

State of Connecticut **Recovery Plan**

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2024 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

When the State of Connecticut originally received the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in 2021, Governor Lamont outlined five priorities for investing these funds in the state's future with a focus on equity. These priority areas included: 1) Defeating COVID-19; 2) Investing in the future; 3) Creating a more affordable Connecticut; 4) Economic growth work for everyone; and 5) Investment in the state itself.¹ Connecticut has continued to build on its strong response to the COVID-19 pandemic as the country has transitioned into the endemic phase of the public health event. The state has focused budgetary investments, especially the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, into the needs of those with housing insecurity, those unable to afford childcare, those seeking support for mental health needs, and those running businesses and nonprofits. Governor Lamont's focus on making Connecticut the place where out-of-staters want to move is paying off as the state has gained population over the last few years even as surrounding states are losing residents.² Governor Lamont has worked to position Connecticut as a state with a strong economy that supports people working, owning businesses, and staying to start their careers after completing their degrees.

In the last year, Connecticut has used its strong pandemic response and initial emergence from the pandemic to continue on the road to recovery. As a state, there is sustained economic growth and sound fiscal management to bolster the economy. With strategic attention paid to disparities in public health and the negative economic impacts of the pandemic itself, Connecticut remains well-positioned to benefit from the potential of SLFRF as implementation of projects continues. Connecticut continues to enjoy 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.

As the world has moved from pandemic to endemic conditions, Connecticut is creating innovative solutions to remedy inequities in healthcare and is addressing important health issues exposed by the pandemic. The strategies that Connecticut established for remedying learning loss and reducing chronic absenteeism have evolved into national models. As the world entered the endemic phase of this public health event, the emphasis Connecticut has placed on maintaining safe schools, increasing access to physical and behavioral health resources, and making the state accessible and affordable for all residents continues to make this state a vibrant and desirable place to live and work.

By most measures, Connecticut's labor market has fully recovered from the pandemic. Total payroll employment is 15,100 above February 2020 levels and the unemployment rate is 3.9% as of June 2024 (latest available). The Labor Force Participation Rate remains below pre-pandemic levels but at 64.6% is two percentage points above the national average. In making their SLFRF investments, Connecticut leaders prioritized strategic and affirmative investments

¹ [Connecticut's Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: A Roadmap for Transformative, Equitable, and Healthy Recovery.](#)

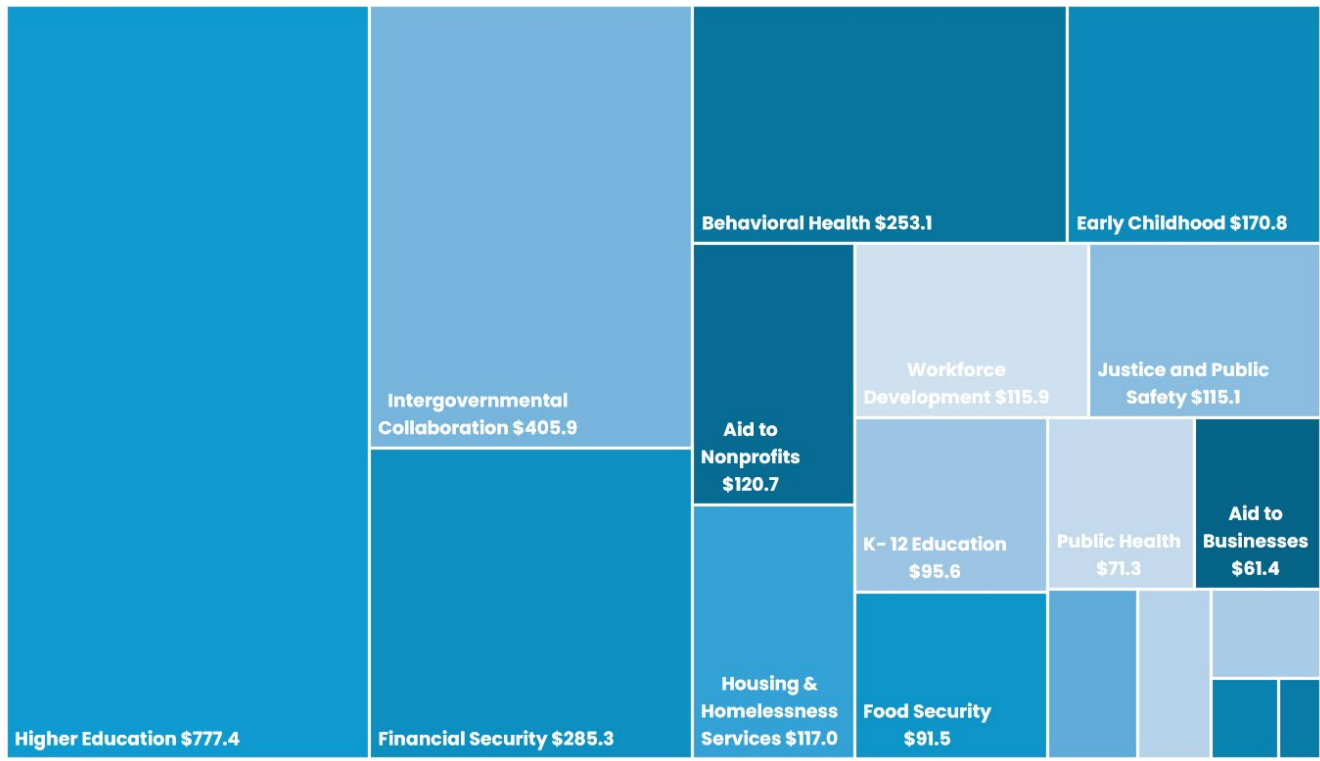
² [Governor Lamont, State of the State 2024.](#)

to provide education opportunities to individuals looking to upskill and increase their marketability for 21st century jobs, food to struggling families, and housing support services to ensure access to safe, affordable housing to ensure equity for all residents. In recognizing that an endemic economic recovery will not remedy past inequities, these investments 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 remain state priorities. Connecticut is continuing to provide aid to small business, tourism and non-profit sectors to ensure jobs and services are protected. Inflationary pressures and the cost of doing business remain serious challenges for these sectors who are still feeling the effects of the pandemic economic era.

To address long-standing health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities who suffered disproportionately with higher infection and mortality rates during the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut has used the SLFRF funds awarded to make transformative investments in health equity, to emerge healthier and stronger from prenatal care to end of life care, and to assist those most in need in this state. To address ongoing behavioral health needs, the state has dedicated funds to improving access to behavioral health providers in pediatric practices and school-based settings during the school year and in the summertime. The state had expanded capacity for medical/psychiatric services in one of the state's leading children's hospitals and has created alternative options to the emergency department in urgent crisis centers and subacute crisis centers for behavioral health emergencies. Beyond behavioral health, the state has examined ways to improve access to health services over the life course by supporting new parents in the earliest days of their new children's lives and by enhancing existing services for school age children in School-Based Health Centers. These programs are taking shape and having early impacts on families and communities.

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 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. This list of projects was further expanded in Public Act 23-204. In the past year, many of the projects outlined in PA 22-146 and PA 23-204 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. All told, Connecticut has allocated \$2.8B to 595 investments that span eighteen thematic areas. The details of the investments are shown in the treemap that follows and further highlighted in the next section, Uses of Funds.

Connecticut has invested SLFRF Funds (\$M) across 18 priority areas.



Investment Areas	Budget (\$M)
Aid to Businesses	\$61.4
Aid to Nonprofits	\$120.7
Behavioral Health	\$253.1
Broadband/IT Modernization	\$9.6
COVID Mitigation and Prevention	\$15.4
Early Childhood	\$170.8
Financial Security	\$285.3
Food Security	\$91.5
Higher Education	\$777.4
Housing & Homelessness Services	\$117.0
Infrastructure	\$43.6
Intergovernmental Collaboration	\$405.9
Justice and Public Safety	\$115.1
K- 12 Education	\$95.6
Parks and Recreation	\$28.0
Premium Pay	\$35.0
Public Health	\$71.3
Workforce Development	\$115.9
Total	\$2,812.5

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.

This report on Uses of Funds will differ slightly from previous reports. In previous reports, the state has described Uses of Funds using the US Treasury Expenditure categories. As the state moved from a pandemic to endemic phase of recovery, Connecticut has assigned thematic focus areas to the investments using the following categories: higher education, infrastructure, behavioral health, intergovernmental collaboration, financial security, early childhood, aid to nonprofits, housing and homelessness services, K-12 education, justice and public safety, food security, aid to businesses, COVID mitigation, workforce development, public health, parks and recreation, premium pay, and broadband/IT modernization.³ While the State of Connecticut initially reported on SLFRF projects using the Treasury Expenditure categories, in this report, we will report on the projects using a selection of thematic focus areas. Details about projects by thematic focus area can also be found in our online dashboard [here](#).

Workforce Development

Restoring jobs, rebuilding our economy, and returning to growth by focusing on workforce development are central to the investment of SLFRF funds in Connecticut. The state's investments address workers impacted by the pandemic as well as growing industries where there is a critical hiring need. The SLFRF funds address issues of unemployment, underemployment and upskilling for the future in several ways. These projects are operational, serving state residents, and transforming workforce training:

- **Career ConneCT:** Career ConneCT was designed to enable unemployed and underemployed people, especially those whose employment was impacted by the pandemic, to acquire the skills for good jobs that support themselves and their families. Career ConneCT provides multiple pathways to participate in short-term (typically 5- to 20-week) training in fast-growing labor sectors, including manufacturing, IT, healthcare and clean energy. These training programs lead to industry-recognized credentials and entry-level employment in high-quality career pathways. The program also provides access to career pathway exploration for high school students. As of June 30, 2024, nearly 5,000 residents have been enrolled in workforce training programs and 3,028 have completed programs. Over 1,500 residents have been placed into employment.

³ The thematic categories were adopted based on Results for America's [American Rescue Plan Data and Evidence Dashboard](#). These categories are more recognizable than the existing UST Expenditure Categories and provide the opportunity for users to see the cross-cutting efforts of state agencies in a particular issue area.

- **Health Horizons:** The Health Horizons program provides resources to expand faculty in nursing and social work programs in the state's public and private higher education institutions. There is a significant need for nurses and social workers and faculty expansion allows for enrollment expansion. In the last fiscal year, 38 new faculty members were hired, achieving 90% of the goal of 42 new faculty members. This initiative aims to enhance capacity for nursing and social work students, contributing to the broader goal of hiring 133 new faculty members overall. In addition to faculty hiring, the Health Horizons program provides tuition support for currently enrolled students as they earn their degrees. The goal for year-one was to award 450 need-based scholarships. However, 591 scholarships (131% of goal) were awarded with 34% of scholarships going to Pell-eligible students. The overall goal is to provide a total of 1,350 scholarships.

Housing

Housing remains a priority of this administration, including workforce housing, affordable housing, supportive housing, and elder housing. The SLFRF funds allow the state to complement current and future state efforts in expanding the inventory of affordable options to meet the growing demand among the state's residents. The advent of these funds has advanced innovative programming to support individuals and families experiencing housing in security:

- **Affordable housing:** Implementation of the Support for Affordable Housing work (\$50M in SLFRF funding) continues to move forward. As of July 2024, the Department of Housing has committed all \$50 million in funding towards the creation of 219 affordable housing units of which 189 units are all under 50% AMI. Two of the SLFRF-funded projects have completed construction and are fully leased, which represents an investment of \$9.8M. Four projects are currently under construction, with an investment of \$16.1M and four projects are pending financial closing for roughly \$24M and construction will be complete by December 2026.
- **Legal representation for tenant eviction:** The funds were 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 March 31, 2024, a total of 4,749 clients have received services, of which 2,750 clients received full representation. Through RTC Program representation, the "prevent eviction judgment" goal has been achieved in 67.4% of closed, extensive services cases and the "prevent involuntary move" goal has been achieved in 63.4% of closed, extensive services cases. In September 2023, the RTC Program was expanded to include 10 additional qualifying zip codes as well as other eligibility expansions. Since the launch of the program, the defendant representation rate in RTC qualifying zip codes has seen an overall increase from 6.2% in 2017, 6.4% in 2018, 6.7% in 2019, 10.3% in 2020, 11.2% in 2021, to when the program launched in 2022 with 16.9% representation, 18.4% in 2023 and 12.4% in 2024 through April of 2024.
- **Staffing for foreclosure remediation program:** One of the best ways to improve housing security is to prevent homelessness in the first place. The funds support 15 Mediation Specialists and 20 Office Clerks to assist with the increase in housing foreclosure due to the pandemic. To date, 12 Mediation Specialists (3 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 31, 2024 (21 months), the Mediation Specialists conducted mediations on approximately 18,155 housing summary process cases statewide. In addition, from October 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024 (20 months), the Mediation Specialists completed 1,382 foreclosure mediations statewide. These resolutions increase housing stability, reduce homelessness, and help Connecticut's residents maintain stable housing.

Behavioral Health

The pandemic exposed the gaps in our behavioral health system that impact residents across the life course. The state has dedicated funding to improving local response to behavioral health emergencies as well as creating a bridge to continuous care. Considerable investments in the state's behavioral health programming include:

- **Mobile Crisis Intervention services:** Funding for this initiative was utilized to expand the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) existing contracted Mobile Crisis services to provide the availability of in-person response to crisis calls during the overnight hours (10PM-6AM), where previously, only telephonic support was available. This was accomplished through the provision of SLFRF funding to DCF's 6 contracted providers and has resulted in the provision of in-person crisis response to 1,163 children from January 2023-April 2024.
- **Urgent Crisis/Subacute Crisis:** The advent of urgent crisis and subacute crisis centers is one approach to providing alternatives to those seeking support in hospital emergency departments. Since their opening, 2,280 children in behavioral health crisis have been served without admission to a hospital emergency room. Over the last year, DCF has worked with state regulatory agencies to build out sustainability of funding using Medicaid billing and has recently received final approval to begin diverting ambulances from emergency departments to the urgent crisis centers, where appropriate. Urgent crisis centers serve youth and families for up to 24 hours and subacute crisis centers provide a bridge to those who need extended support. At this time, 1 of the 2 planned subacute crisis programs is staffed and operational, with the other program completing final inspections on their physical space with a target opening date in summer 2024.
- **School Mental Health Workers:** The SLFRF-funded School Mental Health Workers Grant Program has been successful in addressing the pressing demand for school-based mental health support for students. As of January 2024, the grant facilitated the hiring of 15 social workers, 2 school psychologists, and 2 school counselors providing direct services to 1,407 students and indirectly supporting the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of 7,283 students across 20 school districts. School districts report that increased staffing allowed for better rapport building with students and their families as well as establishment of stronger ties with their communities.
- **Support for mental health in hospital settings:** 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 began in 2023. This new unit allows for the provision of psychiatric services in a facility and setting appropriate for children.
- **Expanding mental health in pediatric practices:** Engaging behavioral health services early in life and adding behavioral health workers in pediatric practices is the focus of

this project. The Department of Public Health issued a request for proposals and received seven applications from institutions eligible to receive funds. All were awarded funding, and the contracting process is underway.

K-12 Education and Early Childhood

The SLFRF funds have provided Connecticut with several opportunities to increase access to affordable early care and early education as well as to address learning losses that persist into the endemic phase of the public health event. In addition to affordable childcare, the Governor has focused SLFRF funds on improvements to the system of care provision and structural limitations of previous funding:

- **Universal Home Visiting:** The Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Department of Public Health (DPH) continue to collaborate on the implementation of the Universal Nurse Home Visiting-Community Health Worker pilot (aka Family Bridge). The pilot adheres to the Family Connects International evidence-based universal nurse home visiting model, which is augmented with community health workers. The pilot has been fully staffed, with 6 home visiting registered nurses (RNs) and 8 certified community health workers (CHW), as well as a program administrator, program support specialist, and community alignment specialist, all of whom were hired by Bridgeport Hospital. All RNs have completed the Family Connects International RN training program, and all CHWs have completed a CHW-specific upskilling curriculum created exclusively for Family Bridge CHWs by Southwestern Area Health Education Center (SWAHEC) through a subcontract with Bridgeport Hospital.
- Funding improvements:
 - **Care 4 Kids:** The state continues to support the Care 4 Kids childcare subsidy program, which helps families earning low- to moderate-incomes in Connecticut pay for childcare 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.
 - **School Readiness:** This grant program is designed to increase enrollment and decrease the 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 825 programs. These funds will ensure that School Readiness and Child Day Care 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 that took effect in FY24.
- **Facility Renovation and Construction:** Many childcare providers would like to improve the physical plant to be able to care for more children or to provide improved experiences of those already in their care. The Office of Early Childhood established a fund that childcare programs can access to make facilities improvements. In the last

year, the grant opportunity was opened and yielded a total of 730 applications for facilities improvements (renovation, new construction, upgrades, and fixtures/furniture/equipment) for a total of over \$73 million in requests. The grantmaking partner can award funds for 130 projects using the \$15 million allocated. The proposed projects contemplate adding over 1,700 childcare slots across the state (1,365 infant / toddler; 383 preschool). 111 of the 130 finalists are in towns with high social vulnerability index (SVI), according to CDC data. 89% of finalists accept the Care 4 Kids childcare subsidy, and 74% have a wait list for families currently. Most programs owners are people of color and 95% are female.

Connecticut maintained open and safe schooling to the extent possible through the pandemic. In the endemic era, the efforts to recover from chronic absenteeism and disconnection are the primary goals of the department.

- **Learning Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP):** To respond to the rising levels of chronic absenteeism, the State Department of Education (SDE) has instituted an intensive home visiting program that is yielding strong results and becoming a national model. The program started over two years ago and in the last year SDE is currently in the process of onboarding 12 new districts. This expansion will bring the total number of districts to 26. Districts were selected based on the number of chronically absent high need students in 2021-22 and 2022-23. The department conducted an extensive evaluation of this program in its first year. This evaluation served as the basis for second year expansion and early positive outcomes served as the basis for sustained funding of the program.
- **Right to Read:** 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 considers K-3 enrollment and the free/reduced-price enrollment. "The total available resources of approximately \$27.5 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)." A research team has been assembled and has begun gathering data from districts on their experiences with the implementation of the new curricula. See [Evaluation of Reading Curriculum Implementation \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2591&q=1&cid=3173) for a brief description of the evaluation project underway. The focus and adherence to using evidence and evaluating their work has positioned SDE as a leader in evidence and evaluation work in Connecticut.

Promoting equitable outcomes

While initial SLFRF-funded work focused on equitable access to public health resources like personal protective equipment and vaccinations, the work in the endemic phase is focused on institutional and structural barriers impacting adverse health and life outcomes for Connecticut residents. As the public health emergency moved into the endemic phase, Connecticut's leadership has maintained focus on equitable investments in structural issues like workforce

development and housing that enable people to increase economic stability and increase social mobility. The COVID-19 pandemic had a clear and disproportionate impact on Connecticut's most vulnerable residents, and state executive leadership has maintained the mindset that it is our collective responsibility to address these challenges through an equity-focused lens.

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 will transform access to support and services for families and their young children.

As projects progress, there has been an increased focus on whether and how programs have reached their intended population and whether they are yielding the intended outcomes. In the last year, there has been progress on initiatives specifically focused on equity as well as a recognition of the need to demonstrate equitable impact of a service. In the last fiscal year, there have been a few notable examples of programs that ensure equitable access to supports and services:

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 reduction in the ratio of students and advisors and to have its greatest impact on student retention and credit completion. After several semesters, 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.

LEAP and Guided Pathways Advising are both examples of programs that are intended to address long-standing inequities. A third example, Senior Centers, considered equity in the

formula calculation for distributing funds to centers across the state. By considering not just the share of elderly residents but the needs and vulnerabilities of those residents, the Department of Aging and Disability Services centered their funding on equity.

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 SLFRF 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 and in May 2024 with the passage of Public Act 24-81.

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 SLFRF 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. As of June 30, 2024, nearly 5,000 residents have been enrolled in workforce training programs and of the 3,028 program completers, over 1,500 residents have been placed into employment.

In the past year, the Research and Evaluation 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](#). This dashboard is updated quarterly when project and expenditure data are submitted to the US Treasury Department. Over the course of the year, the Research and Evaluation team has made several upgrades to the original dashboard. While the team started the dashboard with basic

views into expenditure categories, users could miss projects that had been coded as Revenue Replacement. The planned upgrades this year add visualizations that explore projects by thematic code as well as by agency. There is a visualization capturing state expenditures and budgeted amounts for projects. Currently, the data dashboard provides the public with views into the state's overall spending and spending by focus area. The dashboard displays agency-level spending and budgets for SLFRF programs and connects the public to legislatively mandated status reports. All visualizations and planned upgrades are in service of state stakeholders' questions and data needs.

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 SLFRF 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 January 1, 2024 the minimum wage is \$15.69 per hour. It will increase on January 1, 2025 based on the increase of the employment cost index which will be published July 31, 2024.

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The State of Connecticut has invested crucial resources into ensuring the use of evidence and evaluation for the SLFRF-funded projects and in advancing performance measurement in the course of doing this work. Two years ago, Connecticut established the Evaluation and Impact Unit with an initial focus on SLFRF funded projects. Nested within the Office of Policy and Management's Data and Policy Analytics Division, the team works directly with agencies to prioritize measurement and evaluation of program outcomes. In the spring of 2023, this team evolved to incorporate some of the work underway with Connecticut's statewide longitudinal data system Preschool through Age 20 Workforce information Network (P20 WIN). Recognizing that many of the evaluation questions related to the state's SLFRF projects would involve interagency data-sharing, the team has worked closely with agencies to draft evaluation programs. Renamed the Research and Evaluation team, they have three goals related to the SLFRF investments: 1) Increase Transparency; 2) Support Evaluation; and 3) Build Capacity to improve evidence and evaluation activities related to SLFRF and state business.

Transparency

In terms of increasing transparency, the Research and Evaluation team maintains a public-facing dashboard ([American Rescue Plan Act Project Inventory Dashboard](#)) that brings together elements of the quarterly Project and Expenditure Report, the Annual Recovery Plan, and related data efforts to provide an overview of the state's SLFRF investments and the progress towards obligation and expenditures. Launched in January 2023, the team has made significant enhancements over the past year and has used this dashboard as a template for data storytelling for Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act funding. The team has provided demonstrations of this dashboard to internal legislative and budget staff, executive branch agency partners, and to external stakeholders in philanthropy. The team emphasizes the need for transparency when working with SLFRF project leaders on their data planning for their work. 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.

Evaluation

In the last year, Research and Evaluation 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. Research and Evaluation has led five roadshows to publicize the need for applied researchers and evaluators with institutions of higher education in the state, including the Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale, University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, Connecticut Council of Independent Colleges, and the Scholars Strategy Network CT Chapter. These roadshows have enabled the Research and Evaluation unit to generate a referral list and begin working with applied researchers and evaluators to connect them to SLFRF-funded projects and other opportunities across the state.

Several agencies are drafting Requests for Proposals (RFP) to solicit evaluation partners for the SLFRF funded projects. These agencies have partnered with Research and Evaluation to identify their research questions, to consider their data and to design their RFPs. In the last fiscal year, two agencies have drafted Requests for Proposals to solicit support for evaluation. At the time of submission, several evaluation projects are in early development. These include evaluation of scholarship programs and workforce development.

Some agencies have already conducted evaluations of their work. In some cases, the agencies designed and released an RFP and in other cases, agencies built research collaboration with higher education institutions. These projects have boasted early positive returns, including reductions in chronic absenteeism in public schools and higher rates of eviction prevention. These positive evaluations led to projects receiving budget support in the Governor's 2024 proposed budget adjustments, making the connection between evaluation and sustainability.

In addition to outreach, several members of the Data and Policy Analytics team in partnership with Budget Division colleagues participated in the J-PAL/Results for America LEVER Policy sprint. A team of colleagues from the Data and Policy Analytics team and the Budget team participated in a policy sprint to develop an Evaluation Policy for OPM. This draft policy

institutionalizes many of the principles of the SLFRF funding, that evidence should be used to guide policy and budgetary decisions, and that ongoing evaluation is a best practice for programs to assure the state is getting the right outcomes from their work.

Capacity-building

The standards that the US Treasury Department has set related to the use of evidence and evaluation are important for states to adopt, but they assume a data culture already exists within state government. This was not necessarily the case, and as such, since the team's launch in fall 2022, they have provided direct support and guidance related to evidence, evaluation and data storytelling to recipients of the SLFRF funds. This support and guidance have taken multiple forms.

In some cases, the Research and Evaluation team offered guidance to their Budget Division colleagues to ensure data collection efforts persist even when UST reporting guidelines may not mandate them. In line with SLFRF'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 requested that agencies to identify their own "agency-selected indicators" that more accurately reflect the work undertaken. The Budget team ensures agencies have awareness of the Research and Evaluation Unit when they are getting their initial allocations situated and the Research and Evaluation 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 support related to reporting, the Research and Evaluation team has designed workshop content for SLFRF project leaders and colleagues. The building capacity work continues to advance agency experience with performance management. 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, data literacy, improving documentation, and data collection, data indicators and data storytelling. Moving past these initial topics, the Research and Evaluation Unit developed and delivered content related to Learning Agendas, Evaluation (101) and Data Analysis. Much of the work is available publicly on the [agency's YouTube channel](#). The workshops were available for SLFRF-funded project leads along with colleagues from their home agencies.

While there are mandatory performance indicators associated with some expenditure categories, the Research and Evaluation 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 SLFRF 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

SLFRF 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.

The Research and Evaluation 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. In the last year, their focus in building capacity has been on supporting agencies as they create Learning Agendas and become better data storytellers. This consistent focus on how we measure the impact of our work will enable Connecticut to communicate the impact of SLFRF investments clearly and consistently.

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.

Example Project

Project [Identification Number]: [Project Name]

Funding amount: [Funding amount]

Project Expenditure Category: [Category number, Category Name]

Project Inventory

CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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 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 program has since launched a second round of innovation funding resulting in eight additional innovative programs. The effectiveness of the strategies will be evaluated in the future. The Health Horizons program is now in its second year and below are a few year-one highlights:

- 38 new faculty members were hired, achieving 90% of the goal of 42 new faculty members. This initiative aims to enhance capacity for nursing and social work students, contributing to the broader goal of hiring 133 new faculty members overall.
- The goal for year-one was to award 450 need-based scholarships. However, 591 scholarships (131% of goal) were awarded with 34% of scholarships going to Pell-eligible students. The overall goal is to provide a total of 1,350 scholarships.
- Continued support to ten nursing and six social work employer-driven programs partnering higher education with business and industry with ongoing development to expand the innovative programs.

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

Project 28217: CDL Training

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Commercial Drivers License training at community colleges.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

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 supported redesigning advising across all CT State locations to provide local and systemwide support and opportunities that benefit the student

academically and boost their well-being. Implementation of the Guided Pathways Advising model led to the following changes in the advising program:

- A system-wide shift to a Holistic Case Management Advising model.
- Reduced student to advisor average ratios from 750 to 1 to 223 to 1 ratio for our Guided Pathways Advising Staff (GPA 1 and 2's)
- Increased 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, Guided Pathways Advising Leadership and Institutional Research have been evaluating the early impacts of the program. We have been able to consistently demonstrate that for students who complete at least one documented advising appointment with a Guided Pathways Advisor, on average, persist at, as much as 18-20% higher rates across several demographic categories including sex, race, and ethnicity. We have also been able to show, on average, that students take more credits, and complete more credits, when their advising appointment completion rate increases. Finally, compared to the Fall 2021-2022 academic year, the Fall 2022-2023 academic year overall retention rate increased 3% system-wide from the previous year and some campuses year over year retention rates increased as much as 6%.

CT State Guided Pathways Leadership has been very transparent to communicate that while having a documented advising appointment is not the sole reason for these increases, they strongly feel that the presence of more advisors, and reduction in caseloads overall have allowed for more proactive outreach to connect students to various resources across CT State. This, along with additional resources dedicated to mental health, food, and other support services have led to higher levels of student success and higher persistence rates for students at CT State.

Project 29692: Higher Education – CSCU

Funding Amount: \$291,500,000

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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 28505: Lyme Public Library and Town Hall HVAC

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28509: Cromwell

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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: \$6,500,000

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:

To date, the Department of Aging and Disability Service (ADS) has executed 59 agreements with Senior Centers, has 3 in process and a number of other proposals that have been submitted by Senior Centers for use of ARPA Senior Center funding.

With the passage of PA 24-81 during the last few days of the legislative session, a reduction in this line item meant that the funding available to support Senior Centers went from \$10M to \$6.5M. This reduction happened a little over a month before the deadline for Senior Centers to submit their proposals (June 28, 2024), which meant that several proposals were in differing stages of approval and review. ADS is in the position of working with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to figure out how this reduction will affect individual [potential] beneficiaries, as well as statewide initiatives (originally \$1M was set aside for initiatives that would support all CT Senior Centers). ADS hopes to have some plan in place within the next week and provide a communication to all Senior Centers and Municipalities regarding anticipated next steps.

In the meantime, ADS-BOA (Bureau of Aging) is still fielding questions from Senior Centers regarding the funding opportunity, providing technical assistance, and keeping submissions organized for when reviews re-start. They continue to work on a reporting document for those beneficiaries who have completed projects, and will work with ADS-BOA's Staff Attorney to produce a "Program Instruction" which will clearly outline reporting expectations for those Beneficiaries who do hold executed contracts, or will have their projects either wholly or partially funded through ARPA Senior Center funds.

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided funds to the State of Connecticut through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) program. The funds are provided by this program with the intent to support the response to the negative economic impacts caused by the coronavirus. The General Assembly allocated \$3 million in CSLFRF program funding to the Department of Aging and Disability Services, which was distributed amongst the eleven Elderly Nutrition Providers (ENPs) throughout the state. The list below shows the distribution of these funds; the allocation is based on the quantity of meals served in the previous fiscal year.

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County \$171,435.00

City of Hartford \$15,893.00

Community Renewal Team \$667,545.00

The Estuary \$97,092.00

LifeBridge \$417,351.00

Litchfield Hills Northwest \$197,121.00

New Opportunities \$312,222.00

RW Solutions \$583,287.00

TEAM, Inc \$138,549.00

Thames Valley Council for Community Action \$392,997.00

Town of Enfield \$6,513.00

The ENPs were able to use these funds for the following:

- Capital improvements to the facility to improve operations
- To cover the increased cost of food or materials
- The purchase of delivery vehicles
- The maintenance or repair of vehicles
- To improve or extend double meals
- To cover rent/utilities of the facility
- To cover the increased cost of fuel for vehicles
- Lost income
- Compensation of staff
- Consultant and professional fees
- Capital improvements to increase capacity to meet demand
- Telecommunications
- Economic impairment
- Indirect costs

Transportation/Other Equipment (70.5%)

The majority of the 2022 ARPA funds were used for reliable vehicles and equipment, which are both necessary for the implementation of a safe and efficient program. Seven of the eleven providers used a portion of their funds to repair or purchase food delivery vehicles. This helped them provide more reliable transportation to get these meals to those who need them.

Meals/Increased Food Costs (16.8%)

Over \$500,000 of the ARPA funds were used for meals or increased food costs.

Once again, seven of the providers statewide reported using a portion of their funds

to cover these costs. This was beneficial for many of our providers who would have otherwise needed to begin a waitlist or cut back on meal frequency.

Compensation/Bonuses (6.15%)

Around \$185,000 of the 2022 ARPA funds were used for staff compensation and bonuses. Multiple ENPs were happy to offer bonuses to their drivers and caterers, who worked so hard throughout the pandemic to provide these important meals to so many individuals who need them.

Other Costs (6.55%)

The remaining funds were used for indirect costs, occupancy and operating costs, and to provide some relief from economic impairment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All SLFRF funds have been distributed and fully expended as detailed above. This project was completed in 2023.

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 persons 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 persons with 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: Provide funding of \$2,250,000 in FY24 to support the Elderly Nutrition Program throughout the state, including home delivered and congregate meals, that receive funding through the state's Area Agencies on Aging.

Issue Area: Food Security

Performance Update:

The funds support capital improvements needed to meet increased demand, provide meal upgrades or emergency meals, and temporarily maintain increased service levels while reassessing and making adjustments to stay within budgets going forward. There are eleven Elderly Nutrition Providers (ENPs) in the state that benefit from using the funds to improve their infrastructure with investments such as refrigerated vehicles, generators, and larger storage facilities. The Department of Aging and Disability (ADS) is currently preparing a report detailing fund uses and impacts from 2022 and 2023, with plans to include funding uses for 2024.

Project 28274: Prevalence of Autism Study/Study of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$10,000 in FY 24 in the agency's Other Expenses account to support the cost studying and reporting on the higher prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and determine whether state programs adequately address such higher prevalence.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28534: Establish Deaf Blind Bureau

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28535: Area Agencies on Aging Awareness Program

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28536: Alzheimer's Awareness Program

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28537: Ellington Vehicle Purchase

Funding Amount: \$99,778

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28538: Nutmeg Rides

Funding Amount: \$225,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28539: Bristol Senior Center Parking Lot

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28540: Newtown Transportation Program for Seniors

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28541: Community Renewal Team Meals on Wheels

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28542: Kuhn Employment Opportunities

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update:

In the last fiscal year, the American School for the Deaf (ASD) provided the following:

Marketing Initiative and Public Relations Campaign

In January 2024, ASD's "Lost in Translation" awareness campaign launched with a press conference held at ASD. Approximately 65 individuals attended the event, including representatives from the Department of Aging & Disability Services, CT Hospital Association, State Department of Education, and CT Association of the Deaf. During the event, the static social media posts related to the awareness campaign and the grant were released, as was a 30 second video ad that will go live

in early February.

Several media outlets attended the event and published articles covering the press conference. A sampling of those articles are below:

['Lost in Translation' Campaign Aims to Increase Access for Connecticut Deaf Communities](#)

[American School for the Deaf campaign addresses barriers to access in CT](#)

['Lost in Translation': ASD Launches Awareness Campaign Focused on Health Care and Education Communities](#)

During February 2024, ASD launched two 30-second public service announcement videos and four static posts through social media (predominantly Facebook). Links to the videos may be found here: [Emergency Department PSA](#) & [Doctor's Office PSA](#)

During the months of January - February 2024, the paid social media efforts have generated nearly 7 million impressions and almost 5,000 clicks to the [Lost in Translation campaign page](#) since the launch in mid-January 2024.

Across the various static and video executions, the campaign creative has generated over 300,000 engagements – which include clicks, comments, likes, shares, and video thruplays.

During the month of March, ASD continued with the launch of two 30-second public service announcement videos and four static posts through social media. Beginning in March, the content began airing on 15 cable television channels, through ads on streaming SmartTV channels, and as digital ads on various website media. The ads also began populating on LinkedIn to targeted audiences including healthcare professionals in Connecticut.

In March 2024, ASD, through the Connecticut Hospital Association, ASD presented to the Communications teams of all Connecticut hospitals about this campaign and their work to raise awareness and improve communication accessibility in healthcare settings for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind.

Professional Development and Training

Filming of professional development training videos took place on December 2023 at Hartford Hospital. Deaf and hard of hearing actors were featured. The final training videos will be distributed through the CT Hospital Association to Connecticut's hospital systems. The videos are currently in the editing phase.

Communication Accessibility in Healthcare and Emergency Services

From March – May 2024, an [In-Person Interpreting pilot program](#) was conducted with 6 hospitals participating. The following hospitals have signed on to the pilot: Bristol Hospital, Stamford Hospital, and four hospitals within the Nuvance Healthcare system – Sharon Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, Danbury Hospital, and New Milford Hospital. A schedule of 5 PM-Midnight was established. 8 requests for ASL interpreting services were made in March during the hours of 5 p.m. – midnight. Two (2) requests were filled with in-person interpreting services; six (6) requests were filled with VRI interpreting services.

Signage was developed and distributed to participating hospitals to inform staff of the process for making a request through the pilot. Informational materials were also developed and distributed among Connecticut's deaf, hard of hearing and DeafBlind communities to raise awareness around this pilot and inform patients about the hospitals participating.

ASD's Source Interpreting organized two online interpreting training courses during 10/23. The first was on 10/7/23 called "Medical Interpreting: Questions and Appointments" and 9 people attended. The second was on 10/30 through 12/3 called "Medical Ethics and Terminology" and 6 people attended.

The collaborative advocacy event to distribute clear masks, organized by Hear Here Hartford, was held on 2/1/24 at The Bushnell. Between 75-100 guests attended,

and over 80 packets of 6 masks each were distributed for a total of 480 masks.

Access to Education and Employment

During September 2023 two ASL classes were offered to staff. An average of 5 people participated in each class. In addition, November – January 2024 ASL support was provided to students and residential staff and ASD classes were facilitated for ASD staff to strengthen their skills.

ASD arranged for author Mickey Carolan, a Child of a Deaf Adult (CODA) who has written two children's books on the subject of hearing loss, to visit ASD in celebration of "Read Across America" day on 3/1/24. Mickey presented to elementary, middle, and high school students. For elementary students, he read "Bonnie and the Deaf Bake Squad" and provided every student with a copy of "Sky the Deaf Home Run Hero." For high school students, Mickey shared about the process of writing of his memoir, "Mom Dad Not Hear", just recently released in February.

From January to April 2024 applications were received for summer camperships. 22 applications were received. 16 for Camp Isola Bella, 2 for a STEM camp organized at the National Technical Institute of the Deaf, 1 for forest camp for deaf students in Colorado, 1 Camp Sloper and 2 undetermined.

Awareness Training in Educational Settings

From August 2023 through January 2024 a variety of deaf community advocacy took place throughout the state. The Connecticut Association for the Deaf (CAD) collaborated with the DeafBlind Association of Connecticut to host a workshop to share valuable information about best practices for working with individuals who are DeafBlind with 28 individuals in attendance. CAD organized a self-advocacy workshop at Bristol Public Library and two additional self-advocacy workshops with a total attendance of 47 individuals.

On 10/14/23 and 10/28/23, CAD organized two self-advocacy workshops. 25 people attended the first event. Numbers were not provided for second event. On 11/4/23, CAD held their annual conference. Over 155 individuals attended. On 1/21/24, filming for a self-advocacy video from CAD took place. It is currently in production phase.

The Deaf-Blind Advocacy Retreat took place in Griswold, CT August 2023 with 18 individuals including a staff team of 7. Thirty (30) "CoNavigators" also participated to provide support to DeafBlind participants. Prior to the retreat, the CoNavigators participated in a two-day training. The retreat also featured a "Visitors Day" which welcomed an additional 60 individuals.

Sustainability Planning

Innivee finalized their report highlighting nationwide best practices in healthcare to ensure communication access for deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind patients in April 2024, and it is currently under review by ASD. Once reviewed and approved, the report will be shared with the CT Hospital Association and the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Project 28275: Container Gardens

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$2 million in FY24 for shipping container gardens. Shipping container gardens are used in multiple locations to grow fresh vegetables for schools and/or local food pantries. These containers require

approximately five gallons of water a week and access to electricity.

Issue Area: Food Security

Performance Update:

The funds support the purchase of shipping container gardens through a competitive grant program which received 17 applications requesting \$3.7 million with \$2 million available to award. This initiative is part of the [Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids grant \(CTG4CTK Grant\)](#), administered by the Department of Agriculture (DoAG), which provides a mix of financial and technical assistance to local and regional boards of education, regional education centers, cooperative arrangements, childcare centers, group childcare homes and family childcare homes, or any organization or entity administering or assisting in the development of a farm-to-school program and partnering with a Connecticut public school.

In May 2024, eight (8) contracts were awarded and executed between CT DoAg and farmers (3), nonprofits (2), school districts (2), and tribes (1). This marks progress in promoting sustainable food practices, food sovereignty, and expanding agricultural education opportunities within these communities.

Project 28276: Oyster Cultch Management Program

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$100,000 in both FY24 and FY25 for an oyster cultch management program to promote oyster propagation.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28357: Food2Kids - Milford Food Insecurity Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28358: Haven's Harvest Food Program

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28359: Nutrition Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28360: WHEAT - West Haven Food Insecurity Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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

Status: Completed

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 29695: Farm-to-School Grant

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Connecticut Grown 4 Connecticut Kids (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 education opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips.

Issue Area: Food Security

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:

The program concluded in August 2022, having distributed approximately 375,000 meals sourced from Connecticut-based farmers to food insecure individuals.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: The agency tracked data by number of meals served and not number of households served. The number of meals is reported above.

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:

Funding for this initiative was utilized to expand the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) existing contracted Mobile Crisis services to provide the availability of in-person response to crisis calls during the overnight hours (10PM-6AM), where previously, only telephonic support was available. This was accomplished through the provision of ARPA funding to DCF's 6 contracted providers and has resulted in the provision of in-person crisis response to 1,163 children from January 2023-April 2024.

Project 28019: Support Additional Urgent Crisis Centers and Sub-Acute Crisis Stabilization Units

Funding Amount: \$28,000,000

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:

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has contracted for the provision of 3 Urgent Crisis Centers and 1 Urgent Crisis Emergency program. All 4 programs required significant modifications upon identification of the physical space. All modifications are complete, and the programs are operational currently. Since their opening, 2,280 children in behavioral health crisis have been served without admission to a hospital emergency room. Over the last year, DCF has worked with state regulatory agencies to build out sustainability of funding using Medicaid billing and has recently received final approval to begin diverting ambulances from emergency departments to the UCC, where appropriate. In addition, DCF has contracted for 2 Sub-Acute Crisis Stabilization programs. ARPA funding was utilized for the renovation and modification of the physical spaces for these programs, with state funding being identified for on-going operation of the programs. Currently, 1 program is staffed and operational, with the other program completing final inspections on their physical space with a target opening date of 7/1/24.

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: Justice and Public Safety

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 part 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:

The combined Family Assistance and Social Determinants of Mental Health program, administered by Carelon, Inc. via contract with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), is designed to offer financial assistance to families with children in need of behavioral health interventions when such families do not have the resources or insurance to obtain such services themselves.

To date, this combined program has provided financial assistance to 174 youth who have received 370 individual interventions including: individual and group therapy, in-home family treatment, residential treatment, intensive outpatient services, psychiatric evaluations, therapeutic support, medication assistance, and therapeutic childcare.

Children range in age from: 0-5 (2.8%)

6-10 (28.2%)

11-15 (44.3%)

16-21 (24.7%)

Race/ethnicity:

White (74.1%)

Black (9.8%)

Multiracial (5.2%)

Asian (2.3%)

American Indian (1.7%)

Asian Indian (0.6%)

Other (6.3%)

Gender:

Male (55.2%)

Female (44.6%)

Transgender (1.2%)

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-party 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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

See the performance update for Project 28021 Social Determinant Mental Health Fund.

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.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

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: \$84,996

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 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

Status: Completed

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. because 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

Status: Completed

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 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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Funding allocated for this initiative was invested in the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) contracted Supportive Housing provider and used to provide housing supplemental assistance to 191 young adults in SFY 2022, 179 in SFY 2023 and 131 year to date in SFY 2024. This funding, inclusive of case management services to youths receiving housing assistance resulted in a 96% employment or vocational enrollment rate and a 96% discharge to stable housing

rates. These services were provided primarily to minority youth (90%), ages 18-24.
Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program supported supplemental services and not necessarily eviction prevention or the preservation of affordable housing. These funds enable the provisions of housing supplemental assistance to 191 young adults in SFY 2022, 179 in SFY 2023 and 131 year to date in SFY 2024.

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

Status: Completed

Project 28513: Middletown Office

Funding Amount: \$667,856

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28514: Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28515: Community Guidance Clinic

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29779: Fostering the Community

Funding Amount: \$10,000

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 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

Project 29781: Children's Mental Health Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$20,500,000

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:

Mobile Crisis: Funding for this initiative was utilized to expand the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) existing contracted Mobile Crisis services to provide the availability of in-person response to crisis calls during the overnight hours (10PM-6AM), where previously, only telephonic support was available. This was accomplished through the provision of ARPA funding to DCF's 6 contracted providers and has resulted in the provision of in-person crisis response to 1,163 children from January 2023-April 2024.

Urgent Crisis Centers: DCF has contracted for the provision of 3 Urgent

Crisis Centers (UCC) and 1 Urgent Crisis Emergency program. All 4 programs required significant modifications upon identification of the physical space. All modifications are complete and the programs are operational at this time. Since their opening, 2,280 children in behavioral health crisis have been served without admission to a hospital emergency room. Over the last year, DCF has worked with state regulatory agencies to build out sustainability of funding through the use of Medicaid billing and has recently received final approval to begin diverting ambulances from emergency departments to the UCC, where appropriate.

Urban Trauma: The Urban Trauma Provider Network was developed specifically to support the mental health of youth within communities of color around racial trauma, through the provision of training to eight (8) community mental health providers around racial trauma support (specifically, Dr. Maysa Akbar's Urban Trauma Certification® & Dr. Steven Kniffley's Racial Trauma Therapy Model). With these specific trainings, providers are equipped with the tools, knowledge, and resources necessary to support change in the communities they serve. The network has launched into its full operation pilot phase and began accepting referrals in September 2023 within the 8 original organizations Urban Trauma has partnered with in the creation of this network as well as within 3 additional organizations that have participated in the training and who are ready to take on clients utilizing these two clinical models. Through this initiative, 28 mental health clinicians have received training in both models, and 89 clients have been served using these interventions.

Intensive Transition Case Management: The ITCM initiative was competitively awarded to 5 providers across the state. In total, the program served 148 clients. Of those discharged in SFY 2023, 67% completed treatment and 69.1% met all treatment goals. Of those discharged in SFY 2024, 80.4% completed treatment and 76.5% met all treatment goals. With final expenditure of the funding for this initiative, the programs have now been sunset.

Racial Justice Initiative: This initiative was implemented to help lead the advancement of DCF's racial justice mandate by creating opportunities for training and support to its contracted community providers to sustain equity in the delivery of services to children and families across Connecticut. DCF competitively procured this service with a heavy emphasis on the provider's demographic composition. The awarded provider has implemented four (4) training modules across the DCF provider network and has integrated into the DCF Racial Justice Committee and the DCF Statewide Advisory Council. Additionally, presentations have been made to all six (6) of DCF's Regional Advisory Councils, the Regional Youth Advisory Boards and the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Learning Communities, while the Racial Justice Initiative community board has been established and is in the process of concretizing community-based focus groups.

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

This funding supported the expansion of the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) existing Child First program. The Child First program utilizes an evidence-based, psycho-educational approach which includes a home-based assessment, family plan development, parent-child therapeutic intervention, and care coordination. With this funding, DCF expanded services by 27% in SFY 2022, and 24% in SFY 2023, with a 63% successful discharge, all treatment goals met outcome, which is 13% higher than the same outcome prior to the investment of this funding.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Project 28553: Implement New Cannabis Regulations

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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:

In the past year, the Department of Correction TRUE Unit staff participated in professional development workshops, including Motivational Interviewing (78 participants, including 10 train the trainers), Conflict Resolution (83 participants including 8 train the trainers), Family Engagement, and Trauma Informed Care (66 participants including 18 train the trainers). The agency plans to extend the impact and sustainability of the workshops focused on Motivational Interviewing, Conflict Resolution, and Trauma Informed Care to all Cheshire CI staff by relying on participants who will serve as trainers for other facility staff. Trainers who participated in these workshops are leading workshops for colleagues assigned to

Cheshire CI. In addition to staff training and development, several physical plant updates have been completed or are planned for completion in state fiscal year 2025. The completed upgrade is an update to the TRUE unit's courtyards. Establishment of two music studios and computer labs within the TRUE unit is planned for the next fiscal year. The agency is exploring technology upgrades to classrooms and staff resources in the coming year.

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: \$8,796,000

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 DOC'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 fit up equipment etc.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The State of Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC) Vocational Village program (Vocational Village) is a transformative initiative designed to empower incarcerated individuals by equipping them with essential skills, certifications, and credentials spanning diverse industries. This comprehensive training program serves as a catalyst for personal growth and plays a pivotal role in facilitating successful reintegration into communities. The Vocational Village Program is expected to operate at five correctional intuitions: Carl Robinson Correctional Institution, Osborn Correctional Institution, MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, York Correctional Institution, and Brooklyn Correctional Institution.

To date, the Vocational Village program has received 572 applications, of which 243 are enrolled and 332 are waitlisted. Vocational Village provides the following programs: Commercial Driver Licensing, Advanced Manufacturing, Principles of Manufacturing, Barbering, Building Trades, Cosmetology, Hospitality, Culinary, Asphalt Tech and Flagger Certification. There are 24 graduates to date of which five people were offered positions upon release.

DOC remains committed to the project, however, changes to the SLFRF funding allotment have drastically changed the objectives of the program. Furthermore, there has been an update to the law to include higher education programming. The next steps include completing 4 remaining vocational programs, including adding a new computer coding program. Additionally, the project seeks to attract additional higher education programs and public-private partnerships and will be making improvements for Second Chance Pell readiness. Vocational Village will also launch the first Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program in partnership with Pursuit Aerospace.

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 and development (ID) 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:

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and awarded to 3 providers in 2023. Services for those 3 providers started in January 2024. Since the total funding utilized for the 3 providers did not utilize the full \$2,000,000, another RFP was issued - with a proposer due date of June 5, 2024. Proposers will be selected in July 2024, with an anticipated start date of services in October 2024.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project currently supports three programs.

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

All funding was distributed to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) private provider camps. Six (6) camps applied, and four (4) were approved for funding, totaling 2 million dollars.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 4 programs.

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:

Providers submitted applications for the One Time Stabilization Grants in June 2023. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) reviewed cost reports

submitted by providers to determine financial losses. In May 2024, 56 DDS Qualified providers throughout the state that requested funding and demonstrated a financial loss for FY20-FY22 were awarded a total of \$20,000,000 to offset economic hardship caused by COVID-19 and stabilize the network for services moving forward.

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 support to individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Status: Completed

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

Project 28361: Adelbrook Behavioral and Developmental Services

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28362: Marrakesh Group Home

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29697: Respite Care for Family Caregivers

Funding Amount: \$2,475,000

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) spent \$1,776,288.14 of the original allotted budget of \$3,000,000. In FY22, DDS served 113 families and in FY23 served 327 families. The team reported that the availability of these funds has allowed DDS to fulfill most (if not all) of families' grant requests in full. In SFY25, the legislature reduced the budget to a revised total of \$2,475,000, appropriating the \$525,000 balance to new projects. In addition, one provider will open a respite home for children imminently.

Project 29773: Private Providers

Funding Amount: \$110,000,000

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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 for free museum access for children with one adult family member to promote the state's 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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The CT Summer at the Museum program was designed to enhance educational outcomes for children in affected and disproportionately affected populations by offering free admission to CT museums. This program was originally piloted between July 1 and September 6, 2021 with Connecticut children accounting for 332,780 visits across 69 participating museums. The program continued for the summers of 2022 and 2023. In 2022, Connecticut children accounted for 389,227 visits to the 125 participating museums. In 2023, Connecticut children accounted for 424,905 visits to 127 participating museums.

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

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. ARPA funding 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 expenditure 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 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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28041: Youth Service Corp

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

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) received ten (10) applications and awarded funds to two cities: the City of Hartford and the City of Stamford. The City of Stamford contracted with [Domus Kids, Inc.](#) to recruit, train and employ disengaged and disconnected young people to participate on work crews to clean and beautify 28 city-owned properties including parks, beaches, street islands and medians, and sites historically prone to illegal dumping. The work crews engage in a variety of beautification projects at these sites. Domus staff in conjunction with Parks and Recreation staff of the City of Stamford supervise the work crews. In

addition to participating on the work crews, the youth work with a Domus Workforce Development Coach and receive employment skills training with the ultimate goal of obtaining a full-time job and becoming self-sufficient.

The City of Hartford contracted with [We are Our Piece of the Pie, Inc.](#) to empower young people ages 14-24, in Hartford, with the key competencies needed to overcome barriers succeed in education and employment. The funding supported an additional 30 youth over the course of a year. All 30 youth developed individual success plans (ISPs) and demonstrated progress toward their goal in at least 1 ISP area. The areas include developmental, educational, career, and post-secondary goals. In addition, all youth completed the Career Competency Development Training (CCDT) which offers the foundational skills necessary for youth to transition into subsidized employment (internships).

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served 30 youth in Hartford along with a cohort in Stamford. At the time of this report, the cohort size in Stamford was not yet reported.

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28043: Amistad Center for Arts and Culture

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

Project 28055: Friends of FOSRV

Funding Amount: \$44,000

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 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 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

Status: Completed

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

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28063: Bridgeport Youth LaCrosse Academy

Funding Amount: \$125,000

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

Project 28068: Compass Youth Collaborative

Funding Amount: \$1,050,000

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

Status: Completed

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

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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 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 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

Status: Completed

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

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28084: Sisters at the Shore **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

Status: Completed

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

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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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 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

Status: Completed

Project 28278: Bushnell Theater

Funding Amount: \$750,000

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 28280: CT Main Street

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 program supports 1 non-profit. There is an indirect impact on multiple municipalities, but those data are not available at this time.

Project 28281: Foundry 66

Funding Amount: \$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, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Businesses

Project 28282: Hartford Stage

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, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28283: Life Health and Wellness Center

Funding Amount: \$5,000

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 28284: Lutz Children's Museum

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 28285: Masters Table Community Meals

Funding Amount: \$5,000

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 28286: New Britain Museum of Art

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 28287: Other Expenses - Farmington Ave

Funding Amount: \$800,000

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 28288: Other Expenses - Municipal Outdoor Recreation in Hartford and Manchester

Funding Amount: \$5,500,000

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 28289: Real Art Ways

Funding Amount: \$100,000

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, including revenue loss, operating challenges, and increased costs.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project served an organization in the Arts Sector. The purpose of the funds was to mitigate financial hardship.

Project 28290: Special Olympics

Funding Amount: \$3,150,000

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.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28291: Team, Inc.

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 28292: Theaters

Funding Amount: \$2,225,000

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

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY 24 and \$2.625 million in FY 25 for theaters. The funding shall be pro-rated based upon the revised FY 23 appropriations for the "Flagship Producing Theaters," "Performing Arts Center" and "Performing Theaters Grant" line-items

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update:

Ten (10) theaters located across the state received funding to mitigate financial hardship.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: The recipients of these grants are part of the Arts Sector. The funds are intended to mitigate financial hardship.

Project 28293: West Indian Foundation, Inc.

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: While these funds have not yet been expended, they will serve 1 non-profit organization.

Project 28355: DECD Temporary Grants Administration Staff

Funding Amount: \$575,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28363: AGO - Consultants to Prepare for AI Regs

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28364: AHM Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28365: Angel of Edgewood

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28366: ARTE, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28367: Baltic American Legion Purple Heart Pavilion

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28368: BEDCO

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28369: Blue Hills Civic Association

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 FY25 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 28370: Bridgeport - Pop Warner Football League
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28371: Bridgeport Ballerz
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28372: Building One Community Corp
Funding Amount: \$300,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28373: Calendar House Capital Improvements Southington
Funding Amount: \$99,700
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28374: Cheney Hall Foundation
Funding Amount: \$250,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28375: City of Hartford for Upper Albany Economic Development
Funding Amount: \$1,700,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28376: Colors of the World
Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28377: Community Empowerment
Funding Amount: \$150,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28378: Community Gardens Trumbull
Funding Amount: \$80,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28379: Connecticut Humanities
Funding Amount: \$700,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28380: Connecticut Science Center
Funding Amount: \$200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28381: DECD Study
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 FY25 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 28382: Deming-Young Farm Foundation Barn Rehabilitation
Funding Amount: \$100,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28383: Downtown Thursdays in Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28384: East Haddam - I-Park Foundation

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28385: East Hartford Career Quest Camp

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28386: East Hartford Public Schools Career Training

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28387: East Hartford Youth Sports

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28388: Eastend Popup Market

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28389: Forge City Works

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28390: Friendship Service Center

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28391: Grant Administrator for SB-1

Funding Amount: \$260,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28391a: Town of Wethersfield Tourism

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28392: Grants for Hospitals, Fire Departments, Schools to Integrate Algorithms and Utilize VR Training

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28393: Greater Hartford NAACP

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28394: Heart and Purpose

Funding Amount: \$60,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28395: HomeFront, 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 FY25 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 28396: Hoops & Dreams
Funding Amount: \$75,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28397: INTEMPO Organization, Inc.
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28398: Lake Mohegan Playground Replacement Fairfield
Funding Amount: \$75,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28399: Latino Community Services: Project Kiki
Funding Amount: \$250,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28400: Long Wharf Theater
Funding Amount: \$75,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 budget bill. The full project details are forthcoming and will be shared in upcoming quarterly reporting as soon as they are made available.

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Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28401: Mattatuck Museum

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28402: Meriden Boys and Girls Club

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28403: Middletown Park Pavilions

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28404: Milford Boys and Girls Club Summer Programming

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28405: Naugatuck Little League - Peter J. Foley

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28406: Naugatuck Little League - Union City

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28407: New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28408: Newington Children's Theatre Company Capital Improvements

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28409: Norwich First Congregational Church Infrastructure

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28410: Norwich VFW Infrastructure

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28411: Prosperity Foundation

Funding Amount: \$1,300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28412: RF Youth Boxing, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28413: Ridgefield Meeting House

Funding Amount: \$55,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28414: River House Greenwich
Funding Amount: \$50,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28415: SilverSource, Inc.
Funding Amount: \$125,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28416: Stratford Civic Plaza
Funding Amount: \$200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28417: Summerfield United Methodist Church
Funding Amount: \$125,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28418: The Kennedy Collective
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28420: Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
Funding Amount: \$100,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28421: Twilight Wish Foundation

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28422: United Way of Beacon Falls

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28423: United Way of Naugatuck

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28424: Waterford Upstart

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28425: Westville Village Renaissance Alliance

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28426: Yale Rep Theater

Funding Amount: \$75,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28504: Hartford - Establish a Community Development Corporation

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28507: Glastonbury Little League Riverfront Park/Heroes Field LED Lights

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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

Status: Completed

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 experience 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

Status: Completed

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 experience 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 pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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

Project 29701: Mystic Aquarium

Funding Amount: \$532,809

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

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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 experience 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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

Project 29705: Connecticut Main Street Center

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding is utilized by this entity to provide technical assistance counseling or other services to assist with business planning needs that respond 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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 just FY 2022 because 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: \$3,000,000

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The Working Cities Challenge (WCC) began as an initiative of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. It was a grant competition designed to advance collaborative leadership in postindustrial cities to transform the lives of its low-income residents. The following five Connecticut cities were awarded Implementation Grants: Danbury, East Hartford, Hartford, Middletown and Waterbury and each Working City has its own anti-poverty initiative to support its low-income residents. Summaries for

each city can be found [here](#).

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 experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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 experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

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

Status: Completed

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

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 experience negative economic impacts from the pandemic and support

program engagement for disproportionately impacted families.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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 experience 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

Status: Completed

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

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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

Project 29718: Legacy Foundation of Hartford

Funding Amount: \$850,000

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 29719: Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 29722: Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues

Funding Amount: \$14,705,221

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

Project Overview: Provides for 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

Status: Completed

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

Project 29722a: Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues

Funding Amount: \$294,779

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provides for 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

Status: Completed

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:

Connecticut utilized funding to elevate brand and message advertising to support the growth of tax revenue by growing population, number of businesses in state, and encouraging spending. As a result of the \$1M spend, our campaign delivered more than 49 million impressions. Some key data points of this campaign include:

High profile TV schedule in Q1 2024 aligned Connecticut with premium TV programs including:

- March Madness, Survivor, American Idol, Amazing Race, The Grammys
- Linear TV campaign delivered 152% of purchased impressions and 106 added value spots, garnering an additional estimated media value of \$16K
- Introduction of Digital Out of Home re-targeting aided in reaching audience at multiple touchpoints
- Using device ID targeting, those who were identified as exposed to digital billboard creative were targeted with ads in Connected TV and Streaming Audio
- Meta (Facebook & Instagram) Social Video deliveries showed stronger performance among younger segment of our target audience (Ages 21 - 33), while Digital Video performance skewed slightly towards older segment (Ages 34-45)

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

Project 29725: CT Hospitality Industry Support

Funding Amount: \$23,840,000

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

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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 in a distressed municipality, they receive extra funding. Using the eligibility criteria and distribution methodology, 1164 businesses received a grant, totaling \$21,924,600.80 to date. DECD is working to finalize the program and ensure all eligible businesses receive their award.

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

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 experience 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

Status: Completed

Project 29730: Junta for Progressive Action

Funding Amount: \$950,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

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

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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 experience 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

Performance Update:

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. To date, 471 grants have been provided to businesses in need, totaling \$4,536,658.50. DECD is working to finalize the program and ensure all eligible businesses receive their award.

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

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:

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is currently onboarding 12 new districts, which will bring the total number of districts to 26. These districts were selected based on the number of chronically absent high-need students in 2021-22 and 2022-23. Alongside this expansion, a second evaluation on the effectiveness of LEAP is underway with results pending release. This year, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) published a new report, entitled, [The LEAP Effect, Taking A Systemic Approach to Improving Attendance & Engagement](#), detailing the implementation of LEAP. Over the course of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, CSDE organized 18 LEAP 101 training sessions for home visitors, benefiting approximately 1,200 participants. Additionally, monthly LEAP District Coordinators meetings are held to ensure quality and compliance with the LEAP model across all districts.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high-dose tutoring program. Over the course of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, CSDE organized 18 LEAP 101 training sessions for home visitors, benefiting approximately 1,200 participants.

Project 28090: Increase College Opportunities Through Dual Enrollment

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 - Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic Social and Emotional 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

Performance Update:

The funding supports Connecticut's ongoing efforts to expand dual credit opportunities for high school students. These efforts encompass the creation of a dedicated website offering centralized information on dual credit programs across the state's higher education institutions. Furthermore, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has allocated a total of \$3.8 million in grants to 89 school districts to cover startup expenses for enhancing academic and career-focused dual credit courses. The CSDE has also allocated nearly \$4 million in grants to more than a dozen IHEs across the state to strengthen quality, increase capacity, and attain NACEP accreditation. For more information on CSDE's ongoing efforts, visit the [Dual Credit Expansion Efforts Report on ct.gov](#). To further encourage student participation in advanced courses, the CSDE annually sends letters to parents/guardians of students who have been identified through middle school assessment data to have the potential to succeed in rigorous courses; these letters encourage the students to explore and avail of dual credit opportunities. In January 2024, approximately 31,500 letters were distributed statewide.

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: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

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 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:

The ARPA-funded School Mental Health Workers Grant Program has been successful in addressing the pressing demand for school-based mental health supports for students. As of January 2024, the grant facilitated the hiring of 15 social workers, 2 school psychologists, and 2 school counselors providing direct services to 1,407 students and indirectly supporting the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of 7,283 students across 20 school districts.

The Bethany School District reports: "This has had an incredible impact so far! We have been able to address the needs of our general education population more effectively. The social worker was able to pick up a caseload of students and start building a rapport with the students and families. They also started pulling in community resources. I cannot emphasize enough the positive impact this has had on our district. The students have already benefited so much!"

Additional reports from funded districts are included in the School Mental Health Workers Grant Program and School Mental Health Staff Ratio report which provide more details about the program. The report is updated on an annual basis, utilizing various data sources including information from the [Mental Health Staff Ratio Report](#), which presents the ratio of students to mental health workers at the state, district, and school levels.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This funding is not invested in a high dose tutoring program. As of January 2024, the grant facilitated the hiring of 15 social workers, 2 school psychologists, and 2 school counselors providing direct services to 1,407 students and indirectly supporting the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health needs of 7,283 students across 20 school districts.

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: \$1,700,000

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: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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: K- 12 Education

Project 28101: Dream Camp Foundation

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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: 175 students will be participating in an evidence-based tutoring program. We will also identify the NCES code for this school. (from Allocation Form)

Project 28103: Keane Foundation

Funding Amount: \$900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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 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 experience 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 in providing free meals 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:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

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 experience 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 experience 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 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 tuitioned 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 tuitioned 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 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: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time
Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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 experience 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 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 28295: Education Workforce Development
Funding Amount: \$1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Provide funding for a grant program to support school districts with teacher recruitment, retention, and professional development to address staffing shortages (including paraprofessionals).
Issue Area: K- 12 Education
Performance Update:
Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28296: Hartford Public Library - Flooding Restoration
Funding Amount: \$1,795,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1,795,000 in FY24 for flood restoration at the Hartford Public Library.
Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28297: Magnet Schools - New Britain, New London
Funding Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3.5 million in FY24 for tuition assistance to Bloomfield, New Britain, New London and Windsor.
Issue Area: K- 12 Education
Performance Update:
The ARPA-Magnet School Tuition grant was allocated to New Britain and New London School Districts. The grant covers a portion of the magnet tuition costs that the sending districts receive for resident students attending a magnet school that charged tuition in the 2023-24 school year. To date, New Britain has requested the funds and was paid in FY24. New London has not requested any funds to date.

Project 28298: New Haven Police Athletic League
Funding Amount: \$250,000
Project Expenditure Category: 2.24 -Addressing Educational Disparities: Aid to High Poverty Districts
Project Overview: Provide \$250,000 in FY24 for the New Haven Police Athletic League.
Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28299: Teacher Residency
Funding Amount: \$1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: The Connecticut Teacher Residency Program (TRP) is intended to increase diversity among teaching staff in Connecticut. The TRP provides training and coursework for underemployed or unemployed adults interested in becoming teachers, with the guarantee of a full-time teaching position upon completion of the program and certification requirements. The program is administered by CREC.
Issue Area: K- 12 Education
Performance Update:
Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28427: Ellsworth School Natural Gas Conversion
Funding Amount: \$200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28428: MLK Scholarship Fund
Funding Amount: \$25,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28429: Sound Waters Summer Camp
Funding Amount: \$50,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28430: South Windsor High School Chem Lab
Funding Amount: \$200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28431: Uniforms Grassroots Academy
Funding Amount: \$8,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28432: Wilton High School Dishwasher/Utensils
Funding Amount: \$20,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28433: Waterbury Robotics
Funding Amount: \$400,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28434: Colchester - Bacon Academy Carpet Replacement
Funding Amount: \$200,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28435: Stamford Public Education Foundation

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28436: Cromwell Public Schools - Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Support Consultant

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28437: Bloomfield Public Schools Playground Improvements

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28438: Windham Public Schools

Funding Amount: \$140,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28439: Norwalk Housing Authority Scholarship

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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 with the 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). A research team has been assembled and has begun gathering data from districts on their experiences with the implementation of the new curricula. See [Evaluation of Reading Curriculum Implementation \(ct.gov\)](#) for a brief description of the evaluation project underway.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This project is still in initial administration and will not be supporting evidence-based tutoring programs. As such, there are indicators to report at this time.

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 29734: CT Writing Project

Funding Amount: \$159,500

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

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 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

Status: Completed

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

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 29737: Elevate Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$500,000

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: This project is not invested in evidence-based tutoring programs.

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 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, child care, 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:

Since 2021, Connecticut has invested in expanding high-quality summer enrichment programming for K-12 students. Leveraging funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, the state has allocated over \$33 million towards this initiative. Initially, over \$8 million was disbursed to 235 summer camps, child care centers, and other innovative programs during the 2021 summer period, providing impactful out-of-school learning and enrichment opportunities for students. Building on the success of the inaugural year, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) launched the 2022 Summer Enrichment Grant Program in April 2022. This initiative saw over \$12 million in ARPA funding being distributed to 200 high-quality programs. In 2023, the CSDE continued its commitment to enriching student experiences by selecting over 100 organizations to receive two-year grants worth \$13 million in funding, slated to extend through the end of summer 2024. Evaluations of the program, conducted through the Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration, have consistently highlighted its positive impacts. Researchers have identified improvements in student school attendance, heightened camp engagement, and overall camp satisfaction among participants. Please see the formal evaluation reports at [CCERC Summer Enrichment 2021 Executive Summary \(ct.gov\)](#) and the [CCERC 2022 Summer Enrichment Program Evaluation \(ct.gov\)](#).

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

Project 29743: Hamden Before and After School Programming

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 - Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

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: 2.14 - Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

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

Status: Completed

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

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 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 Gun Tracing Task Force (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:

The funds for the Gun Tracing Task Force (GTTF) are still being utilized to pay for the 4 Task Force Officers (TFOs) participating in the program. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) currently have TFOs from Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and New Haven. This money is also covering overtime expenses for investigations relating to gun tracing investigations as well as backfilling at the Connecticut State Police (CSP) troops from the vacancies that were left when DESPP transferred detectives to the GTTF for this initiative.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program does not support 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 i.e. 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:

The funds have been allocated to all participating local agencies as well as the Connecticut State Police (CSP). The funds were originally allocated to overtime expenses to address auto theft issues within each agency's area of responsibility. Due to manpower issues across the state, the funds were also used to purchase technologies that could help address the auto theft issue within each of communities that received the funding.

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

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:

1) Rapid Instruments + PCR Workstations + Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS) + Refrigerators

Instrument systems have been purchased and either have been installed or are in the process of being installed by the vendor. This equipment enhances the ability to rapidly analyze evidentiary items for DNA and facilitates the identification of individuals for investigative purposes. This equipment has aided in decreasing backlogs within the DNA Section of the forensic laboratory due to evidence being analyzed within kiosks instead of at the laboratory.

2) STRmix Server

One (1) network server for use with DNA processing computers has been received and installed. This will replace an older server that has passed its lifetime. It will improve the forensic laboratory by avoiding potential down-time of older equipment, thereby minimizing case backlogs.

3) Automated Liquid Handling Workstations

Two (2) automated liquid handling pieces of equipment have been installed. These are being evaluated and will optimize dependability and walk-away time within the

Forensic Biology/DNA Section of the laboratory. Instrument status alerts, integrated key safety features during operation and method development, easy access monitoring of workspaces, and off-set-rotating grippers optimizing high-density decks will enable efficient workflows for processing DNA-related evidence. Automated sample transfers will enable more efficient sample handling steps, will ensure uniform repeatability between samples, and will minimize the potential for human error during sample handling. Onboard cameras will enable live broadcast and on-error video captures which will minimize downtime and will improve laboratory efficiency.

4) Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) System

Two (2) BrassTrax™ acquisition systems and microscopes have been installed. These are used for the examination of gun cartridge evidence. This equipment enhances the ability to rapidly analyze evidentiary items for the tracking of gun crimes and facilitate the identification of firearms for investigative purposes. The equipment has aided in decreasing backlogs within the Identification Section of the forensic laboratory due to evidence being preliminarily analyzed within kiosks instead of at the laboratory. The addition of the kiosks at the various agencies has increased the number of entries in the NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) database which has improved the number of leads in cases. The use in the Waterbury police department has increased by 28% and the use in the Hartford police department has increased by 53%.

5) Computer Network Workstations

Eight (8) Talino workstations have been installed. These are used by the Computer Crimes Unit within the forensic laboratory for the analysis of hard drives and other electronic evidence for criminal activity (e.g., assisting with decryption and cryptanalysis). Previously, only one item of evidence was able to be processed at a time due to the limited number of computers. The addition of these workstations has allowed for multiple items of evidence to be processed at the same time in a batch-type methodology which has reduced backlogs. The Talino computers allowed Examiners to have two workstations to streamline casework. One workstation can be used to image the evidence and the second workstation is used for analysis. Reports giving results through the use of the Talino computers have increased by 33%.

6) Forensic Light Source

One (1) multi-frequency monochromatic light emission device has been received. This high powered, multi-filtered (UV-VIS-NIR) piece of optical equipment is used to assist Examiners with the detection of latent prints on evidentiary material. This system contains features that aid Examiners in the detection of latent prints and has increased the quality of work.

7) Notebook Laptop Computers

Three (3) laptop/notebook computers have been received. These currently assist Examiners within the Latent Prints Unit by enabling high-powered software to produce high-resolution latent print images from evidence for examination. As a result, faster image processing allowed faster case output of reports.

8) Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer

One (1) instrumental system has been received and is in use. This state-of-the-art analytical equipment has enabled Examiners to readily analyze materials for the presence of drugs and/or metabolites within toxicological evidence. The instrument adds redundancy to existing equipment, increases the overall robustness of the Toxicology Unit, improves the detection ability of analytes within samples, and

increases the efficiency of evidence examination.

9) Warranty Fees for Equipment and Equipment Grant Matching

Service warranties have been critical in order to ensure that instrumentation is operational and continually functioning for evidence analysis. When grant-specific monies for such service warranties (or equipment) are expended, then that equipment could only be used for dedicated purposes (e.g., only impaired driving cases). By utilizing ARPA grant funds for such purchases, the restriction of dedicated case-type evidence processing is now avoided, allowing for increased lab efficiency and minimized backlogs. The backlog at the end of FY23 was 117 cases and the current FY24 backlog is 38 cases.

10) Nitrogen Generator

One (1) nitrogen-generating piece of equipment has been received and is in use. The need for nitrogen gas is critical to both the processing of toxicological evidence as well as the operation of analytical instrumentation for drug/metabolite detection within samples. This equipment is used to supply nitrogen for new equipment(s) purchased as well as redundancy for generators already in use within the unit. Redundancy in gas supply sources is critical to reduce down-time of instruments therefore ensuring casework backlogs are not negatively impacted.

11) Flame Ionization Detectors (FIDs)

Two (2) instrumental detectors have been received and are currently being used for casework. Having these detectors improves a method for the detection of volatile materials within toxicological evidence. By replacing a more sophisticated detection system within the instrument having these detectors simplifies the maintenance of the instrument and allows for a more productive, streamlined approach to specific toxicological requests.

12) Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy Detectors and Associated Software

Replacement of detection equipment on existing scanning electron microscope instruments has been requisitioned, purchased, and received by the lab. Current software used by Examiners for the detection and identification of gunshot residue (GSR)-related particles are linked to specific detectors. Obtaining newer GSR software will allow the faster and more efficient analysis of submitted evidence, thereby decreasing backlogs.

13) Analytical Balances

A number of balances have been purchased and allow integration of data into the Laboratory's Information Management System (LIMS). Having this ability has eliminated manual transcription of evidential weighing data and thereby streamlined the analytical process. This instrument-to-database transfer of data has minimized the potential for human error and has increased the efficiency of evidentiary analysis.

14) Refrigerator/Freezers

One (1) freezer has been purchased and is in use within the Toxicology Unit. The forensic laboratory is mandated to store reference materials as described by the manufacturer as well as in a location separate from evidentiary material. Current cooled storage systems are nearing their operational lifetimes and having new storage systems will eliminate potential loss of reference materials due to storage unit failures. If an older storage unit fails, this could potentially result in the loss of all reference standard material, resulting in the need for additional funds for replacement which could cost tens of thousands of dollars. Being proactive and

having newer, more robust storage devices will minimize problems and allow casework to flow better within the forensic laboratory.

15) Oven

One (1) oven has been obtained and is in use. Improvement of an evidence processing technique within the fire debris discipline is in place and the oven has replaced an older oven that has passed its useful lifetime. Having the newer equipment avoids casework downtime due to potential maintenance issues within current equipment. Additionally, the new process of using ovens has allowed multiple pieces of evidence to be processed at the same time and has improved the current practice of examining only one case at a time, thereby increasing efficiency and decreasing backlogs in that area. The backlog at the end of FY23 was 15 cases and the current FY24 backlog is 3 cases.

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:

The program is up and running. To date, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) has 26 towns that employ Connecticut State Police (CSP) Troopers/Constables with the remaining 26 towns having their own police departments. Each department will receive \$50,000 in \$5,000 increments. To date, DESPP has obligated and/or expended \$2,447,721.92 and has a remaining balance of \$152,278.08. Grant agreements were created to extend the period of performance to June 30, 2025, as some towns need additional time due to a lack of officers.

Project 28125: Expand Violent Crimes Task Force

Funding Amount: \$1,108,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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:

The funds for the project have been exhausted and the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) is no longer being run utilizing ARPA funds. Though the Department of

Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) did not fill all the spots originally planned for, this allowed the project to run longer due to less participating agencies. The project was seen as a success by all participating agencies.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: This program does not support sectoral job training programs.

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

Project 28255: Time Limited Police Loan Forgiveness

Funding Amount: \$250,000

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:

The funding supports 400 officers with an award of \$625 each to apply toward their student loans. Originally allocated for \$1 million, funding was adjusted to \$250,000 following the passage of Public Act 24-81. The program received 495 applications from approximately 8,000 eligible officers. The first 400 complete applications are eligible for funding pending confirmation of their student loan status, with an additional 53 applicants waitlisted. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) aims to distribute awards by the end of July 2024. Future plans may include assessing the impact of these awards on recipients through follow-up initiatives.

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: Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 to support Clean Slate Phase 2 implementation requirements and information technology needs.

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

On December 17, 2023, Connecticut implemented its Clean Slate solution designed to provide automated erasures of criminal records including misdemeanors and lower-level felonies per legislation enacted for this purpose. This solution further integrates and automates arrest, court disposition, expungement and erasure of arrests and record information within the Criminal History and Identification repository. At the time of implementation, the effort had several false positive situations that caused a pause in Clean Slate erasures. Still, the process was moving forward to have all erasures from 2000 through the first quarter of 2024 complete by the second quarter of 2024. Currently, erasure activity has paused as the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) works through system bug corrections before resuming erasure activity. DESPP expects to resume erasures for the first 24 years by the beginning of August 2024.

Project 28301: Sensory Kit Pilot

Funding Amount: \$36,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$36,000 in FY24 to develop, procure, and distribute sensory kits to emergency services personnel. Section 10 of PA 23-137, An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability, requires the Department of Administrative Services to develop and procure sensory kits to be distributed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to emergency services personnel who interact with children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments or nonverbal learning disorders.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28497: Weston Emergency Operations

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28502: Bloomfield Fire Alarm / Communication Systems Upgrades

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28543: Orange Volunteer Fire Association

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28544: Stamford Police Activities, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28545: Middletown Fire Training Facility

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28546: Essex Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28547: Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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: \$10,667,430

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:

The funds support multiple projects, and to date, progress has been made on the East Rock project with the city of New Haven and the West Rock project.

City of New Haven East Rock Park

Several improvements have recently been completed or are underway at the athletic fields. New benches have been purchased and installed in the dugouts, which have also been repainted and fitted with new roofs. Additionally, a new scoreboard has been ordered for the varsity baseball field and awaits installation pending good weather conditions. Efforts are ongoing to design and procure the necessary electrical connections for the scoreboard, as well as for the field fence enclosure, a new playground for ages 2-5, and the relocation of the soccer field. In further community engagement, a virtual meeting was convened on January 23, 2024, attracting 50 attendees, including nearby residents and park volunteers, to discuss additional enhancements to the park.

West Rock

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protections (DEEP) oversaw the completion of paving the main park road to the summit, along with parking lot and picnic area improvements at the summit overlook. The entrance of the park was modified to include additional off-street parking and improve traffic flow at times when the interior road gates are closed. Paving and parking lot improvements were implemented at the Lake Wintergreen section of the park, including creating a new over-flow off-street parking area. In addition, the historic stone walls, along the summit road are in the final stages of completion. All work should be completed by July 4th, 2024.

Project 28132: Engineering Study for Dam Removal on Papermill Pond

Funding Amount: \$192,317

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: 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 to addresses coastal resilience and ecological restoration of a much-loved boardwalk and beach front 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 28134: Clinton Town Beach

Funding Amount: \$305,000

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 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 the 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: \$600,000

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 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 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: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 24 for specialized wheelchairs for accessibility at state parks, trails, and beaches.

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: Provide ARPA funding of \$330,000 in FY 24 for bridge replacement and masonry work at Case Mountain in Manchester.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28304: Climate Equity Urban Forestry

Funding Amount: \$209,140

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 28306: Nature Center at Keney Park

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$200,000 in FY24 for Keney Park in Hartford.

Issue Area: Parks and Recreation

Project 28440: Climate Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$650,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28441: Milford Public Safety - Fire, Boat, Jetski, Fire Hydrant, Road Improvements Towards Boat Ramp

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28442: Charter Oak Park West - Expansion (Manchester)

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28443: Charter Oak Park (Manchester)

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28444: Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Pickleball Courts

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28445: Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Clubhouse Improvements

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28446: East Shore Park

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28447: Fort Hale Park

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28448: Shelton Football Field

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28449: Shelton Soccer Field

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28450: Regional Deep River, Essex and Cheshire Dog Pound

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28506: Gatison Park Ansonia

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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: \$1,000,000

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:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) initiated three contracts with three partners to provide free swimming lessons to children (age 17 and under) living in Qualified Census Tracts, eligible for SNAP benefits and/or recommended by a State Agency or School District. The YMCA of Greater Waterbury administers a program with 14 YMCA's in Connecticut and has provided over 3,900 lessons to 3,229 participants. The Boys and Girls Club of New Britain has served students in New Britain, Hartford and Meriden, serving 608 students to date. The Connecticut Institute for Communities (CIFIC) served students in the greater Danbury area, with 420 participants as of June 2024. The three programs, combined, have had 4,257 participants, and held nearly 5,000 lessons. All three contractors will continue providing lessons, expending remaining funds, no later than December 31, 2025.

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 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:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has officially launched the Connecticut Health & Safety Barrier Remediation program, called the Residential Energy Preparation Services (REPS) program. The program was in a pilot phase from November 2022 - January 2023. The initial launch took place February 1, 2023 and started by accepting referrals for single-family owner-occupied units. On April 27, 2023, REPS began accepting the full suite of referrals - both single-family and multi-unit (2-4 unit) renter and owner-occupied buildings. As of 5/30/24, REPS has remediated 159 homes, with 86 homes in-progress and 401 homes in the pipeline. Now that REPS has been running at full functionality for an entire year, DEEP is in the process of more deeply analyzing program data to determine what process/program modifications should be made moving forward in order to maximize the program's efficiency and effectiveness.

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:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) executed contracts with Eversource Energy (\$5.6 million) and United Illuminating (\$1.4 million) on April 5, 2024, for the transfer of ARPA funding. DEEP has processed invoices from both Utilities to complete the funding transfer. The funds are being used to supplement Connecticut's Conservation and Load management Program for program year 2024. More specifically, these dollars are being utilized to fund energy efficiency upgrades in the homes of income-eligible customers, prioritizing multifamily projects that pay the prevailing wage, and to jumpstart some of the energy efficiency incentives available to people with low income under the Inflation Reduction Act.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Project 28141: Homeless Services**Funding Amount:** \$9,500,000**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:**

The 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 bridged a budget deficit until other federal funding began. DOH will utilize the remaining \$1.5 million in ARPA funding to continue supporting the CAN HUBs. Between July 2023 and June 2024, the Coordinated Access Network Hubs served 16,261 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 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 28143: Support for Affordable Housing****Funding Amount:** \$50,000,000**Project Expenditure Category:** 6.1 - Provision of Government Services**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 (\$50 million in ARPA funding) continues to move forward. As of July 2024, the Department of Housing has committed all \$50 million in funding towards the creation of 219 affordable housing units of which 189 units are all under 50% AMI. Two of the SLFRF-funded projects have completed construction and are fully leased, which represents an investment of \$9,834,632. Four projects are currently under construction, with an investment of \$16,166,915 and four projects are pending financial closing for \$23,998,453 and construction will be complete by December 2026.

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 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: Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 24 to create a pool of funding to be used for housing subsidies and flexible support to help individuals, families and youth overcome financial barriers to housing and address homelessness.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28308: Housing Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$5,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 24 for various housing initiatives related to PA 23-207, An Act Establishing a Tax Abatement for Certain Conservation Easements and Addressing Housing Affordability for Residents in the State. Of the \$5 million, provide: (1) \$4.8 million to DOH for expanded eligibility of the Security Deposit Guarantee Program (Section 9), and (2) \$200,000 to the Office of Policy and Management for planning and research consultants for assessing affordable housing needs and the allocation of units (Section 18).

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Temporary Housing Project, funded by Housing Initiatives #28308, allocated in PA 23-204, Section 48, is in progress. The purpose of this DVA Veteran Housing Improvement Project is to make available to veterans/their families, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, temporary housing. The project goal is to renovate and improve six houses, two buildings, one office suite, and DVA anticipates creating 46 residential beds. This initiative is divided into three distinct projects based upon type of housing. The general scope for all three projects is to remediate and repair/renovate the living spaces so they can accommodate veterans and their families in a homelike environment. The project concept is for a length of stay up to one year with one year extension. The assessment of hazardous materials is complete. Hazardous material remediation proposals and bids are due this month. Architect/engineers are currently assessing building code compliance and renovation requirements for a healthy living environment. Once remediation is complete, the building code compliance and necessary repairs will be contracted out. All homes and buildings will be furnished.

Project 28309: Housing Support Services

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1 million in both FY 24 and FY 25 to fund housing support services.

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: Rapid rehousing is an existing Department of Housing (DOH) program that quickly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that typically includes the use of time-limited financial assistance (such as short-term rental

subsidies) and targeted supportive services.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28311: Rocky Hill Senior and Disabled Housing

Funding Amount: \$55,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Rocky Hill Housing Authority operates two developments of public housing for the elderly and disabled, totaling 70 units. Provide funding of \$55,000 in FY 24 for a grant to the Rocky Hill Housing Authority to support Rocky Hill senior and disabled housing.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Project 28451: Aging Homelessness Pilot - South Park Shelter

Funding Amount: \$170,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28452: Parsonage Cottage Roof

Funding Amount: \$154,320

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28453: 50 Nye Road Improvements

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28454: Columbus House Shelter

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28455: Bethlehem House Bridgeport/Stratford

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28456: Christian Community Action

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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 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 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 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 29751: Hands on Hartford - Department of Housing

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

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

Status: Completed

Project 29793: New Reach Life Haven Shelter

Funding Amount: \$650,000

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.

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:

Mobile crisis teams received these additional dollars to provide clinical case management to individuals that needed more follow-up after their mobile crisis intervention, to ensure their connection to ongoing services. All providers have said this funding was beneficial and afforded positive outcomes. To date, 1,455 individuals utilized these services which include assistance with government benefits, assistance with housing, vocational assistance, medical cab (MTM) coordination, transportation, coordination with community providers, other case management services, and outreach and engagement.

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:

The Enhanced Forensic Respite Bed (EFRB) program opened 3 beds in Bridgeport in May 2022 and an additional 4 beds in New Haven in January 2024. The next step is to open an additional 9 beds in Bridgeport in the summer of 2024, for a total of 16 beds across two sites that accept statewide referrals. The EFRB program diverts individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders from the Competence to Stand Trial system, currently operating in the Bridgeport and New Haven criminal courts. Between May 2022 and May 2024, the program served 42 clients, over 85% of whom successfully completed their treatment goals and legal requirements.

UConn continues to conduct outcomes research on EFRB, including client satisfaction interviews. Seventeen clients have agreed to participate in the research study to date, with over 90% reporting that they are mostly satisfied or very satisfied with the treatment they received in the program.

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:

This funding is being used to expand mobile crisis services to provide in-person, face-to-face mobile response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, for our 8 private, non-profit adult mobile crisis teams. To date, 6 out of the 8 teams are providing services 24/7/365, and the other two are very close to hiring the additional staff needed for 24/7/365 operation.

The additional funding for enhanced staffing has also had an impact on outcomes. Enhanced staffing has resulted in the ability to reduce the amount of time between the request for a crisis evaluation to the time of the evaluation. Prior years, the average elapsed time was approximately 60 minutes. Since this funding started and additional staffing has been added the current average elapsed time is approximately 30 minutes.

Contractually, mobile crisis providers are expected to conduct 80% of crisis evaluations in the community. Currently, teams are averaging 94% of crisis evaluations performed in the community. Additionally, there is a contractual expectation that at least 90% of individuals receiving a crisis evaluation will have a follow-up visit within 48 hours. Currently providers are averaging 95% for this benchmark.

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 RRH programs in CT. 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. Pop 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 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 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:

150 persons experiencing homelessness have been referred and received housing support services as they transitioned from Rapid Re-housing (RRH) or homelessness into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The four (4) existing private, non-profit (PNP) funded agencies worked with their respective Coordinated Access Networks (CAN) to receive prospective tenant referrals and began working immediately, following the Housing First modality of service provision. Housing First requires that tenants are housed with prerequisites of them being engaged in Mental Health or Substance Use Services, rather than placement in secure housing as the priority.

Providers have reported increased engagement in services, increased satisfaction with living arrangements and increased community involvement. One person was referred as she was being evicted from her apartment due to activity related to a hoarding disorder. The assigned case manager assisted with referring the person for mental health services, mediated the situation between the tenant and the landlord to stop the eviction while remediating the issues in the unit. The tenant is no longer being evicted, is actively involved in case management services and has begun mental health treatment. Another person had become homeless after losing his wife and began living on the street, disconnected from services. He was referred to case management services, was housed within a senior housing community and the agency was able to assist him with furnishings and referrals to medical services to stabilize him.

Providers receive ongoing qualitative feedback and enter information into the DMHAS data system. Services include case management (pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining, housing stabilization, community involvement and increased satisfaction with their housing situation).

Mandatory Performance Indicators: In the last fiscal year, 150 persons experiencing homelessness have been referred and received housing support services as they transitioned from Rapid Re-housing (RRH) or homelessness into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

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 (EDs). This is similar to the Recovery Coaches that are responding to 22 hospital EDs for people with SUDs.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28150: Implement Electronic Health Records

Funding Amount: \$3,292,615

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 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:

Implementation of E.H.R. for DMHAS-operated facilities

The project was initially allocated a budget of 16 million dollars. However, following the enactment of PA 24-81, the budget was reduced to 3 million dollars. These funds support staff engaged in statewide efforts to implement an electronic health record system for use across DMHAS-operated facilities. Efforts to date, include:

- Maximize efficiency and usage of current client data collection system, WITS, to prepare facilities for transition to an E.H.R. platform from their current paper based medical record:
 - Building audit tools for use with WITS for billing.
 - Education to others on how to use the audit tools.
- Other activities related to preparation for new E.H.R.:
 - Reviewing provider coding and program specific service and billing codes in preparation for the new electronic health record.
 - Mapping the current state of workflows and role definitions at each facility.
 - Participating on Utilization Management Committee to identify future E.H.R needs to facilitate client throughput
 - Reviewing current document management process and Health Information Departments and identifying areas for modification in preparation for E.H.R. implementation
 - Gathering current policy procedure data related to the medical records and identifying creating policies and procedures for the implementation of the new E.H.R.
 - Reviewing all current electronic document systems and interfaces in order to determine which aspects will be replaced by new E.H.R.
 - Various provider outreach efforts to building partnerships, learn current processes, education on new E.H.R capabilities and impact on current processes

Upgrade of Pharmacy Systems for DMHAS-operated facilities (where indicated)

This project is targeted to:

- Provide new, HIPAA-compliant electronic pharmacy system for four DMHAS- operated facilities that require an upgrade.
- Provide medication dispensing machines (Pyxis) to four DMHAS-operated hospitals.
- Upgraded and trained on new e-prescribing capabilities (RxNT) for all facilities.

Project 28151: Public Awareness Grants

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: his 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 outcome, which increases 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:

This joint venture with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF), employing a third-party vendor, Miranda Creative, is live. The statutory mandate to create a comprehensive resource for behavioral health has resulted in a website, [WeAreCT](#). The website uses a tool to update links and content on an on-going basis and strives to continually improve its search results through user input and feedback. The website had a soft launch in early May 2024, and then was opened to the public on June 1, 2024. The website deployment has been paired with many advertising initiatives across television, digital, and print media.

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

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

Status: Completed

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:

Connecticut Children's has completed the construction and implementation of the new med/psych unit. The beds are now fully operational, and the unit has already served 36 children to date.

Project 28533: Advanced Behavioral Health

Funding Amount: \$900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29721: Shatterproof

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: As Connecticut 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 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

Status: Completed

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: Funds to support a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment to all DMHAS contracted mental health and substance use providers to be used for salary and related wage increases, and 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 funds supported 102 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Private non-profit 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 of 2023, customer vehicle registration renewals were approximately, on average, 38,000 per month using the Salesforce online system. With regard to disability placards, since July of 2023, an average of approximately 5,600 accessibility placard requests per month have been processed via Copy Records and Branch staff using the Salesforce system. In addition, DMV incrementally launched its Salesforce Online Appointment System starting in July of 2023, with full deployment achieved in March of 2024. Since March, when the system became fully operational, DMV has been averaging approximately 96,000 customer self-service appointments a month for Branch visits. Lastly, DMV successfully launched its Salesforce administrative process for alcohol-related driving under the influence cases.

DMV seeks to pilot an online registration renewal for commercial entities in July of 2024. In FY25, residents can expect online services that identify and help

residents resolve registration compliance issues and an improved scheduling system 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. 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: Justice and Public Safety

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 issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in June 2023 and awarded 8 community based-organizations (CBOs) in October 2023. Funds also support the evaluation of the Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention project, including providing evaluation support to the 8 CBOs. RFP was released June 2024 and awarded organization will be announced in late July 2024.

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

Project 28159: Promote Health and Lead-Safe Environments

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: 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:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provided Local Health Departments (LHDs) approximately \$1 million to support over 300 lead investigations at the time of this report. In addition, DPH is currently finalizing a \$15 million contract with a fiduciary to provide free lead abatement services in houses and family child care homes (FCCHs) across the State. Lead abatement work is expected to start in July 2024 and will focus on making homes free of lead hazards while concentrating work in areas with higher prevalence of child lead poisoning cases.

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 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: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The funds supported 8 community-based organizations (CBOs) to implement evidence-informed, community-centric community violence and gun violence prevention and intervention programs in the state. In July 2023 organizations were awarded through a request for proposal. Contracts were executed and work began early October 2023. The eight community-based organizations include:

- ROCA, Inc., located in Hartford. Program implementing with funds includes a young mother's program.
- COMPASS Youth Collaborative, located in Hartford. Program implementing with funds include a crisis response team.
- Hang Time, located in Bridgeport. Program implementing with funds include hang time, her time, hang time mobile, and CHOICES mentoring.
- CRT-Justice education Center, located in Hartford/West Hartford. Program implementing with funds include operation project moo.
- City of Stamford Police Department, located in Stamford. Program implementing with funds include youth anti-violence group.
- Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP), located in Bridgeport. Program implementing with funds include a teens father program.
- Connecticut Violence Intervention and Prevention (CTVIP), located in New Haven. Program implementing with funds include MakeHer space.
- Ledge Light Health District, located in New London. Program implementing with funds includes a community health worker and community ambassadors.

CBOs presented to the [Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention during a program showcase in January 2024](#). Another showcase is scheduled for late June 2024 and will continue every 6 months moving forward.

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

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 91 sites and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has added funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for 103 new and expansion of existing school sites. SBHC sites with CDC funding added 54 medical sites, 68 mental health sites and 23 dental 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 worked 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. School Based Health Alliance has completed the Request for Proposal and applicants were notified of awarded sites. The contracts will be finalized and School Based Health Center Sites utilizing ARPA funds will be operational for both the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years.

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 FY23 is needed for the proper storage and servicing of PPEs, ventilators, PAPRs, and the Federal Medical Stations (FMS)

Issue Area: Public Health

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 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:

This contract was executed on 12/14/2023, with allowable expenses backdated as far back as 10/1/2023. With ARPA funding, Gaylord was able to replace its decades-old electronic medical record (EMR). The newly implemented EMR system went live on 10/1/2023. Since that time, Gaylord's team continues to refine the system through customizations, additional modules and support resources to enhance their ability to track, protect, report and monitor clinical and financial information. ARPA funding has been used to offset the costs related to the design, implementation and launch of the new system. This new EMR has significantly modernized Gaylord's infrastructure, workflow, clinical care and overall patient and family experience.

Project 28165: HB 5272 - Menstrual Products

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health Services

Project Overview: Support the provision of 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 local and regional education boards of education and in a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products. In addition, support the provision of free menstrual products in each restroom of a shelter that is accessible to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any resident seeking such products.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28166: Pilot Program for Promoting Social Workers and Pediatrician Offices

Funding Amount: \$789,744

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. 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) that incorporated both the Pilot Program and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Incentive Grant project (Project 28170) was issued as RFA Log # DPH20240901RFP Combined RFA for Behavioral Health Workforce. Seven (7) applications were received from institutions eligible to receive funds and all were awarded funding. The contracting process is underway.

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 (IHC) 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 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. 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) that incorporated both the Incentive Grant project and the Pilot Program (Project 28166) was issued as RFA Log # DPH20240901RFP Combined RFA for Behavioral Health Workforce. Eighteen (18) applications were evaluated, and fourteen (14) awards were made. The contracting process is underway.

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 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 28356: Nursing Home Survey Teams

Funding Amount: \$700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28457: Planned Parenthood

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 FY25 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 28458: Men's Health

Funding Amount: \$375,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28459: Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach

Funding Amount: \$475,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28460: Printed Materials on Intimate Partner Violence

Funding Amount: \$60,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28461: Center for Excellence

Funding Amount: \$240,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28462: Data System

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28463: Data Analysis

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28464: DPH Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28465: Fair Haven Community Health Center

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28466: Town of Cheshire

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28467: Branford East Shore District Health Department Water Testing

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 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 Department of Public Health (DPH) executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the University of Connecticut Area Health Education Center (AHEC) on July 1, 2023. AHEC will administer the Connecticut Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), which entails identifying eligible physicians and providers, monitoring awards, and distributing loan repayment. The program's overall goal continues to be recruitment and retention of primary care health care workers to address workforce shortages throughout the state. Eligible physicians or providers can receive up to \$25,000 a year in student loan repayment for two years in exchange for working in a Health Professional Shortage Area. AHEC developed a Connecticut SLRP [website](#), which provides information on the program, requirements and eligibility, how to apply, and how to obtain assistance. The application cycle opened May 22, 2024, applications are due June 30, 2024 and notification of awards will occur by August 31, 2024. As of June 5, 2024, 4,827 applications had been started, 1,084 were partially completed, and 512 applications were completed and are pending verification. AHEC continues to provide technical assistance and follow up with applicants to ensure completion. DPH meets with AHEC on a biweekly basis to oversee the implementation of the program and execution of the MOA.

Project 29754: Obesity & COVID-19 Study

Funding Amount: \$104,000

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:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29755: Cornell Scott - Hill Health

Funding Amount: \$204,386

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.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

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

Funding Amount: \$42,249,865

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28548: Tobacco Dealer Regulation

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

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 \$6M in operational costs.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

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:

Through June 30, 2023, both the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and its Member Organizations submitted expenses of \$1.028m to be reimbursed from this grant.

The largest and most significant area of spending was to provide emergency shelter in hotels to meet the safety needs of individuals and families. 82% of the reimbursed funds (\$841,271) were for reimbursements to hotels.

10% of the funds (\$99,942) were spent to assist survivors with moving costs and furniture needs to allow the victims to move from unsafe living situations to permanent housing. A portion of these funds also assisted with the maintenance of a storage unit, and removal of barriers to safe housing, including utilities, security deposits, and car repairs.

7% of the funds (\$71,042) were used to assist with food and transportation needs. It was very common to have meals delivered directly to the hotels by food delivery services.

2% (\$16,412) supported victim and their families with basic needs and included clothing, diapers, formula, toiletries and medications as well as childcare assistance.

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:

From 2023 through 2024, a series of trainings and initiatives were implemented to support family education and pediatric services, focusing on infant mental health. Family Educator trainings occurred from February 2024 - June 2024. Pediatric trainings were conducted from January to May 2024 in four pediatric offices (Enfield, Cheshire, Meriden and New Haven). Mid-level practitioner training began in February 2024, with additional sessions planned for June and July. Kick-off celebration events were held from April to May 2024 in the four towns with a total of 45 families and 15 practitioners in attendance. In addition, promotional materials were developed and distributed at each pediatric site, introducing the Family Educators (with their image) and information regarding available services. Thirty-one (31) providers signed up for the Pathway to Endorsement by January 31, 2024, which includes free attendance at the 8-day IMH (Infant Mental Health) training and free Connecticut Association of Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) membership.

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 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:

To date, 689 individuals have received some form of long acting reversible contraception services/devices (LARCs).

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. This could include a variety of hardship reasons (lower revenue, higher costs, reduced fund balances, other financial instability, etc.).

Issue Area: Public Health

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The ARPA SFRF Residential Care Home's (RCH) – Agmt – 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 – Agmt - 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. All SFRF funding was expended to provide temporary financial assistance to 77 RCHs and fund health and safety improvements to its facility. The entire ARPA fund was allocated to 32 RCHs to complete health and safety projects including improvements to fire protection systems, roof replacement, call systems and bathroom renovations to comply with ADA accessible requirements. RCHs are required to report these health and safety improvement costs in the annual cost report.

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 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

Performance Update:

The [Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut](#) (BIAC) conducted a Robust Public Awareness Campaign to bring awareness to BIAC's free services for persons with brain injuries and their families. The campaign included radio spots and interviews,

bus sides, billboards, and an internet campaign. The funds supported two (2) staff members who worked on the campaign. In addition, BIAC hosted a hybrid conference in 2023 and made website improvements.

Project 28183: Hartford Communities that Care

Funding Amount: \$700,000

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 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 experience 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

Status: Completed

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

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, 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 and 3) other Medicaid and other dental insurance concerns, as well as tactics to improve oral health literacy.

Issue Area: Public Health

Project 28188: Day Kimball Hospital

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

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

Status: Completed

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

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 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 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 provides 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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28193: Hands on Hartford

Funding Amount: \$200,000

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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

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

Project 28195: TEEG

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding provided to mitigate financial hardship as this entity experience 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 experience 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: Provide funding of \$5 million in FY 24 to support capital funding for Residential Care Homes (RCHs) grandfathered under outdated codes.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update:

The funds support Residential Care Homes (RCHs) by providing financial assistance to address documented health and safety issues for the RCH's physical space, thereby preventing RCHs from closing. RCHs support individuals with housing, safeguarding an individual's autonomy, right to choose and the ability to receive services in the most integrated setting. Before the pandemic, there were roughly 98 RCHs. Currently, there are 85 RCHs throughout the state serving 2,700 individuals. In the initial funding round, 77 RCHs received funding, and in the second round, 51 RCHs received funding. A joint committee, composed of the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), selected projects that would have the greatest benefit for residents living in RCHs in the state. The ARPA funding was used for projects that directly improved the health and safety of residents at the facility. Approved RCH's projects include elevator repairs, updated fire safety and fire sprinkler systems, roof and chimney replacements, emergency generators, heating, cooling and electrical improvements, bathroom and kitchen renovations, and call bell systems.

Project 28315: Client Support Funds - Community Action Agencies

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$3 million in FY24 for client support funds to the Community Action Agencies (CAA).

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 28316: Hospital Based Autism Service Pilot

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Section 18 of PA 23-137 requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a two-year pilot program in partnership with a hospital to provide nonresidential outpatient day services for persons with autism spectrum disorder, by 1/1/24. Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY25 to support a hospital-

based autism services pilot.

Issue Area: Behavioral Health

Project 28318: Migrant Support

Funding Amount: \$1,050,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for migrant support, including refugee workforce training and wraparound services.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28319: Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund

Funding Amount: \$3,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for the Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund. Specialized services include bariatric, ventilator and hemodialysis beds. This funding will support infrastructure costs associated with increasing the state's capacity for such beds.

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: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY24 to support capital grants for the purchase or upgrade of free health clinic mobile vans.

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: Provide funding of \$1 million in FY24 and \$2 million in FY25 for a provider rate study and implementation strategy. The study is anticipated to be done in two phases and encompass a review of all rates and fee-setting processes, levels of payment and related access implications, and a system to rank rates and prioritize rate-setting policies.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Performance Update:

The funds support a two-part Medicaid Rate Study. The study will compare Connecticut Medicaid rates of reimbursement paid to Medicaid providers to the rates paid under Medicare and rates paid by peer state Medicaid programs. Phase one of the study examined Medicaid rates paid to physician specialists, dentists, and behavioral health providers. Phase two of the study will review the reimbursement system for all other aspects of the Medicaid program. The Department of Social Services (DSS) contracted with Myers & Stauffer to conduct the study and Phase One was completed in February 2024. A summary of the study is available at the legislative [Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight or MAPOC](#). Following the release of the study, the state legislature provided DSS with \$7 million to address the deficiencies identified in behavioral health services for children. The second part of the study is scheduled for completion in January 2025. This marks the state's first comprehensive Medicaid rate study, and DSS aims to use information and results of the rate study to make informed policy decisions regarding Medicaid reimbursement.

Project 28346: Day Kimball Hospital Plan

Funding Amount: \$12,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to Day Kimball Hospital. Funding will support the development and implementation of a plan to maintain essential health services aligned with community need and a path to financial viability.

Issue Area: Aid to Nonprofits

Project 28350: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Supplemental Benefits

Funding Amount: \$8,563,557

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide supplemental benefits for participants in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program in households that heat primarily with deliverable fuel and who have exhausted their program benefits.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

The project provided approved households that exhausted their Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) benefits with a benefit in the amount of \$410 from February 2024 to June 2024. A total of 17,155 households received assistance. The impacted Supplemental Energy Assistance Program (SEAP) household's income levels are broken down into 3 categories: Level 1 (at or below 125% FPG (Federal Poverty Guideline)) = 9,349; Level 2 (126% FPG - 200% FPG) = 3,926 and Level 3 (201% FPG - 60 % SMI (State Median Income)) = 3,880. Although the resources were for FY24, the Department of Social Services shall utilize this data to inform proposed benefit levels for FFY25. The SEAP benefits ensure that households that have exhausted their LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) benefits receive an additional deliverable fuel benefit.

Project 28351: Operation Fuel, Inc. Supplemental Benefits

Funding Amount: \$1,750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding to provide supplemental benefits for participants in the program administered by Operation Fuel, Inc., which provides heating and energy assistance to CT families who qualify for energy assistance.

Issue Area: Housing & Homelessness Services

Performance Update:

Operation Fuel provided Supplemental Benefits to impacted households. As of May 2024, Operation Fuel served 1,999 households. The data for the reporting period ending June 30, 2024 is not available at the time of this report. Households received supplemental heating assistance benefits (deliverable fuel household). Funds were utilized as a one-time benefit. The Department of Social Services (DSS) does not currently fund Operation Fuel, thus there are no subsequent next steps.

Project 28520: Harriot Home Health 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 FY25 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 28521: Connecticut Childrens Medical Center
Funding Amount: \$500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28522: Home Care Worker Registry
Funding Amount: \$481,370
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28523: Presumptive Eligibility
Funding Amount: \$500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28524: Chestelm Adult Day, All Care LLC, All Care of East Hartford, Caring Connection Adult Day
Funding Amount: \$350,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28525: SNAP Software
Funding Amount: \$500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28526: Center for Medicare Advocacy
Funding Amount: \$20,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28527: MedConnect Income and Asset Limits

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28528: SB-1

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 FY25 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 28529: Grant to Develop Algorithms to Reduce Health Inequities

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28530: Mosaic Nonprofit

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28531: School Based Health Care

Funding Amount: \$800,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29713: Family Justice Center

Funding Amount: \$75,000

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 Department of Social Services (DSS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding supports one FTE in The Center for Family Justice's (CGJ) Latine Domestic Violence Community Advocacy & Clinical Services department. The Latine Adult Advocate provides advocacy, crisis counseling, safety planning, information and

referrals, and other support services for Spanish speaking victims of domestic violence. In addition, the Adult Advocate assists with coordinating the unit's English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and other culturally and linguistically specific initiatives. The position was only filled in November and December of 2023 due to difficulty staffing positions. During November and December 2023, while the position was filled, the Latine Adult Advocate provided services to 60 clients. Forty-six units of counseling services were provided to 20 clients, and information and referrals were given to 25 clients (31 units of services). Additionally, case management, safety planning, individual advocacy, and basic needs assistance were provided to clients as well. The Advocate's caseload consists of adult victims of domestic violence from mainly Bridgeport (55 clients) however also has serviced clients from Monroe and Stratford. Fifty-four of the clients speak Spanish only. In addition to individual services, the Latine Adult Advocate also assists with childcare during CFJ's ESL classes that are held every Thursday night. She also has assisted with the Spanish speaking adult domestic violence support group.

The Latine Domestic Violence Community Advocacy & Clinical Services department provides free and confidential services to Spanish speaking victims of domestic violence and their children. In addition to advocacy and case management, the manager is a clinician who provides free therapy to a subset of clients. The unit also oversees Spanish speaking self-sufficiency courses, outreach to Latine community organizations, and a Spanish speaking Domestic Violence Vigil, held in October, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month and Hispanic Heritage month.

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

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 and 7) referral follow-up and documentation.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

During FY24, the Community Action Agency (CAA) Network served 307 impacted individuals. The CAA Network has 60 employees who are Department of Public Health (DPH) certified, 5 staff trained but not yet certified and 6 scheduled for training. The CAA Network continues to perform Community Health Worker (CHW) capacity building activities such as training staff, providing ongoing training/coaching on cultural diversity, case management & best practices for trauma response; CHW assessment and provision of services and outreach and engagement activities. During FY24, the CAA Network continued to work on capturing uniform data related to reporting improved health outcomes. The activities/services provided under CHW continue to improve the lives of Connecticut's vulnerable citizens. Uniform outcomes identified are based on the following: low-income households negatively impacted by COVID-19 shall be assessed and connected to the appropriate level of services - i.e.: employment & training; housing stabilization; food and nutrition; health and

social behavioral development services; and income management services.

Project 29791: Nursing Home Facility Support

Funding Amount: \$9,529,201

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. As part of the June 2022 one-time lump sum payment, nursing homes were required to submit a signed attestation document in order to receive the ARPA funding. In total, the Department received 188 attestation documents and issued \$9,529,201.41 of the allocated ARPA funds. This temporary 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:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

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

Status: Completed

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:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Project 28197: Outfit M8 Rail Cars with 5G

Funding Amount: \$242,866

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: A study for the implementation of 5G/WIFI technology on commuter rail cars.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update:

The M-8 5G study was completed in December 2023. The Department of Transportation is currently in the process of identifying new funding, since the previous ARPA funding for design and implementation was removed and scoping a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of a solution.

Project 28468: Car Seat Pilot

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28469: Farmington Dial-a-Ride Bus

Funding Amount: \$85,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28470: Shoreline East

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 FY25 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 28471: Regional Traffic Fatality Response Equipment

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28472: Rocky Hill - beach Road Flood Remediation Design Work

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28473: West Hartford Vision Zero Action Plan

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 FY25 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 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

Status: Completed

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

The Fare Free program concluded in March 2023, during the 12-month period ridership significantly increased to a high of 3.7 million riders in the last month from the 2.15 million riders served in March 2022 before the program was initiated. As of

March 2024, ridership is at just over 2.7 million monthly riders, which is likely to be attributable to some level of ridership retention from the program and continued increases related to Covid-19 recovery.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Project 28550: Fine and Performing Art Therapy Program

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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

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 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. The number of pending cases has continued to decline, falling to 77,847 on June 1, 2024.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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 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: Housing & Homelessness Services

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, 12 Mediation Specialists (3 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 31, 2024 (21 months), the Mediation Specialists conducted mediations on approximately 18,155 housing summary process cases statewide. In addition, from October 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024 (20 months), the Mediation Specialists completed 1,382 foreclosure mediations statewide. These resolutions increase housing stability, reduce homelessness, and help Connecticut's residents maintain stable housing.

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 AIC and 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 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:

A new case management and scheduling system has been developed to ensure continued access to justice for individuals involved in remote court proceedings. The Central Scheduling system is currently in use for civil/family and juvenile business areas. From July 1, 2023 to June 20, 2024:

Type of Event	Number of Scheduled Events	Number of customers (internal and external) notified via email
Off the record (pretrial, etc.)	12661	61616
On the record, not livestreamed	5799	29375
On the record, livestreamed	1089	8523

Regarding the remote interpretation component, via Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), 2510 customers have received interpreting services in remote proceedings in 4 languages as of June 3, 2024.

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 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 Re-Entry Assisted Community Housing (REACH), 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:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

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

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 allow the clerk's office to meet the demands while still providing a consistent level of service. All fifteen (15) positions are currently filled. With the ongoing support as a result of the ARPA funding, following the courts' disposal of about 2,000 more family cases in 2022 compared to 2019, the number of pending cases has continued to decrease and is at the lowest level it has been in 5 years. Pending family cases are down 10% from pre-pandemic figures (12/31/2018 to 12/31/2023) and pending family cases are down 37% from peak end of year pandemic figures (12/31/2020 to 12/31/2023).

Number of Pending Cases

12/31/2018 6,460

12/31/2019 6,210

12/31/2020 9,239

12/31/2021 9,076

12/31/2022 6,491

12/31/2023 5,790

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:

Equipment upgrade for non-courtroom pcs for Court Monitors is complete. A series of software upgrades has been occurring and will continue into July 2024. Electronic filing of audio transcripts has been completed. There have been 497 electronically filed requests since 11/14/2023. Online payment and delivery is currently in testing and will be available by end of 2024.

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 Dept. 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 123,000 new and ongoing victims of crime will be served statewide in FY2023-2024. Of the 123,000, it is estimated that 60,100 individuals will be served using ARPA funding. As of June 30, 2024, funding levels were maintained for all contractors, and services were not impacted.

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

Project 28211: Provide Remote Equipment to Reduce Child Support Backlog

Funding Amount: \$121,599

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 28212: Inspire Basketball

Funding Amount: \$1,900,000

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 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: \$650,000

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: \$50,182

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for expenditures related to livestreaming Supreme Court proceedings.

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: Provide ARPA funding of \$1.25 million in FY24 to modernize and upgrade information technology and courthouse security

Issue Area: Justice and Public Safety

Performance Update:

The scanning of personnel files portion of the project is complete. Approximately 1.3 million pages were scanned into an electronic database to increase the availability of the personnel files of both active and retired employees. Administrative staff are now able to access the files electronically even if they are working remotely. The security portion of the project is underway, with a vendor having been selected to assist in the conversion of the Judicial Marshal database into SQL Server application. Physical assessment of Judicial Branch facilities for security upgrades has also begun.

Project 28516: Lawyers for Children

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28517: Police Activity Youth 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 FY25 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 28518: Ball Headz

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28519: Hartford Police Athletic League

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 FY25 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 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, MAV provide 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

Status: Completed

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

Project 29784: Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction

Funding Amount: \$21,000,000

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: Housing & Homelessness Services

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 March 31, 2024, a total of 4,749 clients have received services, of which 2,750 clients received full representation. Through RTC Program representation, the "prevent eviction judgment" goal has been achieved in 67.4% of closed, extensive services cases and the "prevent involuntary move" goal has been achieved in 63.4% of closed, extensive services cases. In September 2023, the RTC Program was expanded to include 10 additional qualifying zip codes as well as other eligibility expansions. Since the launch of the program, the defendant representation rate in RTC qualifying zip codes has seen an overall increase from 6.2% in 2017, 6.4% in 2018, 6.7% in 2019, 10.3% in 2020, 11.2% in 2021, to when the program launched in 2022 with 16.9% representation, 18.4% in 2023 and 12.4% in 2024 through April of 2024.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: From January 31, 2022 to March 31, 2024, a total of 4,749 clients have received services, of which 2,750 clients received full representation.

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

Status: Completed

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

LABOR DEPARTMENT

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

To support the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust funds specifically to replenish the Unemployment Trust Fund of the lost revenue from the passage of PA 22-118, which reduced all employers 2023 UI Tax Rates by 0.2%.

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: Built With Our Hands

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Built With Our Hands provides a pathway to successfully achieving meaningful employment and financial independence by eliminating the barriers to entry disproportionately impacting underserved youth.

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: Provide funding of \$800,000 in FY24 only for Metal Finishing Technologies, LLC's Finishing Workforce Pipeline Initiative to develop classroom infrastructure.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28332: Temporary UI Staff

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 - Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY24 only to maintain temporary UI staff to process benefits, adjudicate claims and appeals, and respond to Consumer Contact Center inquiries.

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Performance Update:

The funds support approximately 50 temporary workers who assist with backlogs within the Consumer Contact Center and Benefit Payment Control unit. This funding also supports 7 temporary workers within the Appeals and Tax units. These positions will be eliminated when the ARPA funding ends in December 2024.

Within the Consumer Contact Center, staff (19) collectively handled a total of 70,832 calls/cases (11,805 calls/cases per month) that provided constituents with assistance on initial claim filing, weekly claim filing, troubleshooting account lockouts, adjudications, resolving issues that arise from the daily functions and assisting with filing appeals.

Within the Appeals unit, the funds support roughly twenty-five durational (temporary) employment security appeals referees of which thirteen became

permanent employees. However, the Unit did not have all twenty-five durational referees at the same time. Due to some employees leaving for other employment, the Unit held several recruitments from July 2021 to the present. The Unit maintained an average of twelve durational referees at any given time since July 2021. The funds also supported nine intermittent claims interviewers and five durational secretaries who supported the appeals division by preparing case files for referees, mailing decisions, hearing notices, and other documents related to appeals case files.

These durational referees conducted approximately twenty-four hearings per week.

In May 2020, the Lower Authority Appeals Division (Referee Section) had 2,780 pending appeals. By December 2020, this number grew to 7,226 appeals. The number of pending appeals reached a high of 19,849 in February 2023 and currently stands at 10,235. While they have reduced the number of pending appeals, they have received 1,500 to 2,500 new appeals each month. Prior to February 2023, the Lower Authority Appeals Division received more new appeals each month than they were disposing; since February 2023, the appeals division as a whole has disposed of about 1,000 more appeals each month than received.

Based on an average of twelve durational referees on staff since July 2020, with each hearing about ninety-six (96) appeals each month, it is estimated that the temporary workers allowed the Referee Section to dispose of 41,000 appeals.

Project 28333: Youth Employment for Regional Workforce Boards

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY24 only for youth employment through the regional Workforce Development Boards.

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Project 28474: Waterbury OIC

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28475: Bloomfield Public Schools

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28476: Platform to Employment

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28477: Implementation of Paid Sick

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28508: New Haven Youth at Work

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 FY25 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: Workforce Development

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

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

Mandatory Performance Indicators: In FY 24, 170 individuals enrolled in job sector training. In the same time frame, 132 individuals were hired to work after completing job sector training.

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, will 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 Curriculum for the BGCA developed Career Launch Programs; Complete the Curriculum for the BGCA developed Money Matter Financial Literacy Program; Participate as active Members in Keystone BGCM's premier youth leadership club; Attend 80 of Mentoring Goal Meetings; and 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 Job 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 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. Also aid in a business development strategy for re-opening after mandated closings. Funding to support 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 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 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 by issuing loans, states were expected to repay the principal and interest on their loan. \$125M was used to pay down a portion of the loan and \$30M was set aside to pay the annual interest payments through 2026 that are due to prevent an annual assessment to businesses or to deposit in the Trust Fund as needed. To date the Department of Labor has used a portion of the \$30M as follows: \$6.85M in September 2022 to pay interest; \$1.2M in September 2023 to pay interest; \$10M transferred to the Trust Fund in November 2023 to pay the Federal Loan to save businesses \$60M in Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) taxes.

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 in excess of what is supported through federal UI funds. Specifically, there has been an increase in claim intake increased demand for the unemployment customer contact center increased adjudication of claims increased need to audit overpayments and appeals.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update:

The Department of Labor (DOL) appeals used the funds to hire additional staff to resolve the backlog of appeals. With the funds DOL was able to hire additional appeals referees and secretarial staff and reduce their backlog by about 1,000 cases per month. While DOL continues to receive about 1,000 new appeals each month, they are able to dispose of about 2,000 appeals each month. DOL anticipates continuing to dispose of more appeals than what is received over the next several months to further reduce the backlog of appeals. In February of 2023, DOL had 19,849 pending appeals. As of May 31, 2024, they have 10,925 pending appeals.

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 will respond to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency on homeowners by providing the following assistance to homeowners as follows Assessments of eligibility; employment services; employment support services; job training; career coaching; Trainings to address economic hardship; financial literacy and credit counseling; COVID-safety training and job-specific training; Training scholarships for job training; support services including housing-related counseling and other supports as needed.

Issue Area: Financial Security

Performance Update:

From April 2023 through March 2024, 195 individuals were accessed for program eligibility. Out of the total individuals accessed, 50 were new participants. Forty-one participants received scholarships for job training and 5 participants reported job placements following the program.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Project 28532: Commission on Health Equity in Public Health

Funding Amount: \$149,885

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29796: CTN

Funding Amount: \$337,050

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Broadcast upgrades 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: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding to expand access to the childcare apprenticeship program which allows childcare 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:

Since the last report, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Education and Support Fund has onboarded 26 family childcare apprentices and 13 peer mentors. They are working towards their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and eventual National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation, which will earn them a 12.5% wage increase for each of their subsidized families. The Office of Early Childhood has also contracted with a consultant group that has met with childcare center leadership to develop a center-based, entry level apprenticeship model. The consultant group is currently developing a Request for Proposals to childcare centers to help incentivize employers to hire and train new apprentices to the field.

Project 28223: Care4Kids

Funding Amount: \$63,800,000

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 childcare 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

Performance Update:

This allotment supports the state's childcare subsidy program and will be administered over the next two years.

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:

Since the last report on this project, the grant opportunity was opened and yielded at total of 730 applications for facilities improvements (renovation, new construction, upgrades, and fixtures / furniture / equipment) for a total of over \$73 million in requests. The grantmaking partner is able to award funds for 130 projects using the \$15 million allocated. The proposed projects contemplate adding over 1700 child care slots across the state (1365 infant / toddler; 383 preschool). 111 of the 130 finalists are located in high social vulnerability index (SVI) towns, according to CDC data. 89% of finalists accept the Care4Kids child care subsidy, and 74% have a wait list for families at this time. The majority of programs owners are people of color and 95% are female.

Project 28225: Capitol Child Day Care Center

Funding Amount: \$175,000

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

Status: Completed

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

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 825 programs. These funds will ensure that School Readiness and Child Day Care 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 FY24.

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 the initiative for early education and support services through a grant program for research and early education service providers to support the growth and enhancement of a system of high-quality early childhood care and education and support services.

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 28335: Childhood Collaboratives

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide ARPA funding of \$2 million in FY25 for childhood collaboratives to support parent ambassadors to engage with expectant mothers and parents of very young children to build awareness regarding the importance of quality early childhood education and services. Funding will be provided for additional ambassadors and outreach in concentrated poverty census tracts with a goal of increasing the percentage of children in preschool in such tracts.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Project 28336: Cradle to Career

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Cradle to Career program supports local educational services in Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, and Waterbury to support children and youth from birth through college and career.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Project 28479: Smart Start

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28480: AI and Digital Literacy for Schools

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28481: New London BOE at Early Childhood Center at B.P. Learned Mission

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 FY25 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 28482: Tri-share PILOT Program in Eastern Connecticut

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 FY25 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 State Median Income. 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

Status: Completed

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 State Median Income,

to centers located in priority school districts, or to centers located in Qualified Census tracts.

Issue Area: Early Childhood

Performance Update:

The Office of Early Childhood is planning next steps to deploy next round of funding to expend all remaining funds.

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 \$1M 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 (OEC), Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Department of Public Health (DPH) continue to collaborate on the implementation of the Universal Nurse Home Visiting -Community Health Worker (UNHV-CHW) pilot (aka [Family Bridge](#)). The pilot adheres to the Family Connects International evidence-based UNHV model, which is augmented with community health workers. The pilot has been fully staffed, with 6 home visiting registered nurses (RNs) and 8 certified community health workers (CHW), as well as a program administrator, program support specialist, and community alignment specialist, all of whom were hired by Bridgeport Hospital. All RNs have completed the Family Connects International RN training program, and all CHWs have completed a CHW-specific upskilling curriculum created exclusively for Family Bridge CHWs by Southwestern Area Health Education Center (SWAHEC) through a subcontract with Bridgeport Hospital.

The pilot was launched in the Greater Bridgeport region in October 2023. Since the launch, Family Bridge has completed over 700 home visits to 547 unique families in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Easton, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull, Monroe, and Milford. Family Bridge has provided home visits in nine languages, including English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Most recently, in May 2024, Family Bridge officially launched at St. Vincent's Medical Center, also in Bridgeport, CT, and serving families within the Greater Bridgeport Region. Family Bridge has assisted 495 families with accessing diapers, provided over 185 containers of formula, assisted 121 families with WIC and SNAP applications, completed over 55 lactation consultations, and assisted with connections to primary care providers and specialists. Additionally, through OHS, Family Bridge has released and completed two competitive procurement requests for proposals: one for the evaluation of Family Bridge and one for the program's sustainability. The evaluation contractor will provide analysis and assessment of program performance, outcomes, and impact to evaluate the overall benefit and value associated with the pilot. The sustainability contractor will support the research and development of reimbursement mechanisms for the UNHV-CHW pilot for both Medicaid and private insurers. Contracts will be executed with the successful bidders within the next several months. Additionally, Family Bridge has been engaged in planning efforts in the Greater Norwich region, as legislatively directed. In May 2024, an official kick-off and planning workshop event was held in the Norwich region, with over a dozen local partners represented.

Family Bridge was featured at the State Social Determinants of Health Summit in May 2024, the CDC Health Disparities Conference in March 2024, the Yale Bogin Lectures in Pediatrics in November 2023, and several other local conferences and meetings. In May 2024, [State leaders and Governor Lamont met with leadership at Bridgeport Hospital to celebrate the milestone of Family Bridge's 500th visit](#). The State of Connecticut and Bridgeport Hospital staff continue to promote the pilot to spread awareness of the program.

OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY

Project 28229: Improve Data Collection and Integration with HIE

Funding Amount: \$1,150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 - Other Public Health 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: \$595,205

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

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

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Project 28233: Higher Education Mental Health Services

Funding Amount: \$2,906,905

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

Project 28554: University of Bridgeport

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29771: Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$60,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37 - Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview: The Office of Higher Education (OHE) will utilize 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 administers need-based scholarships.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29772: Summer College Corps

Funding Amount: \$1,087,734

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

Status: Completed

Performance Update:

Performance update is pending at the time of this report.

Project 29847: Roberta Willis Need-Merit Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$18,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Office of Higher Education (OHE) will utilize funds to provide need-merit 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 administers need-based scholarships.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Performance Update:

In FY24, 11,386 students were awarded Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program Supplemental ARPA grants.

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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: \$14,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for continued COVID 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 of 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 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 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 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.

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 28245: Orange Fire Department Clock Purchase

Funding Amount: \$9,388

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

Status: Completed

Project 28272: Interagency Portal

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$50,000 for the development of an interagency portal for sharing information across state agencies.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28337: CSCU System Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Funding for a study to recommend data-driven solutions that will position and scale the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system to anticipated student demand and enable a more fiscally stable and operationally efficient system while improving student outcomes and meeting the workforce needs of the Connecticut's economy.

Issue Area: Higher Education

Project 28339: Housing Study

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding for a study to aggregate data related to existing federal and state housing programs in Connecticut to analyze the impact of the programs on economic and racial segregation and produce a report.

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: Provide funding for a study to (1) identify and analyze existing employment assistance programs for persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to, persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, and the capacity of and demand for such programs, (2) recommend financial incentives for businesses to employ a greater number of such persons, and (3) create a workforce plan that incentivizes businesses to provide training programs, offer modified interviews to accommodate the needs of such persons and reserve market-rate, full-time jobs.

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: Funding for a level of need and statutory definitions study to produce recommendations on (1) changing statutory definitions and programs that may need to be redesignated in accordance with any new statutory definitions and qualifying criteria for services, (2) best practices in other states for providing services for persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, and (3) level-of-need assessment tool models.

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: Provide funding for a nonprofit organization that will analyze and negotiate bad debt with hospitals, health systems or third-party debt collectors, and execute a plan to erase medical debt for lower income Connecticut residents and those with the highest medical debt burden.

Issue Area: Public Health

Performance Update:

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) recently executed the contract with the vendor, Undue Medical Debt, and had preliminary discussions regarding the project design. Currently, OPM is in the process of establishing foundational elements and facilitating conversations with the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) and health systems to forgive debt. Over the life of the contract, Undue Medical Debt will be tracking and reporting information regarding the amount of debt that has been abolished, the cost of such abolishment, and the number of individuals who have benefited from this initiative. In addition, the contractor will provide beneficiaries' demographic information in the aggregate, including age, gender, race, income, insurance type (if any), household size, and ZIP code. Such data will be central to assessing the impact of the program.

Project 28343: Provide Funding to Stamford

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 24 to the City of Stamford.
Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Project 28483: Vocational Village
Funding Amount: \$8,679,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28484: Municipal Aid - Danbury
Funding Amount: \$12,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28485: Municipal Aid - Bridgeport
Funding Amount: \$7,000,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28486: Municipal Aid - Waterbury
Funding Amount: \$5,500,000
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services
Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28487: Municipal Aid - New Haven
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 FY25 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 28488: Municipal Aid - Norwalk
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 FY25 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 28489: Municipal Aid - Meriden

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28490: Municipal Aid - City of Stamford

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 FY25 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 28491: Windham

Funding Amount: \$1,200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28492: Manchester

Funding Amount: \$900,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28493: Glastonbury

Funding Amount: \$450,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28494: New Britain

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 FY25 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 28495: Ansonia

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28496: Transit Oriented Development Consultant

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28498: Grants to Nonprofits to Provide AI Training and Bridge Digital Divide

Funding Amount: \$125,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28499: Newington - Town Signage Construction

Funding Amount: \$45,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28500: Farmington Town Hall Council Chambers A/V Improvements

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28501: Farmington highway & Grounds Dept. P/T Seasonal Workers

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28503: Hartford - Add Two Zoning Enforcement Officers

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 guardsmen.

Issue Area: Premium Pay

Status: Completed

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: The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is requesting assistance with additional personnel costs and operating expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency serves all 8 counties in the State of Connecticut. These costs may include overtime for staff due to 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 the Department of Public (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. Our 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 THE GOVERNOR

Project 28551: Rell Center

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

Project 28354: Hartford Sewage System Repair and Improvement 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 FY25 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 28552: Drug Discount Card Awareness

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Project 28549: Climate Transition Plan

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 29819: Governor's Workforce Initiatives

Funding Amount: \$70,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 - Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

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 OWS's comprehensive best practice model for training: "CareerConneCT".

Issue Area: Workforce Development

Performance Update:

The Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) administered 19 subrecipient Grant Awards to eligible organizations to provide short-term workforce training inclusive of targeted recruitment, case management, support services, and employment opportunities upon completion. Grants targeted Connecticut's most in-demand industries such as: manufacturing, healthcare, IT, clean energy and infrastructure, and social & human services. \$62M has been obligated for Grantee Awards statewide with a target to train and place 6,000 residents. Through the Department of Labor (DOL), \$2M was equally dispersed to the five Local Workforce Development Boards for Summer Youth Programming.

In addition to supporting the under and unemployed in workforce training, the Career ConneCT Grants seek to target the most impacted of populations during COVID, including justice-involved individuals, refugee and immigrant women, individuals with disabilities, high school seniors, and persons of color.

OWS, in collaboration with the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, established an [online recruitment and assessment portal](#) where all interested residents could sign up and be matched with and contacted by a Grantee. Since going live, the "portal" has reached over 20,000 registered users. Thanks to a

targeted marketing campaign managed by O'Donnell Company, information regarding Career ConneCT has reached the most impacted COVID areas across the state and will continue to run through December 2024.

Over the last year, OWS made significant fiscal and performance advances. Over \$66M of its funding in the following categories has been obligated: Sub-recipient Grant Awards, Administrative Needs (staff salaries, funding for convenings), Marketing, and the Career ConneCT Portal. \$34M has been distributed to these categories, with the majority to the Sub-recipient Grantees.

As of June 30, 2024, nearly 5,000 individuals have been enrolled in workforce training programs and 3,028 have completed programs. Over 1,500 participants have been placed into employment. 550 of Connecticut's Youth have been served in the Summer Youth Programming administered by the Regional Workforce Development Boards.

Mandatory Performance Indicators: Participation statistics appear above.

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. To date, fourteen (14) attorneys have been hired and 1,266 cases have been resolved.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Project 28344: Enhance Voter Access

Funding Amount: \$3,059,575

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: Provide funding of \$1,680,447 in FY24 and \$1,379,128 in FY25 to support voter access. Section 48 of PA 23-204, the FY24 and FY25 budget, allocates these ARPA funds.

Issue Area: Intergovernmental Collaboration

Performance Update:

The funds support implementing the John R Lewis Voting Rights Act of Connecticut signed into law in June 2023 (CTVRA, PA23-204). A portion of these funds will go towards expanding staffing. Currently, 3 out of the 6 necessary staff members have been hired. In addition, the Secretary of State (SOS) collaborated with the UConn Voter Center to create a database that enables staff to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Evaluate whether current election laws and practices are consistent with bill provisions
2. Implement best practices in election administration to further the bill's purpose
3. Investigate a potential infringement on the right to vote.

The development of this database is currently underway.

Project 28478: Early Voting

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 FY25 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 28510: Stratford Library

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28511: Greenwich Library Elevators

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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 28512: Ferguson Library

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: This allocation is newly passed in the state's FY25 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

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Project 28258: Temporary Support

Funding Amount: \$144,200,000

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 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 is 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

Status: Completed

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER

Project 28261: Temporary Support

Funding Amount: \$172,200,000

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. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support 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. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support 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

Status: Completed

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. To continue to provide outpatient clinical services to State of Connecticut residents, UConn Health will utilize funds to support 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

Status: Completed