

**The Office of Workforce Strategy's
Federal Government Shutdown Impact Statement for October 1, 2025**

With the potential shutdown of the federal government, the Office of Workforce Strategy (“OWS” or the “Agency”) has reviewed and assessed its federally funded programs and anticipates no impact should a short-term shutdown occur.

ARPA Funds

OWS was appropriated funds that the State received under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for two programs:

- 1) **Career ConneCT:** OWS was appropriated \$70 million in ARPA funds to be used to establish and run Career ConneCT.
Status: OWS has already been allotted these funds.
Impact: Grantees make quarterly drawdowns which cover expenditures for the near future based on their needs. All obligated grantee contracts would continue during a government shutdown. Reports would be due under previously determined deadlines and drawdowns would continue to be accepted. OWS anticipates no impact should a shutdown occur.
- 2) **Climate Transition:** OWS was appropriated \$200,000 in funding for Climate Transition.
Status: OWS has recently completed a competitive RFP for a vendor to complete this work and the funds have already been allotted to OWS or use.
Impact: OWS anticipates no impact.

Good Jobs Challenge Grant

- *Description:* In 2022, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) awarded OWS a \$23.9 million American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge grant to support the State’s creation and implementation of the Strengthening Sectoral Partnerships Initiative.
- *Status:* The Office of State Comptroller has fully allotted funds to OWS. OWS requests quarterly reimbursements from the EDA.
- *Impact:* OWS anticipates that there will be no effect on its administration of the grant award in the event of a federal government shutdown. OWS remains contracted to receive the funds from EDA and can continue to perform its activities under the award, including incurring eligible costs which it can submit for reimbursement once the shutdown concludes. OWS is also able to front the subgrants even if there is a lapse in when it can receive reimbursements from the EDA. Reports would continue to be due from grantees under previously determined deadlines and drawdowns would continue to be accepted.
- While OWS would not have access to federal government staff during a shutdown, the Agency does not anticipate needing significant assistance if it is a reasonably short timeframe. However, OWS is seeking a no-cost extension on the Grant and a lengthy shut down whereby Employees cannot be accessed for support and approval may impact the EDA’s ability to award a no-cost extension.

WIOA Funds

- *Description:* A portion of the funds allocated to the State of Connecticut pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (“WIOA”) comes to OWS through the Department of Labor (“DOL”) under the “Governor’s Reserve” line item.
- *Status:* OWS is in receipt of funds which were allotted in FY24, and each allocation is available for use for a three-year period. Presently, OWS has sufficient carry-forward funds to continue its projected expenditures. Additionally, CTDOL is allotted all their funds for FY26.
- *Impact:* OWS has sufficient cash available to cover current expenditure needs and survive any delays in a quarterly drawdown. OWS does not expect a potential short-term shutdown to have any impact on WIOA funded expenditures.