SFY 2027 Spending Plan

Amount Availabe for SFY27 Expenditure (12% of total of fund)		**$86,762,462**	
Carryforward Balance in accordance with Sec. 79 of P.A. 26-79		**$12,579,482**	
Activity	**Amount Budgeted**	**Carryforward**	**Description**
Expansion Costs			
Early Start CT (ESCT)	$ 29,548,647	$ 1,152,787	Increasing access to Early Start CT by approximately 1,000 spaces and providing up to 4% rate increase per space.
Smart Start	$ 3,750,000	$ 363,764	Expanding public school preschools by approximately 10 classrooms and supporting facility expansions for additional Smart Start classrooms
Expansion Subtotal	**$ 33,298,647**	**$ 1,516,550**	
Administrative Costs			
Staffing	$ 2,223,386	$ 141,602	OEC and SDE staffing and capacity
IT/Data	$ 460,180	$ 64,914	Data system improvements and planning
Miscellaneous	$ 51,000	$ -	Fees associated with required reporting, meetings and hearings
Admin. Subtotal	**$ 2,684,566**	**$ 206,515**	**Admin. Cap for SFY27 is 12%, or $10,411,495**
Programmatic Costs			
Health Insurance	$ 10,000,000	$ 38	Health Insurance Subsidy Program through Access Health CT
Facilities	$ 500,000	$ -	Technical assistance to support the facilities grants that will be put out using Bond funding
Inclusion/Special Needs	$ 124,800	$ -	Contracting to provide training and assistance specific to children with disabilities and special needs
Communications/Marketing	$ 1,350,000	$ -	Communication supports for the one point of entry portal and for regular communication regarding expansion and programming for the field
Quality Improvement	$ 4,069,077	$ -	Support for quality improvement activities and recognition of providers who engage in ELEVATE. Supports CT's NAEYC accreditation facilitation project AQIS, and NAEYC accreditation fees and additional random visits. Funds also support expanding activities for professional development in the areas of Standards, Curriculum and Assessment (CTELDS and CT DOTS training and coaching) and assessments for providers who are not yet accredited, and quality improvement for technical assistance providers.
Workforce	$ 12,750,000	$ 5,327,200	Apprenticeships, Program Operations Grants, and Scholarships to support and grow the ECE workforce
UCONN School of Social Work	$ 165,000	$ -	The Office of Early Childhood's Parent/Caregiver Survey is a statewide effort to gather direct feedback from families about their experiences accessing and using Connecticut's early childhood system. The survey helps ensure that family voices inform policy decisions, program improvements, and future investments by identifying barriers, priorities, and opportunities across the birth-to-five continuum.
Local Governance Partners (LGPs)	$ 2,802,000	$ -	Support for the Local Needs Assessment, Quality Enhancement Funding, Incentives for regional LGP expansion, and match funds for every community LGP
Licensing Supports	$ 2,000,000	$ -	Investments to enhance the infrastructure, resources, and supports necessary to maintain a strong and responsive licensing system. These efforts promote safe, high-quality early childhood environments, support provider success, and strengthen the foundation needed for continued growth of Connecticut's early childhood system.
ESCT Supports	$ 2,000,000	$ -	Support provider success and strengthen Connecticut's mixed-delivery system through the development of resources, learning opportunities, and technical assistance aligned with Early Start CT. These supports help providers build knowledge, enhance program operations, and successfully implement program standards and expectations while supporting long-term quality and sustainability.
Innovation	$ 14,000,000	$ 220,000	Investments that support emerging opportunities, continuous improvement, and strategic initiatives that advance the goals of Connecticut's early childhood system
Programmatic Subtotal	**$ 49,760,877**	**$ 5,547,238**	
Total	**$ 85,744,090**	**$ 7,270,303**	
Balance	**$ 1,018,372**	**$ 5,309,179**	