

State of Connecticut
Recovery Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**
2023 Report

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General Overview

Executive Summary

Having paid strategic attention to disparities in public health and the negative economic impacts of the pandemic itself, Connecticut stands to emerge from the pandemic among the best-positioned states in the nation. Connecticut has enjoyed 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. The State's use of previously authorized federal and state resources enabled a comprehensive and effective response to the pandemic and set up future safeguards for possible changes in public health. These efforts, including rapidly standing up nationally recognized testing, contact tracing, vulnerable resident support, and vaccination programs, have strengthened the state's future defense against pandemic or endemic conditions. As schools re-opened, Connecticut established models for remedying learning loss and reducing chronic absenteeism, as well as improving the digital divide. As the world entered into the endemic phase of this event, Connecticut continues to place a strong emphasis on maintaining safe schools, increasing access to physical and behavioral health resources, and making the state accessible and affordable for all residents.

Connecticut has seen substantial recovery in the labor market; the state has recovered 98% of private sector jobs lost during the pandemic. However, recovery of public sector jobs lags behind at 77.5% recovered. Connecticut leaders recognize that disparities in economic recovery will not remedy themselves, and that strategic and affirmative investments in providing education opportunities to individuals looking to upskill and increase their marketability for 21st century jobs, providing food to struggling families, and providing housing support services to ensure access to safe, affordable housing will ensure equity for all residents. Connecticut continues to invest 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. The small business, tourism, and non-profit sectors that fuel the economy and provide critical community services are still feeling the effects of the economy from the height of the pandemic when they struggled to keep their doors open and maintain payroll and are now facing considerable increases to the cost of doing business or providing services because of inflationary pressures. Connecticut is continuing to provide aid to these sectors to ensure jobs and services are protected.

In addition, COVID-19 exposed long-standing health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities who suffered disproportionately with higher infection and mortality rates. Connecticut has used the ARPA funds awarded to make transformative investments in equity, and to emerge healthier and stronger from prenatal care to end of life care, and to assist those most in need in this state. Investing in children and families early in life leads to better outcomes later in life, making our society even more prepared for the next pandemic or other crisis, and better positioning residents of all socio-economic statuses to access economic opportunity.

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 (SLFRF) 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. In the past year, many of the projects outlined in PA 22-146 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.

Governor Lamont has developed five key areas for these investments with a focus on equity:

1. The first of which is to *defeat COVID-19* by maintaining strong testing and vaccination programs, supporting a continued supply of PPE, maintaining the nationally leading support programs for the most vulnerable residents living in long-term care facilities, and supporting public health, because defeating this virus is the only way to ensure the other investments will pay dividends. The state's efforts have served as a model for future management of public health emergencies and have positioned the state to emerge in this endemic period stronger than before.
2. The second is *investing in the future* with 21st century upgrades and investments in our cities/towns, expanding access to high-speed internet, supporting families from the start with early interventions and services, supporting the recovery of non-profits through the pandemic, and addressing the criminal justice impacts of the pandemic.
3. The third key area is *creating a more affordable Connecticut* by supporting childcare opportunities for residents, assisting institutions of higher education, providing students at colleges and universities with additional financial aid and scholarship opportunities, providing resources to better support those struggling with mental health issues, and targeting affordable internet and broadband access, as well as affordable housing, home remediation, energy efficiency and clean energy retrofits that will improve respiratory health and reduce burdensome energy costs for low-income residents.
4. The fourth area of investment is to make the state's *economic growth work for everyone* by restoring jobs, rebuilding our economy, and returning to growth by focusing on workforce development and small business supports.
5. The fifth key investment area is *the state itself*. These resources will enable Connecticut to continue state operations and provide resources necessary for state agencies to lead the state's recovery, to provide services to consumers and clients, and to mitigate and recover from the pandemic, and to evaluate and learn from those investments. These resources will also allow Connecticut to modernize and ease the delivery of services, particularly in health and human services, while improving the speed and quality with which we can monitor and analyze public health risks.

Uses of Funds

The state of Connecticut has spent the last three 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. Equity remains at the core of our approach, factoring into each initiative 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.

Public Health (EC 1)

In the last year, the state has focused SLFRF funding on addressing the substantial public health impact that COVID-19 has had on communities' and families' health. To date, the state has invested approximately \$200 million to address the public health impacts of the pandemic. Funding for public health focuses on helping families recover from the pandemic, whether that negative impact was due to a gap in care, an additional need for support services such as substance abuse or mental health care, or general recovery from the life-altering effects of COVID-19. Addressing the public health impacts consists of maintaining adequate levels of personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies for public health emergencies, while also creating transformative change for children and families across the state through programs that directly support their communities. Programs range from smaller scale initiatives that seek to offer respite or provide support for health research studies, to larger scale efforts such as bolstering children's mental health supports. Some examples of priority investments include:

Statewide public health response. Connecticut has made significant investments in COVID-19 testing and PPE and is continuing to follow evidence-based policy recommendations to protect its residents from the continued impact of the pandemic. The state has created a \$75 million grant fund for school districts to upgrade and improve HVAC and indoor air quality systems. The state has also prioritized increased access to healthcare – particularly mental healthcare – through its planned expansion of pediatric mobile crisis intervention services (aka emergency mobile psychiatric services, or EMPS) to statewide 24/7 coverage and the creation of three additional urgent crisis centers, partnered with subacute crisis stabilization units, to provide diversionary services statewide. Additionally, the state is investing \$51.9 million to support ongoing COVID-19 response measures including testing, PPE, and vaccination. As we have seen, COVID-19 is here to stay, and we must remain vigilant in our fight against the virus.

Respite Care for Family Caregivers. On an individual level, the state allocated funding for Respite Care for Family Caregivers for several populations including foster parents, caregivers of adults and caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities. By providing respite care for families with the greatest need, funding can initiate more equitable outcomes and have the maximum impact on families who have been stretched thin with caregiver duties. The allocation has enabled the Department of Developmental Services to meet all family requests related to caregiving for individuals with disabilities and in the coming year, two other agencies will implement respite care grants.

School-Based Health Centers. In an effort to rebuild community resources, the state is funding the development and expansion of services offered in School-Based Health Centers. The purpose of this investment is to expand and enhance services within existing School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) or establish entirely new SBHCs. Currently, the state funds 90 sites and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has recently added new funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

for new sites and expansion of existing sites. SBHCs are in areas with a high social-vulnerability index (SVI), where there may be fewer medical professionals, where there is a greater share of students receiving free or reduced-price meals, and where there is a high population of publicly insured or uninsured children. SBHCs are fully functioning health centers, offering medical, dental and mental health services, and while they can serve as primary care sites for children, SBHC staff will work with families to find primary care providers if needed. DPH will work with the School-Based Health Alliance to distribute the SLFRF funds in one of three ways: 1) add services at existing sites (e.g. adding either medical, dental or mental health services where they do not already exist); 2) enhance existing services at existing sites (e.g. expand the schedule of existing services from part time to full time); or 3) establish entirely new SBHCs, with a focus on mental health service offerings. At the time of this report, DPH is finalizing their contract with the School-Based Health Alliance and anticipates new sites opening during the 23/24 school year.

Children's Mental Health Initiatives. Children's mental health has been significantly affected due to the pandemic and disruptions in schooling, changes of lifestyle, and decreased social interaction with peers. Funding allocated for mental health initiatives for children supports various initiatives, including: 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; creating four urgent crisis centers 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. In addition, the State Department of Education has distributed funding for social work positions in 20 districts across the state. The Department of Children and Families will work closely with the State Department of Education to integrate urgent care centers with school-based programs for the most effective outcomes.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

A second focus of the state's SLFRF-funded efforts has been to support those negatively impacted economically by the pandemic. Broadly speaking, these efforts fall into three categories:

(1) Workforce development and job training programming.

Significant funding was approved for the creation of new workforce development and job training initiatives, as well as support and coordination for existing programs. The Office of Workforce Strategy has rolled out CareerConneCT, a comprehensive program leveraging \$70 million in ARPA funds that will focus on job training programs aimed at getting unemployed individuals or individuals significantly impacted by the pandemic back to work in high-demand industries, with a keen focus on advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, clean energy, and construction. The intended outcome will be to train and place between 5,500 and 7,000 students and job seekers so they can enter employment in in-demand industries. Three target areas of this initiative include (1) a focus on reentry for formerly incarcerated individuals to successfully transition back to the workforce; (2) additional resources to support education and

training to expand the state's healthcare workforce; and (3) the creation of multiple non-degree training programs with a pipeline into high-paying jobs in the bioscience industry. In 2022, the Office of Workforce Strategy identified 20 providers who are currently supporting participants across the state.

(2) Targeted aid to revitalize the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries.

The Connecticut General Assembly approved the Governor's request for statewide support of the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries, which have been particularly hard-hit by COVID-19. Funds from various sources were authorized to support statewide marketing efforts; SLFRF funds have supported new tourism branding as well as seasonal tourism promotions which has drawn visitors and revitalized sales and employment within the sector. In addition, funding was approved to provide free access to 125 museums for children and one accompanying adult throughout the state during the summer of 2022 in an effort both to support museums which lost revenue and to provide to provide enrichment opportunities to support students' academic recovery. Upon receiving positive feedback from museums and families alike, the Governor and Legislature have continued this program into its third year during summer of 2023. Finally, several individual venues and attractions were authorized to receive direct grants to bridge the gap as these venues transition out of the pandemic and into the post-pandemic economy.

(3) Broad-based assistance for individuals and families who have felt particular economic harm. with special attention to families with young children and individuals facing housing insecurity.

The Connecticut General Assembly has authorized several programs intended to provide direct support for individuals and families who have suffered economically from the pandemic. In 2021, a significant amount of funding was authorized to replenish the state's Unemployment Trust Fund, against which the state was forced to borrow significant sums from the federal government during the worst of the pandemic to cover the sudden and significant wave of unemployment claims. In 2022, the legislature set aside funds to cover interest on this expenditure to protect business from increased taxes. Additional funding was authorized for the Connecticut Department of Labor to provide support to homeowners facing mortgage repayment issues due to pandemic-related unemployment or underemployment. Finally, direct benefit programs include several food assistance initiatives administered by the state Department of Agriculture, ranging from vouchers for seniors and for use at farmers' markets, to support for food pantries and food banks. The state has also supported many nonprofits providing valuable services to their communities with direct financial aid to allow these organizations to meet increased demand for their programming.

The Governor and General Assembly have paid special attention to groups that have been disproportionately impacted by the negative effects of the pandemic, including families with young children and individuals facing housing insecurity.

Investments in Families with Young Children

The pandemic has been a particularly challenging experience for families with young children. Children have missed out on key early-learning opportunities and milestones, while parents have, in many cases, suffered income loss, constrained access to

childcare and periods of remote learning. In response, Connecticut has made substantial investments in childcare and education through SLFRF funds.

In 2022, SLFRF funds were dedicated to increasing reimbursement rates for state-funded School Readiness programs. These funds provide a bridge to sustainability when the legislature will approve rate increases, bringing greater financial stability to childcare providers. Funds have also been dedicated to expanding the pipeline of early childcare workforce pipeline through an apprenticeship program. The pandemic's impact on the childcare sector, from lost revenue to staffing, threatens the industry. Commitment of resources to workforce support is one step to strengthening this important and necessary resource for families and caregivers. In addition to increased reimbursement rates, the General Assembly allocated \$100 million of additional SLFRF funds to various childcare initiatives, including additional support for the Care4Kids program.

In addition, \$15 million in SLFRF funds have also been set aside for the construction and renovation of new childcare centers in "childcare deserts" across the state. These funds will prioritize 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). Options for existing or aspiring childcare providers to seek funding to address facility needs are limited. This grant fund will allow providers to invest in one-time startup costs to significantly increase childcare availability across the state in the long-term. Grant-making will begin in the fall of 2023. These childcare initiatives provide economic relief and educational opportunity to thousands of children and parents in low- to moderate-income households, bolstering the provision of healthy early childhood environments in disproportionately low- to moderate-income communities, and supporting kindergarten readiness for our most impacted populations and communities. These programs also help parents address COVID-19 related income loss and provide support to parents re-entering/remaining in the workforce.

The state is enacting two further efforts to support and protect families. The first is the implementation of the Universal Home Visiting Program, focused on improving maternal and newborn well-being. The Universal Home Visiting Program, recently branded "Family Bridge," will follow the Family Connects model, an evidence-based home visiting model that pairs new mothers with registered nurses to provide up to 3 home visits for needs assessments and knowledge sharing. Nurses will also help families gain access to critical community programs and resources to support child development. Home visiting has been shown to improve mental and physical health outcomes and prevent child maltreatment, resulting in a 50% reduction of emergency medical care use (years 0-1) and a 28% reduction in mothers' clinical anxiety. The second state effort is the enactment of the Lead Safe and Healthy Homes legislation. Lead poisoning is prevalent in the aging housing stock of the northeast and in Connecticut, there are higher rates of lead poisoning in urban centers where there are lower rates of owner-occupied housing stock. The state seeks to improve services supporting families whose child has experienced lead poisoning. The legislation was initiated separately from the pandemic recovery effort but includes a new program to provide financial support to families who must mitigate the causes of lead poisoning. The economic impacts of the pandemic are

far reaching and this financial support to families with young children is an important first step in eliminating lead poisoning.

Investments in Individuals and Families Facing Housing Insecurity

The state is investing SLFRF dollars in a comprehensive set of supports for residents facing housing hardship. Connecticut has also prioritized the creation of new affordable housing units with an investment of \$50 million to fund affordable housing initiatives across the state. With this investment, the state's Department of Housing (DOH) anticipates supporting the creation of 350 additional units of affordable housing targeted for households earning between 30% and 50% of the area median income (AMI) and leveraging that investment to support the production of as many as 1,000 additional units of housing. In 2022, the four projects that have broken ground will yield 71 units all under 50% AMI.

Investments in improving housing security are being made outside of DOH as well. The Office of Workforce Strategy has included rental assistance as part of the wraparound services that participants receive when they engage in workforce development. Other health and human service agencies like Department of Children and Families and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services are also considering housing supports that connect homeless youth and residents facing addiction to stable housing.

To address housing insecurity as a result of the pandemic, the state has continued to provide funding for legal representation for tenants facing eviction. In the last 18 months, the Right to Counsel program has assisted 2,661 individual facing housing instability. In two thirds of their cases, the Right to Counsel program achieved a "prevent an eviction judgment" for their clients.

Energy affordability is one of the leading causes of homelessness in the United States and Connecticut residents spend the second highest amount on annual energy bills in the nation at an average of \$3,600. This represents just one aspect of a comprehensive approach to housing, utilizing SLFRF dollars, which includes reducing energy costs to homeowners facing hardship through remediation of barriers to weatherizing homes and funding energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing. In the last year, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has begun implementation of a program to assist homeowners with retrofitting of existing housing stock to improve energy efficiency. As the energy retrofit program gets up and running, DEEP has also launched a program to remediate of health and safety issues in aging housing stock. To date, their efforts have improved 16 housing units with 10 more units in progress and over 100 referrals in process.

Layering these efforts on top of the UniteCT program— a program that provides up to \$15,000 in rental and up to \$1,500 electricity payment assistance on behalf of households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic — Connecticut's rental housing market will be stabilized, and the state will have created a comprehensive set of supports for residents facing housing hardship.

To date, the state is set to invest more than \$1 billion in projects and initiatives to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Public Sector Capacity (EC3)

Connecticut is investing almost \$217.3 million to restore and bolster its public sector capacity that has faced significant staffing pressures and increased demand for services.

In 2022, the state continued support to the UConn Health hospital system as they continued to manage significant disruptions and impacts to revenues from the pandemic. The state's investments have ensured operations are maintained and staffing levels are not reduced. Funds will be used to enable UConn Health's multispecialty physician practice to continue to operate with pre-pandemic staffing levels, avoid layoffs, and increase services. The practice includes primary care, cardiology, and other critical specialties for community health, and serves approximately 39% Medicare and 24% Medicaid patients, representing more at-risk populations.

Because the pandemic led to major disruptions in the court systems and increased demand on the unemployment system, the state has focused investments on eliminating the resultant backlogs in court services and improving the unemployment claim process. To resolve these backlogs and address other administrative needs, this past year Connecticut invested almost \$38.1 million for staffing support. To improve the efficacy of public health and economic programs throughout the state, Connecticut has invested \$33.4 million to support various effective service delivery initiatives. By expanding electronic health records, improving information system accessibility and functionality for citizens, and expanding GIS mapping and evaluation capacity, the state has positioned itself to provide better service to residents by creating resilient, accessible technology systems and to better inform policy decisions through data-driven policymaking.

One notable improvement in the last fiscal year is the establishment and expansion of the state's GIS Office and the work related to Broadband Mapping. This project is supported through the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund as well as through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Broadband Mapping effort aims to address Connecticut's digital divide experienced by 'disconnected' individuals often in strategically disinvested communities.

In addition to the Broadband Mapping work, the GIS Office continues to build out the state's repository of high-quality geospatial data. These data will enable the state to address disparities and inequities, and barriers to access work, healthcare or other services. Investments in broadband expansion will use up-to-date and accurate information to ensure those investments reach underserved areas and individuals. The GIS Office is currently updating the aerial imagery of the entire state as well as building footprints, and 3D base mapping. These new geospatial assets will be available to support progress on environmental justice and address the impacts of climate change. Property data will support equity in housing, economic development, and municipal finance. The ability to effectively visualize and present high-quality geospatial data is vital to enabling more effective use of resources in addressing all the issues.

Premium Pay (EC 4)

Connecticut invested \$35 million in premium pay to compensate the exceptional work of front-line state employees and National Guard members during the height of the pandemic. However, the state has not invested further in this expenditure category since the last fiscal year.

Infrastructure (EC 5)

The state is directing all but \$25 million of its Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund award to broadband initiatives to support access for low-income/multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure buildout in underserved areas and provide public Wi-Fi connectivity in key community access points. Connecticut is also investigating the impact of implementing strategic broadband efforts like outfitting the state's electric train fleet with 5G. This will help public transportation users stay connected for work, education, and civic engagement while doing their part to reduce emissions. A study of the feasibility and impact of this solution is forthcoming.

Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

Connecticut continues to recover from the significant economic shock resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 acknowledges that state and local governments have suffered deep revenue losses and enables use of funds to ensure that important government services can be maintained. The State of Connecticut has projected revenue loss to be almost \$2.2 billion from the end of Fiscal Year 2019 through the end of Calendar Year 2021 and has thus far allocated approximately \$1.6 billion to support the provision of government services.

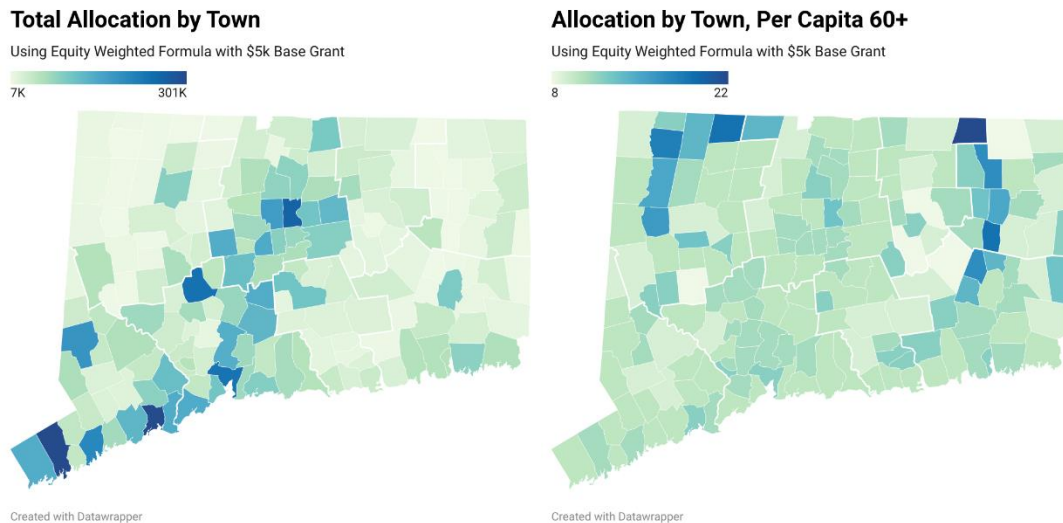
Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on Connecticut's most vulnerable residents. In the last year of pandemic recovery, Connecticut's leadership has focused on equitable investments in populations and places that were adversely impacted by COVID-19. Beyond the pandemic recovery, state executive leadership has adopted the mindset that it is our collective responsibility to address these challenges through an equity-focused lens.

Equity is essential to building growth and opportunity. Across policy areas, access to transformative programming is focused on supporting our most vulnerable populations. More importantly, ease of access has been prioritized for rapid deployment and adoption. While different programs have been established to support their respective populations, which have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, qualifying households/individuals will receive necessary levels of support, consistent with the state's ambitions to offer equitable services to all. Connecticut recognizes that the impact of the pandemic has been far-reaching, that proactive communication of planned programming is necessary, and that communication efforts must be far-reaching to connect with as many residents as possible. While some programs are targeted to the most vulnerable, programs like Universal Home Visiting and Community Health Workers for Families will transform access to supports and services for families and their young children.

In the case of programs providing funding to all towns and municipalities, agencies focused on ways to equitably distribute funds. Several strategies are notable. The State Unit on Aging/Aging and Disability Services agency partnered with the Office of Policy and Management to develop a formula for distributing funding to senior centers that accounted for demographic and economic factors impacting older Americans. This approach ensured that towns with greater need among their senior citizens received proportionally higher grants. [In this data story, the data visualizations provide support for adoption of this strategy and serve as an example of](#)

[interventions with a focus on equity](#). The maps shown below provided the State Unit on Aging team with two visual explanations of their strategy to support equitable distribution of funds:



Several programs are ensuring equitable access to supports and services to increase engagement and outcomes for students. The first example of this kind of initiative is the State Department of Education’s (SDE) Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP). LEAP is an important example of services focused on improving access and equity. SDE used SLFRF to expand support for LEAP, an intensive home visiting program designed to improve relationships between families, caregivers, and schools and reduce chronic absenteeism. With committed educators and school leaders, LEAP efforts have shown to improve students’ attendance rates and reduce incidences of chronic absenteeism in 15 districts across the state.

A second example of equitable access to services is the Guided Pathways Advising program. Guided Pathways Advising is a radical reimagination of the advising system that existed in the state’s community college system. Motivated by lagging completion rates and students’ lack of engagement with their advisors and educators, leadership within the Connecticut State College and University (CSCU) system began planning and redesigning this new system over five years ago. The model involves the expansion of student advisors to decrease the advisor to student ratio and to improve the relationship between advisor and advisee. The Guided Pathways leadership expected to see the reduction in ratio between student and advisor have its greatest impact on student retention and credit completion. After one semester, some of these results are evident. Students who have greater frequency of contact with their advisor are more likely to attempt and complete more credits. In addition, over the entire system, the matriculation rate from one semester to the next is higher compared to the national average.

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 ARPA 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.

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 ARPA 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.

One successful example of community engagement and outreach is the Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues program. In the summer of 2021, this program debuted to allow Connecticut children and one accompanying adult to visit museums statewide free of charge during the summer months. Residents responded positively to this opportunity and the program repeated during the summer of 2022. This program benefits families dealing with a loss of learning opportunities from in-person classroom instruction and state private and nonprofit museums who faced reduced traffic during the pandemic. The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) regularly interfaces with participating museums in conjunction with Connecticut Humanities and the Connecticut League of History Organizations. DECD has communicated with members of the public via [their public website](#) and has incorporated visitor feedback to improve the program going into its second summer. Public outreach for the program has been robust, with families, statewide, eager to take advantage of the program. Museums have shared a significant uptake in visits from both local families and families from across the state during the time period of the program. Because of the feedback from institutions and the public, this program was recently renewed to continue through the summer of 2023.

In the past year, the Evaluation and Impact 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](#). Currently, the data dashboard provides the public with views into the state's overall spending and spending by expenditure category. The dashboard displays agency level spending and budgets for SLFRF programs and connects the public to legislatively mandated status reports. The Evaluation and Impact Unit has planned upgrades for the data dashboard that include displaying programs in broader thematic categories.

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 ARPA 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 July 1, 2023, the minimum wage rate will increase to \$15 per hour. Beginning on January 1, 2024, the minimum wage will become indexed to the employment cost index which will allow the rate to grow according to economic indicators as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Use of Evidence

The State of Connecticut has invested crucial resources into ensuring the use of evidence and evaluation for the SLFRF funded projects. In the past year, Connecticut established the Evaluation and Impact Unit with an initial focus on SLFRF funded projects. Nested within Office of Policy and Management's [Data and Policy Analytics Unit](#), the team works directly with agencies and third-party applied researchers and evaluators to develop evaluation plans and coordinate access to state data resources for evaluation and evidence-building purposes. The team officially launched in fall 2022 to provide direct support and guidance to recipients of SLFRF funds.

The Evaluation and Impact Unit provides leadership on the three components of the state's evidence-building strategy, which are:

- (1) Prioritizing investments for evidence-building.

To identify core projects with the potential to generate high-quality evidence, the Evaluation and Impact Unit will prioritize ARPA projects for evaluation based on the following factors: (1) alignment between the project and the five priority areas identified by Governor Lamont, to ensure that investments in evidence-building align with the priorities in the SLFRF investments as a whole; (2) the scale or magnitude of the project, anticipating that projects with greater reach are a higher priority; (3) the existing evidence base for the program; and (4) the potential for robust community engagement, to use those insights to inform the evidence-building strategy with both qualitative and quantitative data.

In the last year, Evaluation and Impact 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.

(2) Supporting the allocation of resources for evaluation and data analysis.

The Evaluation and Impact Unit has worked directly with OPM Budget staff in incorporating resources for program evaluation into program budgets where appropriate. Evaluation support may come through internal hires (building state capacity for evidence-based policy making), partnerships with third-party evaluators (leveraging expertise in specific policy and evaluation areas) and working with existing state resources described further below.

In the last year, Connecticut SLFRF-funded project leaders have generated early evidence of program effectiveness. Evaluation and Impact staff have engaged with agencies to ensure contractual language around data collection and evidence building is assured through the procurement process. In addition, as programs initiate competitive request for proposal processes, Evaluation and Impact staff have been able to support agencies in their drafts of these proposals.

(3) Connecting projects with existing state efforts to coordinate and leverage capacity.

Individual ARPA projects are encouraged to make use of state resources and work already underway to enhance state data and analytical capacity. While there is still work to accomplish in this area, Evaluation and Impact staff have worked with SLFRF-funded agencies to make them aware of the state data assets. One key pillar of Connecticut's strategy to integrate data across agency systems is [P20 WIN](#), the state longitudinal data system. The P20 WIN learning agenda focuses on areas of significant overlap with Connecticut's SLFRF Recovery Plan, including college and career readiness, student readiness, financial aid, identifying barriers to success, and workforce training programs.

In addition to the need for data sharing and data matching in evaluation, Evaluation and Impact staff have been using the state's open data portal to share ARPA funding information transparently. The open data portal (data.ct.gov) posts data from agencies, such as program enrollment and project outcomes. This portal houses existing dashboards on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery. In alignment with Connecticut's equity and inclusion strategy, the open data portal has posted maps, data, and documentation on Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) to assist in

the development of ARPA project plans and determination of eligibility with plans to post regular updates on ARPA investments. Connecticut's OPM has a history of supporting transparency, data analysis and performance monitoring through multiple avenues and anticipates leveraging those existing resources in the evidence-building process as the SLFRF strategic plan moves forward.

Over the last fiscal year, the Evaluation and Impact Unit and the OPM Budget and Financial Management Division have worked together to communicate the importance of evidence-building to agencies and project implementation teams. The Evaluation and Impact Unit has provided direct technical assistance to agencies and project implementation teams and has developed capacity building workshops for agencies. Initially, project implementation teams were encouraged to develop project-specific logic models to help program administrators identify existing strengths and resources, connect program activities with specific measurable outputs, and clarify the final impact goals of project activities. Building on the use of logic models, the Evaluation and Impact Unit's workshops focused on building a data culture within agencies to ensure that evidence generation will be a planned piece of the SLFRF work.

The Evaluation and Impact 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. This consistent focus on how we measure the impact of our work will enable Connecticut to communicate the impact of ARPA investments clearly and consistently. Improvements to the public dashboard will ensure residents know how funds are being used and whether those investments are benefitting their community. The emphasis on Evaluation and Impact work will improve upon past approaches to federal stimulus funding, which have led to some frustration at an underutilized opportunity through a failure to systematically collect data and evaluate impact.

Prioritization for an evidence-building strategy will closely follow priority areas identified by Governor Lamont and referenced in the Executive Summary. The following section highlights a sample of how evidence-based policies and rigorous program evaluation will be incorporated into ARPA projects:

Investing in the Future. Connecticut is investing in home visiting services for young children and their caregivers to ensure all children, regardless of income or access to private healthcare, have a strong start in life. Home visiting programs, where certified nurses visit with caregivers and their young children in their homes, have been rigorously evaluated across the country and demonstrate many benefits: a reduction in social-emotional and behavioral problems in young children; a decrease in developmental and learning problems; reduced incidents of abuse and neglect; and lower rates of maternal anxiety and depression. Connecticut's expansion of its Child First program and the pilot of a Universal Home Visiting program (now called "Family Bridge") offers exciting opportunities to invest in Connecticut's future through this evidence-based policy.

More Affordable Connecticut. Connecticut helps make affordable higher education more accessible through its programs to enhance student retention at community colleges and expansion of need-based scholarships. For the college retention initiative, Connecticut's community college network is building on evidence-based strategies of Guided Pathways Advising (GPA) to provide individualized advising and long-term mentorship.

Similar programs across the country have demonstrated this counseling model leads to higher graduation rates and shorter time to degree completion. Early data suggest that the Guided Pathways Advising is yielding the intended effects: students who engage with their advisor (and the newly redesigned model of advising) are more likely to persist from semester to semester. The frequency of contact with their advisor has an early impact on increased credit attempt and completion for students. The expansion of need-based scholarships in Connecticut to disproportionately impacted populations is an opportunity to generate new evidence about scholarship interventions and their impact on academic and career success. The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program (RWSP) is Connecticut's primary state-administered financial aid program. The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) National Center for Education Research (NCER) grant-funded research will provide an evaluation of the educational and employment outcomes for RWSP recipients and estimate the impact of aid for learners in low-income families. Research on RWSP will improve access to postsecondary education in Connecticut, and retention and completion for learners from the low-income families that receive RWSP support.

Economic Growth. The CareerConneCT project consists of job training programs aimed at getting unemployed individuals or individuals significantly impacted by the pandemic back to work in high-quality career pathways, with target industries including advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, clean energy, and construction. The initiative aims to train and place between 5,500 and 7,000 students and job seekers so they can enter employment in these careers categories. The agency's evaluation framework incorporates a quasi-experimental analysis that will focus on wage gains, educational attainment, and decreased reliance on state services.

Performance Report

The state of Connecticut has prioritized tracking program outcomes as a central component of their SLFRF plan. While there are mandatory performance indicators associated with some expenditure categories, the Evaluation and Impact 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 ARPA 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 ARPA procedures, all state agencies must propose output and outcome metrics to measure the success of their project. Whenever possible, these metrics should also include demographic characteristic including race, ethnicity, gender and income to insure a focus on equity and inclusion.

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
- Strengthening data literacy

- Improving documentation
- Data collection, Data indicators and Data storytelling

The workshops were available for SLFRF-funded project leads along with colleagues from their home agencies. Over 60 state colleagues from 14 agencies attended the workshops earlier in 2023. Workshops will continue in the fall of 2023 and into 2024.

OPM is also developing tools that will allow agencies to standardize their collection of demographic data over time, paving the way for a cohesive measurement of how well state programs are serving historically marginalized populations. In line with ARPA'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 required agencies to identify their own "agency selected indicators" that more accurately reflect the work undertaken. The Budget team ensures agencies have awareness of the Evaluation and Impact Unit when they are getting their initial allocations situated and the Evaluation and Impact 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.

In addition to their technical support on evidence-building and program evaluation, OPM's Evaluation and Impact Unit will support the OPM Budget and Financial Management division in collecting and aggregating performance metrics into categories that align with Governor Lamont's five priority areas. The Evaluation and Impact team created [a data story and data dashboard](#) that provide visibility into the expenditure data and categories. Later this year, the dashboard will be modified to align with the Governor's priorities, so the public, the legislature, and state colleagues are able to understand spending progress and programmatic impact of these funds. 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.

The image that appears below is a view of the dashboard's four components: 1) Total allocations by expenditure category; 2) Progress on spending for each expenditure category; 3) Focus on Expenditure Category 2: Negative Economic Impacts; and 4) Focus on Expenditure Category 1: Public Health. The data story also contains interactive visualizations showing allocations by state agency and their progress on spending. The data in the dashboards are updated on a quarterly basis following the submission of Project and Expenditure Reporting. Later this year, the Evaluation and Impact team will be updating these dashboards to include project specific performance data and updates.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Dashboard

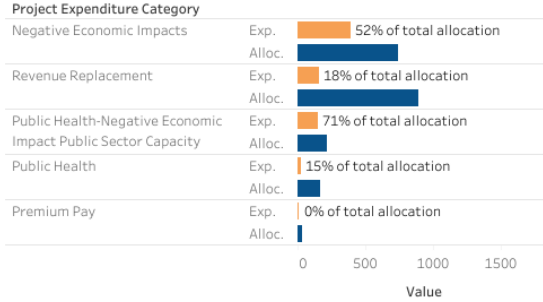
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This dashboard includes data on ARPA allocation and expenditure funding with details about specific funding categories and subcategories. All Allocations and Expenditures appear in \$M.

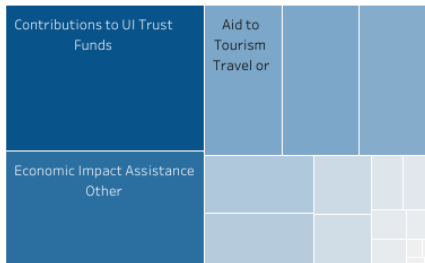
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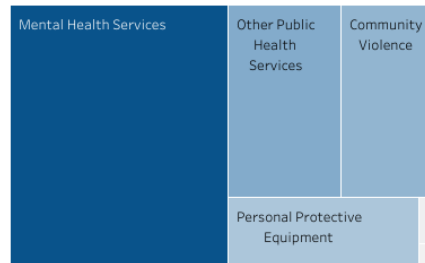
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Negative Economic Impacts Allocations



Public Health Allocations



These data were last updated on January 31, 2023.

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.

CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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 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 partnerships employ various innovative strategies to increase the number of professionals in this field and the effectiveness of the strategies will be evaluated in the future. Seven (7) institutions received funding for the innovative program and scholarships will be disbursed across seventeen (17) institutions. The program estimates issuing 1,312 tuition scholarships to nursing students across sixteen institutions and 384 tuition scholarships to social work students across five institutions. As of the end of FY23, twelve (12) faculty have been hired and over 190 scholarships have been issued across the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU), University of Connecticut (UConn) and Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC) education systems.

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

Performance Update: The funds support redesigning advising across 12 campuses to allow each community college to provide local and systemwide support and opportunities that benefits the student academically and boosts their well-being. Implementation of the Guided Pathways Advising model led to the following changes in the advising program:

- Shift to a Holistic Case Management Advising model.
- Reduced student to advisor ratios from 760 to 1 to 258 to 1.
- Assigned all degree and certificate seeking students to a Guided Pathways Advisor upon initial registration.
- Proactive outreach to students and coordinated support services.

The program rolled out in Fall 2022 to 35,000 students across 12 campuses. Since the roll-out, the community college leaders have evaluated early impacts of the program and found students who had more contact with their Guided Pathways Advisor were more likely to persist from fall 2022 to spring 2023 and Advising Contacts are positively correlated with attempted and completed credits. A full evaluation of the program is on the horizon.

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 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

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

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

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

Project 28217: CDL Training at Community Colleges

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

Project 29692: Higher Education – CSCU

Funding Amount: \$211,500,000

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

Project 29790: Workforce Development, Education and Training

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The nursing home industry and its employees have borne the brunt of some of the worst impacts of the pandemic resulting in staff burnout and associated staffing shortages across the state and nationwide. This funding will provide workforce development for individuals employed in the nursing home industry to advance their careers.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Project 28008: Support School Air Quality

Funding Amount: \$75,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: To support a grants program to provide funding for projects involving the installation, replacement or upgrading of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems or other improvements to indoor air quality in school buildings.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update: The funds support grants for installing, replacing, or upgrading heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC) and other improvements to air quality in PK-12 public school buildings. Grants to municipalities are expected to be announced and funds committed in early 2024.

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 28271: Capital Area Heating System Study

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28272: Interagency Portal

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Project 28009: Senior Centers

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

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: Senior Centers are slated to directly receive \$9M to support and improve or develop new programming and for facility improvements with the purpose of engagement and re-engagement of older and aging adults across the state. Aging and Disability Services partnered with the Office of Policy and Management to develop a fund distribution plan to present to the Appropriations Committee. In the spring of 2023, the State Unit on Aging was designing the data collection needed to accompany the distribution of funds. The data collection will kick off late summer 2023.

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

Performance Update: Elderly Nutrition Program is using funds to invest in infrastructure for the Meals on Wheels program. The funding for the Elderly Nutrition Program has typically been dedicated to providing meals sometimes at the expense of important infrastructure needs like vehicles and protective equipment. The ARPA funds offer the Elderly Nutrition Program operators the chance to upgrade or replace vehicles, add vehicles to their fleet and provide hero pay and personal protective equipment.

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

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

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

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

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 28274: Prevalence of Autism Study

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Public Health

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: COVID Mitigation and Prevention

Performance Update: In the last fiscal year, the American School for the Deaf (ASD) provided After School Tutoring and Literacy Support (200 hours of training), Summer Programming & Scholarships (21 scholarships), and Communication Access (provision of clear masks to facilitate communication for hard of hearing individuals reading lips). One program (Counseling Support) did have the anticipated engagement.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

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

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

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 than 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

Performance Update: No status update at this time.

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

Project 28275: Container Gardens

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Food Security

Project 28276: Oyster Cultch Management Program

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 29695: Farm-to-School Grant

Funding Amount: \$750,000

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 educational opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips.

Issue Area: Food Security

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: Department of Children and Families (DCF) already provides mobile crisis support for children and youth. Before SLFRF, funding allowed for 24/7 phone support and onsite clinician support between 7am and 9pm. SLFRF funds allow for expansion of onsite support from 10pm to 6am, allowing DCF to provide full 24/7 phone and onsite support for children in crisis. Allocations for this service have been added to the FY25 budget.

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: Department of Children and Families (DCF) has created 4 urgent crisis centers (UCCs) across the state. UCCs are an important element of the behavioral health support system as they can reduce the burden on emergency departments. UCCs begin accepting clients in June 2023. The creation of these centers involved building physical plants, staffing and training. The UCCs can accommodate up to 72 patients a day for 23 hours (these are not meant to be congregate sites). Establishment of sub-acute centers has been a greater challenge for the agency. Sub-acute centers are intended to support children coming out of an acute crisis. They can support children for 2 to 14 days in a congregate setting while plans for discharge and treatment are arranged. Finding partners to create these centers has been a challenge due to the short-term availability of funding.

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-party 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

Performance Update: This project is still in the planning phase and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) will be carrying over the funding to 2025. These funds are intended for support of behavioral health services and their cost above and beyond the coverage of traditional insurance. An update is expected in SFY24.

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 part 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

Performance Update: This project is still in the startup phase. Beacon Health is the administrator for this program and there were some delays in establishing the contract. At the time of this report, initial outgoing communication with families was beginning and performance measures will not be available until the program formally begins. Future performance data on utilization of family assistance grants, which are meant to provide behavioral health services for uninsured families, will be shared when it is available.

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 is currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

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 is currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

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: \$85,000

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

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 is currently underway.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

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

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: This funding covers multiple initiatives including “Expand Mobile Crisis Intervention Services” and “Support Additional Urgent Crisis Centers and Sub-Acute Crisis Stabilization Units.” Performance updates are offered in this report under those headings.

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

Performance Update: This investment is supporting Child First programs previously funded by the OEC for FY 22 and 23. Though it was intended to be fully expended by 6/30/23, at least 10 of the 14 contractors will still have funds and will carry them into FY 24 until they are fully spent.

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.

Project 29779: Fostering the Community

Funding Amount: \$20,000

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

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

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

Performance Update: This is a Department of Housing (DOH) allocation that Department of Children and families (DCF) will be administering. The contract for these services was just completed and they are serving families. Performance data are not available at the time of this report's submission.

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

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

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

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

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

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: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29780: Casa Boricua-Meriden

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Located in a qualified census tract, Casa Boricua De Meriden Inc works to improve the education, health, and well-being of the Hispanic-Latino community of Greater Meriden. Funds will support case management assistance with public benefits determinations and referrals to health services. Casa Boricua's clients seek information assistance with form completion, translation services, and referrals to appropriate service providers to satisfy basic needs and maintain satisfactory life function.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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 TRUE Unit at Cheshire Correctional Institution was created in 2017 to provide an alternative approach to managing the population of incarcerated individuals ages 18-24. By housing this specialized population together, TRUE Unit staff can provide programming and training opportunities that has been shown to reduce recidivism when those incarcerated individuals return to their communities. The staff in the TRUE Unit receive specialized training and serve only these incarcerated individuals, not the general population in the Cheshire Correctional Institution. While this approach to housing and programming is not unique to Connecticut, the Department of Correction (DOC) has created a mentoring experience for this population that represents an innovation not present in other TRUE Unit arrangements in other states or countries. DOC has invested SLFRF in expanding programming for incarcerated individuals and by expanding training for staff. When the unit was first established, staff received robust training from local and national partners engaged in similar work, and this funding will allow the DOC to provide the same training again. These funds were approved for us in the spring and once procurement of training, space improvements, programming services and related equipment is complete, DOC anticipates these programs will begin in late summer 2023 and continue into calendar year 2024.

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: \$20,000,000

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 Department of Correction'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 and equipment.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: No status update at this time.

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: The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has drafted the Request for proposals (RFP) and will be distributed imminently.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This request for proposal for this project is still in development. No further performance data are available at this time.

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

Performance Update: These are grants that are intended for infrastructure improvements for summer camps. The performance data for this program will be available in early fall 2023.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is operation during the summer of 2023 and performance data will be available when it is complete.

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: Behavioral Health

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

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

Performance Update: The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) reported that the stabilization application process is about to be released. The Department reported that these funds are one time to increase funding to staff/providers.

Project 28277: Northwestern Transportation Service Pilot

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 29697: Respite Care for Family Caregivers

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

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) reported that these funds have been fully expended. In FY22: served 113 families (total paid through the grant \$193K) and in FY23: served 327 families (balance paid). The team reported that the availability of these funds has allowed DDS to fulfill most (if not all) of families' grant requests in full and any incoming grant requests between in the final quarter of the SFY will have to be denied or delayed.

Project 29773: Private Providers

Funding Amount: \$60,000,000

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 28041: Youth Service Corp

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g., job training subsidized employment supports or incentives)

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) wrote and distributed a request for proposals earlier in 2023. Two agencies were selected to administer these funds and performance data for this work is not yet available.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not yet operational and does not have performance data to report at this time.

Project 29719: Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g., job training subsidized employment supports or incentives)

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

Performance Update: This funding supports the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies Activating Community and Career Essentials (ACCESS) program. To date, the program has solicited interest from over 2,500 possible participants. 450 of these individuals prequalified to participate in the program and over 400 have earned credentials in manufacturing. 133 have found positions in the aerospace/defense manufacturing or supply chain fields.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: The number of individuals served is listed in the Performance Update.

Project 29839: CT Hospitality Industry Support

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project supported investments in media to draw attention to the Connecticut Tourism Industry, indirectly benefiting all Connecticut small businesses.

Project 29705: Connecticut Main Street Center

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.30 - Technical Assistance Counseling or Business Planning

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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is still in the initial administration and does not have performance data to report at this time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project 28063: Bridgeport Youth LaCrosse Academy

Funding Amount: \$25,000

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

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

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

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

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

Project 28068: Compass Youth Collaborative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project 28084: Sisters at the Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic, specifically revenue loss. This revenue loss was due to declines in admission and ticket sales for concerts, fee-based workshops and fundraisers. Due to limited concert capacity ticket sales declined and other in person workshops and events were cancelled which decreased program revenue as well.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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

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

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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

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

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

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

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 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 lowered memberships and subscriptions during the course of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic or support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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

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

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

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

Performance Update: The funding will be used to enhance the organization's staffing to support the engagement and activities offered to the community.

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

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

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 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. This effort intends to offset the negative economic impacts to the tourism sector as a result of the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Performance Update: This program was designed to enhance and improve educational outcomes for children in affected and disproportionately affected populations. This program originally piloted between July 1 and September 6, 2021, under the name, "Connecticut Summer at the Museum." Connecticut children accounted for 332,780 visits during the pilot across participating nonprofit museums. Under its current name, the program has continued for the summers of 2022 and 2023. In 2022, Connecticut children accounted for 389, 227 visits to the 125 participating museums.

[Connecticut Summer at the Museum Program Returns for Third Year](#)

[Connecticut Summer at the Museum 2023 - Free Admission for Kids](#)

[Governor Lamont Announces Return of Program Allowing Children to Receive Free Admission at Connecticut Museums During the Summer Press Release](#)

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

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

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 experienced 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

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 experienced 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

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

Project 29701: Mystic Aquarium

Funding Amount: \$355,206

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. 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

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

Project 29722: Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

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

Project Overview: Provides 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

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

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: This investment focused on improving the status and interest of state tourism and state attractions in the period of pandemic recovery. As a result of these funds, interest in state tourism and engagement with state attractions has increased.

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

Project 29725: CT Hospitality Industry Support

Funding Amount: \$25,000,000

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, 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

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 above eligibility criteria and distribution methodology, 1732 businesses will receive an average grant of \$16,396. 70% of the funding went to existing businesses and 40% of the funding went to businesses in distressed municipalities.

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

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

Project 28037: CT Next

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for CT Next, a program that provides technical assistance to entrepreneurs in Connecticut. Program activities include direct assistance through capital, mentorship, networking, and skills development and facilitating a network of entrepreneurs that supports collective success.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

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. SLFRF 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 28043: Amistad 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

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

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

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

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

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

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: 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 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 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

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

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

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

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

Project 28071: Farnam Neighborhood House

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 28072: Flotilla 73, INC

Funding Amount: \$5,000

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 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

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

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

Project 28081: Nutmeg Games

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

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

Project 28086: The Knowlton

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 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

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

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28279: CCAT

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28280: CT Main Street

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28281: Foundry 66

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Project 28282: Hartford Stage

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28283: Life Health and Wellness Center

Funding Amount: \$5,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28284: Lutz Childrens Museum

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28285: Masters Table Community Meals

Funding Amount: \$5,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28286: New Britain Museum of Art

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28287: Farmington Ave in Hartford

Funding Amount: \$1,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28288: Municipal Outdoor Recreation in Hartford

Funding Amount: \$6,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28289: Real Art Ways

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28290: Special Olympics

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28291: Team, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28292: Theaters

Funding Amount: \$6,125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28293: West Indian Foundation, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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 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, Amato's 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

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 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: \$2,000,000

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: No status update at this time.

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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 experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic and support program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 29718: Legacy Foundation of Hartford

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

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 29726: Regulatory Modernization

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Invest in a modernized regulatory and licensing infrastructure for ease of access making it easier to start and run a business in Connecticut.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 29727: Historic Wooster Square Association

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding will support neighborhood safety feature improvements and park enhancements in the disproportionately impacted community of New Haven.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

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 experienced 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: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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

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: Before January 2023, the Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) was funded by the Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund (GEER). The State Department of Education conducted a mixed methods evaluation for the first round of LEAP, finding important benefits of this home- visiting model for reducing chronic absenteeism. In the second phase of LEAP, now funded by ARPA, the training, the model, and the districts will remain the same. The evaluation, however, will include an analysis of quantitative data only. Beginning in early 2023, this initiative will be funded by SLFRF. The completed evaluation can be found here: https://portal.ct.gov/ccerc/-/media/CCERC/Reports/CCERC-Report-LEAP_FINAL.pdf.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. As of April 2023, there was a total of 27,213 home visits made to 13,523 unique students across the 15 LEAP districts.

Project 28094: Social Worker Grant SB 1

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

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: These funds support implementation of the ARPA School Mental Health Workers grant. The State Department of Education (SDE) issued an RFP, received 92 applications scored and selected 20 districts to fund based on the \$5M allocated. The grant awards ranged from \$53,000 to \$120,000 and districts will receive their grants for three years to hire school social workers. The Department plans to publish FTE counts and ratios of FTEs to students in public reporting by January 2024

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. At the time of this report, this funding will support the addition of mental health professionals in 20 districts across the state.

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 state's neediest districts as determined by measures enshrined in the state's education statutes.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

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

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

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

Project 29737: Elevate Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$400,000

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

Project 28103: Keane Foundation

Funding Amount: \$300,000

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

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

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 within the State 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: 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 takes into account K-3 enrollment and the free/reduced-price enrollment: The total available resources of approximately \$20 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). The evaluation is in the RFP stage.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is still in initial administration and does not have performance data to report at this time.

Project 29741: Summer Camp Scholarships for Families

Funding Amount: \$11,500,000

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, childcare, 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: In the spring of 2021, the state launched its inaugural Summer Enrichment Grant Program. Using funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Connecticut granted over \$8 million to 235 summer camps, childcare centers, and other innovative programs that offered impactful out-of-school learning and enrichment opportunities for students. Following a successful summer, the CSDE launched the 2022 Summer Enrichment Grant Program in April 2022, awarding over \$12 million in ARPA funding to 200 high-quality programs. An evaluation of this program is forthcoming.

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

Project 28090: Increase College Opportunities Through Dual Enrollment

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government 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

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: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

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 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

Project 28097: RESC Trauma Coordinators

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

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

Project 28098: Para Educational Professional Development HB 5321

Funding Amount: \$1,800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

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

Project 28100: Sphere Summer Program

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, 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 28101: Dream Camp Foundation

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

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, 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 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 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 28105: Free Meals for Students

Funding Amount: \$81,000,000

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 21-22 school year, all children received free meals. SDE has collected data on the number of children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the number of meals served and the enrollment in districts receiving ARPA support. When funding ended in December 2022, the state appropriated SLFRF funding to extend the work of districts who have exhausted their funding. Districts received these funds as of March 1st and will use them through the end of the 22/23 school year.

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 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 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

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

Project 28111: BSL Educational Foundation

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 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 tuition 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 tuition 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

Project 28115: Hall Neighborhood House

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, 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 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

Project 28117: New Haven Reads

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, 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 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 28119: Bullard-Havens Technical High School for Operating

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to support operating expenses for the Bullard-Havens Technical High School in Bridgeport.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

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 28294: CERC Public Transition Program Report

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28295: Education Workforce Development

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28297: Magnet Schools - New Britain, New London

Funding Amount: \$3,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 28298: New Haven Police Athletic League

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28299: Teacher Residency

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 29734: CT Writing Project

Funding Amount: \$159,500

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

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 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

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 29740: Student Achievement Through Opportunity

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Connecticut State Department of Education is still in the preliminary phases of scoping out this project working with the intended recipient to determine an eligible use of funds.

Issue Area: K- 12 Education

Project 29743: Hamden Before and After School Programming

Funding Amount: \$400,000

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. 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

Project 29744: Hamden Pre-K Programming

Funding Amount: \$100,000

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. 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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

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: This task force funding is intended to build personnel in the state police to improve gun tracing efforts. The scope of this task force is trafficking firearms. The task force is working to reduce access to illegal weapons by reducing gun trafficking within and outside of state lines. The task force has worked with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to trace serial numbers, and they have worked with the state's crime lab to analyze bullet casings found at crime scenes. These methods are yielding important results: state police are able to identify gun traffickers, link shell casings to illegal firearms and have those trafficking firearms arrested. ETrace is a program through ATF where they run a firearms serial number through their databases and get the history of the firearm from its production to its recovery. This process allows Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to find people trafficking firearms. This process has become a priority in the State Police as this was the main goal of the increase in capacity in the Gun Tracing Task Force.

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 e.g., 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: State Police have assisted in funding local/municipal police in their efforts to reduce auto thefts in their community. State Police funded 8 hub organizations with \$94,000 grants that each hub will disseminate to over 50 towns. Towns are permitted to use the funds in community appropriate ways to reduce auto theft and violent crime. Each town will receive, approximately, \$35,000 as a grant. Towns are expected to complete an Activity Sheet about their use of funds. Data from these activity sheets will be compiled and shared on the following website: DESPP ARPA data site: <https://portal.ct.gov/DESPP/Division-of-State-Police/Crimes-Analysis-Unit/ARPA---American-Rescue-Plan-Act---Data/ARPA---American-Rescue-Plan-Act---Data> by Kate Evans.

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

Project 28125: Expand Violent Crimes Task Force

Funding Amount: \$1,108,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

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 been reported from the start of the project and compared to preceding years.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: This task force focuses on investigation of violent crimes in the state's larger cities. These task forces investigate non-fatal shootings as the fatal shooting investigations are handled in the local police department. Many cities do not have the personnel to investigate non-fatal shootings, but it is the observation and experience of the state police that non-fatal shooters will strike multiple times until there is a fatal shooting. There are five task forces in the state: Bridgeport, Hartford, New London, New Haven and Waterbury. The funds were spent largely on personnel as each task force must include a local officer or sergeant.

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

Project 28255: Time Limited Police Loan Forgiveness

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

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

Performance Update: This program offers loan forgiveness to active CT Police Officers and CT State Troopers on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are eligible for loan forgiveness if they have two years of active service in their current department, if they have attended an accredited college, university or technical school, and if they are in good standing in their CT Law Enforcement Unit. Awards will be granted for 10% of the outstanding loan amount as funds last and the number of awards will be based on the number of applicants and the size of loans. Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will begin accepting applications in September 2023.

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 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: There are 2 goals of the upgrades in the state’s Crime Lab: to decrease backlog in evidence analysis and to improve forensic methods, each state has their own approach to forensics and the availability of capital equipment funding is limited. The advent of SLFRF has expanded the State Crime Lab’s ability to improve their own methods while also reducing the backlog of cases for analysis. The laboratory’s information system contains information on each piece of evidence and the process of analysis. To understand the impact of this funding on the State’s Crime Lab, it is possible to measure the time to process and compare whether it goes down or remains the same compared with before the lab received funding. The lab enhancement funding is issued in 2 parts: one for FY23, one for FY24. This funding will support the following improvements:

- 1) DNA section: Addition of advanced equipment, instruments and workstations. This equipment will increase speed of analysis and reduce the possibility of cross-contamination in the lab.
- 2) Identification section: Addition of advanced equipment to aid in analysis of evidence in firearms cases and in cases with fingerprints. The advanced technology will also aid in computer crimes forensics.

3) Chemical analysis: Addition of equipment and replacement of equipment that will aid in the analysis of chemicals. This equipment will increase the robustness of the Toxicology Unit and improve the identification of gunshot residue. The addition of storage will also allow the crime unit to hold more evidence that they could previously.

4) Forensics Laboratory: Purchase of a file management system for evidence data. As the crime lab improves methods and reduces backlogs, they must improve their own processes. As the equipment helps analysts work through their backlog, they expect to see more evidence and want to update the inventory system to be able to document and store items.

At the time of report submission, procurement for some of the equipment listed above was secured and installation and training are underway. The State Crime Lab expects these enhancement expenditures to be purchased by December 2023.

Project 28124: Rural Roads Speed Enforcement

Funding Amount: \$2,600,000

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: No status update at this time.

Project 28126: Online Abuse Grant SB 5

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: DESPP in consultation with the Statewide Hate Crimes Advisory Council to provide education and training opportunities to eligible CT entities to (1) prevent online abuse and (2) inform people about identifying, reporting, responding to and avoiding online abuse.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28127: Fire Data Collection

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Establish and administer a three-year pilot program to collect data related to fire and rescue service delivery in the state of Connecticut, as enacted through Public Act 22-118 Section 210. Any local or regional fire department or district that has self-identified as challenged or in crisis regarding the delivery of fire and rescue services may apply to participate. Regional Dispatch/Communication

Centers may also elect to participate in the data collection program upon request. Priority activities include establishment of a Governance Board and Working Group, development of an application process for participating entities, contract execution with the International Public Safety Data Institute (IPSDI), identification of data elements to be collected, establishment of Application Programming Interface (APIs) with participating departments and communication center Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) programs to begin collecting the data, and provision of reporting.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28128: P.O.S.T High School Recruitment Program for Police

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Enable the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to work with community leaders and stakeholders to explore initiatives on establishing and administering an outreach program that educates and encourages underrepresented individuals to join their local police department for a rewarding career in law enforcement. The program will coordinate with SROs and guidance counselors and involve attending high school career fairs and community college events to educate students on the process or next steps of becoming a police officer as well as host two (2) summer youth camps with a maximum of 25 students/camp session.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

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

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

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28301: Sensory Kit Pilot

Funding Amount: \$36,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Project 28134: Clinton Town Beach

Funding Amount: \$55,000

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 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 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

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: \$22,500,000

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: These projects will be implemented by separate teams within the agency. Outdoor recreation projects include bath houses, Seaside State Park, Rocky Neck boardwalk, and improvement to facilities. The East Rock project is a partnership with the city of New Haven, aiming to improve athletic fields and playgrounds. The contract for this project is fully executed. There is a fully executed contract with the city of NH in January. The West Rock project is managed by DEEP, including picnic shelter work and paving work.

Project 28132: Engineering Study for Dam Removal on Papermill Pond

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (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

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 addresses coastal resilience and ecological restoration of a much-loved boardwalk and beachfront 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 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

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: \$500,000

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 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: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28304: Climate Equity Urban Forestry

Funding Amount: \$500,000

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 28305: Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28306: Nature Center at Keney Park

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 29746: Swimming Lessons to DEEP

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

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

Performance Update: DEEP has established an agreement with two partners to fund swimming lessons for children in those regions. A third agreement is in the works. There is a focus on the children who would not have access to swimming lessons because of family economic circumstances. Eligibility criteria include living in a qualified Census tract, receiving SNAP benefits, receiving free or reduced-price lunches or being recommended by their school system. The agreement frameworks expect partners to report the number of children served and the cost breakdown per child. To date, the YMCAs have offered 1,000 lessons to 787 children.

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 the 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: This project launched in February 2023 for single family, owner occupied and expanded to rental units. The Program Operator has been selected and program planning is underway. The funding for this program is supplemented by LIHEAP funding. There is substantial reporting expected for LIHEAP (including demographic, location of home, cost breakdowns), weekly reports from program operator on status, amount of referrals, funding spent on which type of measures). To date, there are 15-16 completed units, 10 in progress, and 100 referrals. It is possible to fund improvements for 600 possible units with the current funding.

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

Performance Update: Energy Retrofit is still in negotiations with utilities that administer those programs.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Project 29751: Hands on Hartford - Department of Housing

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 - Household Assistance: Food Programs

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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project funded improvements to the physical plant and indirectly served clients. As such performance data are not available at this time.

Project 28143: Support for Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$50,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 - Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

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: Implementation of the Support for Affordable Housing work (\$50MM in OPM-ARPA funding) continues to move forward. The first project closed in March 2023, with an investment of \$4,902,382, had its groundbreaking ceremony on June 1, 2023. The second project closed the week of June 5, 2023, with an investment of \$4,932,250. There are currently two additional projects slated for financial closing and construction start in the summer of 2023; this represents an additional \$3,166,915 in investment. The Department of Housing continues to review projects that may be eligible and soon will be reviewing project submissions from the Spring 2023 Development Engagement Process. The four projects will yield 71 units all under 50% AMI. The overall goal for the entire investment is 350 affordable units.

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 28141: Homeless Services

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

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: Department of Housing (DOH) has dedicated \$5 million in homeless services, and to date, they have contracted out approximately \$3.5 million with \$2.5 million going to the creation of the Coordinated Access Network (CAN) HUBs, \$500,000 to United Way of CT 2-1-1. The remainder of the funding will bridge a budget deficit until other federal funding will begin. The 2-1-1 funds will be completely expended by the end of June 2023, the Homeless Outreach will be completely expended by 9/30/23. Based on the new state budget, DOH will assess how to both allocate the remaining \$1.5 million in ARPA and how to best utilize the remaining \$2.5 million in CAN HUBs. Between January and June of 2023, the Coordinated Access Network Hubs served 5,908 individuals or households.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project provides general housing supports to those experiencing housing instability and not only eviction services. Between January and June of 2023, the Coordinated Access Network HUBs served 5,908 individuals or households.

Project 29793: New Reach Life Haven Shelter

Funding Amount: \$500,000

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.

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 (DESK) 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 (CSHHC) 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 Greater New Haven Coordinated Access Network (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 diseases including COVID-19.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

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

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 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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28308: Housing Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28309: Housing Support Services

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28310: Rapid Rehousing

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28311: Rocky Hill Senior and Disabled Housing

Funding Amount: \$55,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

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: These funds will add two clinicians to each mobile crisis team as bridge between mobile crisis and ongoing services. These staff will join the first shift workforce. There are currently 18 mobile crisis teams across the state. Clinicians will provide clinical case management services between crisis and long-term services. There is an increased need for services which means increased referrals to other long-term services.

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: In development.

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: The funds will expand the availability of mobile crisis services to 2nd and 3rd shift services. No further performance data are available at the time of reporting.

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

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 outcomes, which 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: RFP has concluded, and the vendor selected was Miranda Creative.

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 (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services) 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

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 Rapid Re-housing (RRH) programs in CT. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (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. The population 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 Homeless Management Information System (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 Coordinated Access Networks (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: In development

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

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

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

Project 28150: Implement Electronic Health Records

Funding Amount: \$16,000,000

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 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (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.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update: The funds support upgrading the current medical records system for the eight Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)-operated facilities. The RFP concluded prior to ARPA funding and a vendor has been selected. Currently, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is negotiating the terms of the contract.

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

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

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

Project 28174: Expand Medical/Psychiatric Inpatient Unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Funding Amount: \$9,000,000

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: This project funds a new 12- bed specialized psychiatric and medical unit at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. There are several contractual issues being resolved at the time of this report's submission. Program administration will begin later in 2023.

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

Project 29797: DMHAS Private Providers

Funding Amount: \$43,660,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: \$25 million in funds was allotted to the agency of which \$15 million supported a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment to all their contracted mental health and substance use providers to be used for salary and related wage increases, and a \$10 million for a grant program to support facility and infrastructure costs for these same providers for one-time improvements.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Performance Update: The purpose of these funds is to support Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) operated facilities and to support COLAs for DMHAS providers.

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

Performance Update: These funds support the expansion of additional online services at the DMV. This provides residents with the option to complete more routine services online and improve the experience at DMV locations throughout the state for residents and employees. In a continuation of the online services model, residents can now complete vehicle registration renewals online. Since going live in May, over 30,500 vehicle registration renewals were processed using the Salesforce online system. With regard to disabled placards, as of the beginning of July, 724 disability placard requests have been processed via Copy Records and Branch staff using the Salesforce system. DMV is now seeking to deploy the ability for customers to perform this transaction online in July. In FY24, residents can expect online services that identify and help residents resolve registration compliance issues, an integrated appointment system, and an improved administrative process for alcohol-related cases as well as the scheduling for DMV administrative hearings.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Project 28158: Community Violence Prevention Programs

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

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. The Department of Public Health (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: Public Health

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 has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and is currently receiving applications. Awardees will be announced in late July. We can expect updates in FY24.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs. Performance data associated with these grants will be reported in an upcoming Project and Expenditure report.

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 Department of Public Health (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: Public Health

Performance Update: The funds support mini grants for up to seven community violence intervention and prevention programs across the state. The Department of Public Health has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and is currently receiving applications. Awardees will be announced in late July. We can expect updates on the impact of these grants on communities in FY24.

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

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 28166: Pilot Program for Promoting Social Workers and Pediatrician Offices

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

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. The Department of Public Health (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 will be 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) is currently under review that incorporates both the Pilot Program and Incentive Grant project (Project 28170), and we can expect updates on this program in FY24.

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. The Department of Public Health (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. The funds will be used for grants to recruit and retain child and adolescent psychiatrists. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently under review that incorporates both the Incentive Grant project and the Pilot Program (Project 28166), and we can expect updates on this program in FY24.

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 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: The purpose of this investment is to expand and enhance services within existing School Based Health Centers (SBHC) or establish entirely new SBHCs. Currently the state funds 90 sites and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has recently added new funding from the CDC for new sites and expansion of existing sites. SBHCs are located in areas with a high social-vulnerability index, where there may be fewer medical professionals, where there is a greater share of students receiving free or reduced price meals, and where there is a high population of publicly insured or uninsured children. SBHCs are fully functioning health centers, offering medical, dental and mental health services, and while they can serve as primary care sites for children, SBHC staff will work with families to find them a primary care provider if needed. DPH will work with the School Based Health Alliance to distribute the APRA funds in one of three ways: 1) add services at existing sites (e.g. adding either medical, dental or mental services where they do not already exist); 2) enhance existing services at existing sites (e.g. expand the schedule of existing services from part time to full time); or 3) establish entirely new SBHCs, with a focus on mental health service offerings. At the time of this report, DPH is finalizing their contract with the School Based Health Alliance and anticipates new sites opening during the 23/24 school year.

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 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) School Based Health Centers (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 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). 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 goal of the Student Loan Repayment Program is to provide financial assistance and incentives to trained medical professionals, including physicians, behavioral health staff and nurses, to work in areas of the state where there are healthcare workforce shortages. This program will provide up to three years of loan repayment for health practitioners who choose to work in health professional shortages areas (HPSAs), which HPSA defines as a geographic area, population, or facility with a shortage of primary, dental, or mental health care providers. There are two eligibility populations: state employees working in state operated medical facilities and those working in a health professional shortage area. The University of Connecticut Health Center will serve administrator for the program. At the time of this report, the Department of Public Health anticipates that the initial applications be available late fall 2023 into early winter 2024 with first payments happening in late 2024. Applicants will be eligible after their first year of employment for a payment of \$25,000. They may receive this payment for up to three years as the program is currently designed. An evaluation of the work is planned.

Project 29754: Obesity & COVID-19 Study

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

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

Performance Update: This funding will support a research study on the impact of COVID-19 on feeding practices of families. The Department of Public Health is interested in understanding how to support

families, especially families utilizing the WIC program, during future health crises like COVID-19. The study organization has been identified and work will commence late summer 2023.

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 for the proper storage and servicing of PPEs, ventilators, PAPRs, and the Federal Medical Stations (FMS).

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 29755: Cornell Scott - Hill Health

Funding Amount: \$250,000

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

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

Project 28159: Promote Healthy and Lead-Safe Homes

Funding Amount: \$30,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$20 million in FY 23, and \$10 million in FY 24, to 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: Lead Safe and Healthy Homes legislation addresses the state's response to lead poisoning by lowering the threshold for lead poisoning to increase the chances of catching potential cases of lead poisoning. Lead poisoning is prevalent in the aging housing stock of the northeast and in Connecticut, there are higher rates of lead poisoning in urban centers where there are lower rates of owner-occupied housing stock. The state seeks to improve services supporting families whose child has experienced lead poisoning, and while the legislation was initiated separately from the pandemic recovery effort, the advent of funding enables the Department of Public Health to provide greater financial support to families who must mitigate causes of lead poisoning in their homes. At the time of this report, however, this project is beginning the administration phase and no further performance data are available.

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: The funding will allow Department of Public Health to support a system upgrade for Gaylord Hospital. The pandemic revealed the need for improved health record management and DPH will support an electronic health record system implementation. This IT upgrade will be transformative for health care in this region of the state as it will enable improved patient support for patients at Gaylord Hospital and their experiences with surrounding health care systems.

Project 28165: HB 5272 - Menstrual Products

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funds are made available to support 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 such boards and in a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28169: Connecticut Public Health Association

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the Community Health Workers Association of Connecticut (CHWACT). The CHWACT acts as the statewide professional association for Community Health Workers (CHWs) in the state.

Issue Area: Public Health

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

Project 28173: Provide Payments to Filers Eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit

Funding Amount: \$42,250,000

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

Performance Update: The funds will enhance the earned income tax credit (EITC) from its current rate of 30.5% to approximately 41%. Eligible recipients, those taxpayers who claimed an EITC on their 2021

federal tax return, began receiving one-time enhancement checks in October 2022. At the close-out of the program in June 2023, 253,676 returns filed received this benefit.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: 253,676 returns filed received this benefit.

Project 28312: ABLE Accounts Software

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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: Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 23 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. The contract for this work is currently under review and program administration will begin later in 2023.

Project 28174: Expand Medical/Psychiatric Inpatient Unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 - Mental Health Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to develop a new 12-bed specialized psychiatric and medical unit. Funds support \$6M in operational costs.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28178: Charter Oak Urgent Care

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health 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: Public Health

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 (BIAC) 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

Project 28185: Connecticut Health Foundation

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: The Connecticut Health Foundation will commission, coordinate, and publish research intended to produce recommendations on how Connecticut can address the inequities that contributed to the disproportionate harm people of color faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will use a combination of community-based participatory research, an examination of existing literature and research, and best practices and will produce recommendations including suggested policy changes that can advance equity.

Issue Area: COVID Mitigation and Prevention

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, Health Equity Solutions (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.
- 3) Other Medicaid and other dental insurance concerns, as well as tactics to improve oral health literacy.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28314: Charter Oak Health Care

Funding Amount: \$230,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Public Health

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.
- 6) Referrals to internal CAA and external resources.
- 7) Referral follow-up and documentation.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update: This project will become operational once the contract is established.

Project 28193: Hands on Hartford

Funding Amount: \$100,000

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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This investment served clients indirectly and as such performance data is not available.

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 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

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

Project 28188: Day Kimball Hospital

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

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

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

Project 29713: Family Justice Center

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

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

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

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

Performance Update: No status update at this time.

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: No status update at this time.

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 Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (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: No status update at this time.

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

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 (Pandemic Health Emergency). 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) – Agreement (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 – Agreement (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.

Project 28183: Hartford Communities that Care

Funding Amount: \$500,000

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 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 providing 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 subgroup 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

Performance Update: These funds will support providers of adult day care services. Department of Social Services (DSS) is working through project administration to make payments to providers. DSS expects that payments will be processed late summer into fall of 2023.

Project 28195: TEEG

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, 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 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 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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28315: Client Support Funds - Community Action Agencies

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28316: Hospital Based Autism Service Pilot

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28317: HUSKY Temporary Workers

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28318: Migrant Support

Funding Amount: \$3,250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28319: Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund

Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28322: Supports for Public Health Emergency Unwind

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28323: Two Months of Premium Assistance under Access Health CT

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 29791: Nursing Home Facility Support

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

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. This 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

Performance Update: No status update at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

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

Performance Update: The funds support the expenses of the state's contracted intrastate bus services previously funded by fare revenues, prior to the suspension of fares, inclusive of ADA paratransit services. The program was originally scheduled to run from April - June 2022 but it was extended to November 2022 and then again to March 2023. The program has since concluded. Throughout the 12-

month program period, ridership steadily increased, topping out at 3.7 million riders in the final month. This represented a significant increase in riders over the March 2022 baseline monthly ridership of just over 2.15 million.

Project 28197: Outfit M8 Rail Cars with 5G

Funding Amount: \$2,750,000

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

Performance Update: Originally the funds supported a study, design, and construction efforts for the implementation of 5G/WIFI technology on commuter rail cars. Due to newly passed legislation, only the study was funded. The study is currently in progress, and it will be completed by the end of the year.

Project 28199: Replace Infrastructure Match

Funding Amount: \$150,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to replace infrastructure matching funds.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28324: Bus Stop Shelter Study

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28325: IDD Needs Transit Study

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28326: IDD Non-Medical Transit Study

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

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

Performance Update: The funds extend the employment of 15 temporary prosecutors to resolve accumulated cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic by prioritizing more serious cases and diverting suitable populations from incarceration. During the pandemic, the number of pending cases statewide, at its height, was 114,076. As of June 2023, the temporary prosecutors at the Department of Criminal Justice (DCJ) supported reducing the number of pending cases to 80,095.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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 Alternatives in the Community (AIC) and Adult Behavioral Health Services (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 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 Department 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 127,000 new and ongoing victims of crime will be served statewide in SFY 2022-2023. Of the 127,000, it is estimated that 54,700 individuals will be served using ARPA funding. As of June 30, 2023, funding levels were maintained for all contractors, and services were not impacted.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program is not supporting sectoral job training programs. Performance data are not available at the time of reporting.

Project 29783: Mothers Against Violence

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 - Community Violence Interventions

Project Overview: Mothers Against Violence (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

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

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 (NH-PAL) 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

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

Project 28212: Inspire Basketball

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

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

Project 28207: Provide Funding to Expand Housing Opportunities for Individuals on Bail

Funding Amount: \$5,831,228

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 (Re-Entry Assisted Community Housing), 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: No status update at this time.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not yet operational and does not have performance data to report at this time.

Project 29784: Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

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: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update: The funds are 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 May 31, 2023, a total of 2,661 clients have received assistance. Through RTC Program representation, the "prevent judgment" goal has been achieved in 71.2% of closed, extensive services cases and the "prevent an eviction judgment" goal has been achieved in 66.9% of closed, extensive services cases. Of the tenants that report wanting to stay in their unit, 69.9% were able to stay following the end of their case.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Between 1/31/2022 and 5/31/2023, the Connecticut Bar Foundation received referrals for 1,770 clients (for full representation), and a total of 2,661 clients have received assistance.

Project 28201: Provide Funding to Build Out the Juvenile Intake Custody and Probable Cause Applications

Funding Amount: \$741,494

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 28204: Provide Funding to Enhance Technology for Citations and Hearings in the Criminal Infractions Bureau

Funding Amount: \$606,915

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: \$1,382,900

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 funds support developing a new case management and scheduling system to ensure continued access to justice for individuals involved in remote court proceedings. Since the pilot program began in April, 553 court events have been scheduled across 12 towns. The Central Scheduling system is currently available for civil/family business areas and will roll out for criminal areas in the future. In addition, 29 customers have received interpreting services in remote proceedings in 3 towns as of June 30, 2023. The rollout for the Remote Interpretation component will continue across the State of Connecticut in FY24.

Project 28206: Provide Funding to Establish Video Conferencing for Municipal Stations for Bail and Support Services

Funding Amount: \$60,000

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 28209: Provide Funding to Support Application Development for Monitor Note-Taking and Recording

Funding Amount: \$1,149,804

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 funding supports expanding the current eCourt Log Notes application and incorporating additional features to eliminate the need for a manual association of case log notes and court proceeding audio and create backup audio of every virtual hearing. Equipment upgrade of the non-courtroom pcs for Court Monitors is in progress and 85% of the court monitor pcs have been upgraded as of June 30, 2023. In FY24, the ability to electronically file requests for audio transcripts via eServices will be available in the court.

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: Justice and Public Safety

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 that the positions be filled) and 20 Office Clerks positions have been filled. From September 1, 2022 through May 10, 2023, the Mediation Specialists have assisted with 5,252 housing cases statewide. In addition, from October 1, 2022 through May 3, 2023, the Mediation Specialists completed 592 foreclosure mediations statewide. These resolutions

increase housing stability, reduce homelessness, and help Connecticut's residents maintain stable housing.

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 will allow the clerk's office to meet the demands while still providing a consistent level of service. Thirteen (13) positions have been filled. Hiring is ongoing for the two open positions, one in the New Haven Judicial District and one in the Waterbury Judicial District. With the increased support, the courts disposed of about 2,000 more family cases in 2022 compared to 2019, the last year before the pandemic – an increase of 13%.

Project 28211: Provide Remote Equipment to Reduce Child Support Backlog

Funding Amount: \$121,600

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

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

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 (BCHI) 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: \$300,000

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: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Project 28328: Family Re-Entry of New Haven

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

LABOR DEPARTMENT

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 (e.g., job training subsidized employment supports or incentives)

Project Overview: The Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Program also known as the Platform to Employment Program (P2E). 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

Performance Update: The performance update is listed under mandatory performance indicators.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: In SFY 23, 118 individuals enrolled in job sector training. In the same time frame, 103 individuals were hired to work after completing job sector training.

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 state's Unemployment Insurance Trust funds specifically to support the repayment of the principal and interest amount due on advances received.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update: This project is a one-time investment. During the pandemic, the unemployment trust fund went insolvent, and while the federal government supported states covering the claims, states were expected to repay the interest on their loan. \$30M was set aside to pay the annual interest payments that are due to prevent an annual assessment to businesses. One payment of \$6M has been made and another payment will be made in September 2023.

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 state's Unemployment Insurance Trust funds specifically to support the repayment of the principal and interest amount due on advances received.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update: This program is a one-time \$40M payment to replenish the Unemployment Trust Fund.

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. The Hub will also aid in a business development strategy for re-opening after mandated closings. Funding supports 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 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 (DOL) in excess of what is supported through Federal UI (Unemployment Insurance) funds. Specifically, there has been an increase in claim intake, demand for the unemployment customer contact center, adjudication of claims, and need to audit overpayments and appeals.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update: Department of Labor (DOL) used \$15M used for administrative costs associated with the backlog for the UI program. The funds were used mainly for appeals and to handle the backlog of appeals. DOL has CARES act funding for specific CARES Act programs, but this is for the regular UI backlog. As this funding is temporary, DOL will use up funding for 2024 and will use durational appeals attorneys to thin out 2025.

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.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28330: Build With Our Hands

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28332: Temporary UI Staff

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28333: Youth Employment for Regional Workforce Boards

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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: Justice and Public Safety

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

Project 29761: Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford

Funding Amount: \$100,000

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 following:

- 1) The curriculum for the BGCA developed Career Launch Programs.
- 2) The curriculum for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) Money Matter Financial Literacy Program.
- 3) Participate as active Members in Keystone BGCM's premier youth leadership club.
- 4) Attend 80% of Mentoring Goal Meetings.
- 5) 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: Nonprofit 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

Project 29763: Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Seniors Jobs 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

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 responds to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency on homeowners by providing the following assistance to homeowners:

- 1) Assessments of eligibility.
- 2) Employment services.
- 3) Employment support services.
- 4) Job training; career coaching.
- 5) Trainings to address economic hardship.
- 6) Financial literacy and credit counseling.
- 7) COVID-safety training and job-specific training.
- 8) Training scholarships for job training.
- 9) Support services including housing-related counseling and other supports as needed.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update: This program assists homeowners who are facing mortgage crises because they are behind in their mortgage payments. Services include training and job readiness, financial literacy, customized employment service and career coaching. The Workplace (the operator of this program) provides quarterly reporting to Department of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Project 28221: Review of Title 7

Funding Amount: \$27,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to conduct a study reviewing Title 7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which pertains to municipalities.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28334: Strategic Higher Education Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 29796: CTN

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Broadcast upgrade improvements to provide greater expansive public coverage including CTN Media Server Replacement, Control Switcher, Production Switch, Audio Video Router Replacement, Web Streaming HWSW servers, remote equipment, and other miscellaneous equipment to fully support the initiatives.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

Project 28222: Expand Access - Apprenticeship

Funding Amount: \$6,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g., job training subsidized employment supports or incentives)

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: The purpose of these funds is to increase the child care workforce pipeline, with a focus on Family Child Care (FCC) providers. The Office of Early Childhood has identified a partner agency, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), that will support program administration. SEIU currently serves as the union representative of FCC providers and their educational support fund is setting up programming for FCC staff to obtain their Child Development Associate credential and to join the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC). Program administration will begin in late summer/early fall 2023. The apprenticeship program will run from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, resulting in 20 apprentices and 10 mentors. This work will double the number of NAFCC members in the state.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not yet operational and does not have performance data to report at this time.

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 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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is not yet operational and does not have performance data to report at this time.

Project 28225: Capitol Child Day Care Center

Funding Amount: \$75,000

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

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

Project 28223: Care4Kids

Funding Amount: \$45,000,000

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

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: The purpose of these funds is to increase the number of infant and toddler spaces in the child care system of Connecticut. The Office of Early Childhood has identified a partner agency to begin issuing grant payments to programs who will increase their infant and toddler capacity by renovating in their physical spaces or by constructing new spaces. The Office of Early Childhood anticipates issuing initial facility renovation and construction awards in September of 2023. The target for the awards is towns with a high social vulnerability index or that are considered to be child care deserts.

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: This grant program is designed to increase enrollment and decrease 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 874 programs. These funds will ensure that School Readiness 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 set to take effect in FY 24.

Project 28335: Childhood Collaboratives

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Project 28336: Cradle to Career

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

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 the State Median Income (SMI). The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) 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 the State Median Income (SMI), to centers located in priority school districts, or to centers located in Qualified Census tracks.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update: The Office of Early Childhood used this investment to pay for parent fees in state-funded early childhood programs, including School Readiness and Child Day Care Programs. These funds were used to support programs during the summer of 2021 in July and August. At the time of this investment, the Office of Early Childhood paid fees for parents in 252 programs (for a total of 10,339 spaces).

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 1 million 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, along with leaders from the Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Department of Public Health (DPH) is establishing the pilot of the Universal Home Visiting Program (UNHV), recently renamed Family Bridge. This program will begin as a pilot in the city of Bridgeport where all families who give birth at St. Vincent's Medical Center or Bridgeport Hospital will qualify for these services, In the last year, the OEC and partnership with the agencies listed above has successfully identified a partner to lead the two strands of work (universal home visiting and community health workers). Since the conclusion of the RFP, OEC has selected Bridgeport Hospital to provide the UNHV services using the evidence-based Family-Connects Model. Bridgeport Hospital subcontracted with Southwestern Area Health Education Centers (SWAHEC) to support the Community Health Worker

services. Bridgeport Hospital and SWAHEC have hired staff and are planning for program implementation by September 2023. In addition to program administration, OEC and their partners have developed 2 RFPs for program sustainability and evaluation (each for \$1M). There is work that compliments the ARPA funding underway as well, including state budgetary support to establish a second pilot site in Norwich, Connecticut and support from the Department of Social Services to create curricula for community health workers that lead toward certification.

OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY

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

Project 28229: Improve Data Collection and Integration with HIE

Funding Amount: \$1,150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government 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: \$200,000

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: \$655,000

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

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Project 29771: Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$78,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: The Office of Higher Education (OHE) utilized 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. Priority for grants provided from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be given to students whose income is equal to or less than 100% of the federal poverty level.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Performance Update: In FY23 4,825 students were awarded Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program Supplemental ARPA grants.

Project 29772: Summer College Corps

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

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

Performance Update: This program placed 84 undergraduate interns across 83 Connecticut sites from early July through mid-August 2022.

Project 28233: Higher Education Mental Health Services

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

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

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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 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

Project 28243: Durham Town Website

Funding Amount: \$25,000

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 28234: Audits of ARPA Recipients

Funding Amount: \$1,250,000

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: \$51,900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for continued COVID-19 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 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 28240: Invest Connecticut

Funding Amount: \$1,666,331

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28245: Orange Fire Department Clock purchase

Funding Amount: \$10,000

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

Project 28337: CSCU System Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28338: Funding for Grants and Contracts Specialist Positions for State Agency Support
Funding Amount: \$2,868,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Infrastructure

Project 28339: Housing Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28340: IDD Employment Opportunities Study

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28341: Level of Needs and Statutory Definitions Study

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
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: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.
Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28343: Provide Funding to Stamford

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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 guards.

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: Funds assist The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner 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. Their 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

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Project 29819: Governor's Workforce Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$70,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g., job training subsidized employment supports or incentives)

Project Overview: Funds will be administered predominantly as grant awards for eligible organizations to provide short-term training & support services within the ARPA guidelines, 2.1: Assistance to the Underemployed or Unemployed Workers. Funds support Office of Workforce Strategy's (OWS) comprehensive best practice model for training: "CareerConneCT".

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Performance Update: The grants are for, approximately 20, eligible organizations that will provide short-term training & support services across various industries including: Manufacturing, Healthcare, IT, Clean Energy & Infrastructure, and Social & Human Services. Some of the recipients' programs are geared towards justice-involved individuals, high school seniors, refugee and immigrant women, and individuals with disabilities.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project has served 1,123 individuals across 15 programs. These individuals have both enrolled and completed their programs.

Project 28254: HVAC Training Agency

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: PA 22-118 (as amended by PA 22-146), the FY 23 Revised Budget, allocates \$300,000 of ARPA funding to the Office of Workforce Strategy to develop an HVAC pre-apprenticeship workforce pipeline training pilot program. The program is designed to recruit individuals from historically marginalized communities.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION

Project 28256: Provide Funding to Reduce Court Backlogs Through Temporary Public Defenders

Funding Amount: \$3,980,181

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 have been hired and 844 cases have been resolved as of the end of FY23 with more cases to be resolved over the upcoming year.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Project 28344: Voting Access

Funding Amount: \$3,059,575

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY24 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

STATE LIBRARY

Project 28244: Hall Memorial Library Reading and Meditation Garden

Funding Amount: \$66,626

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for the Town of Ellington for the creation of a reading and meditation garden at the Hall Memorial Library.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28257: Mary Cheney Library

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the city of Manchester for the support of alterations and improvements to the Mary Cheney Library.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Project 28258: Temporary Support

Funding Amount: \$86,500,000

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.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28259: Social Media Impact Study

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to the University of Connecticut to study the impact of social media and mobile phone use on students' mental health.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

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: \$149,900,000

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. This allows UConn Health to continue providing outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents and supports 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

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. This allows UConn Health to continue providing outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents and supports 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

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. This allows UConn Health to continue providing outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents and supports 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