the previous fiscal year to all Cheshire CI staff by relying on participants who will serve as trainers for other

facility staff. Trainers who participated in these workshops are leading workshops for colleagues assigned to Cheshire CI. In addition to staff training and development, final preparations are underway to complete two music studios and computer labs within the TRUE unit. This enhancement is expected to benefit 80 mentees.

Project 29787: WORTH Program York CI

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Program enhancements implementing a nationally recognized correction model that expands services to reduce recidivism among young women aged 18-24 and emphasizes personal dignity and developmentally appropriate programming.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 29788: Vocational Village Dept Corrections

Funding Amount: \$8,796,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Program funding based on a national model where participants' workforce skills are developed to fill in-demand jobs in the community. A coordinated effort between DOC's Correctional Enterprises and Unified School District 1 to provide inmates with both the work experience and classroom instruction necessary for industry-recognized credentials in employment sectors which are in need of workers and that hire Returning Citizens Funding will be used for startup and capital costs construction fit up equipment etc.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The Department of Correction (DOC) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and selected WestEd as the program evaluator. To date, WestEd has conducted 5 facility leadership focus groups and one focus group with Unified School District #1 (USD #1) instructors. An additional focus group with instructors from the University of Connecticut is scheduled. A student survey is currently in progress. The evaluation team has also developed a sampling frame for USD #1 student focus groups and is in the process of finalizing dates and logistics. In addition, the evaluator is conducting a labor market analysis and has initiated outreach to DOC partners, including employers, community organizations, other state agencies, and workforce boards, to schedule interviews. The team has delivered an initial Landscape Analysis of the DOC's Vocational Village program model.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Project 28031: Enhance Community Engagement Opportunities

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding to offset negative economic impacts on efforts to facilitate community engagement for individuals with intellectual (ID) and development disabilities. Private providers will develop community engagement programs to facilitate socialization and connections by supporting recreational and leisure opportunities, with the desired outcome to increase the well-being of individuals with ID. Beneficiaries applying for the funding will demonstrate reduced revenues or increased costs as a result of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and awarded to 3 providers in 2023. Services for those 3 providers started in January 2024 and ended in December 2024. Since the total funding utilized for the 3 providers did not utilize the full \$2,000,000, another RFP was issued for a total of just over \$1.2M. Four providers were selected, with start dates between October 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, with ARPA funded services to end September 30, 2025. The contractors provided various activities to 207 individuals with Intellectual Disabilities in their communities to increase social and experiential opportunities such as: amusement parks and fairs, arcades, arts and crafts,

bowling, concerts, museums, movies and theater, fitness activities, sporting events, and dining out. There was a total attendance of 2,246 individuals across all the activities organized.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project supports three programs.

Project 28032: Improve Camps

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: The purpose of this funding is to support capital improvements to the camps serving individuals with I/DD. Improvements may include basic maintenance and upgrades, as well as projects to increase accessibility and use of facilities for specialty care (e.g. medical, etc.). Camps are the agency's primary program for individuals and caregivers to access planned respite. Capital costs are not reimbursed by the agency.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 4 programs.

Project 28033: One Time Stabilization Grant

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The purpose of this funding is to support contracted providers delivering services to individuals with intellectual disability. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly destabilized the provider network, both in terms of service utilization and workforce stability. This funding will be used to offset economic hardship and stabilize the network for services moving forward.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28034: Vista

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding to offset negative economic impacts to Vista Life Innovations, Inc., a non-profit organization that offers programs and pathways to independence for young adults with neurological disabilities. This funding will support provision of enhanced in-home supports to individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28361: Adelbrook Behavioral and Developmental Services

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to Adelbrook Behavioral and Developmental Services to open a new pilot program. This will support the purchase of a new vehicle and furniture for the expanded community living options for those in the pilot program.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28362: Marrakesh Group Home

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to offset losses to Marrakech Group Home during the pandemic Marrakech Group Home has provided financial statements demonstrating they incurred losses of 1,142,352 during that time

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29697: Respite Care for Family Caregivers

Funding Amount: \$2,475,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Because these populations were hit harder by aspects of COVID restrictions related to underlying health conditions or living situations funding is recommended to enhance or expand services across a variety of respite settings - - children or adults with complex behaviors related to intellectual disabilities or autism diagnoses or older adults needing adult day or Alzheimer's programs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has spent \$2,237,645.24 of the original allotted budget of \$3,000,000. In FY22, DDS served 113 families and in FY23 served 327 families. The team reported that the availability of these funds has allowed DDS to fulfill most (if not all) of families' grant requests in full. In SFY25, the legislature reduced the budget to a revised total of \$2,475,000, appropriating the \$525,000 balance to new projects. In addition, one provider opened a respite home for children in FY 2025. Between September 2024 and April 2025, this respite home served 22 unique individuals for 75 visits over 32 weekends. Most visits were Friday late afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

Project 29773: Private Providers

Funding Amount: \$110,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will support a minimum wage increase for employees in DDS provider settings and support a 3% increase for those making over the minimum wage plus fund a health and retirement pool to enhance benefits for these important health care workers

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Project 26527: Support ARPA Grant Administration

Funding Amount: \$39,063

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for ARPA grant administration.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28035: International Festival of Arts and Ideas New Haven

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28036: CT Summer at the Museum Program

Funding Amount: \$25,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Provides for free museum access for children with one adult family member to promote the state's summer learning objectives as well as marketing of the free museum access program. This effort intends to offset the negative economic impacts to the tourism sector as a result of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 89 organizations in the nonprofit sector.

Project 28039: Future, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$1,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Futures, Inc. is a Certified Special Education School for students 14-22 years old with challenging behaviors and other cognitive or developmental disabilities. Their mission is to advocate for equality for individuals with disabilities by advancing personalized opportunities so each person can live life to the fullest within their community. ARPA funding will allow Futures to make renovations to a recently-purchased building located at 121 Tremont Street, Hartford. These funds will be used to pay for costs associated with capital expenditures only. The building renovation will grant the organization additional program space, which will increase their ability to assist more individuals with special needs as they transition from school to adult life in the community, with special consideration for renovations that will improve the health and safety of staff and students. These services will address the increase in the number of students 14-22 years old with cognitive or developmental disabilities who have become isolated and fallen behind academically as a result of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28040: Sons of Thunder

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28041: Youth Service Corp

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview: The Youth Service grant will provide funding for certain municipalities to manage programs that include community-based service learning, academic support, and workforce development to youth and young adults. The programs will focus on youth or young adults who are involved with the justice system, involved with the Department of Children and Families, in foster care or experiencing homelessness. Each participant in a local Youth Service Corps program shall develop an individual success plan in which such participant shall identify goals relating to education, workforce or behavioral development.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update:

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) received ten (10) applications and awarded funds to two cities: the City of Hartford and the City of Stamford.

The City of Stamford contracted with [Domus Kids, Inc.](#) to recruit, train and employ

disengaged and disconnected young people to participate on work crews to clean and beautify 28 city-owned properties, including parks, beaches, street islands and medians, and sites historically prone to illegal dumping. Between July 2024 and March 2025, 148 youth were served, with some receiving services on multiple occasions. Domus staff in conjunction with Parks and Recreation staff of the City of Stamford, supervise the work crews. In addition to participating in the work crews, the youth work with a Domus Workforce Development Coach and receive employment skills training with the ultimate goal of obtaining a full-time job and becoming self-sufficient.

The City of Hartford contracted with [We are Our Piece of the Pie, Inc.](#) to empower young people ages 14-24 in Hartford with the key competencies needed to overcome barriers to succeed in education and employment. The funding supported 60 youth from July 2024 to June 2025. All 60 youth developed individual success plans (ISPs) and demonstrated progress toward their goal in at least 1 ISP area. The areas include developmental, educational, career, and post-secondary goals. In addition, 97% of the youth completed the Career Competency Development Training (CCDT), which provides the foundational skills necessary for youth to transition into subsidized employment (internships).

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 30 youth in Hartford along with a cohort in Stamford. At the time of this report, the cohort size in Stamford was not yet reported.

Project 28042: Northside Institution Neighborhood Alliance - Historic Preservation

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. NINA creates homeownership opportunities for low-income families, and will use the funds to support a full-time construction site supervisor position to better manage construction costs and ensure that NINA can create homeownership opportunities that remain as affordable as possible to future homebuyers.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28043: Amistad Center for Arts and Culture

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28045: City Seed of New Haven

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28046: Beta Iota Boule Foundation

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28047: Bartlem Park South

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28048: Team, Inc. - Derby

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28049: YWCA of Hartford

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28050: WBDC

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. The WBDC helps women achieve economic self-reliance by educating and counseling them to start and grow businesses, resulting in job creation and community vitality. WBDC will use these funds to award grants and wrap-around technical assistance to small women- and minority-owned businesses located in qualified census tract communities throughout the state of Connecticut.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28051: Concat New Haven

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28052: Montville Parks and Rec Tennis Courts

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Montville's Parks and Recreation Department to support alterations and improvements to tennis courts.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28053: Vietnam Memorial Cheshire

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Cheshire to support alterations and improvements to their Vietnam Memorial Park.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28054: Norwich Historical Society

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28055: Friends of FOSRV

Funding Amount: \$44,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28056: Dixwell Church Historic Preservation

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support historic preservation of churches in the Dixwell avenue neighborhood in New Haven.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28057: Opportunities Industrialization Center

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss,

operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28058: Bernard Buddy Jordan

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28059: Bridgeport Arts Cultural Council

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28060: McBride Foundation

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28061: Artreach

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28063: Bridgeport Youth LaCrosse Academy

Funding Amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28064: Cape Verdean Women's Association

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28065: Cardinal Shehan Center

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28066: Caribe

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28067: Cheshire - Plan for Municipal Parking Lot

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Cheshire to support the creation of a municipal parking lot.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28068: Compass Youth Collaborative

Funding Amount: \$1,050,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28069: Dixwell Community Center

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28070: Emery Park

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Status: Completed

Project 28073: Municipal Outdoor Recreation

Funding Amount: \$4,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Hartford to support municipal outdoor recreation.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28074: Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28075: Lebanon Pines

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28076: Madison Cultural Art

Funding Amount: \$60,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28077: Minority Construction Council, Inc

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. The Minority Construction Council is located in Hartford in a Qualified Census Tract. These funds will be used to maintain and augment the organization's current programs to provide technical assistance service to minority contractors throughout the state.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28078: Nellie McKnight Museum

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28079: Noah Webster

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28080: Norwalk International Cultural Exchange / NICE Festival

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. The Norwalk International Cultural Exchange (NICE) is a 501(c3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to promote and increase awareness of the diversity of people from around the world through arts and culture. ARPA funding will provide support for the organization's operational budget through FY2023 & 2024 and grow their Educational and Immersive Enrichment program for youths.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28082: Parenting Center - Stamford

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss,

operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28083: Ridgefield Playhouse

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28084: Sisters at the Shore

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28085: Taftville VFW Auxiliary

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28087: The Ridgefield Theatre Barn

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28088: Youth Business Initiative

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28241: Bethany Town Hall Auditorium

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Bethany to support alterations and improvements to the Town Hall, specifically the town hall auditorium.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28242: Bethany Town Hall Windows

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Bethany to support alterations and improvements to the Town Hall, specifically the town hall windows.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28250: Lebanon Historical Society

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. The Lebanon Historical Society collects and preserve's the history of the town of Lebanon in order to encourage a sense of community. The pandemic has inhibited the historical society's ability to raise funds and escalated the costs of construction materials for a planned capital investment to provide improved, climate controlled storage for its archives and collections.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28278: Bushnell Theater

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28280: CT Main Street

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program supports 1 non-profit. There is an indirect impact on multiple municipalities but those data are not available at this time.

Project 28281: Foundry 66

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.
Issue Area: Aid to Businesses
Status: Completed
Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 business.

Project 28282: Hartford Stage
Funding Amount: \$75,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits
Status: Completed

Project 28283: Life Health and Wellness Center
Funding Amount: \$5,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits
Status: Completed
Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28284: Lutz Childrens Museum
Funding Amount: \$50,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits
Status: Completed
Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28285: Masters Table Community Meals
Funding Amount: \$5,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits
Status: Completed
Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28286: New Britain Museum of Art
Funding Amount: \$100,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity

experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28287: Other Expenses-Farmington Ave

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28288: Other Expenses - Municipal Outdoor Recreation in Hartford and Manchester

Funding Amount: \$5,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28289: Real Art Ways

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served an organization in the Arts Sector. The purpose of the funds was to mitigate financial hardship.

Project 28290: Special Olympics

Funding Amount: \$3,150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28291: Team, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28292: Theaters

Funding Amount: \$2,225,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY 24 and \$2.625 million in FY 25 for

theaters. The funding shall be pro-rated based upon the revised FY 23 appropriations for the “Flagship Producing Theaters,” “Performing Arts Center” and “Performing Theaters Grant” line-items

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: The recipients of these grants are part of the Arts Sector. The funds are intended to mitigate financial hardship.

Project 28293: West Indian Foundation, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit organization.

Project 28355: DECD Temporary Grants Administration Staff

Funding Amount: \$575,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DECD was assigned over 75 allocations FY25 with a federal deadline to have fully executed contracts by December 31, 2024. In addition, DECD has FY23 FY24 allocations that require fully executed contracts by December 31, 2024. DECD requires additional staff to successfully achieve this task. After contracts are executed, the 2 staff members will be responsible for ongoing monitoring of funds and ARPA-supported projects FY2022 - FY2025 for which DECD has a sub-recipient relationship; the collection and interpretation of data; preparation of reports; and close-out of ARPA.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28363: AGO - Consultants to Prepare for AI Regs

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The funds will be used by AGO to hire outside counsel with expertise in artificial intelligence to promulgate artificial intelligence regulations. Artificial intelligence AI refers to computer systems capable of performing complex tasks that historically only a human could do, such as reasoning, making decisions, or solving problems.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28364: AHM Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28365: Angel of Edgewood

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28366: ARTE, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28367: Baltic American Legion Purple Heart Pavilion

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28368: BEDCO

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28369: Blue Hills Civic Association

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Blue Hills Civic Association BHCA shall expend funds on the Impact Projects 5 unique projects and Purchase of Unity Plaza.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28370: Bridgeport - Pop Warner Football League

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28371: Bridgeport Ballerz

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28372: Building One Community Corp

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28373: Calendar House Capital Improvements Southington

Funding Amount: \$99,700

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Calendar House Southington is launching an initiative targeting it's entire elderly membership body of approximately 6,000 members. The program aim to provide seniors with more opportunities to be active, healthy and socialize in a safe setting

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28374: Cheney Hall Foundation

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used for the reconstruction of the basement restrooms has been identified by the Cheney Hall Foundation as a top priority based on the ADA accessibility shortcomings of the current restrooms

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28375: City of Hartford for Upper Albany Economic Development

Funding Amount: \$1,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The City of Hartford "Upper Albany Economic Development" program is designed to support small businesses in the Upper Albany neighborhood of Hartford, focusing on merchants along Albany Avenue between Irving Street and Westbourne Parkway.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28376: Colors of the World

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28377: Community Empowerment

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28378: Community Gardens Trumbull

Funding Amount: \$80,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Town of Trumbull Senior Center and Parks and Recreation departments will collaborate to make major enhancements to their community gardens.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Complete

Project 28379: Connecticut Humanities

Funding Amount: \$675,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Connecticut Humanities will administer a regranting program to support a selection of organizations: Connecticut Museum of Culture and History, Manchester Arts Commission, Boothe Memorial Railway Society, Hartford Stage, New Britain Museum, Wadsworth Atheneum, Veteran's Museum, America 250 | CT Commission, and CT Arts Alliance.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28380: Connecticut Science Center

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28381: DECD Study

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DECD shall provide funding to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the amount of \$1,000,000 to develop and implement a scientifically-based and defensible study design and sampling approach that will allow for a quantitative understanding of anthropogenic background concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in shallow soils across the state.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has generated sampling locations (4 per cell for 100 equal area cells across the state) using a peer-reviewed methodology. Letters requesting access to the locations were sent in February and March to finalize locations by the end of April. Lab contracts are in place for when USGS begins scheduling site visits and collecting samples for locations that have given approval. The next steps are to send quality control (QC) samples to the lab, select which sample sites will be used, continue outreach for sampling locations and coordinate with a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) biologist to gain access to public lands. USGS anticipates the first mobilization to take place in early May.

Project 28382: Deming-Young Farm Foundation Barn Rehabilitation

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The mission of the DYFF is the restoration and preservation of the 1784 farmhouse. The goals of the foundation are to open the farmhouse to the public within the next few years and to utilize the farmhouse as a museum of eighteenth-century agrarian life.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28383: Downtown Thursdays in Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28384: East Haddam - I-Park Foundation

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28385: East Hartford Career Quest Camp

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CareerQuest Camp is designed to help youth aged 13-18 explore various career paths and develop essential skills through a dynamic 5-week summer program. The camp targets youth from the North Central Region of Connecticut, focusing on those disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28386: East Hartford Public Schools Career Training

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The project aims to provide a career exploration initiative for disengaged youth, alternative high school students, and adult learners in East Hartford, addressing the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on educational and career pathways.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28387: East Hartford Youth Sports

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: East Hartford Youth Sports will assist East Hartford Youth Athletic leagues defray various costs in an effort to make the leagues more affordable and more accessible to all. The grant will also fund a scholarship program that will help mitigate costs for some participating families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28389: Forge City Works

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28390: Friendship Service Center

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28391: Grant Administrator for SB-1

Funding Amount: \$260,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Department of Economic and Community Development DECD, in consultation with the Department of Social Services DSS, shall select a vendor through a competitive procurement process to develop a client risk assessment consistent with state and federal laws for home health care and home health aide agencies by July 1, 2025. The risk assessment will inform staff of what they may encounter when caring for a client.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28392: Grants for Hospitals, Fire Departments, Schools to Integrate Algorithms and Utilize VR Training

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Hartford Healthcare, Yale New Haven Center for Healthcare Innovation, VRSism, and Nuvance Health will receive grants for technology innovations in healthcare.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28393: Greater Hartford NAACP

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Wake Up Wednesday aims to reduce violence, improve access to essential resources, encourage mutual support among residents, and strengthen the sense of community in Hartford's North End neighborhoods, particularly in Clay Arsenal, Upper Albany, and Northeast. The project, led by the Greater Hartford Branch of the NAACP, serves as a community hub each Wednesday at Unity Plaza. Volunteers provide food, clothing, and information on vital services, attracting a wide range of residents, including youth and families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28394: Heart and Purpose

Funding Amount: \$60,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28395: HomeFront, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28396: Hoops & Dreams

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Hoops and Dreams integrate basketball training sessions with a variety of life skills' ranging from education, emphasis on social skills, job readiness, financial literacy & career development.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28397: INTEMPO Organization, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: INTEMPO is a 501©3 organization that provides high-quality music education and creative youth development services to low-income children predominantly from immigrant or first-generation backgrounds and from communities underrepresented in the arts. Funding to mitigate financial hardship.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28398: Lake Mohegan Playground Replacement Fairfield

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used to update the Lake Mohegan playground.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Status: Completed

Project 28399: Latino Community Services: Project Kiki

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28400: Long Wharf Theater

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28401: Mattatuck Museum

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28402: Meriden Boys and Girls Club

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28403: Middletown Park Pavilions

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The town of Middletown plans to replace the pavilion at Smith Park.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Status: Completed

Project 28404: Milford Boys and Girls Club Summer Programming

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28405: Naugatuck Little League - Peter J. Foley

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Naugatuck Little League will expend funds on capital improvements for their Bleacher Reconstruction Project

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28406: Naugatuck Little League - Union City

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Naugatuck Little League - Union City (UCLL) is part of Little League International and they believe in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities. They offer instructional leagues for girls and boys to learn softball and baseball beginning with T-Ball leagues and progressing through major divisions.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28407: New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28408: Newington Children's Theatre Company Capital Improvements

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28409: Norwich First Congregational Church Infrastructure

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide financial assistance due to loss of revenue. The primary source for this entity's operating revenues is donations. Due to museum closure this entity faced revenue loss. In addition, this entity needed to create a storage area to store PPE as they were cited by a building inspector due to their space not being suitable for all the products procured.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28410: Norwich VFW Infrastructure

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The primary purpose is to renovate the infrastructure of the facility to support area veterans and nonprofit organizations, offering them access to the association's facilities free of charge.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28411: Prosperity Foundation

Funding Amount: \$1,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Prosperity Foundation (TPF) is a participatory philanthropic vehicle focused on improving the lives of Connecticut's African-American communities. Their mission is to create unique impacts in black communities throughout Connecticut by investing in organizations that address health, education, and economic disparities.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28412: RF Youth Boxing, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28413: Ridgefield Meeting House

Funding Amount: \$55,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28414: River House Greenwich

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28415: SilverSource, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28416: Stratford Civic Plaza

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be expended on the planning phase of improving the Stratford Civic Plaza

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28417: Summerfield United Methodist Church

Funding Amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28418: The Kennedy Collective

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28419: Town of Wethersfield Tourism

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to the Town of Wethersfield to increase tourism, local business traffic, and no cost leisure activity.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28420: Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide financial assistance due to loss of revenue. The primary source for this entity's operating revenues is donations. Due to museum closure this entity faced revenue loss. In addition this entity needed to create a storage area to store PPE as they were cited by a building inspector due to their space not being suitable for all the products procured.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28421: Twilight Wish Foundation

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28422: United Way of Beacon Falls

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DECD shall provide funding to United Way of Beacon Falls in the amount of 100,000 due to financial insecurity incurred during the pandemic

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28423: United Way of Naugatuck

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DECD shall provide funding to United Way of Naugatuck in the amount of 100,000 due to financial insecurity incurred during the pandemic

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28424: Waterford Upstart

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28425: Westville Village Renaissance Alliance

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity and/or population experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28426: Yale Rep Theater

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in admission and ticket sales as well as decreased revenue from their programs and services. This entity was unable to present live music performances during the pandemic and is still performing at limited capacity which creates a gap in ticket sales and reduces this entity's revenue.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28504: Hartford - Establish a Community Development Corporation

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: the Spanish American Merchants Association SAMA will expend funds on a half-time administrative assistant, who will be responsible for identifying and recruiting an executive director for a community development corporation CDC to serve the South End neighborhood in the City of Hartford

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28507: Glastonbury Little League Riverfront Park/Heroes Field LED Lights

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29698: Beardsley Zoo

Funding Amount: \$492,242

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding to provide financial assistance due to loss of revenue. Due to the pandemic admissions and ticket sales for the zoo declined drastically. Additionally, there was a revenue decline in their programs and services due to limited in person programs and capacity restrictions.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This organization is in the nonprofit sector.

Project 29699: Amistad

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic specifically revenue loss. Specifically, this revenue loss was due to declines in revenue from their programs. Discovering Amistad an organization purchased the Amistad CTs flagship and replica of the original schooner. The organization developed interactive curriculum with lessons conducted by trained educators in classrooms and aboard the ship. To date they have brought their program to more than 50,000 students.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This organization is in the nonprofit sector.

Project 29700: Maritime Center Authority

Funding Amount: \$392,590

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic specifically revenue loss. Specifically, this revenue loss was due to declines in admission and ticket sales as well as decreased revenue from their programs and lowered memberships and subscriptions during the course of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This organization is in the nonprofit sector.

Project 29701: Mystic Aquarium

Funding Amount: \$532,809

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This organization is in the nonprofit sector.

Project 29702: Music Haven

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29703: Norwalk Symphony

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in admission and ticket sales as well as decreased revenue from their programs and services. This entity was unable to present live music performances during the pandemic and is still performing at limited capacity which creates a gap in ticket sales and reduces this entity's revenue.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29704: Riverfront Recapture

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic. The nonprofit leads the effort to revitalize the banks of CT River in Hartford and East Hartford. This nonprofit also maintains the parks coordinates and hosts events and provides opportunities for recreation and outdoor adventures.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 29705: Connecticut Main Street Center

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding is utilized by this entity to provide technical assistance counseling or other services to assist with business planning needs that responds to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19. This funding is anticipated to help businesses who were affected by quarantines, changing safety regulations, and evolving customer behaviors by providing an education series that focuses on how communities' Main Streets and businesses can survive and thrive during this new time.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29706: Middletown Downtown Business District

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The seven walkable blocks of Main Street is home to nearly 200 independent businesses. Some of the businesses include museums, The Library Studio, the Inn at Middletown, restaurants and coffee shops, Amatos Toy and Hobby, Middlesex Music Academy, Farmers Market, etc. This project will reinvigorate the downtown store fronts that suffered as a result of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 29707: CRDA Economic Support for Venues

Funding Amount: \$7,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding used to mitigate significant decline in revenue at the Connecticut Convention Center the XL Center and Pratt and Whitney Stadium due to the loss of revenue from events in just FY 2022 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically this is due to the cancellation of events and capacity restrictions on events once they were able to resume.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29708: Working Cities Challenge

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: A grant competition that supports collaborative community-wide leadership and promotes ambitious initiatives to improve the lives of low-income people in Connecticut's small and mid-size cities. The initiatives extend over a three-year period and aim to spur workforce development and job creation. Each initiative team receives technical assistance and shares best practices with a community of experts and like-minded groups and organizations. Funding will be split evenly between all 5 participating communities.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update: The Working Cities Challenge (WCC) began as an initiative of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. It was a grant competition designed to advance collaborative leadership in postindustrial cities to transform the lives of its low-income residents. The following five Connecticut cities were awarded Implementation Grants; Danbury, East Hartford, Hartford, Middletown and Waterbury and each Working City has its own anti-poverty initiative to support its low-income residents. Summaries for each city can be found [here](#).

Status: Completed

Project 29709: Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29710: West Haven Veterans Museum

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding to provide financial assistance due to loss of revenue. The primary source for this entity's operating revenues is donations. Due to museum closure this

entity faced revenue loss. In addition this entity needed to create a storage area to store PPE as they were cited by a building inspector due to their space not being suitable for all the products procured.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29711: VFW Rocky Hill

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29712: Playhouse on Park

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Performing arts theater in West Hartford CT offering contemporary plays and musicals plays comedy and children's shows. Specifically they provide quality entertainment at affordable costs offer educational and outreach opportunities through visiting and resident artists and educators, and embrace and provide opportunities for professional emerging and community artists. The funds will be used to support increased costs and revenue losses due to COVID.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29714: East Hartford Little League

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic and support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29715: Hartford YMCA

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in admission and ticket sales as well as decreased revenue from their programs and lowered memberships and subscriptions during the course of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29716: ESF/Dream Camp of Hartford

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement

for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29717: Beta Iota Boule Foundation -Youth Services

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29718: Legacy Foundation of Hartford

Funding Amount: \$850,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds would be provided to The Legacy Foundation of Hartford to address the impact of COVID-19 on the children support by their scholarly program. Funding will go towards transportation for excursions supplies for programming and materials to help make indoor and outdoor sessions safer for all involved such as a pop-up tent and air purifiers. With the support of this funding The Legacy Foundation will support scholars build back their academic social and emotional development while continuing to provide opportunities for building healthy habits and personal growth

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 29719: Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: In collaboration with regional sector partners in high-demand manufacturing and technology industries, initiatives will focus on unemployed and underemployed workers considering career changes into manufacturing and expanding the recruitment training and retention of a diverse and highly skilled workforce. CCAT staffing will also support the wind alternative energy and battery companies in Connecticut in planning for opportunities post COVID.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29720: Middlesex YMCA

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: These funds would be used for the upgrade of the HVAC system in the gym and basement of the YMCA. This is where Emergency Childcare and Distance Learning classrooms were housed and the programs took place. This is also the area that is used for Vacation Day programs, Summer Enrichment Camp Preschool programs, Teen Programs, and a variety of other children and adult programs throughout the year. The upgrade was necessary to adequately filter the air to eliminate the COVID-19 virus and improve ventilation to improve the health and safety of members and those who visit the Y.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29722: Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues

Funding Amount: \$14,705,221

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Provides for free museum access for children with one adult family member to promote the states summer learning objectives as well as marketing of the free museum access program.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 45 organizations in the nonprofit sector.

Project 29722a: Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues

Funding Amount: \$294,779

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provides for free museum access for children with one adult family member to promote the state's summer learning objectives as well as marketing of the free museum access program.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29723: Statewide Marketing

Funding Amount: \$7,107,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding is anticipated to support the financial hardship of disproportionately impacted businesses as a direct result of the negative economic impacts from the pandemic such as hospitality and tourism venues. Technical assistance to include year round multicultural multilingual tourism campaigns driving economic recovery in the tourism and hospitality sectors that continue to experience economic decline due to COVID 19.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Performance Update:

Connecticut utilized funding to elevate brand and message advertising to support the growth of tax revenue by growing population, number of businesses in state, and encouraging spending. As a result of the \$1M spend, our campaign delivered more than 49 million impressions. Some key data points of this campaign include: High profile TV schedule in Q1 2024 aligned Connecticut with premium TV programs including:

- March Madness, Survivor, American Idol, Amazing Race, The Grammys
- Linear TV campaign delivered 152% of purchased impressions and 106 added value spots, garnering an additional estimated media value of \$16K
- Introduction of Digital Out of Home re-targeting aided in reaching audience at multiple touchpoints
- Using device ID targeting, those who were identified as exposed to digital billboard creative were targeted with ads in Connected TV and Streaming Audio
- Meta (Facebook & Instagram) Social Video deliveries showed stronger performance among younger segment of our target audience (Ages 21-33), while Digital Video performance skewed slightly towards older segment (Ages 34-45)

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Organizations served by this program are in the tourism sector.

Project 29725: CT Hospitality Industry Support

Funding Amount: \$21,857,817

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This

revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Connecticut Special Act No. 21-15 as amended by June Sp. Sess., Public Act No. 21-2 included a \$30,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to DECD for “CT Hospitality Industry Support.” To implement this program, DECD utilized data from the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) to identify two groups of recipients that are eligible for a Connecticut Hospitality Industry Support Grant, based on losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Business owners who are eligible will receive a check directly from DRS during the week of August 8, 2022—no application is necessary. The Department identified eligibility based on the industry of the business, losses in total gross receipts, and whether the business was in good standing with the Department of Revenue Services. If businesses are located in a distressed municipality, they received extra funding. Using the eligibility criteria and distribution methodology, Under SID 29725, 1164 businesses received a grant, totaling \$21,924,600.80 to date.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Organizations served by this program are in the tourism sector.

Project 29728: Humane Commission/Animal Shelter of New Haven

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. The Humane Commission addresses policy issues regarding animal welfare at the Robin I Kroogman New Haven Animal Shelter and throughout the City of New Haven. The New Haven Humane Commission is appointed by the Mayor to provide animal welfare oversight including the authority to adopt such rules and regulations that in its judgment are required for the operation of the animal shelter and related activities and for the proper care and treatment of animals within the city limits.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29729: Ball and Sockets – Cheshire

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support alterations and improvements to the Ball and Socket project, an arts and entertainment center designed to promote economic development and a walkable downtown in the town of Cheshire.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29730: Junta for Progressive Action

Funding Amount: \$950,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will be provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29819: Governor's Workforce Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$70,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview: The Governor's Workforce Initiatives known statewide as CareerConneCT is an investment in fostering collaborative partnerships to deliver statewide, short-term,

training solutions aimed at getting thousands of individuals back to work or upskilled onto high-quality career pathways CareerConneCT targets those most affected by the pandemic and those who have been historically underrepresented in the workforce.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Mandatory Performance Indicators: As of June 15, 2025, nearly 6,500 individuals across 19 programs have been enrolled in workforce training programs and 5,119 have completed programs. Over 3,500 participants have been placed into employment. 823 of Connecticut's Youth have been served in the Summer Youth Programming administered by the Regional Workforce Development Boards.

Project 29836: Blue Hills Civic Association

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29837: IMHOTEP CT National Medical Association Society

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The IMHOTEP CT National Medical Association Society will provide a series of teaching opportunities and networking events relating to programs that address COVID 19 prevention, mental health issues and violence prevention. These efforts will seek to address the negative public health effects of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29838: Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29839: CT Hospitality Industry Support

Funding Amount: \$4,738,443

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 - Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic specifically revenue loss. Specifically this revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: In total, all 484 grants were provided to small businesses in need.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Project 28089: Expand Support for Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP)
Funding Amount: \$14,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.24 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Aid to High-Poverty Districts

Project Overview: Provide funding to expand access to the Department of Education Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP). The LEAP program involves voluntary, scheduled opportunities for a school district member or partner to go, in pairs, to the home of a student with prior chronic absence (or other location) to meet with a parent or guardian for the purpose of strengthening the school-family relationship in a positive and relational manner.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update:

Overview

The Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) is a statewide initiative to re-engage students and families in Connecticut through relational home visits. Designed to address chronic absenteeism exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, LEAP fosters strong school-family partnerships that improve student attendance and engagement.

Since its launch in 2021, LEAP has expanded to 25 districts, serving more than 42,000 students through 71,000 home visits and training over 3,450 educators and staff.

Key Outcomes and Impact

Positive Trends in Attendance

- Statewide chronic absenteeism has dropped from 23.7% in 2021–22 to 17.7% in 2023–24, representing more than 30,000 additional students attending school regularly.
- 23 of 25 LEAP districts (92%) have reduced their chronic absence rates since joining the program.

Evidence from Independent Evaluation

A rigorous, event-study-based evaluation by the University of Connecticut and the Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration (CCERC) confirmed that:

- Attendance improves by 10 percentage points six months after a student receives their first LEAP visit.
- The impact is greatest at the high school level: Grades 9–12 students see attendance gains of nearly 15 percentage points.
- Disciplinary incidents decline by 10 percentage points within 5–6 months of a LEAP visit, suggesting improved student behavior and school connection.

Implementation Highlights

District Collaboration and Engagement

- Bridgeport has built a citywide culture of shared responsibility for attendance.
- Danbury credits LEAP with providing a structured intervention framework despite staffing constraints.
- ACES and CREC are seeing stronger family-school relationships and expanding internal awareness of LEAP practices.
- Bristol, in its first year, is already showing early signs of progress with intentional outreach strategies.

Success Stories

- In Windham, a 4th grader's mindset was transformed through a conversation about the importance of attendance.
- In Enfield, a high school student formed a daily check-in habit with a school security officer after a LEAP visit.
- In Waterbury, a student rode his bike to school in winter after missing the bus, reflecting a cultural shift in valuing attendance—even among students not formally in the program.

Looking Ahead: Priorities for Growth

LEAP districts have outlined key next steps:

- Deepen family education and outreach to explain the importance of attendance.
- Build school staff capacity to champion LEAP and ensure consistency in home visits.
- Request continued support from CSDE and RESC partners for:
 - Professional development
 - Data tools and guidance
 - Opportunities to share effective practices across districts

Conclusion

LEAP continues to demonstrate that positive, relationship-based engagement with families is an effective and scalable strategy to combat chronic absenteeism. With verified improvements in attendance and behavior, and strong district commitment, LEAP stands as a model for equity-driven, student-centered innovation.

As one district leader reflected, “LEAP isn’t just a program—it’s a cultural shift.” Continued funding will ensure this shift reaches more students, more families, and more schools across Connecticut.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. As of April 2025, there was a total of 71,000 home visits made to more than 42,000 students across the 25 LEAP districts.

Project 28090: Increase College Opportunities Through Dual Enrollment

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support career and college readiness through dual enrollment programs for high school students to participate in college coursework while completing their high school degree.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update:

Connecticut’s State Department of Education (CSDE) is actively working to expand dual credit opportunities for high school students with the support of funding directed toward enhancing these programs. A total of \$3.8 million in grants has been awarded to over 80 school districts, allowing high school students to earn college credits. This funding is crucial for meeting the state requirement that students earn at least three college credits before graduation.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, 80,298 students earned three or more college credits, a significant increase from the 74,546 students who achieved this milestone in the 2022-2023 academic year. This growth reflects a rising trend in dual credit participation and underscores the effectiveness of these programs in preparing students for higher education and workforce opportunities.

Additionally, the CSDE allocated nearly \$5 million in grants to more than a dozen Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) throughout the state. This financial support helps to enhance program quality and increase institutional capacity. A requirement for receiving these grants is that IHEs must apply for accreditation with the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).

To assist IHEs in the accreditation process, the CSDE, in collaboration with NACEP, hosted a series of webinars and institutes, including:

- General Accreditation Webinar (March 5, 2025)
- Connecticut's Prep for Success Accreditation Webinar (April 3, 2025)
- Accreditation Institute (June 3-4, 2025)

The two-day Accreditation Institute was attended by twelve IHEs, including CT's four state universities, CT State Community College, and six private colleges and universities. To support IHEs preparing for accreditation, NACEP will host ongoing professional development and technical assistance.

By 2026, IHEs are expected to demonstrate a 50 percent increase in the enrollment of

students from low-income families, corresponding to a minimum addition of 100 students.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. During the 2023-2024 academic year, 80,298 students earned three or more college credits.

Project 28091: Provide Funding for the American School for the Deaf

Funding Amount: \$1,115,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support summer enrichment, workforce development, and technological upgrades at the American School for the Deaf.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28092: Provide Funding to Support FAFSA Completion

Funding Amount: \$499,564

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Provide funding to help school districts increase the number of high school seniors that complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program.

Project 28093: Big Brothers / Big Sisters

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28094: Social Worker Grant SB 1

Funding Amount: \$4,999,999

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to administer a grant program to provide grants to local and regional boards of education for the purpose of hiring and retaining additional school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors and school nurses to enhance children's mental health.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update:

Purpose

To assist Connecticut local and regional school districts in hiring and maintaining additional school mental health staff to support student social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health.

Authorization

Public Act 22-80 - An Act Concerning Childhood Mental and Physical Health Services in Schools established the School Mental Health Workers Grant Program, which authorized the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to provide grants to school districts to support onboarding school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, and school nurses.

Public Act 22-116 - An Act Concerning Assorted Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes, added licensed marriage and family therapists to the original list of positions eligible for the use of grant funding.

Public Act 23-167 further updated the program by uncoupling the three-year funding from state fiscal year deadlines. This permitted grant recipients to utilize and carry-forward funding for the full allowable use period of performance in accordance with the federal

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Grant Program Announcement

September 23, 2022

Request for Proposals (RFP) 836 ARPA School Mental Health Workers Grant

Grant Award Announcement

February 2, 2023

Governor Lamont Announces Recipients of School Mental Health Workers Grants

Grant Award Process

The CSDE awarded the appropriated \$5 million in ARPA grant funding to 20 school districts to be used over three years for the purpose of hiring and maintaining school mental health workers for school years 2023, 2024 and 2025. Awards ranged from \$37,768 to \$120,000 in each of the first two years and reduced to 70 percent of that amount in year three in accordance with the statute.

This grant was highly competitive, with 92 districts submitting completed proposals. Priority was given to districts with a high ratio of students to school mental health workers and a high rate of student use of school mental health services, as defined in Public Act 22-116. Additional consideration was granted for districts with greater than 40 percent of students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals and town populations less than 13,000. The applications were scored by two independent reviewers using a 58-point scoring rubric. The rubric measured the merit of the applications in three primary areas:

1. District needs assessment of the number of students and level of student social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs;
2. Existing number of school mental health workers on staff; and
3. An aligned budget describing the effective and efficient use of funds

Positions Requested in Funded Proposals

Positions – Full time and Part time

School Social Workers 16.75

School Psychologists 2.4

School Counselors 2.2

School Nurses 0

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists 0

Total Positions Requested 21.35

Positions Hired to Date (November 2024)

Positions – Full time and Part time

School Social Workers 17

School Psychologists 2

School Counselors 2

School Nurses N/A

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists N/A

Total positions Hired 21

Program Expenditures

The program funding operates on a reimbursement basis. School districts submit fund requests as needed to reimburse the district for costs incurred to support positions. Allowable costs include salary and fringe benefit outlays as well as minor amounts to support the necessary supplies for the position (i.e., computer). The CSDE has provided \$2,328,147.96 in reimbursement funding as of November 2024.

Grant Impact Summary

The ARPA School Mental Health Workers Grant Program continues to have a significant positive impact across the 20 school districts awarded these grants. Each district provided feedback on how the mental health worker positions have influenced their schools, revealing several key themes:

1. Expanded Counseling and Crisis Support: With additional social workers and psychologists, schools provided more individualized counseling, crisis intervention, and targeted support for students dealing with challenges such as anxiety, trauma, and behavioral issues. This resulted in a decrease in disciplinary referrals and

- chronic absenteeism.
2. **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Behavioral Development:** The added resources enabled more frequent SEL lessons and proactive behavioral support, fostering emotional regulation and executive functioning. Programs like "Parent Academies" and SEL classroom activities contributed to reduced behavioral incidents, particularly in upper elementary grades.
 3. **Support for Vulnerable and Diverse Student Populations:** Social workers conducted home visits and provided individualized plans for students with chronic absenteeism and behavioral challenges, focusing on historically marginalized groups (LGBTQIA+, BIPOC) and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. These services also extended to the creation of safe spaces, like "Zen rooms," and mentoring programs.
 4. **Family and Community Engagement:** School Mental Health Workers engaged families through events and resources, such as connecting them to food banks, housing assistance, and parent education. This holistic approach helped build stronger school-family partnerships and provided families with resources to support their children's education and well-being.
 5. **Reduced Caseloads and Improved Staff Capacity:** The program allowed for reduced caseloads among existing social workers and psychologists, which enabled more timely support for students, especially those in crisis or with complex needs. It also supported multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) and special education services, ensuring that staff could better meet the needs of all students.
 6. **Crisis Management and Prevention:** School Mental Health Workers played a crucial role in crisis response, providing immediate intervention for students in need and training staff to recognize and respond to mental health issues. This led to a more responsive and trauma-informed school environment.

Overall, the ARPA School Mental Health Grant Program has had a profound impact on creating safer, more supportive, and equitable school environments by addressing mental health needs, building resilience, and strengthening community connections.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. As of November 2024, the grant facilitated the hiring of 17 social workers, 2 school psychologists, and 2 school counselors indirectly supporting the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of 7,808 students across 20 school districts.

Project 28095: School Mental Health Workers

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: These funds will be used to support a grant program to provide grants to local and regional boards of education for the purpose of hiring additional school mental health specialists. Grant allocation will give priority to school districts with large student-to-school mental health specialist ratios or that have a high volume of student utilization of mental health services. The Department of Education will track the number of students served and the hours of service rendered. provided using grant funds awarded under the program.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28096: School Mental Health Services Grant

Funding Amount: \$8,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: These funds will be used to support a grant program to provide grants to local and regional boards of education and operators of youth camps and other summer programs for the delivery of mental health services to students.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: See performance update for project 28094.

Project 28097: RESC Trauma Coordinators

Funding Amount: \$1,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: These funds will support the hiring of a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC) trauma coordinator who will be responsible for developing and implementing a trauma-informed care training program, provide technical assistance to local and regional boards of education in implementing this training program, training school mental health specialists in trauma-informed care, and ensuring these specialists are properly training teachers and school administrators in trauma-informed care.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 28098: Para Educational Professional Development HB 5321

Funding Amount: \$1,799,999

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for paraeducator professional development. Project scoping and development is currently underway.

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28099: Leadership Education Athletic Partnership

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28100: Sphere Summer Program

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 28101: Dream Camp Foundation

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: 175 students will be participating in an evidence-based tutoring program.

Project 28103: Keane Foundation

Funding Amount: \$900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 28104: Greater Hartford YMCA

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28105: Free Meals for Students

Funding Amount: \$70,633,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: These funds will assist Connecticut school districts provide free meals in FY for all Connecticut students. This funding helps avoid a sudden service reduction, as free meals for students were federally funded in FY22, and allows school districts to work with student households for a gradual transition to pre-pandemic free meal policies.

Issue Area: Food Security

Performance Update: For the 2024-25 school year, the Connecticut State Department of Education will use these funds to cover the cost to families for one breakfast and one lunch per day for students who qualify for reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). As of June 2, 2025, the CSDE has paid out \$476,740.50 in reimbursement to 113 eligible School Food Authorities (494 NSLP sites, 443 SBP sites) for 933,527 NSLP and 338,508 SBP reduced-price meals.

Project 28107: YWCA of New Britain

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experiences negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28108: FRLP/Direct Certification Census Assistance

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide direct certification census agreements to support households enrolling children in the federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP). Project scoping and development is currently underway.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Status: Completed

Project 28109: Drug and Alcohol Counseling - Woodstock Academy

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used to establish a Drug and Alcohol Counseling Office at The Woodstock Academy (an independent high school) to help the Woodstock Academy prevent and address substance use among students by offering resources and supports to families in our community.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28110: Hartford Knights

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28112: Magnets - Tuition Coverage for 1 year

Funding Amount: \$11,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for magnet school tuition assistance for certain towns (New Britain, New London, and Sheff region towns excluding East Hartford and Manchester). An eligible town qualifies for this assistance when tuitioned magnet students are more than four percent of the town's resident students. On a per-student basis, the assistance is the amount of tuition above \$4,400, for each tuitioned magnet student above the four percent threshold, within the available funding. Funding is distributed proportionately among the qualifying towns if the assistance is not fully funded.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28113: Bridgeport Education Fund

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28114: Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department

Funding Amount: \$15,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department, an organization that provides recreation and daycare activities for children and adults, for the neighboring municipalities of Haddam and Killingworth.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28116: New Haven Board of Education Adult Education Facility

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support the New Haven Adult and Continuing Education Center.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28117: New Haven Reads

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 28118: Solar Youth

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28246: Resources to develop a combined Grammar School Support between Hampton and Scotland

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds provided to conduct a feasibility study for legal and cost ramifications of developing a combined Grammar School for municipalities Hampton and Scotland.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28295: Education Workforce Development

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a grant program to support school districts with teacher recruitment, retention, and professional development to address staffing shortages (including paraprofessionals).

Performance Update:

ARPA funds were used to expand two registered apprenticeship programs, three learning academies and provide mini-grants to school districts in support of their Educators Rising programs, which is the statewide Grow Your Own initiative.
Apprenticeship Expansion

This program was allocated \$1.215M to be utilized by December 2026. These funds were distributed to five Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) and seven school districts to expand the teacher apprenticeship program. These funds will yield 54 apprentices who are expected to begin working in school districts in Fall 2025. The funds to EPPs and districts were distributed as follows per apprentice:

- Districts received \$15k to cover mentor teacher stipend (\$5k) and apprentice salary at \$10k.
- The EPPs received \$7,500 per apprentice to cover tuition, fees, books, testing fees, and certification fees.

The following three academies have been developed and are being administered through Central Connecticut State University (CCSU):

- Praxis Prep - \$20K allocation
This academy focuses on preparing individuals for the Praxis in the areas of foundations of reading and math. The academy will be offered 3 times, virtually, with up to 25 students per class. This academy is open to any educator statewide seeking additional support in passage of the praxis exam. This

allocation covers the instructor and praxis test fee.

- **ParaPro Prep - \$20k allocation**
This academy focuses on preparing individuals for the para-pro exam. The academy will be offered 3 times, virtually, with up to 25 students per class. This academy is open to any high school student, college student, adult education student and community members seeking additional support in passage of the para-pro exam. This allocation covers the instructor and para pro test fee. The purpose of this academy is to address the para-educator shortage in the state of Connecticut.
- **Ed Rising Summer - \$41k allocation**
This academy is a 2-day summer academy (July 31-August 1) for 75 students, 20 adults and 6 teacher leaders. The purpose is to provide professional development and leadership training to educators, rising high school students and aspiring educator students.

Ed Rising Mini-grants - \$100k allocation

The remaining balance of the \$1.4M funds were used to award mini-grants to 13 districts to implement their respective Educators Rising clubs and programs. The mini grants awarded ranged from \$7,500 to \$12,500k and cover the stipend for their lead teacher, transportation for students to college visits, participation in our statewide competition, national competition and internships within their respective districts.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28296: Hartford Public Library - Flooding Restoration

Funding Amount: \$1,795,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1,795,000 in FY 24 for flood restoration at the Hartford Public Library.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28297: Magnet Schools - New Britain, New London

Funding Amount: \$974,626

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY 24 for tuition assistance to Bloomfield, New Britain, New London and Windsor.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Status: Completed

Performance Update: The ARPA-Magnet School Tuition grant was allocated to New Britain and New London School Districts. It covers a portion of the magnet tuition costs that the sending districts receive for resident students attending a magnet school that charged tuition in the 2023-24 school year. During that year, 712 students in New Britain and 316 students in New London were enrolled in a magnet school that charges tuition.

Project 28298: New Haven Police Athletic League

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.24 -Addressing Educational Disparities: Aid to High Poverty Districts

Project Overview: Provide \$250,000 in FY 24 for the New Haven Police Athletic League.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28299: Teacher Residency

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Connecticut Teacher Residency Program (TRP) is intended to increase diversity among teaching staff in Connecticut. The TRP provides training and coursework for underemployed or unemployed adults interested in becoming teachers, with

the guarantee of a full-time teaching position upon completion of the program and certification requirements. The program is administered by CREC.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update:

The funding supports the Capitol Region Education Council's (CREC) Teacher Residency Program (TRP). Each year since 2023, the TRP added 4 new district partners; however, due to the reallocation of funding between year 1 and year 2, 3 partner districts withdrew. With the funds, the TRP was able to support candidates with professional development, covering the costs of assessments and providing access to an emergency fund. In addition, TRP hosted an alumni conference with 60 attendees.

Status: Completed

Project 28427: Ellsworth School Natural Gas Conversion

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The funds will cover the installation of natural gas piping and the conversion of existing oil-fired boiler burners to natural gas

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28428: MLK Scholarship Fund

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be awarded to Canaan Institutional Baptist Church's student scholarship program

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28429: Sound Waters Summer Camp

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Young Mariners (YM) provides a three-session, three-week summer program focused on building life skills and confidence through sailing, academic enrichment and art.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Status: Completed

Project 28430: South Windsor High School Chem Lab

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: South Windsor Public Schools continues to face post pandemic challenges including learning loss and we are committed to academic acceleration through increasing student engagement. One response to these challenges is to address our high school chemistry labs which are extremely outdated and currently cannot accommodate our growing student enrollment. We struggle to schedule labs for all of the students who are required to access this instruction. \$200,000 would be a significant contribution to modernizing these instructional spaces and making needed layout changes to accommodate the increasing number of students who require access to these chemistry labs.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28431: Uniforms Grassroots Academy

Funding Amount: \$8,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This grant will be used in support of Danbury Grassroots Academy's(DGA) Summer Academic Enrichment Health and Tennis Program. DGA is dedicated to enhancing the lives of low income, at- risk first generation Danbury students by

prioritizing education, character development, tennis, and health.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28432: Wilton High School Dishwasher/Utensils

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: A grant to allow the High School to implement a program that replaced plastic utensils in the cafeteria with stainless steel utensils.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28433: Waterbury Robotics

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The UConn Waterbury and Waterbury Public Schools (WPS) Robotics Initiative aims to expand access to high-quality STEM education through robotics programs for K-12 students.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28434: Colchester - Bacon Academy Carpet Replacement

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Bacon Academy will be using funds to replace flooring.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28435: Stamford Public Education Foundation

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Stamford Public Education Foundation will implement instructional overview of the Summer Start Program to ensure student Kindergarten readiness, which includes a targeted Summer School Component for a percentage of learners over a five-week period focused on academics, social emotional health and wellness. The program will provide a Parent/Caregiver Engagement Component to ensure communication and a school to home connection with activities designed to inform and support families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28436: Cromwell Public Schools - Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Support Consultant

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This consultant would work closely to train administrators, teachers, support staff, and paraprofessionals on how to plan for and work with students with behavioral and social emotional issues.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28437: Bloomfield Public Schools Playground Improvements

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Laurel Literacy Academy is fencing in the existing K-2 playground to secure the playground during recess and adding a new pre-k playground, this will serve approximately 250 students. Metacomet Elementary School is replacing one broken piece of playground equipment with a new one and resurfacing the top 3 inches of poured-in-place rubber, this will serve approximately 190 students.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28438: Windham Public Schools

Funding Amount: \$140,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Windham Public Schools Before and After School Programs have been successful in servicing students and families at our five elementary schools. In this new year of programming sites will continue to build on the recognized success of the previous years.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28439: Norwalk Housing Authority Scholarship

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The College Scholarship Program provides extremely low-income, racial minority, first-generation students residing in Norwalk Housing Authority developments with the encouragement they need to plan for, and apply to college followed by financial assistance with the cost of attending and ongoing support throughout their journey through 2-year, 4-year, technical or graduate school.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28480: AI and Digital Literacy for Schools

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The State Department of Education shall implement an Artificial Intelligence (AI) education tool pilot program through grant awards to at a minimum one (1) rural school district and one (1) suburban school district, and one (1) urban school district. The State Department of Education shall provide professional development for educators employed by local and regional boards of education participating in the AI education tool pilot program.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update:

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) kicked off a pilot program to evaluate the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in K-12 schools in winter 2024. The pilot focuses on the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in 7-12 classrooms through partnered AI technology vendors providing intelligent tutoring systems, automated feedback platforms, and adaptive learning software. Participating school districts have implemented an AI tool of their choosing to enhance classroom instruction through project-based learning experiences, personalized learning pathways, real-time student progress monitoring, and potential AI enhanced grading assistance. The primary goal was to measure the impact of AI integration on classroom planning for instruction, teaching and learning, student learning outcomes aligned with identified AI knowledge, skills and dispositions, and workforce readiness skills.

A Pilot Participation Application was issued to school districts with 7-12 classrooms throughout the state, and the following 6 districts received funding to participate in this pilot: Seymour, Lebanon, East Hartford, Westport, Odyssey Charter School, and Rocky Hill. The school districts selected were representative of the state's various educational environments, inclusive of large and small; urban, suburban, and rural locations; and both affluent and underserved communities.

Since the pilot began, CSDE has gathered valuable insights from the districts that have implemented the AI tools that include SchoolAI, MagicschoolAI, Cloud Navigator, CK12, and Snorkl. While insights continue to be shared, a final evaluation of the pilot is expected by June 2026. CSDE also adopted the widely recognized Common Sense Education K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum to support districts prepare students for responsible and effective engagement in the digital world, making Connecticut the first state in the nation to do so.

Project 29732: Right to Read

Funding Amount: \$25,720,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funds will support the Center for Literacy Research and Success housed with the Department of Education. The Center will provide intensive supports for reading and literacy programs in Connecticut's Alliance Districts, the 33 lowest performing districts statewide, and general oversight to reading and literacy programs statewide. SDE will incorporate evidence based standards into this work.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update: Evaluation of the curriculum implementation is being conducted by the following CCERC team: Kristin Rainville, Sacred Heart University; Katie Cunningham, Sacred Heart University; and Jinhai Yu, University of Connecticut. They have procured IRB approval for the study, created and disseminated a survey instrument, and also developed an observation tool. A short list of districts for in-depth case study was identified. Data collection for the evaluation is still underway. Survey responses are being received and site visits with the observation tool are being conducted. As of April 11, 2025, over 90 percent of funds allocated have been expended by districts to procure and implement the curriculum materials.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is still in initial administration and will not be supporting evidence-based tutoring programs. As such, there are no indicators to report at this time.

Project 29733: Faith Acts Priority School Districts

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional Services

Project Overview: Funds will be distributed to Connecticut's Priority Districts according to a needs based formula in order to support activities related to improving student achievement enhanced educational opportunity and early reading intervention programs. Priority districts are a collection of 15 of the states neediest districts as determined by measures enshrined in the states education statutes.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 29734: CT Writing Project

Funding Amount: \$159,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: The Connecticut State Department of Education is still in the preliminary phases of scoping out this project. The CT Writing Project an affiliate of the National Writing Project dedicated to improving students' writing by strengthening the teaching of writing, providing professional development programs for classroom teachers, and expanding the professional roles of teachers.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not invested in evidence-based tutoring programs.

Project 29735: Ascend Mentoring – Windsor

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional Services

Project Overview: The Connecticut State Department of Education is still in the preliminary phases of scoping out this project. Ascend mentoring is an organization that serves children ages 12-18 in Windsor Public Schools with three areas of focus: employment services; mental health resources; and financial planning. Windsor is a high need district which serves 4,421 Free and Reduced Lunch Students.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at

the time of reporting.

Project 29736: Women in Manufacturing - Platt Tech Regional Vocational Technical School
Funding Amount: \$130,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary phases of scoping out this project. Funds are anticipated to support manufacturing programming at Platt Tech in Milford Connecticut however exact uses are still being determined in order to comply with federal guidance.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29737: Elevate Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional Services

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary stages of scoping out this project. The intended recipient, Elevate Bridgeport, is an organization that provides additional elective classes, mentoring, extra-curricular activities, and college and career preparation for students in Bridgeport, one of Connecticut's highest need districts.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not invested in evidence-based tutoring programs.

Project 29738: Grant to RHAM Manufacturing Program

Funding Amount: \$22,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary phases of scoping out this project. Funds are anticipated to support manufacturing programming at RHAM Regional High School, however exact uses are still being determined in order to comply with federal guidance.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 29739: East Hartford Youth Services

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary stages of scoping out this project. The intended recipient, East Hartford Youth Services, is a Municipal Agency dedicated to providing community support counseling services and other services to youth in East Hartford.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29741: Summer Camp Scholarships for Families

Funding Amount: \$11,415,528

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: The Connecticut Department of Education intends to run the third Summer Enrichment program in 2023, expanding summer camp, child care, and other programs to students across Connecticut who lost significant instructional time over the last two school years. The desired outcome is to enhance academic, attendance, and social-emotional outcomes for students and ensure readiness for the following school year.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Performance Update: The 2023 report has been completed and is currently undergoing final editorial reviews before being posted online. Preparation of the 2024 report is still underway. Positive findings regarding improved attendance continue to be demonstrated with a new cohort. Camp participants in summer 2023 were 36–52% less likely to be chronically absent in

the school year after summer camp attendance than similar peers who did not attend a summer camp.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding provided summer camp scholarships to 200 child care programs and youth camps.

Project 29743: Hamden Before and After School Programming

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary stages of scoping out this project. Funds will support before and after school programming in Hamden Connecticut, a high need district that serves 4,371 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Students. Hamden is also an alliance district, one of the State's 33 lowest performing districts.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 29744: Hamden Pre-K Programming

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.14 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

Project Overview: The State Department of Education is still in the preliminary stages of scoping out this project. Funds will support Pre-K Programming in Hamden Connecticut, a high need district that serves 4,371 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Students. Hamden is also an alliance district, one of the State's 33 lowest performing districts.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Project 28120: Provide Funding for a Mobile Crime Laboratory

Funding Amount: \$995,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: To improve forensic services in support of the criminal justice system's goal to mitigate violent crimes within the state of Connecticut. Increases in gun violence coupled with novel and more dangerous drugs is inextricably linked to the rise in violent crime in the State. The use of forensic science within crime laboratories plays a critical role in the criminal justice system. Studies have shown that forensic laboratory collaboration improves crime solvability and accuracy of verdicts. Forensic Science can help identify a suspect (via DNA), link crime scenes (via DNA and Firearms), identify dangerous drugs, and extract probative information from electronic media. Expeditious work by crime laboratories using state of the art analytical tools provides investigative leads during early stages of investigations, helps focus law enforcement efforts in the right direction, and ultimately results in improved case clearance. The DSS forensic laboratory has an approach to greatly enhance its capabilities to support Connecticut's criminal justice system by transporting forensic resources and analytical support to the crime scene and/or violent hot spots in order to quickly disrupt criminal activities. This service will be provided using a mobile forensic laboratory vehicle equipped with the advanced technologies in DNA, firearms, and drug testing.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28121: Provide Funding for the Gun Tracing Task Force

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: The mission of the GTTF is to combat illegal firearms trafficking by tracing all illegally possessed firearms that are recovered. The purpose of the GTTF is to trace all recovered firearms in order to link them to other crimes committed and determine how the firearm was trafficked. The general population is being served by taking these illegal firearms, linking them to other crimes, and identifying anyone who may be illegally trafficking them. The success of this project will be measured by the amount of firearms we can trace, the amount of other crimes solved by tracing these recovered firearms, as well as the successful arrests, prosecutions, and reductions in violent crime offenses we have reported from the start of the project compared to preceding years.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The funds for the Gun Tracing Task Force (GTTF) are still being utilized to pay for the 4 Task Force Officers (TFOs) participating in the program. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) currently have TFOs from Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and New Haven. This money is also covering overtime expenses for investigations relating to gun tracing/trafficking investigations. During the time the GTTF has been operating they have entered approximately 200 shell casings into NIBIN, made 15 arrests, and traced 2000 firearms.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28122: Provide Funding to State and Local Police Departments to Address Auto Theft and Violence

Funding Amount: \$5,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: The purpose of these funds will be to reduce auto theft and other crimes related to auto theft in our communities. The funds will be distributed to the cities and suburbs as a "hub and spoke" approach to reduce these types of crimes. They will pay for increased police patrols to help deter these criminal acts from taking place. This funding will serve the general population by reducing auto thefts and auto theft related crimes. This program's success will be measured by the reduction of reported crimes such as stolen motor vehicles, thefts from vehicles, and thefts of vehicle components i.e. catalytic converters. These reported crime statistics will be compared from the start of the project to preceding years.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The funds have been allocated to all participating local agencies as well as the Connecticut State Police (CSP). The funds were originally allocated to overtime expenses to address auto theft issues within each agency's area of responsibility. Due to workforce issues across the state, the funds were also used to purchase technologies that could help address the auto theft issue within each of communities that received the funding. The Connecticut State Police also purchased License Plate Readers to install highway on and off ramps.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28123: Upgrade Forensic Technology at the State Crime Lab

Funding Amount: \$2,843,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The DSS forensic laboratory has come up with the following approaches to greatly enhance its capabilities to support Connecticut's criminal justice system: 1. Backlog elimination and improve laboratory turnaround time. Eliminate the backlog of cases in the DNA, Firearms, and Computer Crimes and Electronic Evidence Forensic Analysis units by providing additional resources and technology. The presence of backlogged cases within the DSS laboratory potentiates recidivism and delays justice as probative evidence remains unexamined. 2. Improve and advance the DSS laboratory by adding and updating

cutting edge technology. The forensic field is continuously improving analytical instrumentation, techniques, and information management tools so that sensitivity is maximized, scientific accuracy is maintained, and that both the electronic flow of forensic intelligence and the electronic distribution of reports are optimized to their full potential.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The following technology has been purchased:

1. Rapid Instruments + PCR Workstations + Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS) + Refrigerators

Four (4) Rapid DNA instrument systems, PCR workstations, refrigerators, and uninterruptable power supplies have been purchased, as well as DNA supplies, and have been installed at the following locations: CT State Police (CSP) Troop E, Greenwich Police Department, Hartford Police Department, and New London Police Department. This equipment enhances the ability to rapidly analyze evidentiary items for DNA and facilitates the identification of individuals for investigative purposes. It has aided in decreasing backlogs within the DNA Section of the forensic laboratory due to evidence being analyzed within kiosks instead of at the laboratory.

2. STRmix Server

One (1) network server for use with DNA processing computers has been received and installed. This replaced an older server that was past its lifetime. It improves the forensic laboratory by avoiding potential down-time of older equipment, thereby minimizing case backlogs.

3. Automated Liquid Handling Workstations

Two (2) automated liquid handling pieces of equipment have been installed. These are being validated for use with casework and will optimize dependability and walk-away time within the Forensic Biology/DNA Section of the laboratory. Instrument status alerts, integrated key safety features during operation, easy access monitoring of workspaces, and off-set rotating grippers optimizing high-density decks will enable efficient workflows for processing DNA-related evidence. Automated sample transfers will enable more efficient sample handling steps, will ensure uniform repeatability between samples, and will minimize the potential for human error during sample handling. Onboard cameras will enable live broadcast and on-error video captures which minimize downtime and improve laboratory efficiency.

4. Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) System

Two (2) BrassTrax™ acquisition systems and microscopes have been installed and are operational. These are used for the examination of gun cartridge evidence. This equipment enhances the ability to rapidly analyze evidentiary items for the tracking of gun crimes and facilitate the identification of firearms for investigative purposes. It has enhanced the laboratory by decreasing backlogs within the Identification Section allowing evidence to be preliminarily analyzed within kiosks instead of within the laboratory. The addition of the kiosks at the various agencies has increased the number of entries in the NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) database which has improved the number of leads in cases. Since installation of the instruments at the Waterbury Police Department and the Hartford Police Department, 1,118 entries have been made that resulted in 798 leads.

5. Computer Network Workstations

Eight (8) Talino workstations have been installed and are operational. These are used by the Computer Crimes Unit within the forensic laboratory for the analysis of hard drives and other electronic evidence for criminal activity (e.g., assisting with decryption and cryptanalysis).

Previously, only one item of evidence was able to be processed at a time due to the limited number of computers. The addition of these workstations has allowed for multiple items of evidence to be processed at the same time in a batch-type methodology which has reduced backlogs. The Talino computers allowed Examiners to have two workstations to streamline casework. One workstation can be used to image the evidence and the second workstation is used for analysis.

6. Forensic Light Source

One (1) multi-frequency monochromatic light emission device has been received and is

operational. This high powered, multi-filtered (UV-VIS-NIR) piece of optical equipment is used to assist Examiners with the detection of latent prints on evidentiary material. The device contains features that aid in the detection of latent prints and has increased the quality of work.

7. Notebook Laptop Computers

Three (3) laptop/notebook computers have been received and are being used for casework in the Latent Prints Unit. These currently assist Examiners within the Latent Prints Unit by enabling high-powered software to produce high-resolution latent print images from evidence for examination. As a result, faster image processing allows rapid case output of reports.

8. Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer

One (1) instrumental system has been received and is being used for casework. This state-of-the-art analytical equipment has enabled Examiners to readily analyze materials for the presence of drugs and/or metabolites within toxicological evidence. The instrument adds redundancy to existing equipment, increases the overall robustness within the Toxicology Unit, improves the detection ability of analytes within samples, and increases the efficiency of evidence examination.

9. Warranty Fees for Equipment and Equipment Grant Matching

Service warranties have been essential to ensure that instrumentation is operational and continually functioning for evidence analysis. Historically, when grant-specific monies for such service warranties (or equipment) were expended, equipment could only be used for dedicated purposes (e.g., only impaired driving cases). Service warranties have been purchased utilizing ARPA grant funds, thus eliminating the restriction of dedicated case-type evidence processing. This has allowed for increased lab efficiency and has minimized backlogs. The backlog at the end of FY2024 was 42 cases and the current FY2025 backlog is 28 cases.

10. Nitrogen Generator

One (1) nitrogen-generating piece of equipment has been received and is being used for casework. The need for nitrogen gas is critical to both the processing of toxicological evidence as well as the operation of analytical instrumentation for drug/metabolite detection within samples. This equipment is used to supply nitrogen for instruments and is beneficial by enabling redundancy for existing nitrogen generators already in use within the Unit. Having adequate gas supply sources is critical in order to reduce the down-time of instruments and that ensuring casework backlogs are not negatively impacted.

11. Flame Ionization Detectors (FIDs)

Two (2) instrumental detectors have been received and are currently being used for casework. Having these detectors improves a method for the detection of volatile materials within toxicological evidence. By replacing this detection system within the instruments it simplifies the maintenance of the instruments and allows for a more productive, streamlined approach to specific toxicological requests.

12. Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy Detectors and Associated Software

Replacement of detection equipment on existing scanning electron microscope instruments has been received by the lab and both detectors are currently being used for casework. Software used by Examiners for the detection and identification of gunshot residue (GSR)-related particles are linked to specific detectors. Obtaining newer GSR software allows for the faster and more efficient analysis of submitted evidence, thereby decreasing backlogs. The backlog at the end of FY2024 was 11 cases and the current FY2025 backlog is 2 cases.

13. Analytical Balances

Three (3) balances have been purchased and are in use with casework within the Controlled Substances Unit. They allow integration of data into the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). Having this automated data integration ability has eliminated manual transcription of evidential weighing data and has thereby streamlined the analytical

process. This instrument-to-database transfer of data has minimized the potential for human error and has increased the efficiency of evidentiary analysis.

14. Refrigerator/Freezers

One (1) freezer has been purchased and is in use within the Toxicology Unit. The forensic laboratory is mandated to store reference materials as described by the manufacturer as well as in a location separate from evidentiary material. Current cooled storage systems are nearing their operational lifetimes and having new storage systems will eliminate potential loss of reference materials due to storage unit failures. If an older storage unit fails, this could potentially result in the loss of all reference standard material and the need for additional funds to be used for replacement. This could cost tens of thousands of dollars. Being proactive and having newer, more robust storage devices minimizes problems and allows casework to flow better within the forensic laboratory.

15. Oven

One (1) oven has been obtained and is in use with casework. Having this equipment results in improving an evidence processing technique within the fire debris discipline. The oven has replaced an older oven that was past its useful lifetime. Having the newer equipment avoids casework downtime due to potential maintenance issues within older equipment. Additionally, the new process of using ovens has allowed multiple pieces of evidence to be processed at the same time and has improved the current practice of examining only one case at a time, thereby increasing efficiency and decreasing backlogs in that area. The backlog at the end of FY2024 was 5 cases and the current FY2025 backlog is two (2) cases.

16. Cerex Evaporator

One (1) concentrator unit has been received and is being used for casework within the Toxicology Unit. This unit has replaced an older piece of equipment that was beyond its useful life and was no longer in operation. Having this piece of equipment allows toxicologists to process evidence from driving under the influence and other cases in a timely manner and in a way to detect drugs and/or metabolites.

17. Amino Acid Rapid Imager (AARI) System

One (1) imaging system was received and is in the process of being validated for the use of imaging latent prints on various surfaces. The equipment is designed to combine multi-spectral illumination with a high-resolution camera that's equipped with specialized filters which results in rapid detection of prints. It is expected that the AARI will streamline previously time-consuming processes by combining illumination and photography using a unique AI Assist software tool in order to recognize areas of ridge detail and to locate the presence of fingerprints.

18. Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) improvement

Partial payment is being provided for the development of an application programming interface (API) for the transfer of data between field terminals and the laboratory's LIMS. This interface will allow for data to pass between the forensic laboratory and client law enforcement agencies, thus creating an efficient transfer of case information. This improvement in communication between the forensic laboratory and its customers is intended to improve timeliness in getting cases submitted to the lab as well as getting results to the contributors.

19. Scanning Electron Microscope

One (1) instrumental system has been received and is being used for casework. This state-of-the-art analytical equipment has enabled Examiners to readily analyze materials for the presence of primer gunshot residue (pGSR). The instrument adds redundancy to existing equipment and increases the overall robustness within the Chemistry Unit.

Project 28124: Rural Roads Speed Enforcement

Funding Amount: \$2,580,312

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Since the onset of COVID, there has been a rise in aggressive driving

habits, which has led to an increase in serious roadway collisions. The Rural Road Speed Enforcement grant will be utilized by the Traffic Services Unit (TSU) to target dangerous driving behavior, specifically speed related violations on Connecticut's secondary roadways. This targeted enforcement will be conducted within the eighty (80) towns exclusively covered by Connecticut State Police (CSP). This represents just under fifty percent (50%) of all towns that Connecticut is comprised of. The ultimate goal of this project is to reduce fatalities, serious injuries, and increase public safety amongst state roadways.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

To date, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) has a mix of towns that employ Connecticut State Police (CSP) Troopers/Constables municipalities that have their own police departments. To date, DESPP has obligated and/or expended \$2,447,721.92 and has a remaining balance of \$3,820.49.

Grant agreements were created to extend the period of performance to June 30, 2025, as some towns need additional time due to a lack of officers.

Project 28125: Expand Violent Crimes Task Force

Funding Amount: \$1,108,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Violent Crimes Task Force(VCTF), under the command of the Connecticut State Police - Bureau of Special Investigations, works cooperatively with our local law enforcement partners to pursue violent persons through sustained, proactive, coordinated investigations for the common goal of reducing violent crime in our communities by the arrest and prosecution of suspects involved in such activity as well as taking illegal firearms off our streets. The general population will be served by the reduction of violent crime in our communities. The success of this project will be measured by the successful arrests, prosecutions, and reductions in violent crime offenses (homicides, shootings, serious assaults, etc.) that have reported from the start of the project and compared to preceding years.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28129: Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to support the Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department is for fire station infrastructure repairs and improvements to include a replacement roof, parking area pavement replacement and miscellaneous facility improvements.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28130: Preston City Volunteer Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to support the Preston City Volunteer Fire Department is for fire station infrastructure repairs and improvements to include a replacement roof, exterior brick repair / repointing and miscellaneous facility improvements.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28255: Time Limited Police Loan Forgiveness

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3 - Public Sector Workforce: Other

Project Overview: Assist law enforcement units with recruitment of non-certified police officer candidates by offering a student loan forgiveness program. A volunteer governance board will be established to create a working group, application criteria, review process, candidate selection process and funding transfer process. An additional desired program outcome includes an incentive to currently employed officers to pursue higher education.
Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28300: Clean Slate Phase 2 Information Technology Needs

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 to support Clean Slate Phase 2 implementation requirements and information technology needs.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

On December 17, 2023, Connecticut implemented its Clean Slate solution, designed to provide automated erasures of criminal records, including misdemeanors and lower-level felonies, per legislation enacted from 2021 through 2024 for this purpose. This solution further integrates and automates arrest, court disposition, expungement, and erasure of arrests and record information within the Criminal History and Identification repository. At the time of implementation, the effort had several false positive situations that caused a pause in Clean Slate erasures. Erasure activity continues to be paused due to issues with the programming of automatic erasures. As of June 6, 2025, 33,737 erasures have been completed, with 56,696 pending. To date, an estimated 242,595 arrests and related record information are expected to be erased.

Status: Completed

Project 28301: Sensory Kit Pilot

Funding Amount: \$35,500

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$36,000 in FY 24 to develop, procure, and distribute sensory kits to emergency services personnel. Section 10 of PA 23-137, An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability, requires the Department of Administrative Services to develop and procure sensory kits to be distributed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to emergency services personnel who interact with children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments or nonverbal learning disorders.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28497: Weston Emergency Operations

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Town of Weston to implement one phase of a multi-phase capital improvement project to update and upgrade the Town's communications equipment and dispatch equipment in the Town's public safety answering point (PSAP).

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28502: Bloomfield Fire Alarm / Communication Systems Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to upgrade existing fire alarms panels in Carmen Arace School and replace existing building communications system in Bloomfield High School.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28543: Orange Volunteer Fire Association

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to Orange Volunteer Fire Association for the acquisition of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28544: Stamford Police Activities, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Stamford Police Activities League to promote partnerships between youth, police, and community through educational, athletic, and recreational programs designed to encourage positive relationships among law enforcement and the Stamford community.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28545: Middletown Fire Training Facility

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Middletown Fire Department to purchase and install a modular fire training building. The new facility will serve as a live training site and allow the fire department to conduct search and rescue evaluations, ventilation techniques, technical rescue scenarios, and various related disciplines.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28546: Essex Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to The Essex Fire Department to transition to a hybrid radio communications network of UHF Public Safety Band frequencies and the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). This will improve the communications in areas of Essex, Deep River, and Westbrook.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28547: Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to Rocky Hill Fire Department to add to its reserve supplement of supply and attack fire hoses which will allow the Department to continue to provide exceptional public service by minimizing down-time during post-incident recovery periods.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Project 28131: Outdoor Recreation with \$1,000,000 for East Rock Park and \$1,000,000 for West Rock Park for maintenance, repair and renovations

Funding Amount: \$10,667,430

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: These projects directly respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency through economic growth, to restore jobs and investing in the future by improving park infrastructure all while focused on investments that prioritize lower income residents and communities. Connecticut State Parks & Forests continue to play a crucial

role in responding to the pandemic by providing free access to state parks through the Passport to the Parks Program. These projects will address a variety of needs to improve facilities and infrastructure that have seen unprecedented pressure and use since the start of the pandemic. The selection of projects will enhance visitor experience, address a backlog of maintenance needs and repair historic infrastructure. There are 7 projects identified in this allocation which will serve State Parks and campgrounds around the State. By repairing, renovating and modernizing the various parks and campgrounds around the state, it will give Connecticut and out of State residents better access to the upgraded facilities, and will be a draw for newer visitors who haven't previously visited the sites.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Performance Update: The main road paving project to the summit at West Rock Park has been completed. Paving and parking lot improvements were completed at the Lake Wintergreen section of the park, which included creating a new overflow off-street parking area. In addition, the historic stone walls along the summit road have been repaired.

Project 28132: Engineering Study for Dam Removal on Papermill Pond

Funding Amount: \$192,317

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DEEP will utilize funds to complete planning, engineering and obtain permits needed for the Paper Mill Pond Dam in the Town of Sprague. Paper Mill Pond Dam is a significant hazard dam on the Little River. The dam is owned by the Town of Sprague. Originally used by the paper companies that occupied the site for hydropower, that dam is in disrepair, covered with woody vegetation, and has a large sink hole. Uncontrolled water is flowing through the dam and flooding the defunct powerhouse. Additional funding will be needed to construct the repair or removal of the dam.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28133: Land Trust Boardwalk Installation

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The West Haven Boardwalk Resilience and Eco-restoration project to addresses coastal resilience and ecological restoration of a much-loved boardwalk and beach front area in the City of West Haven's "front yard." This project will implement ecological enhancements, public education features, and nature-based design elements that will increase the aesthetics, resilience, and sustainability of the site for many generations to come.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28134: Clinton Town Beach

Funding Amount: \$305,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview: Funds will be used to renovate facilities at the Clinton Town Beach. Upgrades, renovations, repairs and improvements to the beach facilities, such as bathhouse house, concession stand, pavilions, splash pad and installation of a booster pump to increase the water supply to the splash pad and bathrooms.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28135: Crystal Lake & Bob Tedford Park Renovations

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The project's purpose is to develop a master plan for the Town of Ellington's waterfront facility (Crystal Lake) as well as the town's only multi-sport facility (Robert Tedford Memorial Park). This project will benefit children and adults of all ages due

to the multi-generational benefits of the recreational activities hosted at both sites.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Status: Completed

Project 28136: Ludlowe Park

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Fairfield will install a new digital scoreboard to replace an outdated scoreboard. This will service the schools and community who utilize the artificial turf field. The population served is youth and parents participating in school-based and extracurricular activities. The project will be successful when the scoreboard is installed and operational and will benefit the community.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28137: Lighthouse Park

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds for park improvements in the disproportionately impacted community of New Haven. Funding for building improvements to the Lighthouse Park bathhouse structure, including program areas, bathrooms and storage.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28138: Park Commission Edgewood Park

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview: Funds for park improvements in the disproportionately impacted community of New Haven. Edgewood park improvements include replacing a footbridge, improvements to athletic facilities, walking path and skate park.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28248: South Windsor Riverfront Linear Park Study and Planning

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of South Windsor to support a study and planning for a Riverfront Linear Park.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28302: Accessibility Equipment for State Parks

Funding Amount: \$352,246

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 for specialized wheelchairs for accessibility at state parks, trails, and beaches.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28303: Case Mountain Bridge Replacement and Masonry

Funding Amount: \$330,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$330,000 in FY 24 for bridge replacement and masonry work at Case Mountain in Manchester.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28304: Climate Equity Urban Forestry

Funding Amount: \$209,140

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used to support two primary programs; the Climate Equity Grant Program and the Urban Forestry Equity through Capacity Building. The former will include urban forestry projects that address climate change and environmental justice issues, while the latter will help build capacity for urban forestry programs in underserved communities throughout the state.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28306: Nature Center at Keney Park

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$200,000 in FY 24 for Keney Park in Hartford.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28440: Climate Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$650,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to address severe weather events Connecticut has recently experienced which have caused significant damage across the state. The funding will aim to address both immediate impacts of storm damage as well as the need for effective fire suppression to safeguard Connecticut's environment and communities.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28441: Milford Public Safety - Fire, Boat, Jetski, Fire Hydrant, Road Improvements Towards Boat Ramp

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to purchase new marine assets including a fire boat and jet-ski for the Milford Fire Department to provide faster and more reliable marine response

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28442: Charter Oak Park West - Expansion (Manchester)

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for the construction of a synthetic turf soccer field and a 74-stall bituminous concrete parking lot to serve the new soccer field and a proposed skate park and pump track

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28443: Charter Oak Park (Manchester)

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for the construction of a synthetic turf soccer field and a 74-stall bituminous concrete parking lot to serve the new soccer field and a proposed skate park and pump track

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28444: Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Pickleball Courts

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to construct four pickleball courts and a splash park to Westwoods Recreation Complex

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28445: Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Clubhouse Improvements

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to construct four pickleball courts and a splash park to Westwoods Recreation Complex

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28446: East Shore Park

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for athletic surface grading and drainage amenity improvements to baseball fields in the East Shore Park

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28447: Fort Hale Park

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for improving park paths and associated amenities in Fort Hale Park

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28448: Shelton Football Field

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for the installation of an electronic scoreboard at Shelton High School and the installation of a multipurpose turf field

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28449: Shelton Soccer Field

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for the installation of an electronic scoreboard at Shelton High School and the installation of a multipurpose turf field

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28450: Regional Deep River, Essex and Cheshire Dog Pound

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Purchase a vehicle to upgrade human safety, improve availability of call outs, reliability of vehicle, ability to hold more than one animal, ability to service multiple towns, and access more remote areas.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28506: Gatison Park Ansonia

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to enhance the play scape of Gatison Park to serve younger kids and families that live in the nearby area

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 29746: Swimming Lessons to DEEP

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will utilize

funds to provide free swim lessons for children of families with limited financial ability to improve access to outdoor recreation. Lessons will be provided by community organizations.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29747: Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The funds would be invested into retrofit programs making homes healthier for people working and learning from home. At least 30% of homes have health and safety barriers such as asbestos and mold that threaten health of residents, and prevent weatherization upgrades such as insulation and efficiency measures that provide critical energy savings. Weatherization services include core weatherstripping, sealing services, and add-on attic and wall insulation.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update:

The Department of Environment and Energy Protection (DEEP) has completed all remediation work utilizing ARPA funds within the Residential Energy Preparation Services (REPS) program and issued its final payments to program remediation contractors. Final third-party inspections on completed units are still taking place; DEEP will issue final ARPA payments to the third-party inspectors once all remaining inspections are complete. DEEP is searching for other funds that can be used to provide health & safety barrier remediation so that the State of Connecticut can continue providing such services to low-income residents looking to pursue cost-saving energy improvements in their homes.

Per the program operator's most recent data report, the program completed health & safety barrier remediation on 371 units. DEEP is procuring and analyzing the final program data and will provide a final update on total units served in the future.

Project 29748: Efficient Energy Retrofit for Housing

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The funds will provide energy efficiency retrofits and access to renewable energy resources as well as solar storage to reduce energy costs and pollution and promote equity and environmental justice for people working and learning from home.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 29749: Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 - Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Project Overview: The funds will be used to improve the Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch to provide improved recreation for a qualified census tract community.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Project 28141: Homeless Services

Funding Amount: \$9,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 - Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Project Overview: Provide funding to support homeless services in the state to combat the severe negative economic and public health impacts on unhoused individuals during the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, the funding will be used to expand access to the front door of the homeless service system as well as to provide funds for outreach to unsheltered homelessness as well as provide funds to operate the Coordinated Access Networks

(CANs).

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

All funding for this program has been contracted and services continue to be delivered until the program end date of December 31, 2026. The funding has been used for three types of services:

1. Funding for staffing at the Hubs, or the physical location where intakes to the homeless services system occur
2. Flexible funding to assist households exit homelessness and;
3. Staffing for 2-1-1 for additional call associates to manage the increase in call volume as a result of the pandemic.

Between July 2024 and June 2025, the Coordinated Access Network HUBs served 16,927 individuals or households.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project provides general housing supports to those experiencing housing instability and not only eviction services. Between July 2024 and June 2025, the Coordinated Access Network HUBs served 16,927 individuals or households.

Project 28142: Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28143: Support for Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$50,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$50 million to fund affordable housing initiatives across the state, with the intention to support the creation of 350 additional units of affordable housing targeted for households earning between 30% and 50% of the area median income and leveraging that investment to support the production of as many as 1,000 additional units of housing.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: As of April 2025, all ARPA funds for Support of Affordable Housing have been committed. The \$50 million has been committed across 10 projects in the state of Connecticut, yielding 219 affordable units, of which 189 of those units are for households under 50% AMI. Half of the projects have completed construction or approaching completion and have ribbon cutting events scheduled in the upcoming months. All other projects will be completed prior to December 2026.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in eviction prevention. The Department of Housing is building affordable housing units. The four projects approved this year will yield 71 units all under 50% AMI. The overall goal for the entire investment is 350 affordable units.

Project 28307: Flexible Funding Subsidy Pool for Housing and Homeless Support

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 to create a pool of funding to be used for housing subsidies and flexible support to help individuals, families and youth overcome financial barriers to housing and address homelessness.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: All funds were allocated in November 2024. All contracts are executed and contractors are currently spending the funds. To date, approximately \$400,000 of these funds have been spent. Funds for this service will continue to be utilized until December 31,

2026.

Project 28308: Housing Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$5,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for various housing initiatives related to PA 23-207, An Act Establishing a Tax Abatement for Certain Conservation Easements and Addressing Housing Affordability for Residents in the State. Initiatives include the construction, conversion, and rehabilitation of properties for residential use (Section 22), and planning and research consultants for assessing affordable housing needs and the allocation of units (Section 18).

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Temporary Housing Project, funded through Housing Initiatives #28308 and allocated under PA 23-204, Section 48, is currently underway. This initiative aims to provide temporary/ transitional housing for veterans and their families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless. The primary objective of the DVA Veteran Housing Improvement Project is to renovate and enhance six residential houses, two additional buildings, and one office suite. Upon completion, the DVA anticipates the creation of 40-65 residential beds, offering veterans and their families a supportive and homelike environment. The initiative is structured into three distinct projects, each categorized by the type of housing provided. The overall scope includes the remediation, repair, and renovation of living spaces to ensure they meet the needs of veterans and their families. The project is designed to facilitate a maximum length of stay of up to one year, with the possibility of a one-year extension. The contracted assessment and remediation of hazardous materials is complete. Architects and engineers are currently working with building and roofing contractors to ensure that all renovations comply with building code compliance with a focus on safety & mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

- BIC 306 (Six Houses on Levitow Lane): Projected to be available for residents by September 1, 2025.
- BIC 304 (Building #51): Requires substantial renovations, including the installation of ADA-compliant facilities, and is expected to be ready for occupancy within one year.

This project represents a significant commitment to improving the living conditions of veterans and their families. By providing safe and supportive housing, the DVA aims to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who have served our country. We will continue to monitor progress closely and ensure that all timelines and quality standards are met.

Project 28309: Housing Support Services

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 to fund housing support services.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: This funding will support the HUBs and contracts were executed in December 2024.

Project 28310: Rapid Rehousing

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Rapid rehousing is an existing DOH program that quickly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that typically includes the use of time-limited financial

assistance (such as short-term rental subsidies) and targeted supportive services.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: The contract for the Rapid Rehousing program has been executed and the program is accepting referrals for rental assistance for households experiencing homelessness. The program began at the end of 2024 and is just beginning to see fiscal expenditures.

Project 28311: Rocky Hill Senior and Disabled Housing

Funding Amount: \$55,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Rocky Hill Housing Authority operates two developments of public housing for the elderly and disabled, totaling 70 units. Provide funding of \$55,000 in FY 24 for a grant to the Rocky Hill Housing Authority to support Rocky Hill senior and disabled housing.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Status: Completed

Project 28451: Aging Homelessness Pilot - South Park Shelter

Funding Amount: \$170,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program is a pilot to hire a case manager at South Park Inn in Hartford, an emergency homeless shelter, to specifically work with the elderly homeless population to assist the homeless individual in accessing permanent housing

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28452: Parsonage Cottage Roof

Funding Amount: \$154,320

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence will use funds to replace the existing roof at their facility

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28453: 50 Nye Road Improvements

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The town of Glastonbury will use funding to make improvements to the 50 Nye Road commercial building with the goal of having the Glastonbury School District move its administrative offices into the building. The specific improvements include roof replacement, replacement of the fire alarm system, replacement of sewage pumps, upgrades to the HVAC system, and cosmetic repairs to ceilings and walls.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28454: Columbus House Shelter

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program is to provide upgrades to Columbus House's emergency shelter for homeless individuals and recovery housing shelter.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28455: Bethlehem House Bridgeport/Stratford

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program is to provide upgrades to Catholic Charities of Fairfield County's Bethlehem House, which is a transitional housing program for homeless individuals. These modifications will add security cameras to the property to reduce

vandalism which ultimately will ensure these facilities can continue to provide support to the homeless population.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28456: Christian Community Action

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This program is to provide upgrades to Christian Community Action's Transitional living program for homeless families.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 29750: Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen serves people who are experiencing homelessness or living in poverty by providing food assistance and services including nightly dinners, a weekly food pantry, and a drop-in resource center in downtown New Haven. Funding was requested for an HVAC system and an elevator that goes from the soup kitchen to the health clinic upstairs. Specifically, the elevator will allow for ADA compliance and client access to the second floor medical clinic operated by Cornell Scott Hill Health Center from the first floor Drop-in Center. This center was opened in April 2021 in response to increased utilization of DESK's programs. The target population is for unhoused persons of whom the GNH-CAN has seen a marked increase since the start of the pandemic and for whom they expect to see continual increase with the end of the eviction moratorium as well as those who are unstably and/or recently housed and availing themselves of Cornell Scotts Homeless Healthcare Department essentially as their primary care. The purpose of the elevator is to facilitate access to the second floor medical facilities. The medical facilities will enable low-barrier onsite medical care for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness including COVID-19 testing and vaccination administration. Along with other basic needs provisions like food and immediate refuge the presence of the medical facility serves as a draw for the hundreds of individuals experiencing homelessness in New Haven who consider the CSHHC Homeless Healthcare team to be their primary care. As a result the medical services offer an opportunity to connect these clients to housing services and get them off the street where they are at risk of a variety of adverse health conditions and infectious disease including COVID-19.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29751: Hands on Hartford - Department of Housing

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The specific programs for which Hands on Hartford is asking support are for its Meals Assistance Neighbors Nurturing and Advocacy MANNA Community Pantry and Neighborhood Services, its kids Backpack Nutrition Program which provides healthy meals to food insecure children at 8 Hartford area schools, and its Community Meals and Day Program which serves its homeless neighbors and others struggling with food insecurity.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29793: New Reach Life Haven Shelter

Funding Amount: \$650,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 - Long-Term Housing Security: Services for

Unhoused Persons

Project Overview: Funding will support New Reach, a non-profit that offers a continuum of housing interventions and supports in Fairfield and New Haven counties helping vulnerable households achieve stability and self-reliance. This assistance will specifically support the organizations family homeless shelters providing services for unhoused persons as the pandemic exacerbated the need for these services.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Project 28145: Enhance Mobile Crisis Services- Case Management

Funding Amount: \$4,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: This project will add 2 FTE mobile crisis licensed clinicians to each of the 8 DMHAS-funded private non-profit mobile crisis teams for the purpose of providing clinical assessment and short-term, intensive clinical/case management services for individuals in crisis until they are able to be connected to a behavioral health services provider. The agencies that will receive this funding are: Communicare (BHCare and Bridges), Community Mental Health Affiliates, Community Health Resources, InterCommunity, Danbury Hospital, Rushford, and United Services.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

Mobile crisis teams received these additional dollars to provide clinical case management to individuals who needed further follow-up after their mobile crisis intervention, to ensure their connection to ongoing services. All providers expressed that this funding was beneficial and afforded positive outcomes. To date, 1,720 individuals have utilized these services, which include: assistance with government benefits, assistance with housing, vocational assistance, medical cab (MTM) coordination, transportation, coordination with community providers, other case management services, and outreach and engagement.

Project 28146: Enhance Respite Bed Services for Forensic Population

Funding Amount: \$5,247,401

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Build additional capacity for community competency evaluations and restoration to competency activities for repeat offenders of misdemeanor-only crimes. The program provides acute clinical stabilization, peer supports, case management, restoration or initiation of entitlements, referrals to longer-term housing and ultimately permanent housing, and employment supports when possible. Identified program outcomes include decreasing the use of the competency to stand trial (CST) evaluation and restoration process for applicable individuals and a savings to the state of over \$1M per year in costs for each of the beds utilized at greater than an 80% rate.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

The Enhanced Forensic Respite Bed (EFRB) program is for pre-trial defendants with a behavioral health disorder or substance use disorder and whose competence to stand trial has been questioned. The goal is to provide treatment earlier and in a less restrictive setting than Whiting Forensic Hospital, the state's only maximum- security psychiatric facility.

Currently, EFRB is located in the City of Bridgeport (12 beds) and the City of New Haven (4 Beds). The EFRB programs are resourced to accept referrals from any

stakeholders throughout the state. To date, the majority of the referrals are generated from the Public Defender's office.

The program design includes individual therapy, group therapy, skill-building groups, medication support, intensive case management, discharge planning and court education.

During FY25, the Enhanced Forensic Respite Bed program served a total of 45 clients from across the state of CT.

Project 28147: Expand Availability of Privately-Provided Mobile Crisis Services

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: This project will expand mobile crisis services at each of the 8 DMHAS-funded private non-profit mobile crisis teams with the ultimate outcome of providing in-person, mobile crisis response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The agencies that will receive this funding are: Communicare (BHCare and Bridges), Community Mental Health Affiliates, Community Health Resources, InterCommunity, Danbury Hospital, Rushford, and United Services.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

This funding enables mobile crisis services to provide in-person, face-to-face mobile response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) 8 private, non-profit adult mobile crisis teams. To date, all 8 teams are providing services 24/7/365. The additional funding for enhanced staffing has resulted in the reduction of time between the request for a crisis evaluation and the time of the evaluation. In prior years, the average elapsed time was approximately 60 minutes. Today, the average time is 30 minutes. Contractually, mobile crisis providers are required to conduct 80% of crisis evaluations in the community and ensure that at least 90% of individuals receiving a crisis evaluation have a follow-up visit within 48 hours. Currently, teams are averaging 85% of crisis evaluations conducted in the community and 95% for follow-up visits.

Project 28148: Fund Supportive Services to Accompany New Housing Vouchers

Funding Amount: \$3,375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Overview: Fund supportive housing services for persons residing in RRH programs in CT. DMHAS funded providers will offer pre-tenancy support (gathering paperwork, assistance with housing applications, applying for benefits) and post tenancy housing sustaining services (budgeting, employment, tenancy mediation). DMHAS has a service slot rate of \$9,000/ person annually, which will allow 125 persons to receive these services. Aligning the services to RRH will assist persons in transitioning from the RRH program into mainstream housing, which is an overarching goal of RRH. Pop served are persons experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and who are also diagnosed with a behavioral health diagnosis. Desired outcomes include: housing sustainability, increased income, and connection to mainstream services. Services will be aligned throughout CT which will assist the State's continued pursuit in making homelessness rare, brief and one-time. Outcomes will be measured on the HIMS and reported to various funders. DMHAS could fund these services using the State established procurement process, for a start date of 1/1/23 or DMHAS could sole source one entity per CAN to expedite use of funds for a start date of 9/1/23. The funds would be distributed based on the number of RRH vouchers in each CAN.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

Approximately 230 persons experiencing homelessness have been referred and received housing support services as they transitioned from RRH or homelessness into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The funded agencies received head of household referrals from their respective Coordinated Access Network and began working with the tenants immediately. All agencies provided engagement and services consistent with

“Housing First.” Providers have reported that tenants; increased engagement in services, increased satisfaction with living arrangements and increased community involvement. Several providers reported that participants who engaged with staff have had success in re-connecting with family, friends and other stabilizing resources.

One participant had been housed for 6 years receiving but needed additional support. The individual had no income resources, was not receiving medical or mental health support. His case manager referred him to the SOAR program for assistance in applying for Social Security benefits. He has reconnected with medical and psychiatric services and will begin a literacy program in the future.

Another tenant was able to find a safe and secure apartment for her family, which has stabilized her and her children’s lives. She has secured childcare which allows her to work and begin school to further her opportunities for full-time employment. She has also connected with medical services and a therapist for increased stability in her life.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Approximately 230 persons experiencing homelessness have been referred and received housing support services as they transitioned from RRH or homelessness into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

Project 28149: Provide Mental Health Peer Supports in Hospital Emergency Departments
Funding Amount: \$2,400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This funding will implement certified peer specialists in 12 hospital emergency departments. This is similar to the Recovery Coaches that are responding to 22 hospital EDs for people with SUDs.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: The Mental Health Emergency Department Recovery Support Specialist (MH ED RSS) Program is designed to collaborate with selected hospitals to work with adults who experienced a suicide attempt, or who are using Emergency Department (ED) services because they are experiencing emotional distress and/or an emergent crisis, by providing peer recovery support services to referred individuals to improve post-discharge outcomes. Two contractors (Rushford and CHR) are funded to facilitate this model in Department-selected EDs. As of July 1, 2025, there are MOAs in place to meet with referred individuals face-to-face in seven hospitals and the program has served over 350 individuals across these locations. The recovery support continues post-ED discharge for individuals engaged with the program through telephonic connection for one month.

Project 28150: Implement Electronic Health Records

Funding Amount: \$3,292,615

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Funding to upgrade the current mixed vendor and paper medical records system with a fully integrated electronic health record (EHR) and client management system from a single vendor. This EHR will be implemented in the eight DMHAS-operated psychiatric facilities throughout the state of Connecticut. The benefit of implementing a fully integrated EHR includes: consolidated health and treatment record for DMHAS clients, single organization-wide scheduling system for DMHAS clients and resources, care coordination system with treatment planning tools, medication management system, and comprehensive behavioral health and group therapy documentation tools. In addition, the EHR will improve infection prevention procedures and timeliness of obtaining test results.

Performance Update:

Below are the efforts to date:

Maximizing Efficiency of Current Client Data Collection System (WITS) and preparing facilities for the transition from paper-based medical records to an E.H.R. platform

- Billing-related audit tool built and piloted.
- Staff education on use of audit tools, with ongoing monthly meetings with OOC billing staff and facility Quality Directors to discuss utilization and learning is in

progress.

Provider Coding & Billing Preparation (reviewing provider coding and program-specific service and billing codes in preparation for the new E.H.R.)

- The WITS upgrade of its service note includes prompts based on service codes (the goal is to increase accurate service coding for billing).
- Development of provider leveling tool that allows a provider to enter in information from the note they are writing about a patient Evaluation and Management (E&M) visit and will suggest a code based on the information provided is in progress. There is also a corresponding training being developed for use of this tool and E & M coding in general. The tool and trainings are designed to improve accuracy in E & M coding.
- A review is underway for outpatient service codes to be consolidated or retired.

Mapping Current Workflows and Role Definitions

- Compiled full list from all facilities of current forms, frequency of use, and responsible roles at each facility.
- Currently synthesizing information to define roles for the new EHR and identify common forms used across DMHAS-operated facilities.

Clinical System Upgrades & Training

WITS Upgrade (Clinical):

- Added a vital signs module (now live) with usage guidelines.
- Vital signs training is ongoing.
- Vital signs report is in development, incorporating color coding for critical values.

Preparing Clinical Staff for EHR:

- Health Information Technology (HIT) team assisted in synthesizing a standardized admission form across all eight DMHAS-operated facilities
- Currently exploring WITS referral module and reviewed reports for potential retirement in preparation for E.H.R.

Productivity Metrics & Dashboard Development

- Outpatient service hour baseline data collected for direct care staff (2024), with facility CEO feedback on data aggregation methods incorporated.
- Comparison of actual hours worked (CORE) vs. service hours entered in WITS is in progress.
- Clarifying direct care staff job duties (medical record-related vs. administrative) to broaden data collection through WITS is in progress.
- Drafting an implementation plan for data capture and staff training.

Power BI Training for Data Visualization

- A clean data worksheet was created for Power BI learning, and the team completed the LinkedIn Power BI instructional videos.
- IT-led Power BI training scheduled for March 2025.

Document Management & Compliance Preparation

- Information gathered on current record retention and destruction policies from all state-operated facilities—discussions held with the State Librarian on standardization.
- Ongoing collaboration with compliance teams to formulate a standardized retention and destruction timeframe is taking place.
- Reviewing current policies to ensure alignment with statutes and regulations and inform EHR policy development.

Electronic Document System Review

- Assessing which systems and interfaces will be replaced by the new E.H.R..
- Considering additional Record Management training through the State Library.

Pharmacy System Upgrades

Provide new, HIPAA-compliant electronic pharmacy system for four DMHAS-operated facilities (Blue, Hills, Capital Region Mental Health Center, Southwestern Connecticut Mental Health System and Connecticut Mental Health Center (SWCMHS)) which require an

upgrade

- Blue Hills implemented pharmacy management system.
- Capital Region and SWCMHS pharmacists completed training on pharmacy management system.
- CMHC pharmacist training is in progress.

Provide electronic medication dispensing machines (Pyxis) to four DMHAS-operated hospitals

- Blue Hills implemented Pyxis on February 2025.
- Policy template for controlled substances for submission to DCP (all facilities).
- Pyxis implementation for three facilities is in progress.
- Policy templates for pharmacy and nursing operations in reference to medication administration via automated equipment are in progress.
- Upgraded and trained on new e-prescribing capabilities (RxNT) for all facilities
- RXNT is now connected to the state PDMP creating workflow efficiencies.
- Team members facilitated RXNT transition from hard to soft tokens for prescribing including learning (online, in person, phone) and support.

- The two listed completed projects will prepare prescribers for the new E.H.R..

DMHAS-Wide Communication & Stakeholder Engagement

- A SharePoint site was created for the Health Information Technology (HIT) team, which continues to centralize information on pharmacy projects, WITS, and EHR updates.
- Development of a weekly newsletter for stakeholder communication is in progress.
- Ongoing outreach to leadership across facilities to educate on EHR capabilities and gather feedback on implementation challenges and goals.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28151: Public Awareness Grants

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: This project will entail the design, planning, and implementation of a multi-year, statewide advertising campaign (1) promoting the availability of all mental health, behavioral health, and substance use disorder services in the state, including the difference between 9-1-1, 9-8-8, and 2-1-1, and (2) informing residents how to obtain these services. The campaign will include television, radio, and online advertising. It will also establish and regularly update a website connected with this advertising/awareness campaign that includes a comprehensive listing of in-state providers of these services. Standard media metrics (followers/likes, impressions, engagement, etc.) will be used to measure outcome, which is increased awareness of resources for help. This project, focused on mental health promotion and access to treatment resources as needed, is geared towards the general public.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

This joint venture with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF), employing a third-party vendor, Miranda Creative, is live. The statutory mandate to create a comprehensive resource for behavioral health has resulted in a website, [WeAreCT](#). The website uses a tool to update links and content on an on-going basis and strives to continually improve its search results through user input and feedback. The website had a soft launch in early May 2024, and then was opened to the public on June 1, 2024. The website deployment has been paired with many advertising initiatives across television, digital, and print media. In the first 11 months of being marketed and open to the public, the advertisements have received over 42 million impressions, and there have been 44,687 total users with 61,780 page views. Miranda Creative provides updates on the metrics each month to DMHAS and DCF and meet twice a month to discuss strategy and effectiveness.

Project 28153: United Services Pilot on Crisis Intervention

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: This funding will extend the United Services Pilot of the CRISIS (Connection to Recovery through Intervention, Support & Initiating Services) program with the Connecticut State Police Troop D by providing a licensed clinical social worker to support and accompany law enforcement from Troop D on behavioral health related calls.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28154: Clifford Beers

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. Clifford Beers of New Haven provides mental health and social-emotional supports to children, adults and their families in various settings including in-home, at school, in the community and via outpatient clinics.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28155: The Pathfinders Association

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28156: Fellowship Place New Haven

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs. Fellowship Place of New Haven supports adults with chronic mental illness through various programs including job training and job placement, supported education, day programs, housing, healthy meals and counseling.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28174: Expand Medical/Psychiatric Inpatient Unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to develop a new 12- bed specialized psychiatric and medical unit. Funds support \$9M in capital costs.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29721: Shatterproof

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: As CT continues to experience an opioid crisis, this one time funding will allow Shatterproof to develop webinars and website content to address stigma related to substance use. These webinars are intended to be viewed by DMHAS funded providers as well as the general public and will be informed by an evaluation/survey that will be conducted by Shatterproof staff. The purpose of these webinars is to reduce stigma, which is often cited as a barrier to treatment for individuals using substances.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 29789: Fair Haven Clinic

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The project will expand access and improve delivery of primary care including mental health and substance use treatment services to the Fair Haven community located in a Qualified Census Tract. The ARPA funding will increase Fair Haven Community Health Center's capacity to provide high-quality primary and behavioral health care to this predominantly low-income and Hispanic patient base. Substantial focus will be on improving clinical spaces clinical workflows and physical plant changes to prepare for future pandemics similar to COVID-19 and to expand services to address the broader and long-term health impacts COVID-19 has had on disproportionately impacted communities.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

Project 29797: DMHAS Private Providers

Funding Amount: \$43,118,050

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds to support a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment to all DMHAS contracted mental health and substance use providers to be used for salary and related wage increases, and for a grant program to support facility and infrastructure costs for these same providers for one time improvements.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Project 28157: IT Modernization

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding for IT modernization in the Department of Motor Vehicles to support delivery of new services and business capabilities online, increase the number of transactions that can be delivered online, and leverage the State Enterprise Platform to provide and enable services that constituents expect.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Project 28158: Community Violence Prevention Programs

Funding Amount: \$894,879

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: The purpose of this project is to put infrastructure in place to conduct a request for proposal (RFP) process and award mini-grants to up to seven (7) community violence intervention and prevention programs across the state. DPH will contract with two contractors to coordinate the RFP and evaluate the programs' progress and outcomes over

a three year period. Desired outcomes and outputs of the project: (1) State and local stakeholders of DPH use enhanced surveillance data to design and target interventions and monitor progress in reducing community violence-involved injuries and deaths. (2) Community-based violence prevention and intervention programs use evidence-based and data-driven public health strategies to reduce and prevent community violence-involved injury and deaths. (3) Firearm- and sharp force-involved morbidity and mortality are reduced and prevented.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The funds support the infrastructure for the mini grants to community violence intervention and prevention programs across the state. The Department of Public Health issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in June 2023 and awarded 8 community based-organizations (CBOs) in October 2023. DPH planned to also fund the evaluation of the Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention project, including providing evaluation support to the 8 CBOs. The RFP was released in June 2024 and awarded organization contract was estimated to start in November 2024. Due to an unanticipated delay in contract execution DPH shifted plan to utilize remaining ARPA. In December 2024 DPH purchase 443 firearm safes. Safes will be distributed through funded CBOs, Local Health departments, and other community partners to promote safe storage of firearms and reduce unlawful access to firearms.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28159: Promote Healthy and Lead-Safe Environments

Funding Amount: \$18,923,149

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support lead investigation, abatement, and remediation to housing in Connecticut, at the municipal level, by providing the fiscal support needed to manage an increasing number of childhood lead cases with BLL that will require home inspections, abatement, and remediation, per PA 22-49.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

The ARPA funds used for lead abatement activities provide financial assistance to any Connecticut property owners to abate identified lead hazards within dwelling units. Funding is available to those properties subject to a lead abatement order issued by a local health department or district, properties where a child with an elevated blood lead level resides, properties where a child under six years of age resides, properties where a pregnant person resides, properties that serve as a family child care home, or properties owned or rented by foster families licensed by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and can document eligibility to foster children under six years of age.

To date, 87 units have undergone lead abatement, totaling approximately \$ 1.1 million. Additionally, 4 million dollars has been committed, which means the project is under contract and is awaiting a start date, or currently under construction; cases are in different phases of the process, as follows:

- 94 units - Construction has begun or will begin shortly.
- 16 units - Contracts with contractors in the process of being signed so work can begin.
- 9 units - Contractors being awarded after bid walk through.
- 47 units - Bid walk through with contractors complete and pending contractor.
- 73 units - Lead inspection completed, ready for bid walk through.
- 222 units - Currently in the Intake phase of the program.

It takes approximately 7-8 months from application submission to abatement work completion. Projects are put out to bid; on average, 4-6 contractors show up for the bidding process. Large projects only draw certain contractors capable and experienced in the corresponding scope.

Property owners are asked to complete a survey after the work is complete. Here is some feedback that was shared:

- "Thank you so much for everything you did to fix the lead problem in our home and create a safe and healthy environment for our family. We are incredibly happy with all of the work that was done including replacing the mudroom window and the porch overhang. The work that was done on the stairs exceeded our expectations. We also appreciate the thorough cleaning." – Family in Milford
- "We were grateful to have a place to stay without having to worry about these costs. We are relieved to be home and no longer have to worry about the safety of our son in terms of being exposed to lead. We had plenty of questions and your guidance throughout the entire process was superb and helpful." – Family in Stratford
- "The contractors were fantastic to work with. The process of relocation went smoothly for his tenants. The results are looking great, and he submitted an application for another property. He is looking forward to work with us once again. " – Investor owner in Meriden (applications pending on two additional properties)
- "I really appreciate your help and support, and I also want to express my gratitude for this program. It has been a tremendous help not just for me as a rental property owner but also for my tenants. It truly is a great program, and I cannot thank you all enough." – Investor owner Naugatuck (4th property in program including previous HUD-DOH grants!)

Project 28160: Provide Funding to Address and Respond to an Increase in Homicides

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: The purpose of this project is to fund up to seven (7) community violence intervention and prevention programs across the state. The DPH Contractor hired for this project will coordinate the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to award mini-grants to eligible and qualified applicants from an applicant pool of community based organizations that work in the community violence intervention and prevention sphere. There is the opportunity for potential candidates from organizations supporting domestic violence and intimate partner violence prevention to apply for grant awards. Desired outcomes and outputs of the project: (1) DPH builds new relationships and strengthens existing relationships with local organizations involved in community violence and gun violence prevention and intervention. (2) Effective community-based and hospital-based violence prevention and intervention programs are supported and funded by the State for growth and expansion to high risk geographic areas throughout Connecticut. (3) Trauma-informed care and wrap-around services are provided to those in most need of these services. (4) State and local stakeholders of DPH use enhanced surveillance data to design and target interventions and monitor progress in reducing firearm and sharp force-involved injuries and deaths. (5) Community-based violence prevention and intervention programs use evidence-based and data-driven public health strategies to reduce and prevent community violence-involved injury and deaths. (6) Firearm- and sharp force-involved morbidity and mortality are reduced and prevented.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The funds supported 8 community-based organizations (CBOs) to implement evidence-informed, community-centric community violence and gun violence prevention and intervention programs in the state. In July 2023 organizations were awarded through a request for proposal. Contracts were executed and work began early October 2023. The eight community-based organizations include:

- ROCA, Inc., located in Hartford. Funds support Young Mother's Program to deliver a proven intervention model to young women/ mothers ages 16-24 who are currently victims and perpetrators of community violence or demonstrate high risk of becoming them.
- COMPASS Youth Collaborative, located in Hartford. Mission is to interrupt violence by using transformative relationships and building those with youth who are at the

center of that violence. Grant funds Crisis Response Team Peace Builders in Hartford that provides youth with the tools to create sustained behavior and change over time so that they can transition successfully into adulthood, and reduce retaliation and recidivism.

- Career Resources Inc. and Hang Time, located in Bridgeport. Funded programs include hang time, her time, hang time mobile, and CHOICES mentoring. Their mission is to reduce recidivism by empowering returning citizens with the necessary tools to successfully integrate back into society.
- CRT-Justice education Center, located in Hartford/West Hartford. Funds support operation Project Moo, that gives youth from Hartford opportunities to develop resilience, empathy, and other social-emotional skills alongside their peers in an agricultural setting.
- City of Stamford Police Department, located in Stamford. Funds support Stamford Police Department, DOMUS (non-profit supporting youth facing adversity), Liberation Programs (non-profit offering behavioral health programming for substance use and mental health). These strategies reduce the pattern of violent behavior by high-risk youth, strengthen existing successful crime preventing programs, and target justice systems involved with youth and youth proven to be at high risk.
- Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP), located in Bridgeport. Funds support a teen father's program to improve knowledge on gun violence/community violence, and increase positive family relationships, while reducing the risk of recidivism.
- Connecticut Violence Intervention and Prevention (CTVIP), located in New Haven. Funds support MakeHer space, program to reduce community violence by engaging in the highest risk girls in New Haven public school systems.
- Ledge Light Health District, located in New London. Funds support Community Health Workers, Community Ambassadors, Community Conversations, Hearing Youth Voices trainings and events, Partnership with Yale School of Public Health. The mission of the program is to be proactive in preventing interpersonal violence and disrupting developing cycles of violence.

CBOs presented to the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention during a program showcase in January 2024 and May 2025. All showcases can be viewed: [January 30, 2024](#), [June 20, 2024](#), [June 26, 2024](#), [January 22, 2025](#), [January, 23, 2025](#), [May 30, 2025](#)

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28161: School Based Health Centers

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Expand mental health services and/or service hours at approximately thirty-five (35) existing School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) throughout the state.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Performance Update: School Based Health Centers (SBHC) are free standing medical clinics located within or on the grounds of schools, licensed as outpatient clinics or as hospital satellites and are open to all enrolled in the school regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. SBHCs improve access to and utilization of primary and preventive health care and other essential public health services. SBHCs reduce the occurrence of preventable disease among SBHC Clients. Clients utilize mental health services to improve their psychosocial, emotional functioning through screening, assessment, intervention, and referral. Dental services are also offered in certain sites and include oral health screening and sealants. SBHCs help to increase access to healthcare, provide a safe place to talk about sensitive issues, support the school environment by helping children stay in school and contribute to positive educational outcomes, supports families by allowing parents to stay at work, and reduce costs by keeping children out of hospitals and emergency rooms.

SBHCs are in cities with greater economic need and in schools that provide free and reduced lunches for students, see PA 21-35 SBHC Expansion Report on DPH Website under SBHC. SBHC track and report National Quality Assurance Measures on health. https://sbh4all.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Quality-Counts-Standardized-Performance-Measures-Definitions_2023.pdf/

In the 2023-2024 school year there were 291 SBHC sites in Connecticut, that provided 188,023 visits for 35,194 unduplicated users through DPH and DPH Contractor (School Based Health Alliance) funds. For the 2023-2024 school year there were 106 Medical SBHC sites that provided 67,177 medical visits for 23,297 unduplicated users. There were 136 mental health SBHC sites that provided 111,862 mental health visits for 6,514 unduplicated mental health users. There were 49 SBHC dental sites that provided 8,984 dental visits for 5,377 unduplicated dental users.

School Based Health Alliance, the fiduciary for the distribution of funding, technical assistance, training, and contract management, implemented a request for proposal to select subrecipients to expand or establish School-Based Health Centers using ARPA funds. Fifty-nine School Based Health Center Sites proposed by thirteen contractors were awarded funding for the 2024 through 2026 school years. A competitive review process was used to select the awarded sites from the pool of applications submitted by organizations. The funded SBHC sites use these funds to establish or expand services such as mental and behavioral health, primary care, outreach, equipment, telehealth, mobile units, dental care, and health promotion/education. This funding opportunity aims to enhance access to health care, including mental health and primary care services, for the SBHC community, ultimately improving service availability for the target population.

Rebecca Kaplan, Director of Clinical Operations & Healthcare Innovation at Norwalk Community Health Center, a recipient of the funds, reflected on the award and stated, "The SBHA 2024-2026 funding has allowed NCHC's School-Based Health & Wellness Centers to expand our mental health service offerings. The current landscape of youth mental health has demonstrated that there is a gap in access to mental health services, and there is a lack of a safety net for vulnerable populations to follow through with plans of care. This funding will allow us to add a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) as a care coordinator, promote a School-Based Behavioral Health Manager, and add a full-time bi-lingual therapist to our team. The impact of the grant funding will significantly improve access to care and ensure that there are wrap-around services to change the trajectory of students' lives. Healthy minds lead to healthy bodies and improve a student's ability to learn."

SBHC sites 2024-2026 ARPA Funded sites

- Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut: Ella T. Grasso Technical High School, Groton; Gallop Hill Elementary School, Ledyard; Ledyard High School, Ledyard; Ledyard Middle School, Gales Ferry; Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School, Mystic; Stonington High School, Pawcatuck.
- Community Health Center, Inc.: Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol.
- Community Health Resources: Verplanck Elementary School, Manchester.
- Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corporation: Hamden High School, Hamden; Hamden Middle School, Hamden; Hill Regional Career High School, New Haven; West Haven High School, West Haven.
- Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc.: Family Academy of Multilingual Exploration (FAME), New Haven.
- Family Centers Inc.: Turn of River Middle School, Stamford.
- Hartford Public Schools: Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School/Annie Fisher STEM Magnet School, Hartford; Bulkeley High School, Hartford; Alfred E. Burr Middle School/Betances STEM Magnet School, Hartford; Capital Preparatory Magnet School, Hartford; E. B. Kennelly School, Hartford; Global Communications Academy, Hartford; McDonough Middle School, Hartford; Michael D. Fox

Elementary School, Hartford; Naylor School, Hartford; West Middle School, Hartford.

- Integrated Health Services, Inc.: Connecticut River Academy-High School, East Hartford; Connecticut River Academy-Middle School, East Hartford; Laurel Literacy Academy, Bloomfield; Riverside Magnet School, East Hartford; Newington High School, Newington.
- InterCommunity, Inc.: Early Childhood Learning Center at Hockanum Elementary School, East Hartford; East Hartford High School, East Hartford; East Hartford Middle School, East Hartford; Illing Middle School, Manchester; Langford Elementary School, East Hartford; Franklin H. Mayberry Elementary School, East Hartford; Silver Lane Elementary School, East Hartford; Sunset Ridge Middle School, East Hartford; Synergy Alternative High School, East Hartford; Woodland School, East Hartford.
- Klingberg Family Centers: Carrington Elementary School, Waterbury; Chamberlain Elementary School, New Britain; DiLoreto Magnet School, New Britain; Duggan Elementary School, Waterbury; Holmes Elementary School, New Britain; Jonathan E. Reed Elementary School, Waterbury; Smith Elementary School, New Britain; State Street Program, Waterbury; Wendell L. Cross Elementary School, Waterbury; West Side Middle School, Waterbury; Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Waterbury.
- Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.: Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk; Kendall College and Career Academy (Kendall Elementary School), Norwalk.
- United Community & Family Services, Inc. (UCFS Healthcare): Integrated Day Charter School, Norwich; John B Stanton Elementary School, Norwich; Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School, Norwich; Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School, Norwich.
- Wheeler Clinic, Inc.: Bristol Central High School, Bristol; South Side Elementary School, Bristol.

Project 28162: Storage and Maintenance Costs of COVID 19 Preparedness Supplies

Funding Amount: \$325,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 - Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$325,000 in FY 23 is needed for the proper storage and servicing of PPEs, ventilators, PAPRs, and the Federal Medical Stations (FMS)

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28163: CCMC Pediatrician Training

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Connecticut Children's Medical Center will enlist two pediatricians and an Administrative Fellow, as well as enter into a contract with Boston Children's Hospital to design, develop, market and train pediatricians statewide on behavioral healthcare content via 16 virtual modules, expanding on educational content originally presented to a subset of pediatricians in 2021. This corresponds directly with the increased need for behavioral health resources for children and adolescents exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28164: Gaylord Hospital Electronic Records

Funding Amount: \$2,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Improve patient outcomes by updating Gaylord Specialty Healthcare's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to streamline workflow, integrate with internal systems and improve data exchange with other healthcare systems.

Issue Area: Infrastructure**Performance Update:**

Gaylord Hospital's newly implemented electronic medical record (EMR) system went live on 10/1/2023. Since that time, Gaylord's team continues to refine the system through customizations, additional modules and support resources to enhance their ability to track, protect, report and monitor clinical and financial information. More than 15,000 patients have been served by the new system over the past year and a half. The project is nearing completion, with plans to provide patients full access to their medical information and to enhance the system's interoperability with other hospitals and healthcare providers.

Project 28165: HB 5272 - Menstrual Products

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Support the provision of free menstrual products in women's restrooms, all-gender restrooms and at least one men's restroom, which restrooms are accessible to students in grades three to twelve, inclusive, in each school under the jurisdiction of local and regional education boards of education and in a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products. In addition, support the provision of free menstrual products in each restroom of a shelter that is accessible to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any resident seeking such products.

Issue Area: Public Health**Performance Update:**

The Diaper Bank of Connecticut (DBCT) was awarded \$1.95 million in ARPA funding to provide menstrual products to eligible schools. Connecticut's Menstrual Equity Law ensures that all students who menstruate have access to safe and affordable menstrual products under the guiding principles of dignity, privacy, accessibility and inclusivity. Evidence shows that lack of access to menstrual products can have a negative impact on students' ability to attend school and participate fully in school life. Starting September 1, 2024, all public schools serving third through 12th graders must offer free and accessible menstrual products in student restrooms. This includes all women's restrooms, all non-gender-specific restrooms, and at least one men's restroom. Along with distribution of menstrual products to eligible schools, DBCT has established an Advisory Group to improve awareness and establish sustainability of a statewide menstrual program in Connecticut schools. They have also developed a Menstrual Equity Project Evaluation Plan with the partnership of Quinnipiac University Evaluation Team.

The DBCT Equity Analysis plans for menstrual product distribution prioritized Title 1 schools in Connecticut. The DBCT has been able to expand its period product distribution to additional schools and has collaborated with Connecticut School Based Health Centers. As of June 2025, the DBCT has distributed close to 3 million period products to schools: 1,804,500 pads, 898,200 tampons, and 153,600 liners. The DBCT has established 358 schools and partnerships serving 86 towns in Connecticut.

Aunt Flow Corp was awarded \$50,00.00 in ARPA funding to provide menstrual products to shelters in Connecticut. In 2022, the Connecticut General Assembly passed new legislation requiring certain shelters and agencies to supply residents with a range of menstrual products. The intention of the law is to address period poverty, meaning the struggle to purchase period products due to lack of income. The law encompasses homeless individuals participating in programs for emergency shelter services, transitional housing services, services for permanent housing and homelessness prevention, and emergency shelters operated by domestic violence agencies.

Aunt Flow conducted an Equity Analysis to identify eligible shelters that support underserved and marginalized individuals and groups, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other sexual identifies (LGBTQ+), and to maximize the equitable allocation of menstrual products. Aunt Flow looked at shelters throughout the state serving individuals, families, and children and determined 56 shelters fit the criteria for free menstrual products. Aunt Flow made several attempts to reach out to these identified shelters. Nineteen (19) shelters signed up for a

one-time shipment of menstrual products and agreed to participate in client satisfaction survey activities. In July 2025, Aunt Flow shipped 243,000 pads and 56,000 tampons to fifteen (15) towns in Connecticut. Aunt Flow also developed a Toolkit for shelters that included educational materials for consumers and resources for shelters.

Project 28166: Pilot Program for Promoting Social Workers and Pediatrician Offices

Funding Amount: \$789,744

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Expand behavioral health services available in private practice pediatric offices. Funds will be used to provide matching grants of up to 50% to pay salaries for licensed social workers providing counseling and other services to children receiving primary care in pediatric practices. DPH will establish a mechanism for receiving and reviewing grant application materials from pediatric practices, will develop a mechanism for distributing funds to providers, and will collect information from grantees on the use of funds and the impact on expanding pediatric behavioral healthcare.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

The funds support expanding behavioral health services available in private practice pediatric offices. The funds were used to provide matching grants of up to 50% to pay salaries for licensed social workers providing counseling and other services in a primary care setting. A Request for Proposals (RFP) that incorporated both the Pilot Program and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Incentive Grant project (Project 28170) was issued as RFA Log # DPH20240910RFP Combined RFA for Behavioral Health Workforce. Seven (7) applications were received from institutions eligible to receive funds and all were awarded funding. The awards were made to practices in all parts of the state including rural northwestern and eastern Connecticut. The contracting process was completed in 2024 and contracts started December 1, 2024. The projects are in the implementation phase. While some recipients of the funds were able to hire a social worker very quickly, others are still in the recruitment process. Two quarters of data have been submitted showing that 415 children aged 18 and under received behavioral health services from a social worker hired under this program.

Project 28167: ICHC School Based Health Centers

Funding Amount: \$604,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Provide primary medical, social, mental and behavioral health and health education services to clients enrolled in four (4) InterCommunity Health Care (ICHC) SBHCs located in East Hartford.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28168: Durational Loan Manager

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$100,000 for a durational loan manager in the Department of Public Health.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28170: Child Psychiatrist Workforce Development

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Expand child and adolescent psychiatric services in Connecticut. Funds will be used to provide incentive grants to private psychiatric practices and/or other private entities to recruit and hire new child and adolescent psychiatrists or retain those currently in their employ. DPH will establish a mechanism for receiving and reviewing grant application materials, distributing funds to providers and will collecting information from grantees on the

use of funds and the impact on expanding child and adolescent psychiatric care in the state.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update:

The funds support expanding behavioral health services by increasing access to Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists (CAPs). The funds were used for grants to recruit and retain child and adolescent psychiatrists. A Request for Applications (RFA) that incorporated both the Incentive Grant project and the Pilot Program (Project 28166) was issued as RFA Log # DPH20240910RFP Combined RFA for Behavioral Health Workforce. Eighteen (18) applications were evaluated, and fourteen (14) awards were made. The awards were made to practices in all parts of the state including rural eastern Connecticut. The contracting process was completed in 2024 and contracts started December 1, 2024. The projects are in the implementation phase. Funds are being used to both recruit new CAPs and retain existing CAPs. While some recipients of the funds were able to hire very quickly, others are still in the recruitment process. Two quarters of data have been submitted showing that 436 children aged 18 and under received behavioral health services from a CAP newly hired under this program. An additional 720 patients were provided services by a CAP retained through this program.

Project 28171: CT VIP Street Outreach

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$300,000 for CT VIP Street Outreach to engage with at-risk youth already in the juvenile justice system and reduce potential violence by redirecting eligible participants to an after-school program that provides a variety of professional development, education, communication and behavioral skills.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Performance data for this project is not available at the time of reporting.

Project 28172: E-cigarette and Marijuana Prevention Pilot Program conducted by Yale to be in Stamford, Milford, East Haven

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 - Substance Use Services

Project Overview: Develop and evaluate an evidence-based classroom-based e-cigarette and marijuana vaping prevention videogame for eighth grade students in 3 CT middle school classrooms (Stamford, East Haven and Milford). The one-year project will be conducted by XR in Pediatrics (XRPeds) at the Yale School of Medicine. One of XRPeds main project areas is the use of extended reality (virtual, augmented, and mixed reality) within prevention education with the goal of improving lives and reducing disparities among youth.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28356: Nursing Home Survey Teams

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support staffing costs to address backlog of surveys and nursing home complaints due to a rise in complaints during the COVID-19 pandemic

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28457: Planned Parenthood

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to increase access to high quality sexual reproductive health and educational services which experienced a drop in the number of visits during the pandemic

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28458: Men's Health

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for a men's health media campaign focused on social media and radio, to promote community-based screening and education for common diseases affecting high-risk male populations

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28459: Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach

Funding Amount: \$475,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support free dental clinics for under-served and uninsured individuals.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28460: Printed Materials on Intimate Partner Violence

Funding Amount: \$60,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to develop in partnership with organizations that advocate on behalf of victims of domestic violence, educational materials for intimate partner violence for pregnant and postpartum persons

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28461: Center for Excellence

Funding Amount: \$240,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to design a Centers for Excellence program for the state's nursing homes, with the goal to incentivize high quality and person centered care in nursing homes

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28462: Data System

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to utilize technology to build a system to track nursing home compliance

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28463: Data Analysis

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to gather relevant data to support a data pipeline to support internal and external nursing home dashboards to track compliance

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28464: DPH Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to evaluate and make improvements to the DPH Facility Licensing Investigations section process map to track compliance with state statutes and regulations

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28465: Fair Haven Community Health Center

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support renovation of Fair Haven Community Health Center, which includes the first floor and 20 larger medical exam rooms for staff to utilize while delivering services.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28466: Town of Cheshire

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support the development of a more suitable location for public health services to be met and effectively serve individuals served by the Town of Cheshire

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28467: Branford East Shore District Health Department Water Testing

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to address the elevated bacterial levels in bathing and shellfish waters in East Shore District Health Communities

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29752: DPH Loan Repayment

Funding Amount: \$11,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: To operate a state educational loan repayment program for primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas. HPSA to meet health care workforce needs within Connecticut Goals include increased access to primary care services in HPSA communities/populations, decreased health care disparities in HPSA communities, and improved overall health care outcomes in disadvantaged communities.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to collaborate with the University of Connecticut (UConn) Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to implement the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) through an MOA executed on July 1, 2023. The SLRP application cycle opened on May 22, 2024, and ended on June 30, 2024. A total of 1,850 complete applications were received and of those, 324 were eligible. Of the eligible applicants, 143 awardees were selected. The provider breakdown of selected awardees included, 22 Physicians/Physician Assistants, five Dentists, 28 Nurse Practitioners, and 88 Registered Nurses and Behavioral Health providers. Not all applicants were eligible for the awards, and some declined due to the service obligation length, payout at the end of service, direct patient care in primary care settings, and the requirement to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area.

On October 6, 2024, UConn AHEC held an orientation program for SLRP awardees, with 200+ individuals in attendance. UConn AHEC developed a secure online portal for awardees that contains continuing education (CE) courses, job opportunities, Coach's Corner (financial and mental wellness coaching), lunch and learns, and small group coaching. In addition, the portal houses a calendar of events to include webinars and trainings. Currently, 98.5% of awardees have registered for the portal. Awardees are required to complete two CEs per service year. SLRP offers CE opportunities to awardees at no cost through the online portal. As of May 31, 2025, 32.5% of awardees have completed at least one CE program. Additionally, the program offers financial wellness lunch and learns in collaboration with CHESLA/RISLA and Tend Health. To date, 32 awardees have attended the lunch and learn series and five have scheduled private

sessions. UConn AHEC continues to conduct site visits to review compliance with the SLRP program policies and to see what is working well and what challenges there are. Two site visits were conducted during the reporting year and the next site visit will occur in Fall 2025.

The focus for the next year will be on the following: continuing to administer the program, conducting site visits to ensure compliance with program requirements and to identify quality improvement opportunities, continue to engage the awardees through the portal and encourage participation in trainings, webinars, and CEs, and finalize a process to distribute the loan repayment funds.

Project 29754: Obesity & COVID-19 Study

Funding Amount: \$104,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: To promote the sharing of data collection and research epidemiological work and best policy approaches to address obesity in the context of COVID-19. Obesity increases the risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19 and may interfere with immune response to vaccination. The pandemic has also contributed to an increase in the prevalence of obesity in youth and adults.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Project 29755: Cornell Scott - Hill Health

Funding Amount: \$204,384

Project Expenditure Category: 1.9 - COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Project Overview: To support personnel operations and covered benefit expenses for staff time and supplies dedicated to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Cornell Scott Hill Health Corporation is a federally qualified health center offering community healthcare at over twenty care sites throughout New Haven County.

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

Project 28173: Provide Payments to Filers Eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit

Funding Amount: \$42,249,865

Project Expenditure Category: 2.3 - Household Assistance: Cash Transfers

Project Overview: Provide funding to provide one-time assistance payments to filers eligible for the state EITC in the 2021 income year, effectively increasing the state EITC from 30.5% of the federal credit to 40% for those filers

Issue Area: Financial Security

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: 253,676 returns filed received this benefit.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Project 28175: Provide Additional Supports for Victims of Domestic Violence

Funding Amount: \$2,900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to provide additional supports for victims of domestic violence. The funding will provide additional supports for non-congregate victims of domestic violence in fiscal year 2023 to address victims' safety risks and needs, which have been intensified by pandemic-related isolation, insecurity, and stress.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28176: Provide Support for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to build capacity for specialized mental health providers to deliver infant and early childhood mental health treatment services that prevent, treat, or ameliorate symptoms of behavioral and/or emotional dysregulation identified in early childhood.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: From January 2025 to June 2025, the Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) conducted a series of trainings and initiatives to support family education and pediatric services, with a focus on infant and maternal mental health. New training topics were selected to address the emerging needs of the family educators and pediatricians. From September 2024- June 2025, training topics included autism, perinatal and postpartum mood disorders, depression and anxiety, safe spaces, and family preparedness for immigrant families, and training refreshers on the Mid-Level Developmental Assessment. The total number of families enrolled in the pilot as of June 2025 includes Enfield (208), Cheshire (72), and New Haven (53). Eight-five registrants have signed up for the Pathway to Endorsement, bringing the total to 116, with 4 Infant Mental Health Endorsements already granted and 16 applications currently under review. The Evaluation Team at the University of Connecticut finalized a Mid-Year Evaluation Report.

Project 28177: Strengthen Family Planning

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The project will support the provision of LARCs to benefit patients served by health centers who may be seeking these devices but lack access due to financial and timing constraints. Patients eligible for services under this program include uninsured, underinsured (i.e., out of network cases where LARC is not covered or individuals covered by religious-exempt employers), and insured adolescents requesting anonymity.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update: To date, 1,082 individuals have received some form of long acting reversible contraception services/devices (LARCs).

Project 28179: Roca

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will support Roca's Young Mothers Program, an intensive, long-term, behavioral health and community violence intervention for young women and mothers ages 14-24 with extensive histories of trauma and violence.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28181: Provide Support for Residential Care Homes (RCH)

Funding Amount: \$3,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Department of Social Services (DSS) plans to issue SFRF payments as temporary financial assistance to each Residential Care Home (RCH) currently receiving payments from DSS pursuant to section 17b-340 of the Connecticut General Statutes and located in Connecticut that meets all applicable requirements. The targeted population includes HUSKY C Medicaid eligible clients and State Supplemental benefit eligible clients. Each RCH will be required to complete an attestation form and will be required to document, most likely in their annual cost reports, their financial hardship during the PHE. This could include a variety of hardship reasons (lower revenue, higher costs,

reduced fund balances, other financial instability, etc.).

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

The ARPA SFRF Residential Care Home's (RCH) – Agmt – 08-02-22 provided that the payment is a grant that provides temporary financial assistance to the RCH to address the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the Payee in one or more of the following categories: decreased revenue, financial insecurity, increased costs, reduced capacity to weather financial hardship, or challenges covering operating costs (including payroll, rent, mortgage, and other operating costs) and must be utilized in accordance with Expenditure Category (EC) 6.1 "Provision of Government Services" and 31 C.F.R. § 35.6(d). The ARPA SFRF Residential Care Home's – Agmt - 02-06-23 provided that, in addition to the above, RCH's may also utilize ARPA funding for health and safety improvements to its facility and the improvements have not been funded by any other funding source. All SFRF funding was expended to provide temporary financial assistance to 77 RCHs and fund health and safety improvements to its facility. The entire ARPA fund was allocated to 32 RCHs to complete health and safety projects including improvements to fire protection systems, roof replacement, call systems and bathroom renovations to comply with ADA accessible requirements. RCHs are required to report these health and safety improvement costs in the annual cost report.

Project 28182: Brain Injury Alliance of CT

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: The Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut will utilize funds to carry-out a multi-faceted, multi-year campaign to generate awareness of brain injury and the free services BIAC provides. Campaign will include digital and billboard advertising, bus side advertising, NPR Radio campaign, and grassroots advertising; to conduct Spanish Speaking Population Outreach- provide outreach in several formats to Spanish speaking community, potentially including radio, digital, print, tv and community presentations; to host a Conference -contract with consultant to implement recording of live conference so that it can be accessed by those unable to attend in person; and host free workshops for survivors and family members- including in Spanish, to provide critical information that individuals and families request and need.

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Project 28183: Hartford Communities that Care

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Since the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, Hartford Communities That Care (HCTC) has customized its youth leadership development, crisis response, and clinical care programs for medical and behavioral health service delivery to the disproportionately impacted individuals we serve in North Hartford. Individuals' needs are confirmed by client records, while a class of gunshot victims and their family members and loved ones (prone to further victimization related to preexisting disparities) is verified by local, state, and national data. The pandemic has inflated existing burdens of harm into multi-layered crises. HCTC's programs – and wraparound services – reflect the eligible uses specified in federal guidelines. The interventions we tailored to the pandemic create newly effective ways of helping youth and their families cope with – and recover from – learning loss, social isolation, and both direct and indirect exposure to community violence. Redefined peer-to-peer supportive services, youth-led forums and connections with the broader community mitigate the isolation and uncertainty of the pandemic. More broadly, HCTC and its medical partners share best behavioral and medical practices across dozens of U.S. metro areas through state and national networks, focused on un- and under-insured victims of gun violence. From 2019 to 2022, we served 450-plus victims of violent crime and loved ones

(including those in need of in-home care after leaving area hospitals). Our assessment is confirmed: Recovery is prevention. With ARPA resources, HCTC can further enhance and finally sustain efforts that empower youth and families to realize their true potential and to make the most of their unique capabilities.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28184: Hebrew Senior Care

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28186: Health Equity Solutions

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: To transform Connecticut's healthcare system to ensure equitable access to comprehensive mental health, physical healthcare, and behavioral health for CT's most vulnerable, HES will achieve the following objectives in support of the Public Act, 21-351. The Public Act declares racism a public health crisis; it creates a cross-sector commission to set goals and create a strategic plan for dismantling systemic racism as it impacts public health. It defines the doula profession; standardizes how race, ethnicity, and language data are collected; and takes other steps to address the impacts of racism on health.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28187: CT Oral Health Initiative

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) will develop, administer and maintain four (4) Oral Health Care Advisory Workgroups meeting eight (8) times per year to learn about the oral health care experiences of low-income populations and households that qualify for certain federal programs. COHI, a certified 501(c)(3) organization, would also recruit and provide ongoing support to workgroup members, administer and facilitate meetings, and report on findings. Project will run from January 2023 through December 2026 and outcome/goals include identification of 1)oral health care service delivery gaps, 2)barriers to accessing care and 3)other Medicaid and other dental insurance concerns, as well as tactics to improve oral health literacy.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28188: Day Kimball Hospital

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28189: Mothers United Against Violence

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Mothers United Against Violence (MUAV) was founded in November 2003 by a group dedicated to provide the support for women, men, youth, family and community members of the greater Hartford area grieving the loss of their children to violent death. MUAV is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and has at its core the mission to serve the needs of the underserved populations throughout the greater Hartford and the surrounding areas at large. MUAV has held numerous marches, rallies, vigils and anti-violence activities, offered violence prevention strategies and training in alternative behaviors, created and coordinated spiritual support groups for mothers, youth and community members at large with the aim of strengthening families, and has established relationships within neighborhood communities to break cycles of violent retaliation. The Circle of Compassion is a sub group of MUAV and was specifically designed to address and support the mothers, children and other family members to cope with their grief through peer groups of compassion and consistent encouragement. MUAV conducts hospital and home visits for victims of crime and families impacted by crime. MUAV also provide assistance with Moms and family members having to attend court and other judicial related activities. The funds will further our efforts in the areas of conducting our ongoing meetings, therapeutic sessions and creating respite, short and long term sustainable programs for our Moms and families. The funds will help the group to continue to conduct the work and assist with capacity building. The funds will also assist with the development of the Mothers House, a place for therapeutic support, mental health support and respite.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28191: Support Adult Day Services

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support providers of adult day care services. Project scoping and development is currently underway.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The Department of Social Services provided a one-time payment in October 2023 to 23 providers of Adult Day Services for Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver Programs.

Project 28193: Hands on Hartford - Department of Social Services

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

Project Overview: Hands On Hartford will administer Food Pantry and Meals Services through their Meals, Assistance, Nurturing Neighbors, and Advocacy (MANNA) programs which provides basic needs, food and supportive services to individuals in Hartford. They will provide the following services through their Food Pantry: 1) distribute fresh and shelf stable groceries to Clients at our MANNA Food and Neighborhood Services program, located at 55 Bartholomew Ave, Hartford; and 2) counseling to clients who visit the Food Pantry, to connect them to homeless prevention services, SNAP benefits and referrals to other community resources such as medical and mental health care, substance abuse treatment, education and employment.

Issue Area: Food Security

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 28194: Human Resources Agency of New Britain

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

Project Overview: Relocate the New Britain Food Resource Center to a steel warehouse on Farmington Avenue in New Britain, and enable the Human Resources Agency (HRA) to return to offering full-level service food distribution to clients. Improvements to the facility will be made to create office space, update electric and HVAC systems, install security features and perform technology upgrades.

Issue Area: Food Security

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This investment served clients indirectly and as such performance data is not available.

Project 28195: TEEG

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28251: Bloomfield Social and Youth Services

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in utilization resulting from capacity restrictions use and other public health guidelines or from periods of closure due to the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28313: Capital Funding for RCHs Grandfathered under Outdated Codes

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 24 to support capital funding for Residential Care Homes (RCHs) grandfathered under outdated codes.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The additional \$2.25 M allocated to "Meals on Wheels" in 2023 was distributed to the State's 5 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and 11 CT Elderly Nutrition Providers (ENPs). \$1.5 Million was awarded to the AAAs to help smooth the transition in SFY 24, between the sunset of COVID-19 relief funds in 2023 and SFY25. These funds were used to provide meals to older adults both in the community and congregate settings. The remaining \$750k was awarded directly to the ENPs to support them to meet increased demand and financial challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were used to make capital improvements (purchase of delivery vehicles, delivery vehicle repairs, increase of refrigeration capacity, etc.) to improve infrastructure needed to meet demand, meet increasing cost of food and supplies, and temporarily maintain meal levels while transitioning out of pandemic.

Project 28315: Client Support Funds - Community Action Agencies

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 24 for client support funds to the Community Action Agencies (CAA).

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28316: Hospital Based Autism Service Pilot

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Section 18 of PA 23-137 requires DSS to establish a two-year pilot program in partnership with a hospital to provide nonresidential outpatient day services for persons with autism spectrum disorder, by 1/1/24. Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 25 to support a hospital-based autism services pilot.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28318: Migrant Support

Funding Amount: \$1,050,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for migrant support, including refugee workforce training and wraparound services.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update: The funds enable refugee resettlement agencies to provide operational resiliency, capacity building, and basic needs to support case management services to migrants in Connecticut, as well as the provision of operational service coordination/supports at any response center set up in the event of an emergency event. Up to 1,500 individuals are expected to be served with this funding across Connecticut's 3 refugee resettlement agencies (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI) and Jewish Family Services of Greenwich (JFS)).

Project 28319: Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund

Funding Amount: \$3,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for the Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund. Specialized services include bariatric, ventilator and hemodialysis beds. This funding will support infrastructure costs associated with increasing the state's capacity for such beds.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update:

This project funds specialized services within nursing homes. Nursing homes in Connecticut do not provide specialized services such as bariatric, ventilator and hemodialysis beds. This funding will support infrastructure costs associated with increasing the state's capacity for such beds. Thus far 12 nursing homes in Connecticut have applied for funds.

Project 28320: Provide Capital Grants for Mobile Vans for Free Health Clinics

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 to support capital grants for the purchase or upgrade of free health clinic mobile vans.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28321: Provide Funding for Provider Rate Study and Implementation Strategy

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 for a provider rate study and implementation strategy. The study is anticipated to be done in two phases and encompass a review of all rates and fee-setting processes, levels of payment and related access implications, and a system to rank rates and prioritize rate-setting

policies.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28346: Day Kimball Hospital Plan

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to Day Kimball Hospital. Funding will support the development and implementation of a plan to maintain essential health services aligned with community need and a path to financial viability.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28350: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Supplemental Benefits

Funding Amount: \$8,025,630

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide supplemental benefits for participants in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program in households that heat primarily with deliverable fuel and who have exhausted their program benefits.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28351: Operation Fuel, Inc. Supplemental Benefits

Funding Amount: \$1,750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide supplemental benefits for participants in the program administered by Operation Fuel, Inc., which provides heating and energy assistance to CT families who qualify for energy assistance.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Status: Completed

Project 28520: Harriot Home Health Services

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide to Harriot Home Health Services to improve healthcare and support services for victims of gun violence and communities impacted by the ongoing gun violence epidemic

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28521: Connecticut Childrens Medical Center

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for Connecticut Children's Medical Center CCMC to continue providing comprehensive mental health to its pediatric patient population This funding will support the intervention and support of their outpatient and inpatient mental health population

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28522: Home Care Worker Registry

Funding Amount: \$481,370

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to develop a searchable registry for home care workers, allowing Medicaid recipients to find caregivers based on skills, specialized training, spoken languages and other suitable characteristics

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28523: Presumptive Eligibility

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to develop a searchable registry for home care workers, allowing Medicaid recipients to find caregivers based on skills, specialized training, spoken languages and other suitable characteristics

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28524: Chestelm Adult Day, All Care LLC, All Care of East Hartford, Caring Connection Adult Day

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to issue SFRF payments as temporary financial assistance to adult day service providers currently receiving payments from DSS and located in CT that meet all applicable requirements

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28525: SNAP Software

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to develop updates to the SNAP Software in order to change the number of days which SNAP benefits are staggered and distributed to households

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28526: Center for Medicare Advocacy

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for the project provides Medicare appeals and broad-based representation on behalf of CT's dually eligible Medicaid/Medicare residents. The desired outcome is to increase the number of Medicare SNF covered days; therefore, reduce the Medicaid paid amount

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28527: MedConnect Income and Asset Limits

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to make necessary changes to the ImpaCT eligibility system for the Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities MedConnect Program, ensuring its proper functionality as DSS increases the income and asset limits

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28529: Grant to Develop Algorithms to Reduce Health Inequities

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: YNHHS has developed an awards program to identify the best AI ideas and technologies that have the potential to transform healthcare while delivering the greatest value to the patients and communities within Connecticut. The program, Health AI Olympics provides much needed funding to test, accelerate and scale the most promising AI applications. The purpose of this program is to identify and support further development of transformative innovations that utilize AI to improve health equity and outcomes for the populations served by Yale New Haven Health.

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Project 28530: Mosaic Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 28531: School Based Health Care

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: To provide funding to Umass for consulting expertise to assist DSS in expanding the School Based Child Health program to cover Medicaid enrolled students regardless if the student qualified for services under IDEA or 504 plan

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28557: Day Kimball Hospital Additional Funds

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: The Beneficiary is an acute care community hospital located in Putnam, Connecticut serving Northeast Connecticut

Issue Area: N/A

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit.

Project 29713: Family Justice Center

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29753: Community Action Agencies - Community Health Workers

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Establish or enhance existing Community Health Worker (CHW) programs in each of the nine (9) federally designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs) established to promote self-sufficiency and address the needs of low and limited income individuals and families. Funds shall be used to expand CAA staff through the employment of CHWs to provide a range of services to persons adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to: 1) assistance with enrollment in healthcare services, insurance and public health benefits, 2) evaluation of needs, 3) creation and monitoring of individual service plans, 4) advocacy with medical providers and the community, 5) liaisons with medical and other providers, 5) referrals to internal CAA and external resources and 6) referral follow-up and documentation.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

During FY25, the Community Action Agency (CAA) Network served 1,456 impacted individuals. The CAA Network has 60 employees who are Department of Public Health

(DPH) certified, 5 staff are trained but not yet certified and several more are scheduled for training. The CAA-Community Health Worker (CHW) contracts identified 3 major components related to service delivery, which are CAA-CHW Capacity Building, CAA- CHW Services Delivery and Equity and Community Engagement efforts.

On the effort of capacity building, the CAA Network continues to maintain a robust cadre of DPH-certified CHWs and they employ continuous recruiting efforts to increase numbers. As the state moves further away from the initial impact of COVID-19, CHWs find that the population that they are servicing continue to suffer from long haul COVID-19, also known as post COVID conditions, which can be characterized by ongoing health problems that some people experience after they have been infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus which can last for weeks, months or years, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on the client's original comorbidities. Many of these clients were determined to be in crisis and the categories that they were most affected by were food insecurity and housing instability. Due to undereducation and underemployment, in many cases stemming from job losses and indebtedness accrued during the pandemic, clients were unable to meet basic needs and faced the continual threat of eviction or the need for new housing as eviction prevention was not possible. The CAAs put forth efforts to assist the population with resolving their educational needs by identifying English as Second Language courses, processes for obtaining General Education Degree's and discussing for SNAP recipients the connection to Community College Courses; unfortunately, clients had little time to pursue educational improvement between child rearing and working.

Equity and Community Engagement Efforts involved CHW's attending outreach events within the community to inform the participants about the services provided by CHW's. Additionally, community conversations were had with the population to provide them with information and connections to services that would help improve health outcomes. Some of the materials provided to customers during outreach are information on cancer awareness, the importance of visiting your doctor, and the importance of health screening.

In summation, in this economic climate, the local populous continues to struggle with having enough income to meet their basic needs, in particular housing and food. The CHWs continue to build relations and pathways for their clients while providing direction on maintaining proper nutrition and overall health.

Project 29791: Nursing Home Facility Support

Funding Amount: \$9,529,201

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The nursing home industry in Connecticut has experienced negative economic impacts as a result of the pandemic since the first cases presented in the state. Funds are intended to provide temporary financial assistance for nursing homes.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update: Public Act 21-2 established a temporary 10% rate increase for a 9-month period effective July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. In support of nursing homes, the Department of Social Services (DSS) extended the 10% rate increase to June 30, 2022. Specifically, the rate increase for April and May 2022 will be covered under Medicaid while the increase for June 2022 will be made as one-time lump sum payments utilizing \$10 million in ARPA funding. As part of the June 2022 one-time lump sum payment, nursing homes were required to submit a signed attestation document in order to receive the ARPA funding. In total, the Department received 188 attestation documents and issued \$9,529,201.41 of the allocated ARPA funds. This temporary rate increase reached 194 facilities that serve approximately 18,500 residents.

Project 29792: MyCT Resident One Stop

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The MyCT initiative seeks to put all government services online in a way that makes state services more accessible. This one-stop approach enables residents to

access health and human services programs via the online portal by simplifying online interactions and making it easier to locate apply for and maintain participation in state benefit programs. This operating support will provide the necessary resources to bring in additional project assistance for user research and design of the health and human services function within MyCT. In addition these funds will allow for backfill of existing state resources to allow knowledge leaders to participate in MyCT development and launch. Lastly these funds will allow the state to bring in additional business domain expertise for the duration of the project.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 29794: Mary Wade

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Mary Wade is a nursing home that has experienced documented financial hardship in the form of reduced revenues as a result of the pandemic. This financial hardship has hindered the organization's ability to move forward with critical strategic initiatives and funding will supplement a broader project to address these initiatives including upgrades to shared spaces addressing critical life safety concerns and updating HVAC systems.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit program.

Project 29795: Community Action Agencies

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: Connecticut's Community Action Agency (CAA) network will establish a flexible client support fund to assist vulnerable and at-risk populations statewide particularly those who do not qualify for existing programs and services to meet meeting basic household necessities. The pandemic has resulted in increased numbers of first-time CAA clients presenting with short-term economic needs that if met can help the client to achieve independence as opposed to having to rely on long-term benefit programs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Project 28197: Outfit M8 Rail Cars with 5G

Funding Amount: \$242,866

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: A study, design, and construction efforts for the implementation of 5G/WIFI technology on commuter rail cars.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Project 28468: Car Seat Pilot

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTDOT shall provide Yale New Haven Hospital funding to create a pilot program to provide age and weight appropriate car seats and education to parents and caregivers who are caring for children currently enrolled in Medicaid Husky coverage Enrollment in Husky will be used as determination of financial need Yale New Haven Hospital will develop a brief but thorough education module curriculum in English and Spanish to

provide parents/caregivers receiving a car seat through the program with the appropriate knowledge about proper car seat use. The curriculum, throughout its use during the pilot program, will be continuously evaluated and revised in preparation for its delivery as a final product for statewide implementation. For the pilot, Yale New Haven Hospital will focus on cities such as New Haven and Bridgeport where there are large numbers of the target demographic. Ultimately, Yale New Haven Hospital will determine which organizations would be the ideal ones to accept applications for seats, qualify applicants and refer them to statewide distribution locations.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28469: Farmington Dial-a-Ride Bus

Funding Amount: \$85,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTDOT shall provide the Town of Farmington funding in the amount of 60,000 to purchase a dial-a-ride vehicle to increase the number of group and shuttle trips. Farmington can provide its residents to shopping centers, medical appointments esp ongoing dialysis or chemotherapy and group senior center outings. CTDOT will provide Farmington an additional 25,000 to be used for approximately one year's operational costs, including but not limited to an estimated 480 per week for 1 additional staff and gas.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28470: Shoreline East

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to restore 4 weekday Shore Line East trains to connect towns between New London, CT and New Haven, CT and one seat travel options to/from Stamford, CT, which was greatly impacted by the pandemic induced slow ridership.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28471: Regional Traffic Fatality Response Equipment

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTDOT shall provide funding to the South-Central Connecticut Traffic Unit (SCCTU) to acquire a specialty response vehicle designed to assist the SCCTU in efficiently processing fatal and/or serious injury motor vehicle collisions. Once obtained, the vehicle will be housed and maintained by either the North Branford Police Department or the East Haven Police Department and made available to all six police departments for activations of the SCCTU. The SCCTU currently maintains three costly laser measuring systems and a significant cache of tools, and items to properly collect evidence. This vehicle will provide reliable transportation which centralizes accessibility and accountability of these valuable equipment items. Additionally, this specialty response vehicle will aid in the collection of evidence at collision scenes by providing a mobile work area that is temperature controlled and out of the elements. The vehicle will also provide the ability to use computers directly linked to internal police databases that facilitate electronic evidence tracking and labeling. All of the Grant Funding will be utilized to purchase the special response vehicle. If the grant funding is not sufficient to satisfy the vehicle cost, then the participating agencies in the SCCTU will cover the remaining balance.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28472: Rocky Hill - beach Road Flood Remediation Design Work

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTDOT shall provide the Town of Rocky Hill funding for the design of a new culvert bridge to cross Little Brook. The scope of work includes wetland delineation; and environmental assessment; hydraulic and hydrologic analysis of the watershed;

geotechnical investigation; utility coordination; design; and obtaining required local, state and federal environmental permits; construction phasing; creating detour plan and alternatives, construction plans and specifications; providing the cost estimate and assistance in obtaining funding for construction The scope of work also includes designing the culvert bridge and recommending the type of crossing, culvert or bridge needed The road has flooded numerous times, trapping residents 10 homes on the north side of the culvert for days at a time

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28473: West Hartford Vision Zero Action Plan

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: CTDOT shall provide funding to the City of West Hartford in the amount of one million dollars for a Road Safety Audit RSA which is the formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by a multidisciplinary team that can include engineers, planners, members of the public, and key stakeholders

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29756: Groton Water Taxi

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview: Funding supports the operation of the Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi - Sightseeing and Historic Boat Tours along the Thames River in Groton and New London. As a seasonal program that is busiest in the summer months the water taxis serving as economic drivers of tourism only run from May to September.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This organization is in the tourism sector.

Project 29835: Free Bus Public Transportation Services

Funding Amount: \$32,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: Provide funding to extend free public bus service. Expansion of free public transportation services statewide provides significant benefits to low- and moderate-income households who were negatively impacted by the pandemic and revives ridership after declining use during the pandemic.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Status: Completed

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Project 28200: Provide Funding to Reduce Court Case Backlogs Through Temporary Prosecutors & Administrative Staff

Funding Amount: \$4,326,429

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: The Division of Criminal Justice will hire temporary prosecutors and administrative (clerical staff) to resolve accumulated cases due to COVID-19 pandemic by prioritizing the most serious cases and diverting suitable populations from incarceration. These temporary prosecutors will enable the attorneys to triage cases more efficiently and help prioritize more experienced prosecutors for more complex cases. These prosecutors will be deployed over the next 2 years helping victims awaiting justice statewide in all of the

court locations.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update pending at the time of this report.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Project 28201: Provide Funding to Build Out the Juvenile Intake Custody and Probable Cause Applications

Funding Amount: \$741,061

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Enhancements to Juvenile Take into Custody and Probable Cause Applications to enhance online applications by hiring of two IT developers.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28202: Provide Funding to Continue Temporary Staffing for the Foreclosure Mediation Program

Funding Amount: \$6,855,194

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: The Foreclosure Mediation Program makes Mediation Specialists and Court Support Staff available to parties involved in housing-related matters, particularly evictions and foreclosures, to assist the parties in reaching self-determinative and reasonable resolutions to these matters, whether by working with the parties to remain in homes or by reaching a graceful exit strategy. The program will provide the courts with the capacity to resolve the anticipated increase in housing matters due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update: The funds support 15 Mediations Specialists and 20 Office Clerks to assist with the increase in housing foreclosure due to the pandemic. To date, 11 Mediation Specialists (4 positions were vacated and programmatic needs do not require the positions be filled) and 18 Office Clerks (2 positions were vacated and programmatic needs and an anticipated winding down of ARPA funds do not require the positions be filled) positions are filled. From September 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 (30 months or 2.5 years), the Mediation Specialists conducted mediations on approximately 35,417 housing summary process cases statewide. In addition, from October 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 (29 months), the Mediation Specialists completed 1,990 foreclosure mediations statewide. These resolutions increase housing stability, reduce homelessness, and help Connecticut's residents maintain stable housing.

Project 28203: Provide Funding to Enhance Contracts for Direct Service Partnership for Households and Families

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: This project looks to expand access to the AIC and ABHS services to Family Civil cases in order to improve the lives of households and families affected by the pandemic. Adding this new referral stream will be a major benefit to the efficient movement of cases through the Family Court and will significantly lessen the time cases are pending. This will have a positive impact on the children whose parents are in the process of divorce or separation.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28204: Provide Funding to Enhance Technology for Citations and Hearings in the

Criminal Infractions Bureau

Funding Amount: \$537,189

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the need for remote options to adjudication of high volume many case types that bring large amounts of people together in confined Judicial Branch facilities. This project will result in the development of an end-to-end remote solution for infractions and payable violations, equip law enforcement agencies with requisite hardware to deliver all infraction and payable violation enforcement actions issued electronically to the Centralized Infractions Bureau, and create remote hearing spaces for infractions and violations outside of traditional court facilities to ensure defendant access to justice, the ability for witnesses to participate remotely, and the infrastructure for a remote adjudicator.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28205: Provide Funding to Enhance the Department's Case Management and Scheduler Application

Funding Amount: \$1,382,125

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Design and build a central case management and scheduler application to integrate all individual processes of the remote justice platform under one umbrella, promoting efficiency and increasing the ability to resolve cases that have accumulated during the pandemic.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The project successfully achieved its primary objectives of designing and building a central case scheduler application, delivering efficient scheduling for court staff as well as an easy-to-find web page that remote litigants use to access their hearing. Key milestones included obtaining an automated feed of civil and family events scheduled in their in-house app. The team encountered and addressed challenges such as creating a new pathway for data to transfer from an existing app to the new app. The Remote Case Interpretation component of the project has also been completed and, via Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), more than 2700 customers have received interpreting services in remote proceedings in 4 languages. All project activities have been completed.

Project 28206: Provide Funding to Establish Video Conferencing for Municipal Stations for Bail and Support Services

Funding Amount: \$15,174

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: This project looks to provide and expand videoconferencing capability to the identified Police Departments to assist clients who are in the custody of law enforcement agencies gain timely access to pre-trial services.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28207: Provide Funding to Expand Housing Opportunities for Individuals on Bail

Funding Amount: \$4,731,228

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 - Long-Term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Project Overview: This project looks to expand partnerships with state agencies, such as Department of Housing (DOH) for Pre-Trial Rapid Rehousing, Department of Corrections (DOC) for REACH, and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for Residential Treatment services to provide housing and treatment to clients charged with a crime who have mental health issues, substance use disorders, or suffer from housing instability or homelessness

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

There are two program models funded under this initiative. The first, a congregate care residential drug treatment program (Recovery House Model). The second, Rapid

Rehousing, is an independent living program model that includes housing case management and a subsidy. Both programs are designated for pretrial clients.

Recovery House

The Recovery House is a 37 bed residential drug treatment program for adult males 18 and over who are either incarcerated in the Department of Correction (DOC) on a bond, or who have been released to a residential drug treatment program while their case is still pending and require a stepdown or lower level of care after completion. The program admitted its first client on Monday March 10, 2025. There is currently 1 client admitted, with 8 referrals pending, 4 scheduled admissions over next week.

Rapid Rehousing

Rapid Rehousing is independent living. This program accepts both males and females who are capable of supporting themselves (able and willing to work) or receive an entitlement that will allow them to sustain the apartment or room beyond the subsidy. The program consists of a Housing Case Manager who helps the client identify/search for an affordable apartment or room, ensures that the apartment/room is inspected, assists with navigating the leasing process and arranges for the subsidy to be paid. There is currently 1 client housed, 1 scheduled to be housed, 4 clients actively engaged in housing case management looking for an apartment, and 5 referrals pending screening.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: One client is housed, 1 scheduled to be housed, 4 clients are actively engaged in housing case management looking for an apartment, and 5 referrals are pending screening for the Rapid Rehousing program.

Project 28208: Provide Funding to Hire Assistant Clerks and Family Relations Counselors to Reduce Family and Support Matter Case Backlogs

Funding Amount: \$6,589,702

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: The family and support dockets impact the lives of many Connecticut families and children. These families have been adversely impacted by the backlog created as a result of limited operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the ability to hear matters remotely has helped the courts move business, remote matters simply cannot be scheduled at the same levels that in-person court events allow. As a result, more and more court events are being conducted in-person, requiring additional staffing support and resources. This project will support the addition of 15 assistant clerks and will allow clerks' offices to meet the demands of increased court time and case processing while still providing a consistent level of service to the judges, public, bar, and our partner stakeholders.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The funds support hiring 15 additional clerks to assist in the family and support dockets. The additional personnel allow the clerk's office to meet the demands while still providing a consistent level of service. All fifteen (15) positions were transitioned onto the General Fund effective October 18, 2024. With the ongoing support as a result of the ARPA funding, following the courts' disposal of about 2,000 more family cases in 2022 compared to 2019, the number of pending cases has continued to decrease and is at the lowest level it has been in 5 years. Pending family cases are down 10% from pre-pandemic figures (12/31/2018 to 12/31/2023) and pending family cases are down 37% from peak end of year pandemic figures (12/31/2020 to 12/31/2023). Number of Pending Cases 12/31/2018 6,460 | 12/31/2019 6,210 | 12/31/2020 9,239 | 12/31/2021 9,076 | 12/31/2022 6,491 | 12/31/2023 5,790.

Project 28209: Provide Funding to Support Application Development for Monitor Note-Taking and Recording

Funding Amount: \$1,149,054

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Enhancements to Remote Court Monitor Log Notes and Backup Audio Recording Application that will enhance efficiency and help to resolve cases that

accumulated during the pandemic.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The project successfully achieved its primary objectives of upgrading non-courtroom pcs for Court Monitors. These faster, more efficient computers allows Court Monitors to perform their duties in remote hearings and gives them the ability to jump from virtual courtroom to virtual courtroom, as needed. A series of software upgrades has also been occurring since installation and will continue into 2025. Another primary objective successfully complete was the installation of Isilon flash storage components for in-house audio backup, providing full control and ownership of our data as well as faster recovery times, should that become necessary. Additionally, the electronic filing of audio transcripts has been completed, with 1,094 requests filed electronically since November 2023. Following the implementation of online payments in December 2024, 219 audio requests have been filed electronically, of which 107 were paid through the online payment portal. The electronic delivery of audio files is currently in the final stage of user acceptance testing and implementation. The project adhered to the timeline and resource allocation met expectations.

Project 28210: Provide Increased Funding for Victim Service Providers

Funding Amount: \$48,040,300

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: ARPA funding will be used to offset a reduction in federal funding from the Dept. of Justice and will maintain existing services to victims of crime in Connecticut. Funds will be used to provide crisis counseling, case management, systems advocacy, behavioral health services, emergency financial assistance, safety planning and other services to crime victims. The population to be served includes victims, and their family members, of assault, child abuse, community violence, domestic violence, elder abuse, homicide, human trafficking, sexual abuse and other violent crimes. The desired outcomes for the project include reducing the immediate and long-term social, emotional, psychological, behavioral, and financial consequences of victimization for victims and their families; promoting healing and safety for victims of crime; and receiving effective and equitable levels of assistance and resources to achieve justice, safety, and economic/emotional independence as they move from victim to survivor. Outcomes are measured by each contractor based on specific goals and objectives that are identified for each funded project.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: These funds are used to offset a reduction in federal funding from the Department of Justice and will maintain existing services to victims of crime in Connecticut. Using U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program (VOCA) and ARPA funding, The State of CT Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services (OVS) is estimating that over 108,000 new and ongoing victims of crime will be served statewide in FY2024-2025. Of the 108,000, it is estimated that 88,000 individuals will be served using ARPA funding. As of June 30, 2024, funding levels were maintained for all contractors, and services were not impacted.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 28211: Provide Remote Equipment to Reduce Child Support Backlog

Funding Amount: \$121,599

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to a significant increase in the number of obligated parents who experienced a loss of work and income due to business restrictions, social distancing requirements, a shifting economy, and/or the need to stay home for childcare and child(ren)'s education. This loss created a backlog of unmodified and unpaid child support obligations that increased the overall child support debt. This project will equip Support Enforcement Services (SES) Supervisors and appropriate staff

with laptop computers. This will increase public access to the state child support program, staff, and services and further promote proactive interactions between Judicial Branch child support staff and child support clients. Increased access to child support services in addition to increased interaction with child support staff will ensure there are more right-sized orders, promote consistent and reliable payments, and avoid accumulation of child support debt.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28212: Inspire Basketball

Funding Amount: \$1,900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Inspire basketball is collaboration between Meg Culmo Basketball and the Justice Education Center. It is a statewide inter-town and city basketball program for young girls in elementary and middle school. Inspire will be offered throughout the year, holding clinics, summer camps, and special events in cooperation with UConn Women's Basketball and the WNBA's Connecticut Sun.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28213: Children's Law Center

Funding Amount: \$190,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The mission of The Children's Law Center is to promote the best possible outcomes for children and families in transition or crisis by providing access to legal services and support they could not otherwise afford and by advancing collaborative, non-adversarial options for resolving conflicts outside the court system.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28214: Brother Carl Hardrick Institute - Violence Prevention

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Brother Carl Hardrick Institute for Violence Prevention will focus on evidence-based strategies for the prevention of gun and community violence that expands the number violence intervention specialists and youth development practitioners. It will establish specific and meaningful actions to deter gun violence and other violent crimes. The BCHI will support both immediate and long-term goals to reduce gun violence in Hartford, by providing training, supervision, deployment, and eventually certifying Violence Prevention Professionals (VPP) who will be equipped to work with perpetrators, victims, families and community members.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28215: Community Resources for Justice (Family Reentry)

Funding Amount: \$650,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used to enhance the delivery of behavioral health services to justice involved men and women across Southern Connecticut. Services may include assessments, individual & group therapy, crisis intervention, medication management, psychiatric evaluation, IOP, and case management.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28327: Equipment to Livestream Supreme Court Proceedings

Funding Amount: \$50,182

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for expenditures related to livestreaming Supreme

Court proceedings.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28329: Modernize and Upgrade IT and Courthouse Security

Funding Amount: \$1,250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$1.25 million in FY 24 to modernize and upgrade information technology and courthouse security

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28516: Lawyers for Children

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for Lawyers for Children America to recruit private sector attorneys to provide pro bono legal representation to abused and neglected children in Connecticut Juvenile Courts.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28517: Police Activity Youth Program

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for options and opportunities to New Haven inner city youth through the New Haven Police Activity League

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 1 non-profit.

Project 28518: Ball Headz

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to establish a music studio allowing for increased program participation in the free music production program.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28519: Hartford Police Athletic League

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to foster community engagement, provide positive youth development opportunities, promote safety and enhance relationships between law enforcement and residents.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29783: Mothers Against Violence

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: MAV provides direct services to victims of crime in underserved communities where the ongoing support is minimum. This includes crisis intervention advocacy, grief counseling, support accompanying victims to secure services, providing direction for short term needs, food, shelter, clothing and transportation. In addition we have provided anti-retaliation services and strategies which help to prevent any additional retaliation between victims and other individuals who may have been impacted.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

Project 29784: Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction

Funding Amount: \$21,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 - Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Overview: The Right to Counsel Program: free legal representation will be provided to income-eligible tenants and occupants in residential eviction and administrative proceedings. Individuals with household incomes that are no more than 80% of the state's median income or who receive certain types of public assistance are considered income eligible.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Mandatory Performance Indicators: From January 31, 2022 to November 30, 2024, the Right to Legal Counsel (RTC) attorneys assisted 5,456 households.

Project 29785: New Haven Police Activities League

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: Through the New Haven Police Activities League program, educational and athletic programs for children throughout the city will be provided. NH-PAL responds to the needs of youth in many neighborhoods through after school weekend and special summer events. The purpose is to build character help strengthen police-community relations and keep children off illegal drugs

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs.

LABOR DEPARTMENT

Project 28216: Reduce State UI Tax on Employers

Funding Amount: \$40,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.28 - Contributions to UI Trust Funds

Project Overview: To support the states Unemployment Insurance Trust funds specifically to support the repayment of the principal and interest amount due on advances received.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Status: Completed

Project 28219: YouthBuild

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 who have previously dropped out of high school

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28330: Built With Our Hands

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Built With Our Hands provides a pathway to successfully achieving meaningful employment and financial independence by eliminating the barriers to entry disproportionately impacting underserved youth.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28331: Infrastructure for MFT-Regional Workforce Training Initiative

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$800,000 in FY 24 only for Metal Finishing Technologies, LLC's Finishing Workforce Pipeline Initiative to develop classroom infrastructure.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28332: Temporary UI Staff

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 24 only to maintain temporary UI staff to process benefits, adjudicate claims and appeals, and respond to Consumer Contact Center inquiries.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Status: Completed

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28333: Youth Employment for Regional Workforce Boards

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 only for youth employment through the regional Workforce Development Boards.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28474: Waterbury OIC

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: WOIC will repair the roof of their center and add solar panel. They will also repair or replace windows, floors, and doors as needed to increase energy efficiency and reduce utility costs for the greater sustainability of the center. The entire Crownbrook community and greater Waterbury community will benefit from this project.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Status: Completed

Project 28476: Platform to Employment

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The WorkPlace, Inc., Southwestern Connecticut's Regional Workforce Development Board, has a mission to develop a prepared workforce to meet the needs of Connecticut's employers.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28477: Implementation of Paid Sick

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The activities of this project are focused on wage and workplace standards investigations based on complaints submitted by claimants (employees) or other interested parties. Funds will be spent on payroll

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28508: New Haven Youth at Work

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: by disconnected, at-risk youth, the WorkPlace will be launching a new program, 'Platform to Employment YOUTH,' that accounts for the diversity of communities

across Connecticut and connects young people to employment

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 29757: Domestic Worker Grants

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: To provide education and training for domestic workers and employers addressing laws regarding minimum wage, overtime, sick leave, record-keeping, wage adjudication and retaliation and the requirements of subsection (b) of section 31-71f of the general statutes. To provide one or more online resources for domestic workers and employers on state laws and regulations relating to domestic workers. To provide technical and legal assistance to domestic workers and employers through legal service providers.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 29759: Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Returning Citizens

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Project Overview: The Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Program also known as the Platform to Employment Program. P2E is a five-week preparatory program for job seekers which includes skills assessments career readiness workshops employee assistance programs and more. Career coaches work with participants to leverage their professional experience and to develop effective job search strategies. Upon completion, P2E helps participants find open positions at local companies and offers a trial work experience.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Status: Completed

Mandatory Performance Indicators: In FY 25, 9 individuals enrolled in job sector training. In the same time frame, 68 individuals were hired to work after completing job sector training. This program concluded on 9/30/2024.

Project 29760: TBICO Danbury Women's Employment Program

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Nonprofit in Danbury whose mission is to promote personal and economic self-sufficiency through education job training and financial literacy, and provide individuals with employment focused education and training.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29761: Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford

Funding Amount: \$99,999

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: A youth workforce development initiative will be supported. Through the workforce development program, the Boys Girls Club of Milford's (BGCM) goal is to serve a minimum of 30 youth that are either freshmen or sophomores in high school. Over the next 8 months each program participant will be required to Complete the Curriculum for the BGCA developed Career Launch Programs; Complete the Curriculum for the BGCA developed Money Matter Financial Literacy Program; Participate as active Members in Keystone BGCM's premier youth leadership club; Attend 80 of Mentoring Goal Meetings; and Complete a minimum of 40 hours of job shadowing.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 29762: Women's Mentoring Network- Strategic Life Skills Workshop

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Non profit that provides career educational and personal resources that lead to the economic empowerment of low-income women and their families. Programs and services focus on Workforce Development Financial Literacy and Computer Digital Literacy. Women's Mentoring Network offers workshops and one-on-one assistance to adults. The organization also provides services to students through its First Generation Achievement Program. Students may join the Junior Leadership Team or receive help in our Early Steps Tutoring Program.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29763: Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Seniors Job Bank SJB connects people over 50 looking for part-time and temporary work with businesses organizations and households seeking workers.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

Project 29764: Greater Bridgeport OIC Job Development and Training Program

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.30 - Technical Assistance Counseling or Business Planning

Project Overview: Funding utilized to provide a community based Hub that will offer a variety of free customized business and leadership development services to existing small businesses. Also aid in a business development strategy for re-opening after mandated closings. Funding to support businesses that were impacted by the pandemic and need assistance with reassessing their models in the new environment.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 29765: Unemployment Trust Fund

Funding Amount: \$155,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.28 - Contributions to UI Trust Funds

Project Overview: To support the states Unemployment Insurance Trust funds specifically to support the repayment of the principal and interest amount due on advances received.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Project 29766: Unemployment Support

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: Provide support to increased unemployment program demand at the Department of Labor in excess of what is support through federal UI funds. Specifically there has been an increase in claim intake increased demand for the unemployment customer contact center increased adjudication of claims increased need to audit overpayments and appeals.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update:

Since December 2024, the Appeals Division has managed to keep pace with incoming appeals and dispose slightly more appeals each month than new appeals received. In April 2025, the appeals division received 1,680 new appeals and disposed 1,716 appeals. In May, the Lower Authority Appeals Division received 1,902 new appeals and disposed 1,796 appeals. In June, the Appeals division received 1,494 new appeals and disposed 1,564

appeals, closing the month with 4,942. The current staffing level will allow the Appeals Division to keep pace with incoming appeals, but the division will not be able to dispose significantly more appeals than new appeals received, as it did prior to December 2024.

Project 29767: Customized Services for Mortgage Crisis Jobs Training Program

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Mortgage Crisis Job Training Partnership Program will respond to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency on homeowners by providing the following assistance to homeowners as follows Assessments of eligibility; employment services; employment support services; job training; career coaching; Trainings to address economic hardship; financial literacy and credit counseling; COVID-safety training and job-specific training; Training scholarships for job training; support services including housing-related counseling and other supports as needed.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update: From April 2024 through March 2025, 348 individuals were assessed for program eligibility. Out of total individuals assessed, 47 were new participants. Forty-three (43) participants received scholarships for job training and 9 participants reported job placements following the program.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Project 29796: CTN

Funding Amount: \$337,050

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Broadcast upgrades improvements to provide greater expansive public coverage including CTN Media Server Replacement, Control Switcher Production Switch, AudioVideo Router Replacement, Web Streaming HWSW, servers, remote equipment and other miscellaneous equipment to fully support the initiatives.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

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Project 28222: Expand Access - Apprenticeship

Funding Amount: \$6,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to expand access to the childcare apprenticeship program which allows child care development specialist apprentices to combine paid employment with classroom education to work towards a training credential and improve career prospects.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Since the last update, the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has developed a child care center-based registered apprenticeship and funded its implementation through contracts with 12 employers across the state. These employers have received technical assistance at no cost to the state from a U.S Department of Labor (USDOL)-funded industry intermediary to develop their apprenticeship programs. Funding will allow for mentoring, basic needs supports, and education supports for entry-level staff. This will result in 98 new child care staff across Connecticut. OEC continues to support the home-based Family Child Care (FCC) registered apprenticeship program by funding a minimum of two additional cohorts of FCC providers through 2026. These supports will help FCC providers obtain accreditation status, which entitles them to a 12.5% wage increase.

Project 28223: Care4Kids**Funding Amount:** \$63,800,000**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to support the Care4Kids childcare subsidy program, which helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This grant program bolsters the provision of healthy early childhood environments in disproportionately low- to moderate-income communities and helps parents address COVID-19 related income loss and to provide support to parents re-entering/remaining in the workforce.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) used the funding to cover fees during August, September, October and November of 2024. As a result of this investment, OEC was able to serve 15,582 families (21,389 children) and 4,092 providers (793 center-based providers, 958 licensed family/home-based providers, and 2,341 unlicensed relatives).

Status: Completed**Project 28224: Early Childhood - Facility Renovation and Construction****Funding Amount:** \$15,000,000**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the construction and renovation of new childcare centers in “childcare deserts” across the state, prioritizing centers, groups, and family childcare homes in communities of need as reflected by metrics such as the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) and Childcare Accessibility Affordability and Transportation (CAATI). This grant program bolsters the provision of healthy early childhood environments in disproportionately low- to moderate-income communities and helps parents address COVID-19 related income loss and to provide support to parents re-entering/remaining in the workforce.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Since the last report, the facilities fund contractor completed disbursement of all funds, developed a report on the state of child care facilities in Connecticut, and toured several completed projects with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) staff. The project added 1,536 childcare slots across the state (1,167 infant/toddler; 369 preschool).

Project 28225: Capitol Child Day Care Center**Funding Amount:** \$175,000**Project Expenditure Category:** 2.34 - Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview: Provide funding to support the Capitol Child Development Center, a daycare center serving children ages 8 weeks through 5 years of age in the greater Hartford region. Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship and adapt to changing Covid-19 mitigation requirements as the child care industry experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Early Childhood**Status:** Completed**Mandatory Performance Indicators:** This project served 1 non-profit program.**Project 28227: School Readiness****Funding Amount:** \$30,000,000**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding to support School Readiness programs through supplemental grant enhancements for child care providers who serve low- and moderate-income households in the state.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Provide ARPA funding to support School Readiness programs through supplemental grant enhancements for child care providers who serve low-and

moderate-income households in the state. This grant program is designed to increase enrollment and decrease financial burden for the state's school Readiness and Child Day Care programs. The programs apply for this grant to the Office of Early Childhood on a quarterly bases to receive funds to support families in specific income brackets. The program started in the summer of 2022 and supported 825 programs and was completed in June of 2024.

Project 28228: Start Early - Early Childhood Development Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding to support the initiative for early education and support services through a grant program for research and early education service providers to support the growth and enhancement of a system of high-quality early childhood care and education and support services.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Mandatory performance data were not available at the time of reporting.

Project 28335: Childhood Collaboratives

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$2 million in FY 25 for childhood collaboratives to support parent ambassadors to engage with expectant mothers and parents of very young children to build awareness regarding the importance of quality early childhood education and services. Funding will be provided for additional ambassadors and outreach in concentrated poverty census tracts with a goal of increasing the percentage of children in preschool in such tracts.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28479: Smart Start

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The purpose of the Smart Start for Recovery Grant is to increase the availability of free preschool experiences for children and families that might not otherwise have access to such services by increasing the number of public school preschool classrooms in communities with an identified need.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Project 28481: New London BOE at Early Childhood Center at B.P. Learned Mission

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: OEC shall provide funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the 1 contractor, Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission. Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission will provide child care services for children aged birth to eight in the New London area.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28482: Tri-share PILOT Program in Eastern Connecticut

Funding Amount: \$1,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The TriShare program subsidizes the parents' child care payments by their employer and the Office of Early Childhood, each participant paying a third of the total cost.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29768: Care4Kids Parent Fees

Funding Amount: \$5,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds supported Parent Fees in Care4Kids Connecticut's childcare subsidy program for low to moderate income families. To be eligible for Care4Kids a family must be at or below 60 of State Median Income. The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood used these ARPA SLFRF funds along with other federal stimulus funds awarded directly to OEC to cover Parent Fees from April to November of 2021.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update:

The Care 4 Kids program is the child care subsidy program in the state of Connecticut funded by the federal Child Care Development fund (CCDF). When families receive Care4Kids subsidies, they are typically responsible for paying a fee to their child care provider on a sliding scale. During the pandemic, however, families were either not utilizing child care or struggled to pay their fees because of job losses or child care needs (among other issues). In addition, it is widely documented that during the pandemic, child care programs struggled to remain open due to decreased enrollment as mandated by state and local health officials, leading to lower revenue. Early on in the pandemic, the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) recognized the need to support both child care subsidy recipients and child care program operators by paying for family fees altogether. The agency used another federal source of funding to pay for parent fees and used the SLFRF funding to pay for parent fees during October, November and December of 2021. As a result of this investment, OEC was able to serve 14,345 families (20,411 children) and 4,263 providers (988 center-based providers, 891 family/home-based providers, and 2,384 unlicensed relatives).

Project 29769: Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Olds at State Funded Childcare Centers

Funding Amount: \$3,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: For the service months of July and August, funds were used to support parent fees at state funded Child Day Care Centers and School Readiness Programs. Funding was limited to families at or under 75 of State Median Income, to centers located in priority school districts, or to centers located in Qualified Census tracts.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: The funding supplemented February family fees for families utilizing Child Daycare or School Readiness full-day/full-year preschool spaces. Payments were made to programs by calculating the number of full-day/full-year preschool children who attended the program in April 2024 and multiplying by a rate of \$80.25. In total, the funds supported approximately 9,700 families.

Project 29770: Universal Home Visiting

Funding Amount: \$10,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: \$7 million of the funding in this project has been dedicated to a universal home visiting pilot program in the Bridgeport Connecticut region. The remaining \$1M has been dedicated to support a home visiting contract in the New Haven Connecticut region. Both of these programs will connect families with behavioral and mental health resources responding to health disparities exacerbated by the pandemic.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update:

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Department of Public Health (DPH) continue to collaborate on the implementation of the Universal Nurse

Home Visiting -Community Health Worker (UNHV-CHW) program (aka Family Bridge, ctoec.org/family-bridge). Family Bridge adheres to the Family Connects International evidence-based UNHV model, which is augmented with community health workers.

The Greater Bridgeport regional program is fully staffed, with 6 home visiting registered nurses (RNs) and 8 certified community health workers (CHW), as well as a program administrator, program support specialist, and community alignment specialist, all of whom were hired by Bridgeport Hospital.

Since the launch, Family Bridge has completed 1177 home visits to families in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Easton, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull, Monroe, and Milford. Since May 2024 St. Vincent's has completed 231 visits to families in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Easton, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull, Monroe, and Milford.

Most recent location of Eastern CT Family Bridge collaborating with Backus hospital is now up and running, seeing their first families within the Greater Norwich area in February of 2025. The program is fully staffed with 1 registered nurse, 1 community health worker, as well as a program administrator/community alignment specialist, data analyst, nurse supervisor, and program support specialist. All staff have completed their required trainings except for the program support specialist who just came onboard June 26, 2025.

Since the launch, Eastern CT Family Bridge has completed 35 home visits to 35 unique families in Griswold, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Windham, Mashantucket Pequot Nation, and Mohegan Tribal Nation. A second phase of towns served was slated to begin by end of November of 2025 is ahead of schedule, with a new date of September 2025. The towns that will be added with this phase are: Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Lebanon, Preston, Salem, Sprague, and Voluntown. Collectively the Family Bridge programs have assisted 1346 families with accessing resources ranging from diapers and formula to housing and job training. There have been over 3,600 referrals made into the community linking families to resources that they may need.

Evaluation work at OHS is well underway, with the vendor contract executed in January 2025. Working with the contractor selected through the competitive procurement process, Vanderbilt University Pre-natal – 3 Policy Impact Center, Family Bridge has completed the development of the workplan, and draft evaluation plan. Primary data sources for evaluation data will include Family Bridge participant data for patients originating at Bridgeport Hospital and Saint Vincent's, infant mortality data from the Department of Public Health, and child maltreatment data from the Department of Children and Families. The contractor is in the process of finalizing Data Use Agreements and identifying a geographic comparison area in the State. Initial data reports are expected this Fall.

Sustainability work at OHS was temporarily on hold due to federal directives but has resumed. The selected Sustainability contractor, For Health Consulting at UMass Medical School, in November 2024, and is collaborating with OHS to complete landscape analysis including the following components: a scan of home visiting programs nationwide, a review of Medicaid authorities used by other states for reimbursement, a review of provider payment methods, identification of Commercial Health Insurance coverage, and identification of additional funding. A series of key informant and stakeholder interviews is nearing completion, and has included meetings with Family Bridge program staff, the Office of Early Childhood, Department of Children and Families, Department of Public Health, Office of Health Strategy, Department of Social Services including programmatic staff and Commissioners of all agencies. Interviews in progress include other FCI states, including Oregon, New Jersey, Ohio, and New Mexico, FCI Staff, and commercial insurers. The complete landscape analysis is expected to be completed this Fall, and will be used to develop the sustainability roadmap, which will be used to pursue long term funding options for Family Bridge.

OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY

Project 28229: Improve Data Collection and Integration with HIE

Funding Amount: \$1,150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to initiate electronic health information exchange systems changes that are needed to collect race and ethnicity language data. Project scoping and development is currently underway.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28230: Study Behavioral Health Coverage by Private Insurers

Funding Amount: \$165,568

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study of private insurance coverage of behavioral health services. The outcome of this study should help inform discussions across insurers, with the goal of creating greater parity between private insurance and Medicaid coverage for these services.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28231: Payment Parity Study

Funding Amount: \$506,496

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study of payment parity. Scoping and development of this study are currently underway.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28232: Telehealth Study

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study of telehealth. Scoping and development of this study are currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Project 28233: Higher Education Mental Health Services

Funding Amount: \$2,833,625

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, the Office of Higher Education shall administer a grant program to provide grants to public and independent institutions of higher education, for the delivery of mental health services to students on campus.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 28554: University of Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The University of Bridgeport's Civic Engagement Project is focused on engaging and working with residents and UB community members to make a difference in the civic life of our community.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 29771: Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$60,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: The Office of Higher Education OHE will utilize funds to provide need-

based financial aid grants to students who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. This grant program entitled the Roberta B Willis Scholarship Program ARPA Supplement will be modeled on the existing state program that administered need-based scholarships.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Performance Update: See Project 29847 for performance update.

Project 29772: Summer College Corps

Funding Amount: \$1,087,734

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: During the summer of 2021 College Corps, based on the AmeriCorps model of addressing community challenges through civic engagement and service, recruited and deployed a corps of undergraduate college student interns to serve as academic enrichment summer counselors for K-12 students in various enrichment programs throughout Connecticut. The program's goals were to provide enriching summer experiences to K-12 students to prepare for the upcoming return to in-person schooling in Fall 2021.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Status: Completed

Project 29847: Roberta Willis Need-Merit Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$18,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Office of Higher Education (OHE) will utilize funds to provide need-merit financial aid grants to students who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. This grant program entitled the "Roberta B Willis Scholarship Program ARPA Supplement" will be modeled on the existing state program that administers need-based scholarships.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Project 28234: Audits of ARPA Recipients

Funding Amount: \$58,459

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to increase audit capacity of recipients of Federal ARPA funds.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28235: COVID Response Measures

Funding Amount: \$7,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for continued COVID testing, personal protective equipment, and other pandemic response measures.

Issue Area: COVID Mitigation and Prevention

Project 28236: Provide Private Provider Support-One Time Payments

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for additional one-time support to private mental health and substance use providers who contract with the state and received a cost of living adjustment through ARPA.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28237: Evidence Based Evaluation of Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$928,779

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding for programmatic evaluation of ARPA initiatives through the creation of an Evidence and Evaluation Unit.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28238: Support ARPA Grant Administration

Funding Amount: \$760,937

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for ARPA grant administration.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28239: Statewide GIS Capacity for Broadband Mapping/Data and Other Critical Services

Funding Amount: \$9,532,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding to increase statewide GIS analytical capacity to support broadband expansion statewide. Project scoping and development currently underway.

Issue Area: Broadband/IT Modernization

Performance Update: The projects have improved the quality of foundational datasets necessary for understanding the availability and adoption of broadband internet in CT. It has also produced significant secondary benefits such as faster emergency response, a more complete identification of locations used by the Secretary of the State's office for voter registration system, many governmental stakeholders of every level (state, regional, and local) as well as academic institutions have benefited greatly from the aerial imagery and elevation data products, and parcel data quality has already begun to improve significantly as a result of the funding provided to the Councils of Government through this project.

Project 28243: Durham Town Website

Funding Amount: \$18,084

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: The purpose of the project is to develop a new town website for Durham Connecticut to improve the online presence and accessibility of information for residents and visitors. The population being served is the approximately 7,500 residents of Durham and the many visitors to the town each year. The desired outcome from the project is to increase engagement and participation in town events and services, as well as improve the overall online experience for users. This will be measured through metrics such as website traffic, user engagement and feedback, and increased participation in town events and services. Currently, the town's current website has limited functionality and is not mobile-friendly, resulting in a low number of users and limited engagement.

Issue Area: Broadband/IT Modernization

Project 28245: Orange Fire Department Clock purchase

Funding Amount: \$9,388

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the town of Orange to support the purchase of a Fire Department clock.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28252: Bridgeport Revenue Replacement

Funding Amount: \$2,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the City of Bridgeport for operation of the Bridgeport Public Safety Crime Response Project, which seeks to reduce violent crime and gun violence and expand community policing.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Status: Completed

Project 28272: Interagency Portal

Funding Amount: \$49,950

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$50,000 for the development of an interagency portal for sharing information across state agencies.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28337: CSCU System Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for a study to recommend data-driven solutions that will position and scale the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system to anticipated student demand and enable a more fiscally stable and operationally efficient system while improving student outcomes and meeting the workforce needs of the Connecticut's economy.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28339: Housing Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study to aggregate data related to existing federal and state housing programs in Connecticut to analyze the impact of the programs on economic and racial segregation and produce a report.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28340: IDD Employment Opportunities Study

Funding Amount: \$43,333

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study to (1) identify and analyze existing employment assistance programs for persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to, persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, and the capacity of and demand for such programs, (2) recommend financial incentives for businesses to employ a greater number of such persons, and (3) create a workforce plan that incentivizes businesses to provide training programs, offer modified interviews to accommodate the needs of such persons and reserve market-rate, full-time jobs.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28341: Level of Needs and Statutory Definitions Study

Funding Amount: \$199,949

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for a level of need and statutory definitions study to produce recommendations on (1) changing statutory definitions and programs that may need to be redesignated in accordance with any new statutory definitions and qualifying criteria for services, (2) best practices in other states for providing services for persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, and (3) level-of-need assessment tool models.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28342: Provide Funding for Medical Debt Erasure

Funding Amount: \$6,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a nonprofit organization that will analyze and negotiate bad debt with hospitals, health systems or third-party debt collectors, and execute a plan to erase medical debt for lower income Connecticut residents and those with the highest medical debt burden.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update: In Fiscal Year 2025, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) began implementation of the Medical Debt Erasure initiative in partnership with its contracted vendor, Undue Medical Debt. As of June 2025, Undue has completed two rounds of debt abolishments, in which debt was purchased from providers and from the secondary market for less than 1% of its value. Through its debt purchasing contracts, Undue cancelled medical debt for Connecticut residents who either earn up to 400% of the federal poverty level or have medical debt valued at 5% or more of their annual income. Of the \$6.5 million in ARPA funds that were allocated for this purpose under PA 23-204, \$738,838 has been paid by the state to Undue thus far. Through March 31, 2025, \$135,218,205 in debt has been abolished, benefiting 124,871 Connecticut residents as reported in the [press release from Governor Lamont](#). Undue has provided detailed demographic reports, which show that residents in all eight counties, including residents of many races, ethnicities, genders and ages, have benefited from this initiative to date. It is of note that 38% of this program's beneficiaries report that they have some form of private or public health insurance. OPM continues to hold quarterly meetings with Undue, and Undue continues to negotiate with hospitals and other providers to purchase additional debt portfolios which meet program criteria.

Project 28343: Provide Funding to Stamford

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 to the City of Stamford.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 28483: Vocational Village

Funding Amount: \$8,679,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Program funding to cover Vocational Village needs such as remaining construction of Final PIECP, Program Evaluation, Computer Coding, and the CT Fair chance Employer Toolkit

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The funds support upgrading Wi-Fi for educational programming within the Department of Correction's Vocational Village program. The project manager has been secured and the work kicked off in July. The team is currently in the planning phase and implementation is scheduled to begin late fall.

Project 28484: Municipal Aid - Danbury

Funding Amount: \$12,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to enhance school facilities by upgrading auditorium, improving outdoor recreational areas, lighting enhancements, and other essential repairs. Funding will also be used to enhance the Danbury Senior Center through HVAC improvements and roof repairs. Instructional improvements will be made to a new high school campus to accommodate a career academy and enhanced learning program.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28485: Municipal Aid - Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for City Police Fire Departments to hire new staff a re-deploy existing staff to achieve goals of enhanced expanded community policing, partnering with community groups, project Lifesaver, more patrols in high risk precincts, firefighter training, and a new after-hour club task force

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28486: Municipal Aid - Waterbury

Funding Amount: \$5,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used as general fund revenue to offset general government service expenditures in the FY25 budget

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28487: Municipal Aid - New Haven

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the continued recovery and enhancement of the New Haven public school district, with a specific focus on mitigation of the educational disruptions caused from the COVID-19 pandemic through classroom teacher retention, technology disbursement, and infrastructure maintenance

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28488: Municipal Aid - Norwalk

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to purchase property, develop and Arts and Cultural Plan, establish a recreation center available and targeted to families and youth at or below the FPL, support local nonprofits experiencing financial instability due to the pandemic, address school needs related to curriculum, operations, facilities and software, and to enhance the efficiency and reliability of the city's digital infrastructure

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28489: Municipal Aid - Meriden

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the expansion of the Police Department women's locker room facility

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28490: Municipal Aid - City of Stamford

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Program funding for the City of Stamford to offset general government expenditures in the FY25 FY26 budgets related to emergency operations, initiatives to reduce the prevalence of and provide assistance to homeless individuals and families, and to enhance technology and tools of government programs to improve infrastructure

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28491: Windham

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for public safety operational expenses for the Police, Fire and EMS departments in order to offset lost revenue as a result of the COVID-19

pandemic and ensure the continuation of public safety activities, particularly those rooted in social service and community engagement

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28492: Manchester

Funding Amount: \$900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to offset general fund revenue loss related to the Motor Vehicle tax cap grant revenue lost in FY24

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28493: Glastonbury

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the town to make improvements to a building with the goal of housing Glastonbury School District administrative office after renovations are complete, including replacement of the roof for the building

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28494: New Britain

Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the purchase of capital equipment and capital vehicles in order to address the needs of low to moderate income residents in the community. Funding is also provided for the Board of Education during the 2024-2025 school year for goods and services associated with Special Education which enrich the lives and address the needs of special needs students from low to moderate income level households throughout New Britain

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28495: Ansonia

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for public safety radio communications upgrades, including the replacement of fixed-end equipment repeaters, antennas as well as replacement of subscribers mobile and portable radios, as current equipment has outlived life expectancy

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28498: Grants to Nonprofits to Provide AI Training and Bridge Digital Divide

Funding Amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Bridging the Digital Divide program which aims to bridge the digital divide of digital knowledge by providing technological support, devices, and training to adults with disabilities.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28499: Newington - Town Signage Construction

Funding Amount: \$45,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the purpose of updating park signs to replace signs which are deteriorating and worn

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28500: Farmington Town Hall Council Chambers A/V Improvements

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to upgrade existing audio and video equipment in the Town Hall Council Chambers of Farmington

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28501: Farmington highway & Grounds Dept. P/T Seasonal Workers

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to employ a team of part-time seasonal workers to enhance the aesthetic and hygiene of the town

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28503: Hartford - Add Two Zoning Enforcement Officers

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for the salaries of two zoning enforcement officers with the goal of reducing the number of illegally used properties throughout the City of Hartford through increased staffing to municipal zoning enforcement

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29775: State Employee Essential Workers and National Guard Premium Pay

Funding Amount: \$35,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Premium pay for state employee essential workers and national guardsmen

Issue Area: Premium Pay

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Project 28253: Testing and Other COVID-Related Expenditures

Funding Amount: \$860,667

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 - Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

Project Overview: The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is requesting assistance with additional personnel costs and operating expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency serves all 8 counties for the State of Connecticut. These costs may include overtime for staff due to our increased workload (investigations, medical examiners, and medical records) due to COVID-19 death investigations, testing, and surveillance. Operating expenses include a variety of personal protective equipment needs, COVID-19 swab PCR testing and other laboratory testing, body storage, and IT needs for virtual meetings and conferences. These outlays are designed to assist in the management of our increased workload which supports DPH in monitoring the public health and to ensure that all our critical services are met. This assistance addresses critical needs that resulted from and/or was made apparent/exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Our work serves wide ranging community needs including identification of COVID-19 deaths and information for contact tracing which includes COVID-19 exposures to first responders.

Issue Area: COVID Mitigation and Prevention

Status: Completed

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Project 28551: Rell Center

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided for programming that supports the mission of the Center, including promoting ethics in government, the importance of civil discourse in politics, and citizen involvement in public service and government

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

Project 28354: Hartford Sewage System Repair and Improvement Fund

Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The charge of this grant program is providing financial assistance or reimbursement for eligible owners of real or personal property in the City of Hartford who experienced flood damage between March 3, 2021 and Dec 31, 2024.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update: This project provides financial assistance or reimbursement for repairs to eligible owners of real property in the city of Hartford who experienced damage caused by flooding between January 2021 and December 2024. The first year of funding was provided through the general fund and the second round of funding utilized ARPA funds. With ARPA funds, 197 claims have been received and processed, and 135 additional applications are currently on a waitlist. Due to widespread flooding across Connecticut, there is a strong interest in this type of assistance from towns throughout the state. At this time, it is still to be determined whether additional funds will be made available to process the claims currently on the waitlist.

Project 28552: Drug Discount Card Awareness

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The ArrayRx program provides anyone living in Connecticut with access to affordable prescriptions.

Issue Area: Public Health

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Project 28549: Climate Transition Plan

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds will be used to hire 2 contractors to carry out the goals of the Clean Economy Council and Clean Energy Industry

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION

Project 28256: Provide Funding to Reduce Court Backlogs Through Temporary Public Defenders

Funding Amount: \$3,373,238

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: Provided funding for temporary attorneys to help reduce the backlog of cases in the agency created by the pandemic.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The funds support hiring up to 15 temporary attorneys to clear backlogged cases in the public defender field offices that have accumulated due to the pandemic. With additional attorneys, the Public Defender Services Commission provided quicker and more effective representation for low-income people. Fourteen (14) attorneys

had been hired and 1,754 cases have been resolved as of the end of 2024. Funding for this project ended at the end of calendar year 2024.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Project 28344: Enhance Voter Access

Funding Amount: \$2,863,417

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1,680,447 in FY 24 and \$1,379,128 in FY 25 to support voter access. Section 48 of PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 budget, allocates these ARPA funds.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update: Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28478: Early Voting

Funding Amount: \$982,260

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support the costs of implementing early voting for each municipality in Connecticut.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

STATE LIBRARY

Project 28510: Stratford Library

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Stratford Library will use funds to create a welcoming environment in the Teen Department and partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28511: Greenwich Library Elevators

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This project, which was postponed for the past three years, would upgrade the mechanical equipment and controls of the three elevators at the Greenwich Library as well as change the interiors of the single elevator near the lower-level entrance which has worn finishes and poor lighting. The elevators would be reconfigured for safety and ADA requirements.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28512: Ferguson Library

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: At the Main Library, DiMattia Building, replace the existing base building HVAC equipment with new energy efficient systems, replace all pneumatic controls and associated equipment with direct digital controls (DDC) and install a new building management system (BMS), install new variable air volume (VAV) boxes throughout the space for zoning, modify both the existing cooling and heating distribution systems and associated equipment for digital control implementation, install an energy efficient sequence of operations in agreement with the State Energy Conservation Code, and air/water balance the building systems.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Project 28258: Temporary Support

Funding Amount: \$151,085,680

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support is provided to the University of Connecticut UConn for the provision of public services in response to significant revenue losses.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28260: Puerto Rican Studies Initiative

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support the Puerto Rican Studies Initiative at the University of Connecticut's Hartford campus. Project scoping and development currently ongoing.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 29776: Higher Education – UConn

Funding Amount: \$25,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Support is provided to the University of Connecticut UConn for the provision of public services. In response to significant revenue losses experienced in UConn's housing and dining units UConn will utilize this allocation for Residential Life and Dining Services operating expenditures in order to keep these critical services functioning for students residing on campus. Those operating expenses include food purchase contractual staff facility operations and equipment

Issue Area: Higher Education

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER

Project 28261: Temporary Support

Funding Amount: \$179,085,680

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3 - Public Sector Workforce: Other

Project Overview: Support is provided to the University of Connecticut Health Center UConn Health for the provision of public services. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support the multispecialty physician practice salary budget at John Dempsey Hospital, a hospital and academic medical center operated by UConn Health. These funds will allow UConn Health to continue to support the patient needs of the State of Connecticut without cutting any programs.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Status: Completed

Project 29777: Revenue Impact

Funding Amount: \$35,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3 - Public Sector Workforce: Other

Project Overview: Support is provided to the University of Connecticut Health Center UConn Health for the provision of public services. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support the multispecialty physician practice salary budget at John Dempsey Hospital, a hospital and academic medical center operated by UConn Health. These funds will allow UConn Health to continue to support the patient needs of the State of Connecticut without cutting any programs.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Project 29778: University of Connecticut Health Center

Funding Amount: \$38,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.3 - Public Sector Workforce: Other

Project Overview: Support is provided to the University of Connecticut Health Center UConn Health for the provision of public services. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support the multispecialty physician practice salary budget at John Dempsey Hospital, a hospital and academic medical center operated by UConn Health. These funds will allow UConn Health to continue to support the patient needs of the State of Connecticut without cutting any programs.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed