

Connecticut's Plan for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

A Roadmap for a Transformative, Equitable and Healthy Recovery for our State



Governor Ned Lamont

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Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund

- The Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) was created under Section 9901 of Subtitle M of P.L. 117-2, which added Section 602 to Title VI of the Social Security Act.
- Connecticut's share of this fund is estimated at \$2.6 billion, with these funds available for use through December 31, 2024.
- Pending issuance of implementing guidance by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which is the federal agency charged with administering the fund, allowable uses of CSFRF are:
 - To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small business, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
 - To respond to workers performing essential work during the pandemic by providing premium pay, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
 - For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced by the state due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the state prior to the emergency; or
 - To make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.
- CSFRF funds may not, however,
 - Be used either directly or indirectly to offset a reduction in net tax revenue resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (i.e., by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.
 - Be deposited into any pension funds.



Governor Lamont's Vision

A Roadmap for a Transformative, Equitable, and Healthy Recovery for our State



**Defeating
COVID-19**

Themes

Addressing the **public health impacts** of COVID-19 so families can thrive



**Investing in Our
Future**

Themes

21st century upgrades and investments in our **cities/towns** through infrastructure, expanding home visiting, HHS resident benefits access and broadband expansion

Supporting the **recovery of private providers** through the pandemic

Addressing the **criminal justice impacts** from COVID-19



**Creating A More
Affordable CT**

Themes

Supporting **early childhood needs** resulting from the pandemic

Addressing **the K-12 and higher education impacts** of COVID-19

Addressing the **mental health impacts** of COVID-19



**Economic Growth That
Works For All**

Themes

Addressing the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 by **restoring jobs, rebuilding our economy, and returning to growth**

Addressing **workforce development needs** resulting from COVID-19



**Modernizing
State Govt**

Themes

Modernizing **public health and human services infrastructure**

Department of Public Health **data systems modernization**



Equity is at the heart of Connecticut's strategic investments for ARPA

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a **disproportionate impact on Connecticut's most vulnerable** residents. **Minorities and in particular women of color**, who are more likely to hold high-risk, essential positions, have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. It is our **collective responsibility** to address these challenges through an equity-focused lens.

Thus, every initiative has been designed with **equity at its core**, directed at and prioritizing those that have suffered most due to the pandemic. Across policy areas, access to **transformative programming** is focused on supporting our most vulnerable populations. Programs like **Expanding Universal Home Visits** for CT Families will transform access to supports and services for young children beginning at birth.



Equity is at the heart of Connecticut's strategic investments for ARPA

- **Capital investments** are oriented toward and prioritize low-income residents and communities
- **Investments in broadband** focus on bridging the digital divide so important to the education, employment, health, and wellbeing of so many who have struggled during COVID-19
- **Support to small businesses** prioritizes funding for minority, women, individuals with disability, and veteran-owned businesses
- Investing in and **addressing the public health crisis**, paramount for under-resourced communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
- **Expanding the Office of Health Equity and modernizing our data systems** to improve our ability to capture, analyze, and act on existing and future public health risks and health disparities
- **Investing in health systems, programs, and private providers** that administer much needed health and social services to our most vulnerable
- Removing financial barriers and **enhancing support pathways in higher education** making these opportunities more accessible to disadvantaged students
- **Education programing** focused on those most impacted by the pandemic including students with disabilities, English learners, students experiencing homelessness, disengaged youth, or those with barriers to remote learning
- **Early childhood support** aimed at alleviating the strains COVID-19 has placed on our most vulnerable and disadvantaged parents enabling them to engage in the workforce and, by way, provide for their families
- Focusing on **promoting fairness and safety in our criminal justice system** with the aim of diverting a disproportionately minority population from unnecessary incarceration, reducing violence, and preparing formerly incarcerated individuals for jobs in high-demand industries

Rental assistance is critical for families of color, who are twice as likely to rent rather than to own their home



Connecticut's transformative investments total over \$6 billion in focused community impact

Funding Sources	Amount (\$M)
State Fiscal Relief Funds	2,647.00
Elementary and Secondary Educ Relief 3 - Admin	110.60
Child Care Development Block Grant	106.49
Child Care Stabilization	170.32
Child Care CRRSA (Coronavirus Relief Supplemental Funds)	70.80
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants	29.11
Capital Projects Fund	141.50
Subtotal Direct Allocations	3,275.82
Note: The funding noted above will be complemented with GO bond funds to support the Economic Action Plan.	
Other Funding Sources:	
Local Fiscal Relief Funds	1,561.00
Elementary and Secondary Relief - Districts	995.30
Housing	344.90
CDC Epidemiology and Lab Capacity for School Testing	107.39
Other Self-Allocating Funding Sources (LIHEAP, WIC, Head Start, HEERF, FEMA food and shelter programs, etc.)	
Subtotal Other	3,008.59
Total	6,284.40



State Fiscal Recovery Fund Summary

Major Themes	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		% of \$2.6B	% of \$897M
				(6 months)	Total		
Criminal Justice	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	0.6%	1.7%
Early Childhood	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,800,000	0.4%	1.2%
Economic	\$112,375,000	\$38,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$160,875,000	6.1%	17.9%
Govt Services	\$775,000,000	\$975,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000,000	66.1%	N/A
Higher Ed	\$50,500,000	\$30,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$0	\$95,500,000	3.6%	10.6%
K12	\$21,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,900,000	0.8%	2.4%
Mental Health	\$15,575,000	\$15,575,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$31,400,000	1.2%	3.5%
Private Providers	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000	1.9%	5.6%
Public Health	\$41,870,656	\$28,730,363	\$20,599,760	\$1,375,000	\$92,575,779	3.5%	10.3%
Reserves	\$25,712,873	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,712,873	1.0%	2.9%
State Operations	\$30,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$613,650	\$0	\$50,613,650	1.9%	5.6%
State Testing Program	\$200,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$240,000,000	9.1%	26.7%
Workforce Development	\$36,576,349	\$36,636,349	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$103,212,698	3.9%	11.5%
Grand Total	\$1,352,809,878	\$1,217,441,712	\$75,838,410	\$1,500,000	\$2,647,590,000	100.0%	100.0%

Total Discretionary Funding Excl. General Fund Support: \$897,590,000



State Fiscal Recovery Fund Detail

Agency and Initiative	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025 (6 months)	Total
▣ Criminal Justice	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Support for Criminal Justice Programs Necessary Due to the Pandemic	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Judicial	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000
▣ Economic	\$112,375,000	\$38,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$160,875,000
Unemployment Support	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
Tenant Eviction Legal Representation	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000
Support to Unemployment Insurance Fund and Business	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000
Support to Arts and Cultural Organizations	\$6,375,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,375,000
CRDA Economic Support for Venues	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,500,000
Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
CT Brand, Hospitality Business Supports, and Regulatory Modernization	\$30,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000,000
▣ Govt Services	\$775,000,000	\$975,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000,000
State Budget Revenue Replacement/Eligible Expenditures	\$775,000,000	\$975,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000,000
▣ Higher Ed	\$50,500,000	\$30,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$0	\$95,500,000
Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$19,500,000
Higher Education - CSU	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Higher Education - PACT - Last Dollar Financial Aid	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$24,000,000
Higher Education - UConn	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000
UCHC - Revenue Impact	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
▣ K12	\$21,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,900,000
Summer Camp Scholarships for Families	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000
Summer College Corp	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
Teen Experience	\$1,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,900,000
Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000



State Fiscal Recovery Fund Detail (continued)

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☐ Mental Health	\$15,575,000	\$15,575,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$31,400,000
Adult Mental Health Services	\$10,200,000	\$10,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,400,000
Devices for DMHAS clients, private provider telehealth and wi-fi expansion	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$500,000
Children's Mental Health	\$5,250,000	\$5,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,500,000
☐ Public Health	\$41,870,656	\$28,730,363	\$20,599,760	\$1,375,000	\$92,575,779
Respite Care for Family Caregivers	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Community Health Workers	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$0	\$33,000,000
Universal Home Visiting	\$1,620,656	\$3,980,363	\$6,849,760	\$0	\$12,450,779
Deaf Community Public Health Supports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Local Health Departments and Districts	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Premium Pay for Direct Care Nursing Home Employees	\$12,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500,000
MyCT / Resident Digital One-Stop for Health and Human Services Programs - Support Costs	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$8,750,000
Expand the Office of Health Equity under the Department of Public Health	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$875,000
Upstream USA	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
☐ Reserves	\$25,712,873	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,712,873
Governor's Reserves	\$25,712,873	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,712,873
☐ Workforce Development	\$36,576,349	\$36,636,349	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$103,212,698
Workforce Development & Employment Initiatives	\$36,576,349	\$36,636,349	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$103,212,698
☐ State Testing Program	\$200,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$240,000,000
Testing	\$200,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$240,000,000
☐ State Operations	\$30,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$613,650	\$0	\$50,613,650
PPE & Supplies	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$613,650	\$0	\$20,613,650
Premium Pay for Front Line State Employees	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
State Operations	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000
☐ Early Childhood	\$10,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,800,000
Care 4 Kids Parent Fees through December	\$5,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,300,000
Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Old's at State Funded Childcare Centers	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000
Provide Funding to Support Home Visiting RFP for Families Impacted by COVID	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
☐ Private Providers	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000
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1) Care4Kids Parent Fees

Provide economic relief to the families of 17,000 lower- and middle-income children by covering the costs for parent fees through December of 2021

2) Free Summer Preschool for 3- and 4-Year-Old Children in State Funded Centers

No fee for families for early childhood services in state-funded centers during summer 2021. Partner with Family Resource Centers to provide kindergarten readiness for children who missed the “pre-school experience” due to COVID-19

3) Expand Care4Kids Access

Temporarily expand Care4Kids access to families earning up to 65% of State Median Income, granting access to families of 5,000 additional children

4) Workforce Development Early Childhood Services

Temporarily open Care4Kids to families enrolled in higher education & workforce programs. This approach will support families of up to 6,500 children

5) Expand Smart Start

Offers an additional 900 public pre-school spaces at free or very low cost to families, helping parents re-enter the workforce

6) Quality Enhancement Supports

Enhanced payments for high-quality National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) accredited programs



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7) Provider Stability Supports

Support early childhood infrastructure—composed of 4,000 licensed early childhood programs serving more than 200,000 children—to help sustain supply

8) Universal Home Visiting for CT's Families

More broadly introduce universal home visiting in certain areas of the state that suffered disproportionate impact, stress and child trauma during the pandemic

9) Supplement Home Visiting Programs for At-Risk Families

Provides additional funding to the state's home visiting program in regions disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, providing key services to at-risk families and building on the capacity currently afforded by existing home visiting programs



Enrich our K-12 environment to help children and families catch up for the future

1) Summer Camp Scholarships

Enhance accessibility of summer camps by directly paying sports and specialty camps providers on a reimbursement basis

2) Summer Experience at CT's Top Venues

Supporting free access for children at various Connecticut attractions through Labor Day-including Mystic and Norwalk Aquariums, CT Science Center, Mystic Seaport and the Beardsley Zoo

3) Teen Experience

Provide grants to programs that are focused on creating safe, fun and healing spaces for Connecticut's Youth (ages 13-17) as well as investing in services to support youth employment

4) Summer College Corps

Recruit and train 500 college students statewide to work as mentors for children in summer programs

5) Summer Enrichment: Expansion and Innovation Grants

Support the delivery of high-quality and financially accessible summer enrichment opportunities to children of all ages



Invest in future Connecticut families by supporting Higher Education recovery

1) Funding Additional Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships

Provide scholarships to CT students via the Roberta Willis Scholarship formula which could remove financial barriers to higher education

2) Enhance Retention at Community Colleges

Support the Guided Pathways initiative within the Board of Regents to enhance advising and provide need-based emergency assistance scholarships to lower community college dropout rate

3) Doubling Support for PACT– Last Dollar Financial Aid

Provide funding to the Pledge to Advance Connecticut (PACT) program to significantly expand the number of students served for community colleges

4) Providing Revenue Support to UCHC

Provide funding to UCHC to reimburse them for revenue losses incurred in 2020 from reduced clinical operations during the pandemic

5) UConn/CSCU Operating Support

Help offset the key revenue losses our higher education institutions have experienced to hopefully ensure the continuation of important programs



Investing in the adult mental health system is imperative to meet the needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic

1) Expand Access to Mobile Crisis Response

Funding will support the phase-in of 24/7 access to Mobile Crisis statewide and create uniformity in team members, hours of operation and the inclusion of police liaisons

2) Regional Crisis Stabilization Centers

Funds one diversion center, which will reduce the use of EDs and inpatient care

3) Support Hospital Discharges

Funds will support enhanced UM capacity to support system throughput and be used as flex funds to address discharge delays and create individualized, permanent community living opportunities in the community

4) Scale Up Media Campaigns: Prevention / Wellness Messaging

Funds will amplify messaging related to mental health, wellness and addictions

5) Replicate Peer Support Model in the EDs (Mental Health)

Funding will provide \$100,000 for 12 hospitals to employ a highly successful model for SUD to mental health

6) Workforce Development

Funds under the workforce development initiatives will help modernize state job specifications and salaries, renew the workforce and make it more sustainable, and improve recruitment and retention



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7) Expand Racial Equity and Social Justice

Funds will allow DMHAS to work closely with DCF to effectuate change across the lifespan system of care

8) Devices for DMHAS clients, nonprofit telehealth, and Wi-Fi expansion

Funds will augment telehealth services allowing additional clients to connect with clinical providers, utilize online virtual recovery supports, and facilitate job searches

9) Pilot Psychiatric/Clinical Consultation for PC Providers

Funds will support a pilot for access to psychiatric consultation for primary care providers



Investing in the children's mental health system is imperative to meet the needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic

1) Expand Capacity to Provide Pediatric Inpatient Psychiatric Services

Funds provide increased patient capacity and better care, resulting from a 10% rate add-on for expanding bed capacity

2) Facilitate Safe and Timely Discharges from Acute Levels of Care

Funds would facilitate safe and timely discharges from emergency departments, hospital inpatient, and psychiatric residential treatment facilities

3) Expand Access to Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services

Funds would expand access to EMPS to 24/7 coverage

4) Behavioral Health Urgent Care Centers

Funds would provide diversion opportunities from emergency departments at 1 – 2 sites and include a research and evaluation component for the model

5) Urban Trauma Interventions/Violence and Racism

Funding would help address trauma experienced by youth residing in urban communities and the effects this has on their bodies and minds

6) Enable Integration of Primary Care Medical and Mental Health

Funding would increase capacity for comprehensive and local integration and address access for low to moderate mental health conditions within primary care settings



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7) Comprehensive Workforce Development

Funding is included under the workforce development initiatives

8) Systems Governance

Funding allows for an expansion of CTBHP with operations occurring in the private sector through a Performance Improvement Center

9) Racial Equity and Justice

Funding provides support for continuous quality improvement and performance management systems of the Behavioral Health Plan

10) Common Data Platform/Master Patient Index

Funding is included under the MyCT initiative in public health; will help make access to services easier for CT residents by streamlining and digitizing access to state human services



Addressing public health impacts of COVID-19 helps families and communities thrive

1) COVID Testing Program

Leverage ARPA funds to continue our robust testing program - one that has been a national leader to date

2) PPE & Supplies

Ensure that the state is prepared and can safeguard its direct care and front-line workers in the event of another public health emergency by continued investment and replacement of expired Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

3) Respite Care for Family Caregivers

Provide respite care that will offer short-term relief for family caregivers who have been caring for elderly parents or close family members with a disability during the pandemic

4) Local Health Department Support

Enhance financial assistance to Connecticut's local health departments and districts to support public health activities and emergency preparedness and planning

5) Community Health Worker / Navigator Program

Build resilience for the next generation by providing 100 trusted community health workers for 3,000 highest risk families and children/year

6) MyCT Digital One-Stop

Meet expectations of residents to be able to find and apply for services online, not in line, making social safety net programs easier to access to those most in need



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7) Deaf Community Public Health Supports

Funding will address deficiencies in support services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind, who have been particularly affected by the pandemic

8) Improve Access to Contraceptive Services to Avoid Unintended Pregnancies

Funding will be invested in a time-limited, transformative contraceptive access initiative to bolster our state's commitment to children and health equity

9) Modernize Data Collection and DPH Infrastructure

Funding from CDC will allow for eliminating paper-based reporting, scaling up the public health infrastructure, and modernizing data collection methods

10) Expand the Office of Health Equity under the Department of Public Health

Funding will support two additional staff in the Office of Health Equity within the Department of Public Health to focus on racial disparities in public health

11) Premium Pay for Direct Care Nursing Home Employees

Funding will support a second round of incentive payments for direct care staff in recognition of their tireless efforts to support our most vulnerable residents over the course of the pandemic

12) Support Mental Health Services for our Public Health Workforce

Funding will support health care professionals and first responders who have faced extraordinary stresses and traumas during the pandemic



Promote fairness and safety in the criminal justice system

1) Cut the Criminal-Case Backlog

Contract with temporary public defenders and prosecutors to resolve accumulated cases by prioritizing the most serious ones and diverting suitable populations from incarceration

2) Connect the Pretrial Population with Services and Treatment to Reduce Recidivism¹

Prioritize interventions addressing housing, mental health, substance use, and cognitive-behavioral health needs—which have been exacerbated by the pandemic

3) Reduce Community Gun Violence

Implement an array of evidence-based strategies, including focused-deterrence, community- and hospital-based violence intervention, and trauma-informed services

4) Equip At-Risk Youth and Justice-Involved Adults with Skills to Meet the State's Workforce Needs²

Deliver training to help build experience and achieve meaningful, long-term connections to employment

1. Initiative is also referenced in the Workforce section of the plan.

2. Initiative is also referenced in the Judicial section of the plan.



Judicial investments support a healthier criminal and civil justice system

1) Direct Technology Investments to Upgrade Systems

Make investments in bandwidth, cybersecurity, laptops, Microsoft TEAMS, and centralized video security monitoring in the courthouses

2) Expand Capacity for Providing Services

Improve bail service capabilities by expanding housing availability through DOH and DOC contracts while funding a residential treatment collaborative with DMHAS

3) Reduce Families Court Involvement

Expand contracted services in order to mitigate the need to involve families in court proceedings through supervised visitation, along with behavioral health and parenting services

4) Foreclosure Mediation Expansion

Providing greater ability for residents to access foreclosure mediation services after lifting of eviction moratoria

5) Remote Access Booths

Building infrastructure to enable more residents to access services in police stations, courthouses, and cellblocks



Private Provider Support

1) Supporting the Recovery of Private Providers through the Pandemic

Continue our commitment to help mitigate COVID-19 related losses and provide a bridge of funding to private providers until they can fully reopen



Economic Development Action Plan

High Priority Initiatives	5-yr Total Jobs (K)	Public Funding						Bonding by Year			Leverage	
		Total Bonding (M)	Tax Credit/Grants (M)	ARPA S&L (M)	ARPA Capital (M)	SSBCI (M)	Total Public Funding	Budgeted Year 1 - 2 (M)	Incremental Year 1 - 2 (M)	Year 3 - 5 (M)	Total Private Sector / Other Non-State Funding (M)	Cost per job (K)
Workforce	13	\$40		\$103			\$143	\$40	\$0	TBD		\$10
Targeted Small Business Support	14	\$75				\$75	\$150	\$50	\$0	\$25	\$100	\$11
CT Brand & Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Support	1			\$42			\$42	\$0	\$0	0		\$35
Innovation Corridor	15	\$82	\$24	\$0	\$30		\$136	\$0	\$42	\$40	\$518	\$9
CT Communities Challenge	3	\$73		\$0	\$27		\$100	\$0	\$36	\$37	\$150	\$40
Greentech Fund	2	\$25				\$25	\$50	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$150	\$25
High Priority Total	48	\$295	\$24	\$145	\$57	\$100	\$621	\$90	\$103	\$102	\$918	\$13
Additional Initiatives												
Smart Manufacturing	5	\$20					\$20	\$20	\$0	N/A	\$20	\$4
Broadband for All	N/A	N/A			\$40		\$40	N/A	0	N/A		N/A
Regulatory Modernization	11			\$3			\$3	N/A	0	N/A		<1
JobsCT	19	N/A	\$140				\$140	N/A	0	N/A		\$8
Additional Initiatives Total	35	\$20	\$140	\$3	\$40	\$0	\$203	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$5
Total Across All Initiatives	83	\$315	\$164	\$148	\$97	\$100	\$824	\$110	\$103	\$102	\$938	\$9



Economic Development Action Plan

1) Targeted Small Business Support

Public and private matching funds to support Connecticut's small businesses, creating/retaining 14,000 jobs via loans and grants, with at least at least 50% targeting underbanked and underrepresented business owners

2) Innovation Corridor

Public and private matching funds to seed three transformational, placemaking projects that will drive job opportunities, innovation, and business formation in our cities

3) CT Communities Challenge

Competitive community grant program to spur investment in CT's main streets and the vibrancy of our communities through high-quality, transit-oriented development

4) CT Brand, Hospitality Business Supports, and Regulatory Modernization

Launch an inclusive marketing campaign to drive tourism and population growth; support the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry; and modernize outdated regulations and licensing regulations to improve business friendliness and open new career pathways

5) Greentech Investment Fund

Public and private matching funds to invest in emerging companies that specialize in renewable energy, clean-tech and sustainability; will create up to 2,000 jobs while advancing Connecticut as a home for the green technologies



Economic Development Action Plan: Additional Initiatives

1) Smart Manufacturing

Create and/or retain 5,000 jobs through training and programs via recapitalization of the Manufacturing Innovation Fund

3) Broadband for All

\$39.5M proposal to expand broadband and internet access for all in Capital Projects Funds proposal

2) JobsCT

Support business attraction and expansion; reward employers that locate and grow in CT, creating 19,000 jobs over five years



Addressing the Economic Impacts of COVID-19

1) Support to Unemployment Insurance Fund & Business

Support to UI trust fund and business begins to repay funds borrowed from federal gov mitigating the need for tax increases on employers

2) Unemployment Support

Dedicated funds to continued support of DOL as the agency manages the UI programs providing benefits to resident's whose employment has been impacted by the pandemic

3) CT Brand, Hospitality Business Supports, and Regulatory Modernization

Launch an inclusive marketing campaign to drive tourism and population growth; support the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry; and modernize outdated regulations and licensing regulations to improve business friendliness and open new career pathways

4) Support to Arts and Cultural Organizations

This funding will help arts and other entertainment organizations that have experienced economic dislocation during the pandemic

5) CRDA Economic Support for Venues

Providing a short-term financial bridge to our event venues until they can safely resume operations

6) Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries & Food Banks

Grants to food pantries and food banks, supporting our residents experiencing food insecurity that have been impacted by the COVID pandemic



Addressing the Economic Impacts of COVID-19, Continued

7) Tenant Eviction Legal Representation and Foreclosure Mediation Support

Funding will support legal representation costs as well as administrative termination hearings, assistance to tenants at notice to quit stage, increase in tenants appearing in cases, and education/outreach to tenants

In addition, additional resources will be provided to support the expected wave of post-moratoria pending and added summary process, eviction, and foreclosure cases



Rework Connecticut

1) Sector Training Programs for In-Demand Industries

Reskill and upskill 6,800 workers in high-demand industries such as healthcare, IT, manufacturing, clean energy, construction, and financial services

2) Expansion of Career Pathways

Create and expand meaningful opportunities for 14,500 high school students to prepare for entering the workforce or pursuing postsecondary studies

3) Workforce Data System Redesign & Alternative Teacher Certification Pathways

Develop new, comprehensive, and intuitive data systems while providing support for system-wide workforce development redesign efforts



Investing in government services infrastructure enables us to better respond to resident's needs

1) State Budget Revenue Replacement/Eligible Expenditures

Continue nation-leading testing, contact tracing, vaccination until the pandemic ends



Other additional investments further secure the long-term health and wellbeing of our residents

1) Premium pay for front line state employees

Providing additional financial recognition for the essential workers who gave us security during the COVID-19 pandemic

2) State operational improvements to build greater program efficiency

Establishing measures to fortify state systems to better handle future crisis response



Provide housing stability for families with children so no CT family experiences homelessness

1) "Keep My Home CT"

Help approx. 6,000 Connecticut homeowners impacted by the pandemic to stay in their homes and prevent foreclosure

2) Provide Housing Opportunity for Very Low-Income Households

Support very low-income households through the construction and rehabilitation of 200+ units of affordable housing

3) UniteCT Stabilization of the Rental Market

Continue UniteCT rent/utility relief program to stabilize housing and prevent eviction and displacement of households

4) Level the Playing Field in Housing Court ¹

Provide approx. 12,000 indigent defendants legal representation in eviction proceedings



1. Initiative is also referenced in the Economic section of the plan.

Capital Projects



Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

- The Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) was created under Section 9901 of Subtitle M of P.L. 117-2, which added Section 604 to Title VI of the Social Security Act.
- Connecticut's share of this fund is estimated at \$141.5 million, with these funds available for use until expended.
- Pending issuance of implementing guidance by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which is the federal agency charged with administering the fund, allowable uses of CCPF are:
 - “to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency”



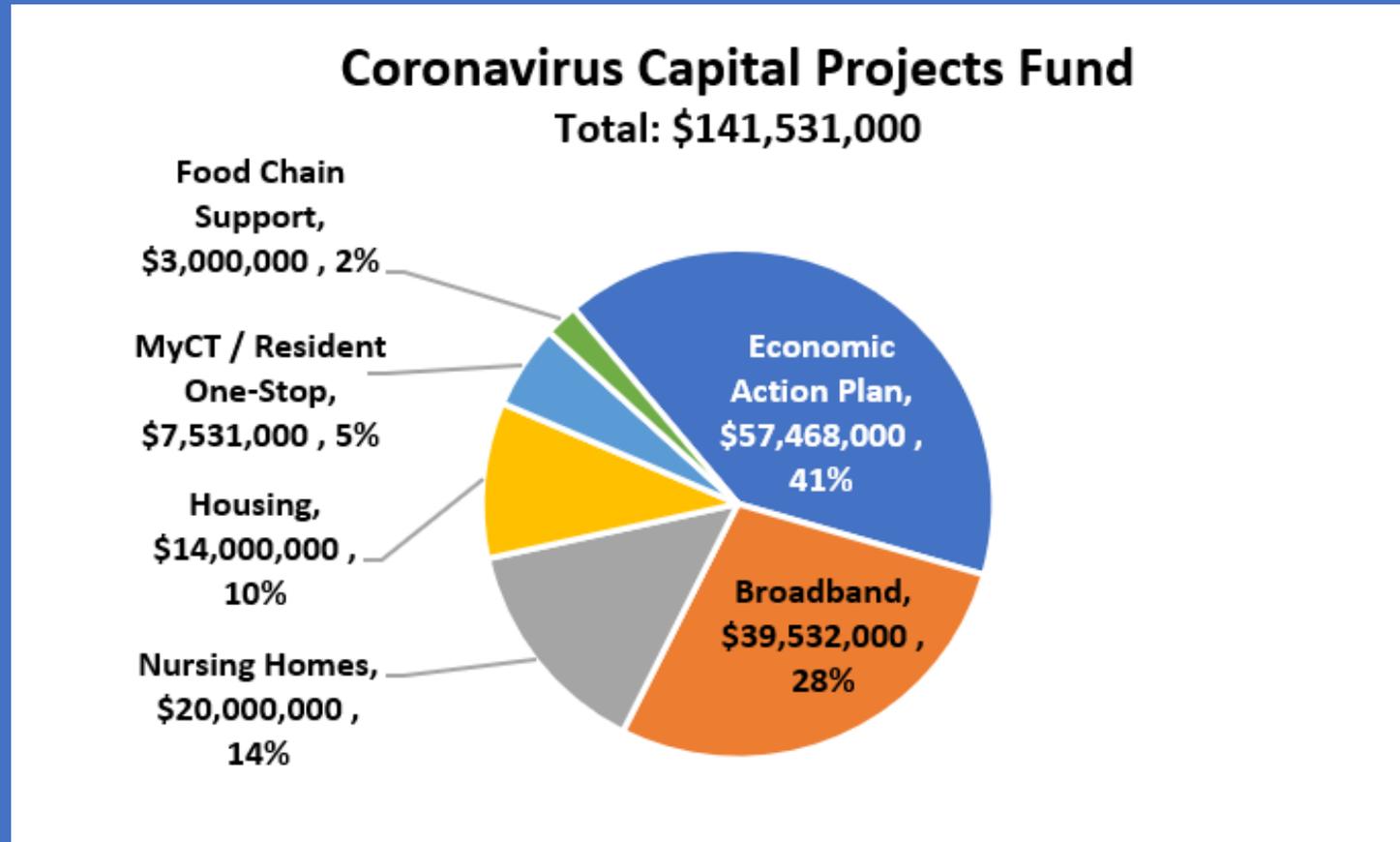
Capital Projects Fund Summary

	Description	Total	% of Total
1.	Broadband: Curb-to-home buildout	15,000,000	10.6%
2.	Broadband: Public space connectivity	15,000,000	10.6%
3.	State GIS capacity for broadband mapping, and other data/services	9,532,000	6.7%
4.	MyCT / Resident Digital One-stop	7,531,000	5.3%
5.	Develop/support physical assets along the food chain	3,000,000	2.1%
6.	Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation	7,000,000	4.9%
7.	Efficient Energy Retrofit for Affordable Housing	7,000,000	4.9%
8.	Economic Development Action Plan	57,468,000	40.6%
9.	Nursing Home Infrastructure Fund	20,000,000	14.1%
10.	Total	141,531,000	100.0%
11.	Remaining Funds to be Allocated	-	



Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

Proposed Uses



Capital Projects Fund

1) Broadband Curb-to-Home Buildout

Buildout for residential access in distressed municipalities for low-income residents by connecting main infrastructure to residences, making it easier for low-income residents to get connected to wired broadband

2) Broadband Public Space Connectivity

Grants to support capital improvements or equipment purchases for broadband and Wi-Fi connectivity or increased connection speed at community-based organizations, public parks and gathering places, community centers and public housing authorities

3) Building Statewide GIS Capacity

Development of mapping capacity to support allocation of broadband resources, particularly to underserved areas, through acquisition and management of core GIS layers such as aerial imagery, building and parcel data, and updated governmental unit boundaries

4) MyCT Digital One-Stop

Meet the expectations of residents to be able to find and apply for services online, not in line, making social safety net programs easier to access to those most in need

5) Food Chain Infrastructure Support

This program would provide \$3M to develop and support physical assets throughout Connecticut's food chain



Capital Projects Fund

6) Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation

Investing in retrofit programs to make the 30+% of homes that have health and safety barriers such as asbestos and mold eligible for weatherization measures, improving conditions for individuals and families to live, work and learn from home

7) Efficient Energy Retrofit for Affordable Housing

This program would provide EE retrofits and access to renewable energy resources (storage, solar) to reduce energy costs and pollution and promote equity and environmental justice for people working and learning from home

8) Economic Development Action Plan

A comprehensive plan to create jobs, drive innovation, and rebuild the foundation for equitable and sustained economic growth by investing in our businesses, our workforce, and our communities

9) Nursing Home Infrastructure Fund

Addressing the challenges in nursing homes exposed by COVID-19 by investing in HVAC, room conversion, assistive technology and incentivizing Green House and other small-house models for those with quality programs and greater potential for higher occupancy

