

June 5, 2025

On June 3, 2025, the Connecticut General Assembly adopted a new biennial state budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.¹ Included in the budget are policy changes and proposed appropriations to fund K-12 public education that impact students and districts throughout the state.

The following analysis outlines changes to state education funding in the adopted budget and provides an overview of the general outlook for the state budget and economy.

The latest consensus revenue estimates for FY 2025 were released on April 30, 2025, playing a crucial role in the development of the state's budget. The estimates saw projected total revenues for FYs 2026 and 2027 decline by less than one percent compared to previous estimates but still slightly above projections for FYs 2026 and 2027 that were issued last year.

While the estimates indicate state revenues will modestly grow in FYs 2026 and 2027, these additional revenues may not be fully available for increased spending. Additionally, the consensus revenue estimates for the upcoming fiscal year in November may reflect recent economic uncertainty and international trade developments, potentially requiring mid-year budget adjustments during the 2026 legislative session.²

The General Assembly's adopted budget is one of the final steps in the budget development process.³

- The budget analyzed in this document is the budget passed by both chambers of the General Assembly.
- Next, the budget will be sent to Governor Ned Lamont, who will sign it into law, veto it, veto specific line items, or let it go into effect without signing.

¹ H.B. 7287: An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget (as amended by House Amendment A). Gen. Assembly. (Ct. 2025). https://cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2025&bill_num=7287

² For more information, please see:

School and State Finance Project. (2025). *April 2025 Consensus Revenue Estimates Update*. Southington, CT: Author. Retrieved from <https://files.schoolstatefinance.org/hubfs/Reports/April%202025%20Consensus%20Revenue%20Estimates%20Update.pdf>.

³ A more detailed explanation of Connecticut's state budget process can be found at <https://schoolstatefinance.org/resources/connecticut-state-budget-process-office-of-fiscal-analysis>.

Key Policies in the General Assembly's Adopted Budget

- **Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant is fully funded for first time.** ECS funding will continue to follow the current phase-in schedule, according to statute, resulting in the full funding of ECS grants in FY 2026 and beyond for towns considered “underfunded” according to the ECS formula. This is the first time the ECS formula will be fully funded.
- **No decreases in ECS funding for districts considered “overfunded.”** The adopted budget will continue to pause the ECS formula’s phase-out schedule. This would hold towns considered “overfunded,” according to the ECS formula, harmless at their FY 2025 grant amounts for FYs 2026 and 2027.
- **Tuition remains capped for magnet and AgriScience program operators.** For FY 2026 and onwards, general education tuition amounts that operators may charge sending districts will remain capped at 58% of the per-student tuition amount the operator charged in FY 2024.
 - For magnet school programs that began operating after FY 2024 and are authorized to charge tuition, tuition will be capped at the per-student average tuition amount that is charged by magnet school programs in the same region serving similar grade ranges.
- **ECS-based, student-centered funding system remains partially phased in for magnet schools and AgriScience programs.**
 - For FY 2026 and onwards, operators will receive — per student — their FY 2024 per-student grant plus 42% of the difference between their full weighted student funding amount and their FY 2024 per-student grant.
 - Operators will also continue to be held harmless at their FY 2024 state aid plus tuition per student.
- **Excess Cost grant funding is maintained.** For FYs 2026 and 2027, the adopted budget includes the additional \$40 million in funding for the Excess Cost grant that was passed by the General Assembly in March for FY 2025 grant payments.
- **Establishes new Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) grant.** The adopted budget includes a \$30 million investment to create the Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) program, which will provide grants to school districts solely for special education purposes.⁴
 - To fully fund the new grant, approximately \$191 million is required in each year. However, since the appropriated amount for the program is \$30 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 and does not fully fund the program, grants made to districts will be reduced proportionally. As a result, for FY 2026, districts will receive approximately 15.7% of their calculated fully funded grant amount.

⁴ The adopted budget includes the appropriations to establish the Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) grant program and includes revisions to the passed bill, H.B. 5001: An Act Concerning the Quality and Delivery of Special Education Services in Connecticut (as amended by House Amendment A).

- **High Quality Special Education Incentive grant is established.** In FY 2027, \$9.9 million is allocated to create a competitive grant program that incentivizes school districts to develop or expand in-district or multi-district special education programs to reduce student outplacements.⁵
- **Specific support is provided to EASTCONN and EdAdvance.** Under the adopted budget, EASTCONN, a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC), will receive an additional \$3 million in one-time aid in FY 2027. Another RESC, EdAdvance, will receive a grant of \$900,000 in FY 2027.
- **Partial need-based funding for state charter schools continues, and two new charter schools are funded.** State charter schools will continue to receive 56.7% of their full weighted funding amount per student with no policy changes proposed.
 - An additional \$2.5 million will be appropriated in FYs 2026 and 2027 to fund two new charter schools: Stamford Big Picture Learning Academy and Taino Co-LAB New Haven.
- **State's compliance with the *Sheff v. O'Neill* settlement is maintained.** The adopted budget aligns with the governor's and Appropriations Committee's budgets, providing adjustments to maintain the State's compliance with the *Sheff v. O'Neill* permanent injunction and settlement.
- **Calculation for *Sheff* Transportation grant changes.** Beginning in FY 2026, RESCs will receive a *Sheff* magnet school transportation grant equal to the "reasonable" cost of transportation, eliminating the per-student calculations and the supplemental grant received in prior years.
- **Some student support programs receive increased funding.** Unlike the governor's budget, the adopted budget does not consolidate student support programs into one new single competitive grant. Instead, the adopted budget maintains these programs and increases funding for some.
- **School meal programs generally maintain current funding levels.** Unlike both the governor's and the Appropriations Committee's budgets, the adopted budget flat-funds the Child Nutrition State Match and School Breakfast Program in FYs 2026 and 2027.
 - This budget does include \$1.5 million in FY 2026 and \$3.4 million in FY 2027 for the Local Food for Local Schools Incentive Program, which was previously not funded.
 - Additionally, the adopted budget provides \$30,000 to Waterford and \$36,000 to Montville to cover school lunch debt.

⁵ The adopted budget includes the appropriation to establish the High Quality Special Education Incentives grant program. However, the language for the program can be found in the S.B. 1: An Act Increasing Resources for Students, Schools and Special Education (as amended by Senate Amendment A).

How would these policy changes impact students and schools?

- Much like the governor's and Appropriations Committee's budget, the adopted budget largely maintains the school funding policy environment currently in law, with significant targeted investments for students with disabilities.
- Students in all towns will benefit from increased funding as a result of the completion of the ECS grant's phase-in schedule and the inclusion of a hold-harmless provision for "overfunded" towns.
- Maintaining the partial phase-in of ECS-based, weighted funding for students attending public schools of choice means students educated at interdistrict magnet schools, AgriScience programs, and state charter schools will continue to be funded differently based on the type of public school or program they attend.
- Districts will be better positioned to serve students with disabilities through continued investment in Excess Cost reimbursements, the creation of the SEED grant, and funding for districts to establish or expand high-quality in-district programs and services. However, the Excess Cost grant still does not provide the necessary funding to cover the rising costs for districts to deliver the essential services for students with disabilities with extraordinary learning needs.
- The flat funding provided for school meal programs may potentially result in a gap in services provided to students who may become ineligible for free or reduced-price meals if changes are made to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid eligibility requirements at the federal level.⁶

⁶ School and State Finance Project. (2025). *The State of School Meal Programs in Connecticut*. Southington, CT: Author. Retrieved from <https://files.schoolstatefinance.org/hubfs/Reports/State%20of%20School%20Meal%20Programs%20in%20Connecticut.pdf>.

Analysis of Selected Appropriations

Table 1 on the following page contains the adopted budget's appropriations for significant education grants for FYs 2026 and 2027. Table 1 also contains FY 2025 estimates and funding from the governor's budget proposal for comparative purposes. The appropriations included in Table 1 are education grants to municipalities and school districts in which the total estimated expenditures exceeded \$10 million in FY 2025. State funding for school choice programs is also included in the table.⁷

State education appropriations that would increase — **as compared to FY 2025 estimated expenditures** — under the adopted budget and/or the governor's budget proposal are highlighted in green, while those appropriations that would remain at FY 2025 estimated amounts are highlighted in yellow. Appropriations that would decrease compared to current FY 2025 estimated amounts are highlighted in red. The far-right column of Table 1 features the key policy details contained in the adopted budget for each grant.

⁷ Although the Adult Education and Development of Mastery Exams line items exceed \$10 million in appropriations, they are not included in the below table due to their relationship to public K-12 education operating expenses.

**Table 1: Selected State Education Funding Under Adopted Budget for FYs 2026-27
Compared to Governor's Proposed Budget and FY 2025 Funding**

Grant	FY 2025 Estimates ⁸	Governor's Proposed Budget ⁹		Adopted Budget ¹⁰		Key Policy Details for Adopted Budget
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Education Equalization (ECS)	\$2,287,900,235	\$2,446,615,527	\$2,437,882,849	\$2,456,768,109	\$2,456,935,081	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases funding due to phase-in required by statute and <u>reflects funding from the Education Finance Reform line item in the current state budget.</u>¹¹ Completes the phase-in for "underfunded" towns. Provides additional funds to hold "overfunded" towns harmless at their FY 2025 amounts.
Magnet Schools	\$273,484,265	\$336,925,940	\$346,345,603	\$322,925,940	\$344,345,603	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from the Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Maintains phase-in of weighted student funding at 42% for FY 2026 and beyond. Adjustments made for enrollment trends. Includes one-time \$12 million investment in FY 2027 for RESC and GUMSS¹² interdistrict magnet

⁸ FY 2025 estimates are from the most recent monthly projections from the Office of Fiscal Analysis, which includes estimated agency expenditures. The FY 2025 estimates included in Table 1 may differ from the Appropriations Committee's and governor's proposed budgets due to variations, agency lapses, and deficiencies. In the case of ECS, FY 2025 estimates do not reflect additional increases provided from Education Finance Reform line item.

Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *OFA Expenditure Detail: May 28, 2025*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/PROJ/2025PROJ-20250528_May%2028,%202025%20Expenditure%20Detail.pdf.

⁹ State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2025). *Governor Lamont's Biennial Budget for FYs 2026 and 2027*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/opm/budget/2026_2027_biennial_budget/governors_budget_2627_final_webversion.pdf.

¹⁰ H.B. 7287: An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget (as amended by House Amendment A).

¹¹ The actual year-over-year increase to ECS is \$95 million in FYs 2026 and 2027 when accounting for the reallocation of funding to different line items).

¹² GUMSS is Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Grant	FY 2025 Estimates ⁸	Governor's Proposed Budget ⁹		Adopted Budget ¹⁰		Key Policy Details for Adopted Budget
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
						school assistance, to be distributed proportionally based on enrollment.
Technical Education and Career System - Personal Services	\$175,480,385	\$174,058,658	\$174,058,658	\$175,558,658	\$175,558,658	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides additional funding to match FY 2025 deficiency, annualize existing wage agreements, and reflect the agency's current headcount.
Technical Education and Career System - Other Expenses	\$33,918,577	\$37,257,461	\$37,257,461	\$31,957,461	\$31,957,461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding transfer to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for IT system alignment. Provides additional funding to match FY 2025 deficiency and reflect the agency's current headcount.
Excess Cost - Student Based	\$221,411,281 ¹³	\$181,119,782	\$221,119,782	\$221,119,782	\$221,119,782	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continues for FYs 2026 and 2027 the additional \$40 million that was passed by the legislature in March for FY 2025. Overall grant is reduced slightly compared to FY 2025 as a result of an additional \$291,499 being allocated to the Excess Cost grant as part of the FY 2025 deficiency bill (Public Act 25-12) passed by the legislature in late May.
Charter Schools	\$137,083,597	\$140,303,548	\$141,622,548	\$142,803,548	\$144,122,548	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Provides additional funding in FYs 2026 and 2027 to fund two new charter schools that have been approved by the State Board of Education. Adjustments made for enrollment trends.

¹³ This figure reflects current expenditures as of May 28, 2025, including the adjustments made during FY 2025, and the additional \$40 million appropriated by the General Assembly for FY 2025 in Special Act 25-1.

Grant	FY 2025 Estimates ⁸	Governor's Proposed Budget ⁹		Adopted Budget ¹⁰		Key Policy Details for Adopted Budget
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
Priority School Districts	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	\$30,818,778	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Open Choice	\$31,094,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	\$31,472,503	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Commissioner's Network	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	\$9,869,398	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Vocational Agriculture	\$18,824,200	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	\$26,295,732	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Maintains phase-in of weighted student funding at 42% for FY 2026 and beyond. Adjustments made for enrollment trends.
Local Charter Schools	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	\$957,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained at FY 2025 appropriated levels.
Sheff Transportation	\$69,465,173	\$77,661,541	\$80,326,212	\$77,661,541	\$80,326,212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects increased funding from Education Finance Reform line item in FY 2025. Changes the formula for Sheff RESC school transportation grants and requires the grant to be based on "cost of reasonable transportation services."
Non-Sheff Transportation	\$14,275,787	\$15,675,787	\$15,675,787	\$14,275,787	\$14,275,787	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding maintained to reflect actual agency expenditures in FY 2025. Slight decrease from FY 2025 appropriated amounts.
Sheff Settlement	\$14,012,497	\$23,714,911	\$18,721,292	\$23,714,911	\$18,721,292	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects adjusted funding to maintain compliance with the Sheff agreement.
Student Support Grants	\$0	\$12,639,668	\$12,639,668	\$0	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not consolidate LEAP, Neighborhood Youth Centers, the Parent Trust Fund Program, the School-Based Diversion Initiative, Student

Grant	FY 2025 Estimates ⁸	Governor's Proposed Budget ⁹		Adopted Budget ¹⁰		Key Policy Details for Adopted Budget
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	
						Support Grants, FRCs, and the After School Program into a new single competitive grant. ¹⁴
Education Finance Reform	\$150,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is reallocated to relevant line items for FYs 2026 and 2027.
High Quality Special Education Incentives	\$0	\$0	\$9,900,000	\$0	\$9,900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes new program in FY 2027 to incentivize districts to provide specialized in-district or regional special education programs to reduce outplacements.¹⁵
Special Education and Expansion Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new program to award boards of education grants for special education purposes only.¹⁶

¹⁴ Although not reflected in Table 1, beginning in FY 2027, additional funding is provided to the following programs:

- An additional \$7 million provided to the Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP);
- An additional \$82,807 provided to the Parent Trust Fund Program; and
- An additional \$647,290 provided to Family Resource Centers (FRCs).

¹⁵ The adopted budget includes the appropriation to establish the High Quality Special Education Incentives grant program. However, the language for this program can be found in Section 19 of S.B. 1: An Act Increasing Resources for Students, Schools and Special Education.

¹⁶ The adopted budget includes the appropriation to establish the Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) grant program and includes revisions to the passed bill, H.B. 5001: An Act Concerning the Quality and Delivery of Special Education Services in Connecticut.

Analysis of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant

To distribute state education aid to towns for their local or regional public school districts, Connecticut uses the ECS formula, which was adopted in 2017 as part of the state budget and first used and implemented in FY 2019.

Under the adopted budget, ECS funding will increase to continue the statutory phase-in of funding to towns considered “underfunded” according to the ECS formula. This results in “underfunded” towns being fully funded under the formula for the first time in history. The adopted budget also holds towns considered “overfunded” harmless by maintaining their ECS grants at their FY 2025 levels instead of gradually decreasing their grant amounts. It is projected to require an additional \$8.6 million in FY 2026 and \$17.1 million in FY 2027 to hold “overfunded” towns harmless over the biennium. In total, the adopted budget provides approximately \$95 million more in ECS funding in FYs 2026 and 2027 over the estimated FY 2025 ECS funding levels. Unlike, the governor’s proposed budget, the adopted budget **does not** include minor changes to the ECS formula for the calculation of ECS grants to the Town of Mansfield.¹⁷

Beginning on page 11, Table 2 compares, town by town, the **estimated ECS grants** for FYs 2026 and 2027 under the adopted budget, the Appropriations Committee’s proposed budget, and Governor Lamont’s budget proposal — with a comparison to estimated FY 2025 ECS grant amounts.

Additionally, beginning on page 19, Table 3 provides a comparison of the funding differences between FY 2025 grant amounts and ECS town grants in the adopted budget, the Appropriations Committee’s proposed budget, and the governor’s budget proposal.

For Tables 2 and 3, increases in ECS grants in FYs 2026 and 2027 — **compared to FY 2025 ECS grant amounts** — are highlighted in green, while those grants that remain at FY 2025 estimated amounts are highlighted in yellow. Grants that would decrease are highlighted in red.

Please note that adjustments in ECS funding levels — both at the town level and overall — in the adopted budget and the proposed budgets from the Appropriations Committee and Governor Lamont, are the result of the ECS formula annually accounting for changes in enrollment, student needs, and community wealth.

¹⁷ The budget proposals from the Appropriations Committee and Governor Lamont both adjusted the Town of Mansfield’s population for its ECS calculations for FYs 2026 and 2027. This was done to resolve a known error in the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2022 Population Estimates regarding the treatment of UConn’s student population in the calculation of Mansfield’s population. This change is not contained in the adopted budget.

Table 2: Estimated Town ECS Grants for FYs 2026 and 2027 Under the Adopted Budget and Other Budget Proposals¹⁸

Note: Budgeted appropriations may differ from final grant amounts made by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to towns and school districts as final grant calculations take additional statutory provisions into account. Therefore, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the CSDE before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$1,915,742	\$1,826,715	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782
Ansonia	\$20,315,782	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$21,335,559	\$21,332,388	\$21,332,388
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$3,348,554	\$3,238,063	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062
Avon	\$909,358	\$832,104	\$754,862	\$909,358	\$909,358	\$909,358	\$909,358
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$1,461,262	\$1,428,287	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	\$4,054,722	\$4,029,074	\$4,080,374	\$4,080,374	\$4,080,374	\$4,080,374
Berlin	\$6,106,646	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$7,236,252	\$7,237,662	\$7,237,662
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$1,668,240	\$1,571,920	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574
Bethel	\$8,661,580	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$10,041,178	\$10,047,664	\$10,047,664

¹⁸ The estimated town grant amounts for the adopted budget are calculated using the latest data from the Office of Fiscal Analysis. The total amount appropriated for ECS does not match the sum of the estimated ECS town grants for both FYs 2026 and 2027.

¹⁹ Conn. Acts 24-81.

²⁰ State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2025). *Governor Lamont's Biennial Budget for FYs 2026 and 2027*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/opm/budget/2026_2027_biennial_budget/governors_budget_2627_final_webversion.pdf.

²¹ Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *Appropriations Committee Budget, FY 26 & FY 27*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2025APPJF-20250422_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2026%20-%20FY%2027.pdf.

²² H.B. 7287: An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget (as amended by House Amendment A). Gen. Assembly. (Ct. 2025). https://cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2025&bill_num=7287

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$1,191,027	\$1,163,448	\$1,218,610	\$1,218,610	\$1,218,610	\$1,218,610
Bloomfield*	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852	\$8,047,852
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$2,637,797	\$2,592,385	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$1,128,934	\$1,067,782	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095
Branford	\$3,772,866	\$3,642,520	\$3,512,194	\$3,772,866	\$3,772,866	\$3,772,866	\$3,772,866
Bridgeport	\$201,710,496	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$212,128,451	\$212,796,671	\$212,796,671
Bridgewater	\$137,375	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715	\$187,715
Bristol	\$53,867,287	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$55,106,530	\$55,102,941	\$55,102,941
Brookfield	\$1,136,390	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$1,377,407	\$1,379,178	\$1,379,178
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$6,894,760	\$6,819,841	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690
Burlington	\$4,474,557	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$4,713,584	\$4,699,203	\$4,699,203
Canaan	\$125,752	\$111,115	\$96,479	\$125,752	\$125,752	\$125,752	\$125,752
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$3,879,064	\$3,753,312	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835
Canton	\$4,068,515	\$4,047,175	\$4,025,839	\$4,068,515	\$4,068,515	\$4,068,515	\$4,068,515
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$1,597,085	\$1,542,032	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$9,185,276	\$8,930,598	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993
Chester	\$947,013	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921	\$991,921
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$4,814,666	\$4,437,304	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$11,527,407	\$11,014,672	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$364,199	\$324,493	\$403,912	\$403,912	\$403,912	\$403,912
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$2,239,450	\$2,162,723	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189
Cornwall	\$25,057	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190	\$32,190
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$7,785,595	\$7,618,304	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911
Cromwell	\$5,631,142	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$6,199,633	\$6,177,563	\$6,177,563

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Danbury	\$53,201,306	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$62,368,946	\$62,336,919	\$62,336,919
Darien	\$515,629	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$539,407	\$540,833	\$540,833
Deep River	\$1,676,105	\$1,654,405	\$1,632,708	\$1,676,105	\$1,676,105	\$1,676,105	\$1,676,105
Derby	\$10,597,864	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$11,007,101	\$10,990,454	\$10,990,454
Durham	\$3,293,232	\$3,270,256	\$3,247,283	\$3,293,232	\$3,293,232	\$3,293,232	\$3,293,232
East Granby	\$1,510,105	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$2,084,333	\$2,044,159	\$2,044,159
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$3,476,694	\$3,397,443	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$6,863,371	\$6,765,809	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947
East Hartford	\$66,388,025	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$71,102,224	\$70,969,366	\$70,969,366
East Haven*	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957	\$20,005,957
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$5,785,991	\$5,495,518	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507
East Windsor*	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122
Eastford	\$947,176	\$915,057	\$882,944	\$947,176	\$947,176	\$947,176	\$947,176
Easton	\$279,493	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113	\$302,113
Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$10,206,354	\$10,071,081	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646
Enfield*	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645
Essex	\$213,526	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$216,268	\$215,553	\$215,553
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	\$1,128,399	\$1,125,778	\$1,131,021	\$1,131,021	\$1,131,021	\$1,131,021
Farmington	\$1,760,375	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$3,716,173	\$3,707,985	\$3,707,985
Franklin	\$736,256	\$703,755	\$671,259	\$736,256	\$736,256	\$736,256	\$736,256
Glastonbury	\$5,655,724	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$6,750,310	\$6,717,318	\$6,717,318
Goshen	\$337,582	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$400,364	\$400,335	\$400,335
Granby	\$5,278,314	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$5,460,668	\$5,447,238	\$5,447,238
Greenwich	\$869,861	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227	\$1,019,227

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$10,877,856	\$10,830,567	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151
Groton*	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$1,566,815	\$1,367,575	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084
Haddam	\$3,336,551	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$3,899,083	\$3,942,058	\$3,942,058
Hamden	\$39,522,754	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$42,684,498	\$42,723,021	\$42,723,021
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$975,608	\$892,821	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408
Hartford	\$224,114,724	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$227,528,906	\$226,674,245	\$226,674,245
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$987,711	\$903,713	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722
Harwinton	\$2,506,509	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920	\$2,889,920
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$5,738,509	\$5,479,363	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693
Kent	\$38,093	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751	\$41,751
Killingly*	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402
Killingworth	\$2,040,165	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$2,183,153	\$2,207,225	\$2,207,225
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$4,301,943	\$4,025,338	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	\$12,019,203	\$12,005,789	\$12,032,619	\$12,032,619	\$12,032,619	\$12,032,619
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$2,820,181	\$2,740,859	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516
Litchfield	\$1,309,880	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,052	\$1,557,217	\$1,557,217
Lyme	\$254,340	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391	\$321,391
Madison	\$395,466	\$380,241	\$365,019	\$395,466	\$395,466	\$395,466	\$395,466
Manchester	\$46,222,158	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$51,803,888	\$51,701,477	\$51,701,477
Mansfield	\$11,860,593	\$11,693,596	\$11,526,624	\$11,860,593	\$11,860,593	\$13,112,190	\$13,112,190
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$2,906,861	\$2,861,642	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086
Meriden	\$79,454,514	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$83,707,835	\$83,706,615	\$83,706,615
Middlebury	\$2,182,673	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963	\$2,744,963

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	\$2,094,620	\$2,088,883	\$2,100,359	\$2,100,359	\$2,100,359	\$2,100,359
Middletown	\$25,404,320	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$28,228,765	\$28,184,338	\$28,184,338
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$9,572,998	\$9,472,775	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$4,972,729	\$4,672,569	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$12,759,776	\$12,716,694	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864
Morris	\$250,614	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169	\$311,169
Naugatuck*	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586	\$34,096,586
New Britain	\$115,859,537	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$124,690,520	\$124,491,915	\$124,491,915
New Canaan	\$454,820	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399	\$473,399
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$3,020,393	\$2,559,734	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120
New Hartford	\$2,918,203	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$3,014,871	\$3,011,733	\$3,011,733
New Haven	\$169,238,796	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$170,890,042	\$170,824,330	\$170,824,330
New London*	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657	\$31,150,657
New Milford	\$11,554,609	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304	\$11,645,304
Newington	\$16,720,241	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$16,981,453	\$16,889,688	\$16,889,688
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$4,325,066	\$4,154,466	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691
Norfolk	\$53,125	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415	\$55,415
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$7,077,214	\$6,823,141	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325
North Canaan	\$1,781,954	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318	\$1,797,318
North Haven	\$4,399,467	\$4,344,260	\$4,289,060	\$4,399,467	\$4,399,467	\$4,399,467	\$4,399,467
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$2,564,126	\$2,467,959	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307
Norwalk	\$15,498,345	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,869	\$16,447,293	\$16,447,293
Norwich	\$46,690,778	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$48,754,930	\$49,231,266	\$49,231,266
Old Lyme	\$1,171,194	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$1,491,978	\$1,494,874	\$1,494,874

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Old Saybrook	\$131,315	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$132,538	\$132,244	\$132,244
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$997,836	\$980,177	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$3,463,290	\$3,249,600	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011
Plainfield*	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444
Plainville	\$12,181,371	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$12,758,453	\$12,740,359	\$12,740,359
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$9,693,400	\$9,584,695	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$2,581,246	\$2,491,518	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987
Portland	\$4,775,020	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$4,996,470	\$4,979,852	\$4,979,852
Preston	\$2,952,496	\$2,860,997	\$2,769,512	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496
Prospect	\$5,836,389	\$5,832,627	\$5,828,865	\$5,836,389	\$5,836,389	\$5,836,389	\$5,836,389
Putnam*	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282
Redding	\$262,365	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$281,630	\$280,477	\$280,477
Ridgefield	\$568,700	\$563,233	\$557,767	\$568,700	\$568,700	\$568,700	\$568,700
Rocky Hill	\$7,541,437	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$8,623,153	\$8,574,212	\$8,574,212
Roxbury	\$186,577	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447	\$219,447
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$2,457,571	\$2,390,074	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078
Salisbury	\$56,120	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338	\$72,338
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$1,199,126	\$1,123,592	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671
Seymour	\$11,771,547	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$11,917,208	\$11,911,359	\$11,911,359
Sharon	\$24,350	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$30,022	\$29,987	\$29,987
Shelton	\$8,515,020	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$9,086,022	\$9,087,506	\$9,087,506
Sherman	\$46,995	\$45,495	\$43,996	\$46,995	\$46,995	\$46,995	\$46,995
Simsbury	\$7,482,940	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$8,329,719	\$8,273,772	\$8,273,772
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$5,603,611	\$5,514,605	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$11,271,720	\$11,135,383	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078
Southbury	\$6,743,076	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182	\$8,158,182
Southington	\$20,848,374	\$20,592,179	\$20,336,022	\$20,848,374	\$20,848,374	\$20,848,374	\$20,848,374
Sprague	\$2,706,745	\$2,652,703	\$2,598,670	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$9,257,160	\$8,962,877	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487
Stamford	\$19,908,251	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$22,004,325	\$22,003,161	\$22,003,161
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$3,068,124	\$2,961,678	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$950,756	\$828,519	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011
Stratford*	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368	\$30,304,368
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$6,109,575	\$6,055,447	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$5,346,922	\$5,212,638	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226
Thompson*	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$8,806,818	\$8,508,152	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528
Torrington	\$33,393,085	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$34,711,906	\$34,701,422	\$34,701,422
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	\$3,406,167	\$3,395,286	\$3,417,049	\$3,417,049	\$3,417,049	\$3,417,049
Union	\$211,728	\$201,637	\$191,548	\$211,728	\$211,728	\$211,728	\$211,728
Vernon	\$23,038,115	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$23,530,536	\$23,512,721	\$23,512,721
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$2,002,677	\$1,888,129	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	\$21,242,061	\$21,197,966	\$21,286,162	\$21,286,162	\$21,286,162	\$21,286,162
Warren	\$137,212	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740	\$173,740
Washington	\$283,590	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$337,051	\$337,108	\$337,108
Waterbury	\$190,361,064	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$200,816,321	\$201,118,542	\$201,118,542
Waterford	\$326,444	\$324,617	\$322,791	\$326,444	\$326,444	\$326,444	\$326,444
Watertown	\$12,747,426	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496	\$12,991,496

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ¹⁹	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁰		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²¹		Adopted Budget ²²	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
West Hartford	\$25,084,678	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$25,726,769	\$25,567,128	\$25,567,128
West Haven	\$56,011,585	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$58,995,961	\$59,004,684	\$59,004,684
Westbrook	\$78,973	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365	\$80,365
Weston	\$263,792	\$260,262	\$256,733	\$263,792	\$263,792	\$263,792	\$263,792
Westport	\$589,729	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400	\$610,400
Wethersfield	\$14,676,017	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$14,839,980	\$14,726,408	\$14,726,408
Willington	\$3,456,594	\$3,384,690	\$3,312,797	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594
Wilton	\$461,796	\$458,719	\$455,642	\$461,796	\$461,796	\$461,796	\$461,796
Winchester*	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957
Windham*	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263	\$33,829,263
Windsor*	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392
Windsor Locks*	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$12,156,419	\$11,925,702	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171
Woodbridge	\$577,842	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$652,330	\$653,255	\$653,255
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	\$2,931,727	\$2,926,639	\$2,936,816	\$2,936,816	\$2,936,816	\$2,936,816
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$4,860,117	\$4,729,722	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532

*As Alliance Districts, these towns are held harmless from receiving a decrease in ECS funding even if the ECS formula would result in a decrease for these towns.

Table 3: Differences Between Estimated Town ECS Grants from FY 2025 and Grants for FYs 2026 and 2027 Under the Adopted Budget and Other Budget Proposals²³

Note: Budgeted appropriations may differ from final grant amounts made by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to towns and school districts as final grant calculations take additional statutory provisions into account. Therefore, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the CSDE before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.

Town	FY 2025 Estimated ²⁴	Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget ²⁵		Appropriations Committee Proposed Budget ²⁶		Adopted Budget ²⁷	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Andover	\$2,004,782	-\$89,040	-\$178,067	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ansonia	\$20,315,782	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777	\$1,019,777	\$1,016,606	\$1,016,606
Ashford	\$3,459,062	-\$110,508	-\$220,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Avon	\$909,358	-\$77,254	-\$154,496	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	-\$32,980	-\$65,955	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	-\$25,652	-\$51,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Berlin	\$6,106,646	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606	\$1,129,606	\$1,131,016	\$1,131,016
Bethany	\$1,764,574	-\$96,334	-\$192,654	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bethel	\$8,661,580	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598	\$1,379,598	\$1,386,084	\$1,386,084

²³ The estimated town grant amounts for the adopted budget are calculated using the latest data from the Office of Fiscal Analysis. The total amount appropriated for ECS does not match the sum of the estimated ECS town grants for both FYs 2026 and 2027.

²⁴ Conn. Acts 24-81.

²⁵ State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2025). *Governor Lamont's Biennial Budget for FYs 2026 and 2027*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/opm/budget/2026_2027_biennial_budget/governors_budget_2627_final_webversion.pdf.

²⁶ Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2025). *Appropriations Committee Budget, FY 26 & FY 27*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2025APPJF-20250422_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2026%20-%20FY%2027.pdf.

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	-\$27,583	-\$55,162	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bloomfield*	\$8,047,852	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bolton	\$2,683,216	-\$45,419	-\$90,831	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	-\$61,161	-\$122,313	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Branford	\$3,772,866	-\$130,346	-\$260,672	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bridgeport	\$201,710,496	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955	\$10,417,955	\$11,086,175	\$11,086,175
Bridgewater	\$137,375	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340	\$50,340
Bristol	\$53,867,287	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243	\$1,239,243	\$1,235,654	\$1,235,654
Brookfield	\$1,136,390	\$241,017	\$241,017	\$241,017	\$241,017	\$242,788	\$242,788
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	-\$74,930	-\$149,849	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Burlington	\$4,474,557	\$239,027	\$239,027	\$239,027	\$239,027	\$224,646	\$224,646
Canaan	\$125,752	-\$14,637	-\$29,273	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	-\$125,771	-\$251,523	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canton	\$4,068,515	-\$21,340	-\$42,676	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	-\$55,062	-\$110,115	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	-\$254,717	-\$509,395	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chester	\$947,013	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908	\$44,908
Clinton	\$5,192,084	-\$377,418	-\$754,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colchester	\$12,040,218	-\$512,811	-\$1,025,546	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colebrook	\$403,912	-\$39,713	-\$79,419	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Columbia	\$2,316,189	-\$76,739	-\$153,466	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cornwall	\$25,057	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133	\$7,133
Coventry	\$7,952,911	-\$167,316	-\$334,607	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cromwell	\$5,631,142	\$568,491	\$568,491	\$568,491	\$568,491	\$546,421	\$546,421

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Danbury	\$53,201,306	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640	\$9,167,640	\$9,135,613	\$9,135,613
Darien	\$515,629	\$23,778	\$23,778	\$23,778	\$23,778	\$25,204	\$25,204
Deep River	\$1,676,105	-\$21,700	-\$43,397	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Derby	\$10,597,864	\$409,237	\$409,237	\$409,237	\$409,237	\$392,590	\$392,590
Durham	\$3,293,232	-\$22,976	-\$45,949	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Granby	\$1,510,105	\$574,228	\$574,228	\$574,228	\$574,228	\$534,054	\$534,054
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	-\$79,263	-\$158,514	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	-\$97,576	-\$195,138	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Hartford	\$66,388,025	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199	\$4,714,199	\$4,581,341	\$4,581,341
East Haven*	\$20,005,957	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	-\$290,516	-\$580,989	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
East Windsor*	\$5,669,122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Eastford	\$947,176	-\$32,119	-\$64,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easton	\$279,493	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620	\$22,620
Ellington	\$10,341,646	-\$135,292	-\$270,565	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enfield*	\$29,823,645	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Essex	\$213,526	\$2,742	\$2,742	\$2,742	\$2,742	\$2,027	\$2,027
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	-\$2,622	-\$5,243	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Farmington	\$1,760,375	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798	\$1,955,798	\$1,947,610	\$1,947,610
Franklin	\$736,256	-\$32,501	-\$64,997	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Glastonbury	\$5,655,724	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586	\$1,094,586	\$1,061,594	\$1,061,594
Goshen	\$337,582	\$62,782	\$62,782	\$62,782	\$62,782	\$62,753	\$62,753
Granby	\$5,278,314	\$182,354	\$182,354	\$182,354	\$182,354	\$168,924	\$168,924
Greenwich	\$869,861	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366	\$149,366

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Griswold	\$10,925,151	-\$47,295	-\$94,584	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Groton*	\$25,040,045	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guilford	\$1,766,084	-\$199,269	-\$398,509	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Haddam	\$3,336,551	\$562,532	\$562,532	\$562,532	\$562,532	\$605,507	\$605,507
Hamden	\$39,522,754	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744	\$3,161,744	\$3,200,267	\$3,200,267
Hampton	\$1,058,408	-\$82,800	-\$165,587	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hartford	\$224,114,724	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182	\$3,414,182	\$2,559,521	\$2,559,521
Hartland	\$1,071,722	-\$84,011	-\$168,009	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Harwinton	\$2,506,509	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411	\$383,411
Hebron	\$5,997,693	-\$259,184	-\$518,330	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kent	\$38,093	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658	\$3,658
Killingly*	\$15,574,402	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Killingworth	\$2,040,165	\$142,988	\$142,988	\$142,988	\$142,988	\$167,060	\$167,060
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	-\$276,646	-\$553,251	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	-\$13,416	-\$26,830	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	-\$79,335	-\$158,657	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Litchfield	\$1,309,880	\$247,172	\$247,172	\$247,172	\$247,172	\$247,337	\$247,337
Lyme	\$254,340	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051	\$67,051
Madison	\$395,466	-\$15,225	-\$30,447	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Manchester	\$46,222,158	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730	\$5,581,730	\$5,479,319	\$5,479,319
Mansfield	\$11,860,593	-\$166,997	-\$333,969	\$0	\$0	\$1,251,597	\$1,251,597
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	-\$45,225	-\$90,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Meriden	\$79,454,514	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321	\$4,253,321	\$4,252,101	\$4,252,101
Middlebury	\$2,182,673	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290	\$562,290

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	-\$5,739	-\$11,476	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middletown	\$25,404,320	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445	\$2,824,445	\$2,780,018	\$2,780,018
Milford	\$9,673,235	-\$100,237	-\$200,460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Monroe	\$5,272,935	-\$300,206	-\$600,366	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Montville	\$12,802,864	-\$43,088	-\$86,170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Morris	\$250,614	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555	\$60,555
Naugatuck*	\$34,096,586	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Britain	\$115,859,537	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983	\$8,830,983	\$8,632,378	\$8,632,378
New Canaan	\$454,820	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579	\$18,579
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	-\$460,727	-\$921,386	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Hartford	\$2,918,203	\$96,668	\$96,668	\$96,668	\$96,668	\$93,530	\$93,530
New Haven	\$169,238,796	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246	\$1,651,246	\$1,585,534	\$1,585,534
New London*	\$31,150,657	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Milford	\$11,554,609	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695	\$90,695
Newington	\$16,720,241	\$261,212	\$261,212	\$261,212	\$261,212	\$169,447	\$169,447
Newtown	\$4,495,691	-\$170,625	-\$341,225	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Norfolk	\$53,125	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290
North Branford	\$7,331,325	-\$254,111	-\$508,184	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Canaan	\$1,781,954	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364	\$15,364
North Haven	\$4,399,467	-\$55,207	-\$110,407	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	-\$96,181	-\$192,348	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Norwalk	\$15,498,345	\$949,524	\$949,524	\$949,524	\$949,524	\$948,948	\$948,948
Norwich	\$46,690,778	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152	\$2,064,152	\$2,540,488	\$2,540,488
Old Lyme	\$1,171,194	\$320,784	\$320,784	\$320,784	\$320,784	\$323,680	\$323,680

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Old Saybrook	\$131,315	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$929	\$929
Orange	\$1,015,498	-\$17,662	-\$35,321	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oxford	\$3,677,011	-\$213,721	-\$427,411	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Plainfield*	\$15,364,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Plainville	\$12,181,371	\$577,082	\$577,082	\$577,082	\$577,082	\$558,988	\$558,988
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	-\$108,721	-\$217,426	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	-\$89,741	-\$179,469	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Portland	\$4,775,020	\$221,450	\$221,450	\$221,450	\$221,450	\$204,832	\$204,832
Preston	\$2,952,496	-\$91,499	-\$182,984	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prospect	\$5,836,389	-\$3,762	-\$7,524	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Putnam*	\$8,340,282	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Redding	\$262,365	\$19,265	\$19,265	\$19,265	\$19,265	\$18,112	\$18,112
Ridgefield	\$568,700	-\$5,467	-\$10,933	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rocky Hill	\$7,541,437	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716	\$1,081,716	\$1,032,775	\$1,032,775
Roxbury	\$186,577	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870	\$32,870
Salem	\$2,525,078	-\$67,507	-\$135,004	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salisbury	\$56,120	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218	\$16,218
Scotland	\$1,274,671	-\$75,545	-\$151,079	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Seymour	\$11,771,547	\$145,661	\$145,661	\$145,661	\$145,661	\$139,812	\$139,812
Sharon	\$24,350	\$5,672	\$5,672	\$5,672	\$5,672	\$5,637	\$5,637
Shelton	\$8,515,020	\$571,002	\$571,002	\$571,002	\$571,002	\$572,486	\$572,486
Sherman	\$46,995	-\$1,500	-\$2,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Simsbury	\$7,482,940	\$846,779	\$846,779	\$846,779	\$846,779	\$790,832	\$790,832
Somers	\$5,692,630	-\$89,019	-\$178,025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	-\$136,358	-\$272,695	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Southbury	\$6,743,076	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106	\$1,415,106
Southington	\$20,848,374	-\$256,195	-\$512,352	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sprague	\$2,706,745	-\$54,042	-\$108,075	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stafford	\$9,551,487	-\$294,327	-\$588,610	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stamford	\$19,908,251	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074	\$2,096,074	\$2,094,910	\$2,094,910
Sterling	\$3,174,585	-\$106,461	-\$212,907	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stonington	\$1,073,011	-\$122,255	-\$244,492	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stratford*	\$30,304,368	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Suffield	\$6,163,712	-\$54,137	-\$108,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	-\$134,304	-\$268,588	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Thompson*	\$7,534,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tolland	\$9,105,528	-\$298,710	-\$597,376	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Torrington	\$33,393,085	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821	\$1,318,821	\$1,308,337	\$1,308,337
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	-\$10,882	-\$21,763	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Union	\$211,728	-\$10,091	-\$20,180	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vernon	\$23,038,115	\$492,421	\$492,421	\$492,421	\$492,421	\$474,606	\$474,606
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	-\$114,566	-\$229,114	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	-\$44,101	-\$88,196	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Warren	\$137,212	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528	\$36,528
Washington	\$283,590	\$53,461	\$53,461	\$53,461	\$53,461	\$53,518	\$53,518
Waterbury	\$190,361,064	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257	\$10,455,257	\$10,757,478	\$10,757,478
Waterford	\$326,444	-\$1,827	-\$3,653	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Watertown	\$12,747,426	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070	\$244,070

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		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
West Hartford	\$25,084,678	\$642,091	\$642,091	\$642,091	\$642,091	\$482,450	\$482,450
West Haven	\$56,011,585	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376	\$2,984,376	\$2,993,099	\$2,993,099
Westbrook	\$78,973	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392	\$1,392
Weston	\$263,792	-\$3,530	-\$7,059	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Westport	\$589,729	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671	\$20,671
Wethersfield	\$14,676,017	\$163,963	\$163,963	\$163,963	\$163,963	\$50,391	\$50,391
Willington	\$3,456,594	-\$71,904	-\$143,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilton	\$461,796	-\$3,077	-\$6,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Winchester*	\$8,024,957	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windham*	\$33,829,263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windsor*	\$12,130,392	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Windsor Locks*	\$5,225,299	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	-\$230,752	-\$461,469	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Woodbridge	\$577,842	\$74,488	\$74,488	\$74,488	\$74,488	\$75,413	\$75,413
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	-\$5,089	-\$10,177	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	-\$130,415	-\$260,810	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*As Alliance Districts, these towns are held harmless from receiving a decrease in ECS funding even if the ECS formula would result in a decrease for these towns.