

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore
The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Stephen Harding, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Vincent Candelora, House Minority Leader

Re: Use of SA 25-1, November Special Session Reserve

Dear Legislative Leaders,

As you are aware, section 2 of Special Act 25-1, November Special Session, appropriated \$500 million from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Office of Policy and Management "for the purposes of responding to and mitigating any action, or inaction, by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, health care, school meals, child care assistance or other housing assistance in the state." Section 3 of said Act authorizes me, as Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to transfer any amount of such appropriation to another agency or fund to give effect to the intent of the appropriation. Prior to transferring or expending said funds, section 4 requires me to provide notice of such transfers or expenditures to you.

In my December 18, 2025, letter I provided notice to you of my intention to transfer and expend \$167,930,000 for the purposes outlined in section 2 of said Act. In accordance with section 4 of Special Act 25-1, November Special Session, I again provide notice that I intend to transfer and expend funds appropriated under section 2 of said Act as described below. Specifically, I intend to transfer funds in the amounts listed below from the Budget Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the following expenditures:

- Funding to expand the reach of community health workers, who will play a critical role in helping residents understand and navigate changes to SNAP and Medicaid eligibility under Public Law 119-21. These workers will provide personalized

assistance to help ensure individuals and families remain connected to the benefits they need through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$2,000,000.

- Funding to support system upgrades at the Department of Social Services, ensuring the state can successfully implement the eligibility changes required by Public Law 119-21 in the amount of \$11,400,000 for the state share of these costs.
- Replace funding for mental health counselors provided by EdAdvance to schools in the Northwest region of Connecticut through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$830,000.
- Replace funding for Community School grants for Clifford Beers in New Haven, Waterbury Bridges to Success, and Hartford Public Schools which provide critical wraparound services, including healthcare and childcare, to children and families in these communities through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$4,513,000.

Detailed below is a summary of the transfers that I intend to make.

T1	GENERAL FUND	2026-2027
T2		
T3	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T4	Other Expenses	11,400,000
T5	Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program	2,000,000
T6		
T7	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
T8	Other Expenses	5,343,000
T9		
T10	TOTAL – GENERAL FUND	18,743,000

All funds identified in this notice will be encumbered prior to February 4, 2026, for the purposes and periods described above.

With these transfers, \$313,327,000 remains available from the appropriations made pursuant to section 2 of Special Act 25-1, November Special Session. Additional funding needs may be identified which may require further transfers or expenditures of these remaining funds prior to February 4, 2026. I will inform you of such additional transfers or expenditures as required by section 4 of said Act in one or more subsequent notifications.

Respectfully,



Joshua Wojcik
Secretary

Cc: Governor Lamont, OTG
Matthew Brokman, OTG
Franklin Perry, House Democrats
Courtney Cullinan, Senate Democrats