

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting\*  
Agenda  
Thursday January 15, 2026, 4:30 PM  
1712 Main Street, Coventry  
Town Hall, Annex

***Scheduled Item: EHHD Public Hearing – Proposed FY26/27 Operating Budget & Proposed FY 26/27 CNR Budget***

Call to Order

Welcome Michael Makuch from the Town of Willington

Approval of Minutes (December 11, 2025)

Public Comments

Old Business

1. Election of Officers (no attachment)
2. Proposed Fiscal Year 26/27 Operating Budget & Proposed FY 26/27 CNR Budget

New Business – none

Finance Committee

3. FY25/26 Financial Report, period ending 12/31/25 (To be provided at the meeting)

Directors Report

4. Staffing Update (no attachment)
5. Vaccination program – update (no attachment)

Medical Advisors Report

Town Reports

Communications/Other

6. CT Mirror re: \$154 Million Through federal rural health grant for 2026
7. Courant re: Waterbury's week with no water was a warning
8. CT DPH re: Connecticut Reports First Case of Measles
9. CT Mirror re: CT approves Harford HealthCare purchase of 2 Prospect Hospitals
10. CT DPH Commissioner re: Changes to the US vaccine schedule
11. CT DPH re: Dust Hazard Standards

Town Reports

Adjournment

***Next Board Meeting – February 19, 2026,, 4:30PM***

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Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, December 11, 2025

**Members present:** R. Aylesworth (Mansfield - Virtual), M. Capriola (Mansfield-Virtual), J. Drumm (Coventry), J. Elsesser (Coventry), C. Silver-Smith (Ashford - Virtual), M. Walter (Columbia - Virtual)

**Staff present:** R. Miller, Director of Health, M. Brosseau, Office Manager, Dr. Dardick, Medical Advisor. A. Backhaus, Mansfield Director of Finance

**J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm**

**Election of Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant Treasurer)**

This issue was tabled pending the formation of a nominating committee. The current officers will remain in place until new officers are elected.

**Approval of Minutes**

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by C. Silver-Smith to accept the minutes of the 10/16/2025 meeting as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.

**Proposed 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule**

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by M. Capriola to adopt the Eastern Highlands Health District Board of Directors 2026 regular meeting schedule as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.

**Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Operating Budget, and CNR Budget – Set public hearing date**

R. Miller reported that the finance committee met 11/24/2025 to review the budget. At that time they approved a motion to forward the proposed budget to the full board for review and approval.

R. Miller noted the salient features of the proposed budget including:

- Total spending of \$1,111,720 which is an increase of 3.7%
- Increase in member town contributions to \$6.27 per capita which is a 1.95% increase
- Salaries expenditure increase of 3.7%
- Benefits expenditure increase of 1.8%
- Cost recovery fees revenue increase of 2.2%
- Appropriate from fund balance of \$69,570
- Anticipated increase of 6.3% in grant deductions
- Anticipated increase in operational expenditures of 5.7%
- Appropriation in Transfers Out of CNR of \$4000
- Total spending of \$95,000 for CNR budget

Chairman Elsesser received and shared a comment from J. Rupert. J. Rupert indicated that the market adjustment proposed to the Director's position ought to be phased in over multiple years.

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by M. Capriola to set public hearing date of Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:30pm with such hearing located at Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main St, Coventry Connecticut to receive the public's comments regarding the Eastern Highlands Health District Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 operating and CNR budgets. MOTION passed unanimously.

## **Personnel Committee Report**

### **Director of Health Classification Salary Range change**

M. Capriola presented an overview of the process of the personnel committee leading to the recommendation of a change in salary range for position of Director of Health and increase in salary for the Director of Health.

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by M. Capriola to approve setting the salary range for the Director of Health position to \$118,000 - \$160,000/yr retroactive to July 1, 2025. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Director of Health compensation market adjustment**

M. Capriola made a MOTION, seconded by C. Silver-Smith to approve a one-time market adjustment in compensation for Director of Health Rob Miller, and to set his salary at \$139,000/yr retroactive to July 1, 2025. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Review of 401(a) plan provisions**

M. Capriola informed the board that her office will begin researching a 401a plan amendment that will allow voluntary employee contributions of an additional 8% to their 401(a) plans. M. Capriola will report back to the board. Implementation will require an update in personnel rules.

## **Finance Committee**

### **Financial report for the period ending 9/30/25**

R. Miller noted that the finance committee met and reviewed the financial report 11/24/25. At the meeting the report was accepted at that time.

### **Auditors Financial Statements year ending June 30, 2025 and Auditors communications to the Board**

R. Miller noted that the audit was a clean audit with no material findings.

C. Silver-Smith made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to accept the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2025. MOTION passed unanimously.

## **Directors Report**

### **Quarterly Activity Report period ending 9/30/2025**

R. Miller reported on the support provided to the Town of Coventry and their efforts to manage the Patriot's Park geese population and improve water quality in the bathing area.

R. Miller noted that the part-time nurse position has been filled by Angelica Dupont.  
R. Miller informed the board on continued efforts to assist the Town of Tolland in addressing NaCl ground water contamination.

R. Miller reported that the District has participated in a collaboration with the Hartford HealthCare Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan.

R. Miller reported on several metrics of the Community Health and Wellness Program.

### **Strategic Plan, Implementation Plan – Update**

R. Miller reported on the progress of item 1.3 Strengthen community partnerships: EHHD is partnering with UConn Committee on Excellence in Healthcare to assist CT Mission of Mercy with a free dental clinic being held at EO Smith High School, April 17 & 18. J. Eisesser suggested promoting the event via town newsletters.

### **Medical Advisors Report**

Dr. Dardick report that his office is seeing an uptick of flu and covid cases. Many of these cases are amongst travelers. And addition, he reported that the first case of measles in Connecticut has been reported. The child is unvaccinated and travelled internationally.

### **Communication/Other**

R. Miller called attention to the following communication:

*New York Academy of Medicine re: Response to Stripping "Professional Status" by Dept of Education.* R. Miller noted there is much discussion amongst his colleagues.

### **Town Reports**

#### **Coventry**

J. Drumm reported that the town has receive the permit from DEEP regarding the Plains Road water project.

#### **Mansfield**

R. Aylesworth reported that the town is experiencing issues with water service in the Northwest part of town. The area has been over allocated and CT Water will not issue an additional Will Serve letters at this time.

#### **Columbia**

M. Walter reported:

- Cannoli and coffee shop and Twin Beaks Chicken opening soon

- The Main Moose is up for sale
- Additional car dealerships being built near the Hundai/Kia dealership

**Adjournment**

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by C. Silver-Smith to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:50 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting – January 15, 2026, 4:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary

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**AVISO LEGAL Y ADVERTENCIA DE REUNIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD CIUDAD DE WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT**

Por la presente, se notifica a todos los electores y personas calificadas para votar en las reuniones municipales del Pueblo de Windham, Connecticut (el "Pueblo"), que el Concejo Municipal del Pueblo está convocando una Reunión municipal Especial que se llevará a cabo en el Ayuntamiento de Windham, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut a las 6:00 p.m. el 7 de enero de 2026 para el siguiente propósito:

1. Elección del moderador
2. Resolución de la reunión municipal de la ciudad de Windham que autoriza una asignación por un monto de \$937,000 para financiar el costo del Proyecto de Capital de la Junta de Educación 2025-2026 y recomienda a los votantes en la reunión municipal que apruebe dicha asignación y autorización de bonos.

El texto completo de las resoluciones de autorización adoptadas por el Concejo Municipal autorizando las transacciones descritas anteriormente que están archivadas y abierta a inspección en la oficina del Secretario Municipal, Ayuntamiento, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut para el uso de cualquier persona interesada.

Fecha en Windham, Connecticut, el 18 de diciembre de 2025.

Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager  
Patricia P. Spruance, Town Clerk  
Town of Windham

**Legal Notice**

**Legal Notice**  
**Republican Town Committee Caucus**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., the Town Council Chambers, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268 to endorse candidates for the Mansfield Republican Town Committee.

Alfred Fratoni, Jr.  
Chairman, Mansfield Republican Town Committee

**Legal Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE AND WARNING OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT**

Connecticut (the Town), are hereby notified that the Town Council of the Town is convening a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut at 6:00 p.m. on January 7, 2026, for the following purpose:

1. Election of Moderator.
2. Town of Windham Town Meeting Resolution authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$937,000 to fund the cost of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Capital Project and recommend to the voters at the town meeting that it approve such appropriation and bond authorization.

The full text of the authorizing resolutions adopted by the Town Council authorizing the above described transactions are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut for the use of any interested person.

Dated Windham, Connecticut this 18th day of December 2025.

Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager  
Patricia P. Spruance, Town Clerk  
Town of Windham

**Legal Notice**

**Eastern Highlands Health District Public Hearing\* Proposed FY 25/27 Operating Budget & CNR Budget**

The Eastern Highlands Health District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut, to hear citizen's comments on the Proposed FY 2026-2027 District Operating, and Capital Nonrecurring Budget. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed District Budgets are available in the Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington Town Clerk offices. Written comments will be received up to the close of the hearing and can be directed to the Health District Board of Directors at 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268

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Robert L. Miller  
Director of Health

**Legal Notice**

**Request for Quote to build an Enclosure around an Exterior Oil Tank**

**Job Summary**  
Hampton Elementary School is looking for a contractor to build a 3-sided enclosure around an Exterior Oil Tank up against the existing building. Two sides will be a combination of block, brick and an upper privacy fence and the third side will be an access gate.

**Job Description** (see the attached figure)  
The tank enclosure will be built to protect the tank from unauthorized people, to improve the tank installation aesthetically and to provide a level of protection from vehicle traffic. The enclosure will be approximately 8 feet out of the building and 25 feet long. The enclosure can be built directly on the existing 8 to 12 inch concrete slab.

Two walls will be composed of an interior concrete block with rebar drilled into the slab and the blocks filled with concrete for approximately the first 4 feet. On the outside of the block and extending above the wall will be bricked to match the existing school building. The columns above the block will be approximately 4 feet tall to support privacy fence installed between the columns. There will be 4 columns on the 25-foot wall equally spaced. The columns can be either 12 inches by 12 inches or 16 inches by 12 inches. On top of the columns and between the columns the concrete block and bricks shall be capped with concrete or equivalent. The privacy fence materials shall be metal, aluminum or other maintenance free product.

The third wall shall be composed of a lockable gate and of a height to preclude access. The gate shall be two sided and secured by the existing school wall (or to a partial wall built to support the gate) and by the fabricated enclosure wall on other side.

Materials and labor for the above project to be provided by the contractor as well as any required permits. Request for quote by January 29, 2025 to support project completion in the spring of 2026. Interested parties may contact Andrew Skarzynski, Superintendent at askarzynski@hamptonschool.org for additional design drawings and questions. Proposals should be submitted the Hampton Elementary School Superintendent at:

Superintendent of Schools  
Andrew Skarzynski  
380 Main Street  
Hampton, CT 06247

**Legal Notice**

**TOWN OF WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Windham Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 7, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Bellingham Auditorium, Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT, to receive public comments on All-Terrain and other Off-Road Vehicles and discuss the amendments and possible upgrades to Ordinance 2834.

The Public Hearing is called pursuant to V-5 of the Windham Town Charter and Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes. A copy of the full draft ordinance is available for public inspection at the Windham Town Clerk's Office.

Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager  
Town of Windham

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**Assessment Analyst II**  
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Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut, this 31st day of December 2025.

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Town of East Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a hybrid teleconference public hearing in Council Chambers located at East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford and on a Microsoft Teams virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 P.M. for the following applications:

**SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION:** Under Section 9.4, 3.2, and 6.4.A.1 - 1184 Burnside Avenue; Application for a special permit for a convenience store within the existing building. Applicant: Bahati Sumali Map/Lot: 59/177

**REGULATION TEXT AMENDMENT:** Under Section 9.5; Application to amend Sections 2.3, 6.1.A., 6.2.D. of the Zoning Regulations to expand zoning allowances for roadside stands and home based occupations. Applicant: Town of East Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission

Copies of documents relating to the above item are located in the Development Office, The Town Clerk's Office, and on the Town website. All interested persons may appear and be heard or call in using the teleconference phone number provided on the meeting agenda which will be posted on the Town website and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS ON JAN 19, 2026, 8AM AT 585 WINDSOR STREET, HARTFORD CT. SELLER HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS.  
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VIN: JN1EV7AR7JM443417  
VIN: 4S3GKAD63N3605018

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ellington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 5, 2026, 7:00pm, in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT, and remotely for:

1. V202510 - James & Susan Pedersen, owner/LaRoche Builders, LLC, applicant, request for variance of the Ellington Zoning Regulations Section 2.1.10-Highway Clearance Setback & Section 3.2.3-Minimum Yard Setbacks; to reduce the front yard setbacks on West Shore Road from 35ft to 10ft and on Stafford Road (Rt. 30) from 60ft to 2ft, and to reduce both side yard setbacks from 10ft to 2ft to replace a previously existing detached garage at 128 West Shore Road, APN 168-114-0000, in a Lake Residential (LR) zone.

Details to attend the meeting are on the agenda at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov) Agendas and Minutes or call 860-870-3120. Applications are viewable in the Town Planner's Office, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT, and are attached to the meeting agenda.

JOURNAL INQUIRER: 12/24/2025 and 12/31/2025

#### NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of: Enfield, CT.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on:

January 7th at 7pm at Enfield Town Hall, Council Chambers (820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT 06082). Check in will begin at 6pm.

to endorse candidates for member of Enfield Democratic Town Committee and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Dated at : Town of Enfield  
Date: 12/29/2025

Enfield Democratic Town Committee  
Chair Ian Graves

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January 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Ellington Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT to endorse candidates for the Ellington Democratic Town Committee and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Dated at Ellington, CT on December 31, 2025.

Ellington Democratic Town Committee  
Chair, Wilfred A. Duchesneau

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Ellington Planning & Zoning Commission, Monday, December 22, 2025, took the following action:

1. APPROVED w/condition(s) - S202504 - Brian & Terry Mohr, owner/applicant, request for a one lot subdivision at 11 Newell Hill Rd, APN 127-020-0000, in a Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR) Zone.
2. APPROVED w/condition(s) - Z202521 - Brian & Terry Mohr, owner/applicant, pursuant to Section 3.1.3 - Ellington Zoning Regulations request for Special Permit for a 36'x55' attached garage for more than three cars at 11 Newell Hill Rd, APN 127-020-0000, in a Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR) Zone.

A copy of this notice was filed with the Town Clerk's office on December 30, 2025.  
JOURNAL INQUIRER: 12/31/2025.

#### Vernon Republican Town Committee

There will be a caucus of Vernon Republican electors on Wednesday January 7, 2026, 8:00 pm, Center 375 (375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon) Room 120 to endorse members of the Vernon Republican Town Committee for the 2026 - 2028 term. In the event of inclement weather the caucus will be held on Friday January 9, 2026.  
Susan Reudgen, Chair Vernon Republican Town Committee

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican Electors of the Town of East Windsor 7:00 PM Tuesday, January 6th at East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street Broad Brook CT 06016 to endorse candidates for the East Windsor Republican Town Committee.

In the event of foul weather the date will be 7:00 PM Friday, January 9th.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republicans electors of the Town of East Hartford on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Raymond Library located at 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108 in Meeting Room 1 at 6:15pm to endorse candidates for the Republican Town Committee.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Stafford on Monday, January 12th at the American Legion Hall, 10 Monson Rd, Stafford, CT at 7PM to endorse candidates for the Republican Town Committee.

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Eastern Highlands Health District

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Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut, this 31st day of December 2025.

Robert L. Miller  
Director of Health



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### Memorandum

**To:** EHHD Board of Directors

**From:** Robert L. Miller, MPH, RS, Director of Health 

**CC:** Amanda Backus, Chief Financial Officer

**Date:** 12/2/2025

**Re:** Proposed Operating Budget, and CNR Budget

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### Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Operating Budget

Submitted herewith for your review is a proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2026/2027. The proposal incorporates an expenditure increase of \$39,830 or 3.7%. The total budget has increased from \$1,071,890 to \$1,111,720. The member town contribution rate increased by 1.95 % from \$6.15 to \$6.27 per capita (The average FY25/26 member town contribution rate for contiguous health districts in the state is \$8.33).

This proposed budget incorporates an incremental increase in services to meet our obligations under new state mandates.

### Primary Budget Drivers

The primary issues driving the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget are a proposed increase in the staff salaries, increases in benefit expenses, and increases in operational expenses. The following salient factors are incorporated into this budget proposal.

1. A **Salaries** expenditure increase of 3.7%. The increase in the account appropriation accommodates merit increases, an increase to accommodate a possible promotion, and a market adjustment to the Directors position.
2. A **Benefits** expenditure increase of 1.8%. The allocation accommodates corresponding increases in basic benefits associated with salary increases. While there is an estimated 9.7% increase in the medical insurance premium rate, this increase was substantially offset by a change in the enrolled employee roster.
3. An increase of 4.1% in the appropriation from the adopted FY25/26 figure is incorporated in this proposal for the **state grant – in - aid**. This is primarily the result of in an increase in the total health district population. While the second year of the state biennium calls for a significant increase in the per capita rate, due to uncertainty in the state budget process, this proposal holds the rate flat from the FY24/25 per capita rate.
4. A total member **town contribution** increase of 6.1% is proposed. This incorporates the population increase, and a 1.95 % increase in the member town per capita rate.

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5. A **Cost Recovery Fees** revenue increase of 2.2%. This is an aggregate of all service fee categories and incorporates estimated projections for the current fiscal year and extrapolates them into FY26/27.
6. An **appropriation from fund balance** of \$69,570 is proposed to balance the budget. This appropriation is a decrease of \$4,970 as compared to the FY25/26 adopted budget.
7. This proposal incorporate an anticipated increase of 6.3% in **grant deductions** for regular staff salary and benefits.
8. An increase in **operational expenditures** of 5.7% is anticipated. This increase is driven by an anticipated increases in professional & technical services, auditing, and contracted services needed to meet state mandates.
9. An appropriation in **Transfers Out of CNR** of \$4,000. This is consistent with the 5 year roll forward plan for the CNR.

The above changes are summarized on the following chart:

**PROPOSED  
EXPENDITURE/REVENUE  
CHANGES FOR FY26/27**

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27	Change	Percent
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Grant in Aid	\$ 205,520	\$ 213,880	\$ 8,360	4.1%
Town contributions	\$ 486,130	\$ 515,760	\$ 29,630	6.1%
Fees for Service	\$ 305,700	\$ 312,510	\$ 6,810	2.2%
Appropriation of Fund Balance	\$ 74,540	\$ 69,570	\$ (4,970)	-6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,890</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,720</b>	<b>\$ 39,830</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Grant Deductions	\$ (71,369)	\$ (75,850)	\$ (4,481)	6.3%
Salaries	\$ 709,096	\$ 735,066	\$ 25,970	3.7%
Benefits	\$ 270,255	\$ 275,234	\$ 4,979	1.8%
Operations	\$ 163,908	\$ 173,270	\$ 9,362	5.7%
Transfers Out to CNR		\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,890</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,720</b>	<b>\$ 39,830</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

**Highlighted below is additional narrative for selected account proposals for FY26/27**

**Revenues**

- **State Grant – in – Aid.** There is an increase in this revenue category due to an increase in the Health District total population from 79,045 to 82,260, an increase of 3,215. This results in an appropriation of \$213,875. Please recall that the first year of the biennium reduced the per capita grant by 10%, and the second year increases it by 25%. Given that adjustments to the second year of the biennium budget are not

uncommon, this budget proposes we anticipate a restoration of the 10% reduction, but not incorporate the full 25% increase currently detailed in the state biennium budget. This would hold the rate flat from the FY24/25 rate.

- **Town Contributions.** A total combined increase of \$29,630 or 6.1% is proposed for this revenue category. The increase is due to a proposed increase in the per capita contribution rate for member towns of 1.95 %, and the over all population increase detailed above. Proposed individual member town contribution changes can vary based on population changes for each town. Individual member town changes and contribution rate history can be found on pages 6, 7 & 13 of the budget presentation.
- **Cost Recovery Fees.** A combined total increase for all service fee categories is projected at \$6,810 or 2.2%. This estimate is based on a number of factors. There are no changes proposed to the agency service fee rates. A number of significant rate increase were adopted this fiscal year. Although still early in the fiscal year, revenues generated in the first 4 months suggest relatively strong numbers in high volume categories. Given this, and a review of historic revenue lines suggest a modest projected increase in fee for service revenues is reasonable for this budget cycle. The revenue estimates for FY26/27 can be found on page 10. Fee schedule history can be found on page 11. Comparison fee rates for other area health districts can be found on page 12 of the budget presentation.
- **General Fund Appropriation.** An appropriation of \$69,570 is proposed in this budget. This is a decrease of \$4,970 from the previous fiscal year. Of note, this budget estimates year-end fund balance on June 30, 2027 will be 33.45% of the FY26/27 operating expenditures. (See page 4 for the GF roll forward report for FY26/27.) While adopted budgets in the recent past have been balanced with the general fund, the fund balance has not actually been drawn down during these periods, with the exception of authorized fund balance transfers.

## Expenditures

- **51050 Grant Deductions.** While grant funding is difficult to project due to its volatility, this proposed budget anticipates a modest increase in grant deductions. This is based on the fact that we have secured grant awards in the areas Emergency Preparedness, Work Force Development, Hypertension Prevention, and Tobacco Best Practices. (See page 15 for details on total grant revenue anticipated for FY27.)
- **51601 Regular Salaries.** The total increase presented for salaries is \$25,970, or 3.7%. Pursuant to our broad band, merit based pay plan this is the appropriation recommended to fund an average 3.0% merit increase for eligible regular staff. Actual individual increases are determined the availability of funds, and an annual performance evaluation. This increase also incorporates capacity for a possible staff promotion, and a market adjustment for the Director.
- **52105 Medical Insurance.** The total increase anticipated is \$1,100 or 0.7%. An increase in the premium rate of 9.7% is anticipated by the Mansfield Finance Department. However, this increase is offset by a change in enrolled staff by one employee from person plus one to an individual plan.
- **53125 Professional & Technical Services.** A total increase of \$5,490 is anticipated, or 14.4%. This appropriation includes a \$5,300 increase in professional services is largely due to new mandated services addressing childhood lead poisoning. The full break down of service allocations for this account can be found on page 8 of the budget document.
- **53125 Audit Expense.** The total increase anticipated is 10%, or \$1,270. This is due to a rate increase imposed by our auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

- **53960 Other Purchased Services.** A total anticipated increase of \$1,270, or 5.4 % is proposed. This increase is obligated under the service contract we have with our software vendor for our online permit application and payment platform.
- **56302 Administrative Overhead.** A total increase \$970 or 2.7% is proposed. This is a contractual payment increase linked to the CPI to the Town of Mansfield for accounting, financial reporting, HR, and IT services.

### Proposed FY 26/27 Capital Nonrecurring Budget Narrative (See Page 14)

#### Revenues

- **Transfer In – General Fund.** This is a planned transfer of \$4,000 from the general fund. This appropriation is consistent with our 5 year CNR roll forward plan.
- **Surplus Vehicle Proceeds.** This is a planned sale of a surplus fleet vehicle.

#### Expenditures

- **Automobile.** Planned purchase of a truck with a tow package to accommodate our emergency response trailer at an estimated \$45,000. This is consistent with a fleet vehicle replacement plan.
- **Office reorganization/relocation.** An expenditure of \$50,000 towards the phased in total cost of expanding the main office space.

### Recommended Motion

The budget detailed herewith was reviewed by the Finance Committee at their November 24, 2025 special meeting. At that time they acted to forward the proposed budget as presented to the full board. Therefore, if the board is so inclined, then the following motion is in order: *Move, to set public hearing date of Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:30 PM with such hearing located at Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main St, Coventry Connecticut to receive the public's comments regarding the Eastern Highlands Health District Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Operating Budget, and Capital Non-recurring budget, as presented on December 11, 2025.*

**Eastern Highlands Health District**

**Proposed Budget**

**Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027**

**December 11, 2025**

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

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# Eastern Highlands Health District

## Budget Presentation

### FY 26/27

Vision - Healthy people, healthy communities...healthier future.

Mission Statement - Eastern Highlands Health District is committed to enhancing the quality of life in its communities through the prevention of illness, promotion of wellness and protection of our human environment.

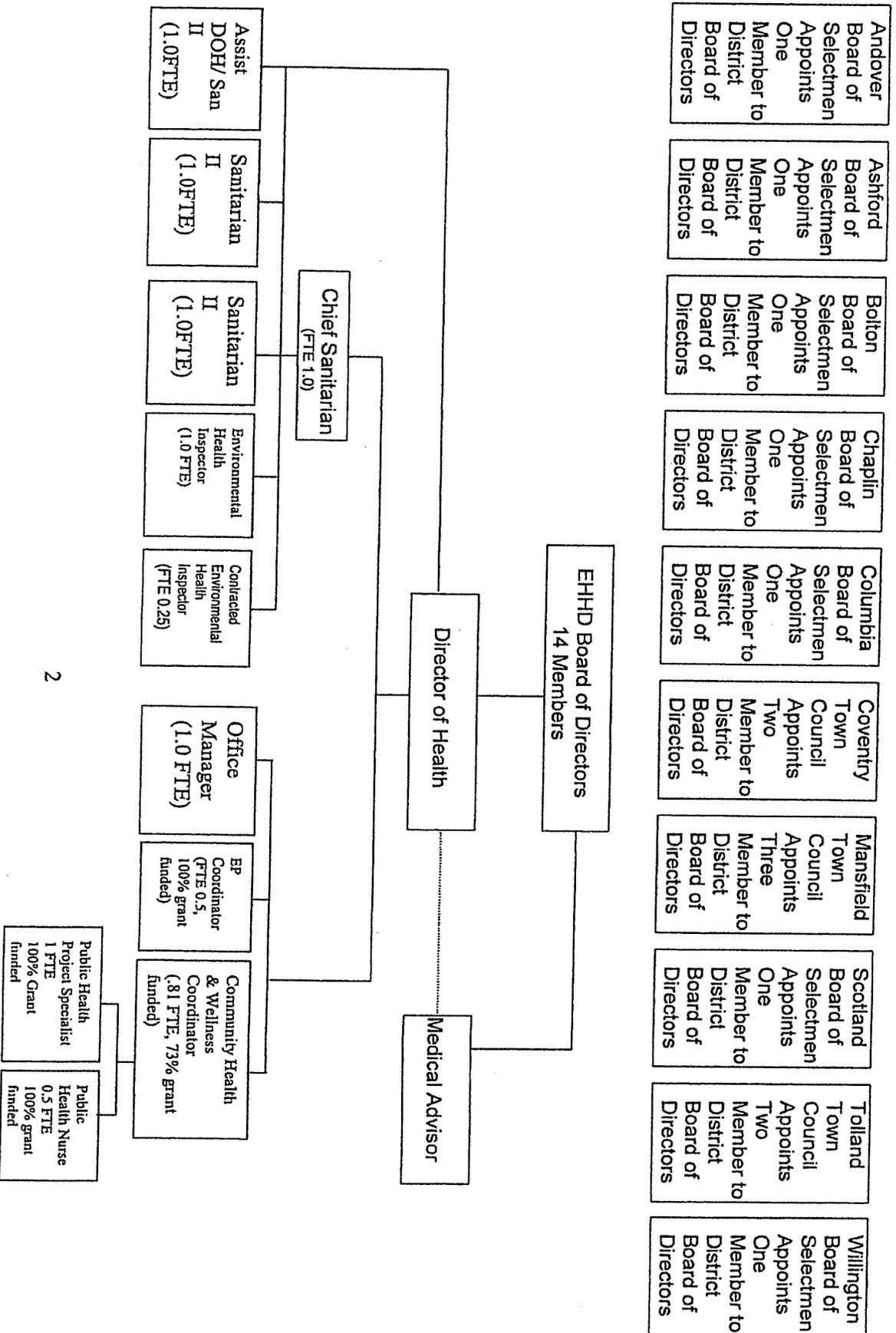
#### AGENCY SUMMARY AND AUTHORITY

The Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) is one of twenty local Health Districts in the State of Connecticut. Established on June 6, 1997, it serves the towns of Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland, Scotland and Willington with a total population of 82,260.

The District is a governmental entity authorized under Connecticut statutes for the purpose of providing local public health services. The governing authority is by a Board of Directors and the Director of Health, who acts as an agent of the State Commissioner of Public Health for the purpose of enforcing the Public Health Code.

The District services include regulatory activities in the area of environmental health, including septic system inspection and approval; well and water quality monitoring; food service; lead investigations; radon, bathing water monitoring; and public health complaint investigations. Preventing epidemics is a critical service, which includes communicable disease control involving disease surveillance and outbreak investigation. Through grants and other alternative funding, the District is expanding the number of programs it provides on a variety of public health topics that affect membership communities, such as cardiovascular health, cancer prevention and emergency preparedness. Other public health functions conducted by the District include data collection, analysis and health planning activities.

## Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Eastern Highlands Health District Organizational Chart



### **Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Calendar**

Finance Committee Budget Meeting	November 24, 2025
Finance Committee Budget Meeting	December 11, 2025 (If needed)
Budget Presentation to Board	December 11, 2025
Deadline for final budget estimates per By Laws	January 1, 2026
Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Public Hearing	January 15, 2026 (Recommended)
Budget Public Hearing Deadline per By Laws	February 1, 2026
Adoption of Budget	February 19, 2026 (If needed)

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT  
ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Roll Forward FY 2026/27

	Actual 22/23	Actual 23/24	Actual 24/25	Amended 25/26	Estimated 25/26	Proposed 26/27	Projected 27/28	Projected 28/29	Projected 29/30	Projected 30/31	Projected 31/32
<b>Revenues:</b>											
Member Town Contributions	451,519	463,192	474,720	486,130	486,130	515,760	531,233	547,170	563,585	580,492	597,907
State Grant-in-Aid	206,500	207,210	207,210	205,520	184,965	213,880	213,880	213,880	213,880	213,880	213,880
Services Fees	268,298	264,772	273,419	305,700	305,700	312,510	323,448	334,769	346,485	358,612	371,164
Total Revenues	926,317	935,174	955,349	997,350	976,795	1,042,150	1,068,561	1,095,818	1,123,950	1,152,985	1,182,951
<b>Expenditures:</b>											
Salaries & Benefits	755,035	734,966	818,416	912,980	902,349	939,450	962,936	987,010	961,685	985,727	1,010,370
Insurance	14,001	15,390	15,542	15,240	14,532	15,600	15,678	15,756	15,835	15,914	15,994
Professional & Technical Services	27,673	30,522	33,414	53,290	54,477	60,050	60,350	60,652	60,955	61,260	61,566
Other Purchased Services & Supplies	72,061	72,207	86,105	85,480	85,480	87,720	92,106	96,711	101,547	106,624	111,955
Equipment	3,074	4,145	417	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Sub-total Expenditures	871,844	857,230	953,894	1,071,890	1,061,738	1,107,720	1,135,071	1,164,129	1,144,022	1,173,526	1,203,886
Operating Transfers Out	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	4,000	5,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000
Total Expenditures and Operating Transfers Out	874,844	860,230	956,894	1,071,890	1,061,738	1,111,720	1,140,071	1,173,129	1,156,022	1,188,526	1,221,886
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	51,473	74,944	(1,545)	(74,540)	(84,943)	(69,570)	(71,510)	(77,311)	(32,072)	(35,541)	(38,935)
Equity Fund Transfer to Capital Nonrecurring Fund	(125,000)	(125,000)									
Fund Balance, July 1	675,309	601,782	551,726	551,726	551,726	466,783	397,213	325,703	248,392	216,320	180,779
Fund Balance, June 30	601,782	551,726	550,181	477,186	466,783	397,213	\$325,703	\$248,392	\$216,320	\$180,779	\$141,845
Expenditures per Above	871,844	860,230	956,894	1,071,890	1,061,738	1,111,720	1,140,071	1,173,129	1,156,022	1,188,526	1,221,886
Grant Deduction	108,356	96,722	89,720	71,369	82,000	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850
Total Expenditures	980,200	956,952	1,046,614	1,143,259	1,143,738	1,187,570	1,215,921	1,248,979	1,231,872	1,264,376	1,297,736
FB as a % of Total Exp	61.39%	57.65%	52.57%	41.74%	40.81%	33.45%	26.79%	19.89%	17.56%	14.30%	10.93%

**Assumptions:**  
Member Town Increase of 3% per year  
State Grant-in-Aid: held flat each year after  
Service Fee revenue increase of 3.5% annually  
Salary & Benefit increases of 2.5% per year  
Professional & Technical increase of .5% per year  
Purchased Services increase of .5% per year

**Eastern Highlands Health District  
Summary of Revenues and Expenditures for FY26/27**

Fund: 634 Eastern Highlands Health District  
Activity: 41200

Object	Description	Actual	Actual	Actual	Amended	Estimated	Proposed	%	Dollar
		22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	25/26	Budget 26/27		
<b>Revenues:</b>									
40220	Septic Permits	55,770	51,377	47,475	51,610	51,610	55,000	6.6%	3,390
40221	Well Permits	14,250	12,675	12,375	15,300	15,300	16,200	5.9%	900
40491	State Grant-In-Aid	206,500	207,210	207,210	205,520	184,965	213,880	4.1%	8,360
40630	Health Inspec. Service Fees	3,992	2,638	1,841	4,500	4,500	3,500	-22.2%	(1,000)
40633	Health Services-Bolton	27,674	28,008	28,702	29,730	29,730	30,690	3.2%	960
40634	Health Services-Coventry	69,573	70,935	72,693	75,690	75,690	78,030	3.1%	2,340
40635	Health Services-Mansfield	147,145	153,187	156,982	156,220	156,220	175,530	12.4%	19,310
40636	Soil Testing Service	36,125	41,665	40,610	49,600	49,600	48,500	-2.2%	(1,100)
40637	Food Protection Service	80,811	83,974	91,516	90,080	90,080	91,500	1.6%	1,420
40638	B100a Review	29,460	24,760	26,130	35,200	35,200	35,300	0.3%	100
40639	Engineered Plan Rev	35,940	33,710	34,040	41,000	41,000	42,000	2.4%	1,000
40642	Health Services - Ashford	23,792	24,329	24,932	26,010	26,010	26,730	2.8%	720
40643	Health Services - Willington	31,654	32,129	32,925	34,140	34,140	35,170	3.0%	1,030
40646	GroupHome/Daycare Inspection	770	1,540	1,210	1,410	1,410	1,410	0.0%	-
40647	Subdivision Review	1,375	625	1,000	1,500	1,500	2,000	33.3%	500
40648	Food Plan Review	3,230	4,790	5,245	3,900	3,900	4,500	15.4%	600
40649	Health Services - Tolland	82,728	84,338	86,428	89,630	89,630	92,410	3.1%	2,780
40685	Health Services - Chaplin	12,172	12,455	12,764	13,270	13,270	13,660	2.9%	390
40686	Health Services - Andover	17,902	18,209	18,660	19,340	19,340	19,920	3.0%	580
40687	Health Services - Columbia	29,920	30,489	31,245	32,400	32,400	33,600	3.7%	1,200
40688	Health Services - Scotland	8,959	9,113	9,389	9,700	9,700	10,020	3.3%	320
	Cosmetology Inspections	6,575	6,675	6,475	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-
	Vaccine Administration		343	5,502	5,000	5,000	6,000	20.0%	1,000
40999	Appropriation of Fund Balance				74,540	74,540	69,570	-6.7%	(4,970)
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>926,317</b>	<b>935,174</b>	<b>955,349</b>	<b>1,071,890</b>	<b>1,051,335</b>	<b>1,111,720</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>39,830</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
51050	Grant deductions	(86,757)	(96,722)	(89,720)	(71,369)	(82,000)	(75,850)	6.3%	(4,481)
51601	Regular Salaries - Non-Union	625,127	633,701	672,967	709,096	709,096	735,066	3.7%	25,970
52001	Social Security	48,472	45,973	48,666	44,300	44,300	45,910	3.6%	1,610
52002	Workers Compensation	9,306	9,305	9,305	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	-
52007	Medicare	11,336	10,752	11,382	10,360	10,360	10,737	3.6%	377
52009	Salary Related Benefits	(21,599)	(19,470)	(11,111)				#DIV/0!	-
52010	MissionSquare (Retirement)	33,101	2,519	39,950	42,210	42,210	43,777	3.7%	1,567
52103	Life Insurance	2,334	2,124	2,318	3,100	3,100	3,220	3.9%	120
52105	Medical Insurance	122,275	135,460	124,725	152,000	152,000	153,100	0.7%	1,100
52117	RHS	2,486	2,570	2,646	2,700	2,700	2,860	5.9%	160
52112	LTD	698	736	744	783	783	830	6.0%	47
52203	Dues & Subscriptions	1,707	1,981	1,145	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-
52210	Training	1,150	315		2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-
52212	Mileage Reimbursement	-	114		400	400	400	0.0%	-
52220	Vehicle Allowance	5,399	5,608	5,399	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-
53120	Professional & Tech	19,413	19,114	19,735	38,060	38,060	43,550	14.4%	5,490
53122	Legal	760	408	312	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-
53125	Audit Expense	7,500	11,000	13,367	12,730	13,917	14,000	10.0%	1,270
53303	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	5,482	5,433	12,855	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-
53801	General Liability	14,001	15,390	15,542	15,240	14,532	15,600	2.4%	360
53924	Advertising	498	702	514	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-
53925	Printing & Binding	1,539	1,121	1,107	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-
53926	Postage	1,539	1,578	1,658	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-
53940	Copier maintenance	675		90	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-
53960	Other Purchased Services	21,066	21,343	22,385	23,510	23,510	24,780	5.4%	1,270
53964	Voice Communications	4,062	3,650	3,650	4,850	4,850	4,850	0.0%	-
54101	Instructional Supplies	300	170	21	800	800	800	0.0%	-
54214	Books & Periodicals			315	200	200	200	0.0%	-
54301	Office Supplies	1,735	1,365	951	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-
	Clinical Supplies		(222)	3,688	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-
54601	Gasoline	3,845	3,177	3,466	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-
54913	Other Supplies & Materials (+COVID-19)			330				#DIV/0!	-
55420	Office Equipment	2,205	1,597		4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	-
55430	Equipment - Other	869	2,548	417	900	900	900	0.0%	-
56302	Admin. Overhead	31,320	33,890	35,075	35,920	35,920	36,890	2.7%	970
58410	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	128,000	128,000	3,000			4,000	#DIV/0!	4,000
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>999,844</b>	<b>985,230</b>	<b>956,894</b>	<b>1,071,890</b>	<b>1,061,738</b>	<b>1,111,720</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>39,830</b>

20552

DEPARTMENT: EHHD

LOCATION: Main Office

ACTIVITY: 41200

RATIONAL OF OBJECTS

BUDGET FIGURES IN BOLD

REVENUES:

42220 Septic Permits  
Proposed estimate: **\$55,000**

42221 Well Permits  
Proposed estimate: **\$16,200**

43391 State Grant-in-aid

	<u>Population 2023</u>	<u>Per Capita Value</u>	<u>Total</u>
Andover	3,177	2.60	8,260
Ashford	4,263	2.60	11,084
Bolton	4,895	2.60	12,727
Chaplin	2,179	2.60	5,665
Columbia	5,359	2.60	13,933
Coventry	12,445	2.60	32,357
Scotland	1,598	2.60	4,155
Tolland	14,739	2.60	38,321
Mansfield	27,996	2.60	72,790
Willington	5,609	2.60	14,583
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,260</b>		<b>\$213,875</b>

48961 Health Services - Bolton

<u>Bolton Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
4,895	\$ 6.270	<b>\$30,690</b>	<b>\$960</b>	<b>3.23</b>

48962 Health Services - Coventry

<u>Coventry Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
12,445	\$ 6.270	<b>\$78,030</b>	<b>\$2,340</b>	<b>3.09</b>

48963 Health Services - Mansfield

<u>Mansfield Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
27,996	\$ 6.270	<b>\$175,530</b>	<b>\$19,310</b>	<b>12.36</b>

48964 Health Services - Ashford

<u>Ashford Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
4,263	\$ 6.270	<b>\$26,730</b>	<b>\$720</b>	<b>2.77</b>

48966 Health Services - Tolland

<u>Tolland Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
14,739	\$ 6.270	<b>\$92,410</b>	<b>\$2,780</b>	<b>3.10</b>

48965 Health Services - Willington

<u>Willington Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
5,609	\$ 6.270	<b>\$35,170</b>	<b>\$1,030</b>	<b>3.02</b>

48967 Health Services - Chaplin

<u>Chaplin Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2,179	\$ 6.270	<b>\$13,660</b>	<b>\$390</b>	<b>2.94</b>

48968 Health Services - Andover

<u>Andover Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
3,177	\$ 6.270	<b>\$19,920</b>	<b>\$580</b>	<b>3.00</b>

DEPARTMENT: EHHD

LOCATION: Main Office

ACTIVITY: 41200

RATIONAL OF OBJECTS

BUDGET FIGURES IN BOLD

REVENUES:

48969 Health Services - Columbia						
	<u>Columbia Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Dollar increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
	5,359	\$ 6.270		<b>\$33,600</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>3.70</b>
48970 Health Services - Scotland						
	<u>Scotland Pop.</u>	<u>Proposed Per Capita Contribution</u>		<u>Total</u>		
	1,598	\$ 6.270		<b>\$10,020</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>3.30</b>
44030 Health Inspection Service Fees						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$3,500</b>		
44036 Health Services - Soil Testing						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$48,500</b>		
44037 Food Protection Service						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$91,500</b>		
44038 B100a (Public Health Review)						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$35,300</b>		
44039 Plan Review Engineered Design						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$42,000</b>		
44045 Plan Review Non-engineered Design						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$0</b>		
44046 Group Home / Daycare Inspections						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$1,410</b>		
44047 Subdivision Review						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$2,000</b>		
44048 Food Plan Review						
		Proposed estimate:		<b>\$4,500</b>		
44725 Cosmetology Inspections						
				<b>\$6,600</b>		
44035 Vaccine Administration						
				<b>\$6,000</b>		Billing/reimbursement for flu shots
49999 Appropriation of Fund Balance						
		\$		<b>69,570</b>		

DEPARTMENT: EHHD

LOCATION: Main Office

ACTIVITY: 41200

RATIONAL OF OBJECTS

**BUDGET FIGURE IN BOLD ITALICS**

Expenditures:

51601 Regular Salaries - Non-Union

	FY 24/25 Proposed Appropri	FY 24/25 FTE Grant deduct	FTE
	733,816	7.88	(68,706)
Longevity/bonus	<b>\$1,450</b>		0.96
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$735,066</b>		

	<b>Salary Deductions</b>	(68,706)
	<b>Benefit Deductions</b>	(7,144)
51050 Grant Deductions	<b>Total Grant Deductions</b>	<b>\$ (75,850)</b>

52001 Social Security

<u>Total Regular Salaries</u>	<u>Social Security Percentage (6.2%)</u>
735,066	\$43,555

52002 Workers compensation  
Estimated Premium \$9,400

52007 Medicare

<u>Total Regular Salaries</u>	<u>Medicare Percentage (1.45%)</u>
\$ 735,066	\$10,185

52010 MissionSquare (Pension Plan)

Estimated Salaries of Full-time employees	729,616
Employer percent contribution	<u>0.06</u>
<b>Total estimated employer contribution</b>	<b>Total 43,777</b>

52103 Life Insurance  
Proposed estimate: \$3,218

52105 Medical Insurance  
Proposed estimate: \$153,100 Place holder provided by Finance Dept

52117 RHS Contribution  
Proposed estimate: \$2,860

52112 LTD  
Proposed estimate: \$830

52203 Dues & Subscriptions  
Proposed estimate: \$2,100

52210 Training  
Proposed estimate: \$2,500

52212 Mileage Reimbursement  
Proposed estimate: \$400

52220 Vehicle Allowance \$5,400

53120 Professional and Technical Services	
Contract FSE Inspector	20000
Medical advisor stipend	6050
website license/hosting	1470
Survey monkey	375
Lead Contractor inspection	14300
Zoom	160
CLIA waiver annual fee	250
Transactrx	825
acrobat	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,550</b>

53122 Legal Services  
Proposed estimate: \$2,500

53125 Audit Expense  
Proposed estimate: \$14,000

54903 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair  
Proposed estimate: \$5,000

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RATIONAL OF OBJECTS

BUDGET FIGURE IN BOLD ITALICS

Expenditures:

55201 General Liability Insurance		
Coverage by CIRMA: General Liability, Auto liability, Professional and Public Official Liability, and Crime		
Estimated premium:	<b>\$15,600</b>	
55400 Advertising		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$1,000</b>	
55500 Printing and Binding		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$1,200</b>	
55301 Postage		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$1,500</b>	
55940 Copier Maintenance		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$1,000</b>	
55960 Other Purchased Services		
Proposed estimate:	<b>24,780</b>	(OpenGov contract)
55964 Voice Communications		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$4,850</b>	(cell/ipad data + Code red)
56110 Instructional Supplies		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$800</b>	
56400 Books and Periodicals		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$200</b>	
56001 Office supplies		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$2,000</b>	
56260 Gasoline		
Proposed estimate:	<b>\$3,500</b>	
57392 Office equipment Maintenance and replacement	<b>\$4,000</b>	(3 PC replacements & 2 ipad replacements)
56919 Clinic Supplies Vaccine & Ancillary Supplies	<b>\$5,000</b>	
57390 Equipment - Other Field Equipment:	<b>\$900</b>	
58902 Administrative Overhead Propose estimate:	<b>\$36,890</b>	(CPI, 2.7%)
This appropriation funds support service cost provided by the Town of Mansfield such as accounting, payroll, IT and personnel support.		
58912 Contingency	<b>\$0</b>	
59730 Capital Nonrecurring Fund	<b>\$4,000</b>	

Analysis of Service Fee Revenues

	REVENUE PERFORMANCE										Estimated 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26						
	Actual 2016-2017	Actual 2017-18	Actual 2018-2019	Actual 2019/2020	Actual 2020/2021	Actual 2021/2022	Actual 2022/2023	Actual 2023/2024	Actual 2024	Actual 2025								
4220 Sopic Permits (New and repair permits)	34,400	43,880	51,145	49,133	61,170	60,682	58,770	51,377	47,210	51,610	15,060	23,940	19,685	14,535	20,630	40%	55,000	55,000
4221 Well permits	16,985	12,925	12,955	10,680	22,385	12,875	14,260	12,675	12,375	15,200	3,975	5,375	5,260	4,125	6,185	40%	16,200	16,200
44030 Health Inspection Services (Other Inspections & services)	13,716	3,993	3,210	9,151	5,244	2,411	3,991	2,637	2,022	3,500	188	580	319	130	940	27%	3,500	3,500
44036 Health Services - Soil testing (Test Holes & Perc Test)	33,385	41,775	40,960	49,490	46,388	51,980	36,125	41,665	40,610	49,600	13,950	14,350	16,030	14,010	13,590	27%	48,500	48,500
44037 Food Protection Service (License fees)	66,413	71,399	83,961	79,718	79,455	82,995	80,811	83,974	91,516	90,990	6,475	6,772	4,743	5,602	4,552	5%	91,500	91,500
44038 B100a Review (Public health review)	30,040	27,470	29,445	33,690	39,175	26,810	29,460	24,760	26,000	35,200	6,160	10,355	9,450	8,380	11,620	33%	35,200	35,200
44039 Engineered Plan Review	7,280	8,175	29,535	32,660	36,575	39,610	35,940	33,580	32,000	41,000	8,660	14,380	11,420	11,790	14,195	35%	42,000	42,000
44045 Nonengineered Plan Review	15,820	18,565	60			220												
44046 Group Home / Daycare Insp.	1,230	1,470	1,210	1,439	880	1,650	770	1,540	1,210	1,410	330	310	440	220	410	31%	1,410	1,410
44047 Subdivision Review	2,360	2,070	1,170	1,375	2640	1,375	1,375	625	1,000	1,500	-	875	250	1,125	75%	2,000	2,000	
44048 Food Plan Review	3,035	2,570	4,290	2,481	3,475	2,705	3,230	4,790	5,245	3,900	855	1,075	1,775	2,355	2,400	62%	4,500	4,500
44725 Cosmology (other)						6,575	6,675	6,475	6,500	6,500		5,125	150	150	200	3%	6,600	6,600
44035 Vaccine Administration						342	5,502	6,000	6,000				500	1,947	31%	6,000	6,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,874</b>	<b>234,392</b>	<b>257,941</b>	<b>270,008</b>	<b>295,397</b>	<b>283,453</b>	<b>268,297</b>	<b>264,640</b>	<b>271,165</b>	<b>305,700</b>	<b>55,553</b>	<b>83,167</b>	<b>70,012</b>	<b>82,277</b>	<b>77,724</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>312,510</b>	<b>312,510</b>



Cost Recovery Fee Schedule  
FY 25/26

	Adopted FY 15/16	Adopted FY 16/17	Adopted FY 17/18	Adopted FY 18/19	Adopted FY 19/20	Adopted FY 20/21	Adopted FY 25/26
<b>Food Service Fees*</b>							
Application Review**	\$85	\$90	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95
Class I & II Plan Review	\$150	\$155	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$200
Class III & IV Plan Review	\$235	\$240	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$245	\$275
Class I License	\$120	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$135	\$155
Class II License	\$160	\$165	\$165	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$260
Class III License	\$240	\$245	\$255	\$355	\$355	\$355	\$375
Class IV License	\$330	\$340	\$355	\$380	\$380	\$380	\$400
Grocery Store > 10,000ft <sup>2</sup> - Class II&III				\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420
Temporary Food Event Permit	\$55	\$55	\$60	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$70
Temporary Permit - samples only		\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Expedited Temp food permit application review***				\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Late License renewal (plus app fee)/operating without License				\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
CFM Process Fee (No CFM in place)				\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Re-Inspection fee	\$85	\$70	\$85	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
2 <sup>nd</sup> Re-Inspection fee	\$115	\$120	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135
<b>Subsurface Sewage Disposal</b>							
Permit - New							
Permit - Major Repair	\$175	\$185	\$200	\$205	\$205	\$220	\$225
Permit - Construction by owner occupant	\$170	\$175	\$185	\$185	\$185	\$190	\$195
Permit/inspection- Minor Repair				\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
Permit - Design Flow >2000 GPD	\$90	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$100	\$100
Design Flow ≥ 7500 GPD/ DEP system inspection	\$330	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Plan Review (per plan)	\$440	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$600
Septic Tank/System Abandonment	\$120	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$130	\$150
Review plans revised more than once	\$80	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Plan Review for Tank Replacement	\$35	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
	\$55	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
<b>Soil Testing</b>							
Percolation (perc) Test	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$100
Deep Hole Test (fee includes 3 pits per site)	\$100	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$110	\$120
Additional soil test site visit (fee includes 3 pits)							\$100
Each additional pit	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
<b>Public Health &amp; Subdivision Reviews</b>							
Public Health Review (accessory structure/ lot line change)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$65
Public Health Review (building addition/ change of use)	\$80	\$65	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$85
Subdivision Plan Review (per lot)							
(Fee Includes review of one set of revisions)	\$115	\$120	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
Subdivision Plan Revisions Reviewed (per lot)							
(Fee is for each added set of revisions)	\$35	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
Commercial Bank Mortgage Inspection/Report	\$110	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
Family Campground Inspection	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$140
Group Home/Daycare /Other Institution Inspection	\$90	\$95	\$105	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110
Misc. Inspection/consultation fee per Sanitarian****	\$65/hr	\$65/hr	\$65/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr
Mortgage Inspection/Report for FHA,VA	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Pool Inspection	\$75	\$80	\$100	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$125
Private well Water Treatment Waste disposal plan review					\$50	\$50	\$75
Cosmotology Permit/Inspection - Independent contractor						\$25	\$25
Cosmotology Permit/Inspection - One or two chairs					\$80	\$100	\$100
Cosmotology Permit/Inspection - Three chairs or more					\$150	\$150	\$150
Well Permit	\$105	\$110	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$125	\$135
<b>Farmers Market Food Vendor Seasonal License Categories</b>							
Farmer Food Vendor License - Cold samples only	no fee	no fee	no fee	no fee	\$40	\$40	\$40
Farmer Food Vendor License - Low Risk Food	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$60	\$60	\$70
Non-farmer Food Vendor License - Cold samples only							
One market location	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$75	\$75	\$85
Multiple-market locations	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$60	\$90	\$90	\$105
Non-farmer Food Vendor License - Low Risk Food							
One market location	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$75	\$90	\$90	\$100
Multiple-market locations	\$65	\$70	\$70	\$85	\$120	\$120	\$150
Farmer & Non-farmer Food Vendor License - High Risk Food	\$210	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$250

\* License application fees waived for non-profit and municipal entities. Late fees and re-inspection fees still apply.

All food service fees apply to public school food operations.

\*\*This fee will be deducted against the total plan review fee

\*\*\*Application of expedited review fee is subject to written policy established by the Director

\*\*\*\*Application of this service fee is subject to written policy established by the Director.

TABLE A

FY26 EHHD Fee Schedule with Average and Median Comparisons to Other Health Districts(1)  
 Service Categories(2)

Food Protection(3)	EHHD Adopted FY26	Four Contiguous Districts		Four Contiguous Districts		Eastern Ct		Eastern Ct		ALL CT		ALL CT		ALL CT		5% Increase	10% Increase	15% Increase	20% Increase
		Median	Average	Median	Average	Median	Average	Median	Average	Median	Average								
Class I License	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 163	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 162	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 163	\$ 171	\$ 178	\$ 186	
Class II License	\$ 260	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 250	\$ 262	\$ 280	\$ 305	\$ 305	\$ 273	\$ 286	\$ 299	\$ 312	\$ 312	\$ 273	\$ 286	\$ 299	\$ 312	
Class III License	\$ 375	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 396	\$ 350	\$ 365	\$ 408	\$ 418	\$ 418	\$ 394	\$ 413	\$ 431	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 394	\$ 413	\$ 431	\$ 450	
Class IV License	\$ 380	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 460	\$ 400	\$ 413	\$ 438	\$ 454	\$ 454	\$ 399	\$ 418	\$ 437	\$ 456	\$ 456	\$ 399	\$ 418	\$ 437	\$ 456	
Temp event	\$ 70	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 235	\$ 150	\$ 67	\$ 75	\$ 81	\$ 81	\$ 74	\$ 45	\$ 81	\$ 84	\$ 84	\$ 74	\$ 45	\$ 81	\$ 84	
Re-inspection	\$ 120	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 126	\$ 132	\$ 138	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 126	\$ 132	\$ 138	\$ 144	
2nd re-inspection	\$ 135	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 142	\$ 149	\$ 155	\$ 162	\$ 162	\$ 142	\$ 149	\$ 155	\$ 162	
Plan review - Class I	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 220	\$ 200	\$ 236	\$ 200	\$ 233	\$ 233	\$ 210	\$ 220	\$ 230	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 210	\$ 220	\$ 230	\$ 240	
Plan review - Class II	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 296	\$ 296	\$ 210	\$ 220	\$ 230	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 210	\$ 220	\$ 230	\$ 240	
Plan review - Class III	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 273	\$ 275	\$ 274	\$ 325	\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 289	\$ 303	\$ 316	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 289	\$ 303	\$ 316	\$ 330	
Plan review - Class IV	\$ 275	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 298	\$ 300	\$ 291	\$ 353	\$ 291	\$ 291	\$ 289	\$ 309	\$ 316	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 289	\$ 309	\$ 316	\$ 330	
Subsurface Sewage Disposal																			
Permit - new	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 194	\$ 175	\$ 185	\$ 200	\$ 253	\$ 253	\$ 236	\$ 248	\$ 259	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 236	\$ 248	\$ 259	\$ 270	
Permit - Major repair	\$ 195	\$ 185	\$ 185	\$ 212	\$ 150	\$ 187	\$ 195	\$ 223	\$ 223	\$ 205	\$ 215	\$ 224	\$ 234	\$ 234	\$ 205	\$ 215	\$ 224	\$ 234	
Permit - Minor repair	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 118	\$ 100	\$ 107	\$ 150	\$ 147	\$ 147	\$ 105	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 105	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 120	
Permit - Design flow >2000GPD	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 368	\$ 385	\$ 403	\$ 420	\$ 420	\$ 368	\$ 385	\$ 403	\$ 420	
Percolation Test(4)	\$ 220	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 194	\$ 175	\$ 185	\$ 200	\$ 253	\$ 253	\$ 231	\$ 242	\$ 253	\$ 264	\$ 264	\$ 231	\$ 242	\$ 253	\$ 264	
Deep Hole Test																			
each additional pit	\$ 30	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 92	\$ 100	\$ 92	\$ 88	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$ 32	\$ 33	\$ 35	\$ 38	\$ 38	\$ 32	\$ 33	\$ 35	\$ 38	
Subdivision Plan Review (per lot)	\$ 125	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 154	\$ 150	\$ 149	\$ 150	\$ 153	\$ 153	\$ 131	\$ 138	\$ 144	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 131	\$ 138	\$ 144	\$ 150	
Subdivision Plan Revisions Reviewed (per lot)	\$ 40	\$ 150	\$ 150	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 52	\$ 52	\$ 42	\$ 44	\$ 46	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 42	\$ 44	\$ 46	\$ 48	
Plan review (per plan)	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 165	\$ 150	\$ 161	\$ 250	\$ 233	\$ 233	\$ 158	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 158	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 180	
Review plan revisions	\$ 40	\$ 150	\$ 150	NA	NA	NA	\$ 50	\$ 69	\$ 69	\$ 42	\$ 44	\$ 46	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 42	\$ 44	\$ 46	\$ 48	
Plan review for minor repair	\$ 60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 63	\$ 66	\$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 63	\$ 66	\$ 68	\$ 72	
B100a - assessor/structure	\$ 65	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 71	\$ 75	\$ 76	\$ 75	\$ 86	\$ 86	\$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 75	\$ 78	\$ 78	\$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 75	\$ 78	
B100a - addition/use change	\$ 85	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 82	\$ 75	\$ 84	\$ 93	\$ 106	\$ 106	\$ 89	\$ 94	\$ 98	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ 89	\$ 94	\$ 98	\$ 102	
Septic tank/system abandonment inspection	\$ 60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 63	\$ 66	\$ 69	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 63	\$ 66	\$ 69	\$ 72	
Misc																			
Well Permit	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 147	\$ 135	\$ 137	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 142	\$ 149	\$ 155	\$ 162	\$ 162	\$ 142	\$ 149	\$ 155	\$ 162	
Mortgage Inspection/letter for FHA, VA	\$ 75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 79	\$ 83	\$ 86	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 79	\$ 83	\$ 86	\$ 90	
Commercial Bank Mortgage Inspection/letter	\$ 115	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	\$ 138	\$ 138	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	\$ 138	
Group Home inspection	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 137	\$ 110	\$ 134	\$ 110	\$ 114	\$ 114	\$ 116	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	\$ 132	\$ 116	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	
Daycare inspection	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 138	\$ 110	\$ 134	\$ 150	\$ 151	\$ 151	\$ 118	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	\$ 132	\$ 118	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 132	
Lead inspection per inspector per hour	\$ 65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 75	\$ 78	\$ 78	\$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 75	\$ 78	
Family Camp ground inspection	\$ 140	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 154	\$ 150	\$ 153	\$ 150	\$ 128	\$ 128	\$ 147	\$ 154	\$ 161	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 147	\$ 154	\$ 161	\$ 168	
Pool Registration/inspection	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 143	\$ 125	\$ 131	\$ 180	\$ 191	\$ 191	\$ 131	\$ 138	\$ 144	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 131	\$ 138	\$ 144	\$ 150	
cosmetology inspection - small	\$ 80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 84	\$ 88	\$ 92	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$ 84	\$ 88	\$ 92	\$ 96	
cosmetology inspection - large	\$ 150	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ 159	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 159	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 180	
Fee total for single lot development(5)	\$ 730	\$ 710	\$ 710	\$ 734	\$ 660	\$ 710	\$ 860	\$ 846	\$ 846										
FY23 Health District Per Capita Rate	\$ 5.95	\$ 7.47	\$ 7.47	\$ 8.33	\$ 7.59	\$ 8.66	\$ 8.35	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98										

(1) Data obtained from attached documents filed, "Food Protection Program Fee Survey for All Connecticut Health Districts FY 2023", and "Survey of Fees Selected Services FY2223- All Connecticut Health Districts"  
 (2) Categories in bold/italics are high volume, high revenue generating service areas.  
 (3) Many Health Districts use a range of fees based on class and sealing capacity.  
 (4) Most Health Districts use a single fee that includes both a perc and deep hole testing.  
 (5) Combine cost of well, soil testing, permit, plan review, and subdivision fees

Eastern Highlands Health District  
 Town Contribution, CPI, Per Capita Expenditure, State Per Capita Grant - Comparisons

Fiscal Year	Town Contribution Increases		Town Contribution		Adopted Expenditures	State grant allocation per capita (5)	
	Proposed %	Adopted % (or amended)	CPI (1)	Per Capita (5)	Per Capita (4)	Pop. < 5000	Pop. > 5000
1999	NA	NA	2.2	3.51	6.86	1.78	1.52
2000	2.85	0	3.4	3.51	6.93	1.78	1.52
2001	3.1	1	2.8	3.54	7.31	2.09	1.79
2002	1	1	1.6	3.58	9.42	2.32	1.99
2003	0	0	2.3	3.58	8.67	2.32	1.99
2004	3	3	2.7	3.69	8.74	1.96	1.68
2005	3	0	3.4	3.69	8.55	1.95	1.66
2006	6.77	6.77	3.2	3.94	8.91	1.95	1.66
2007	6.6	2.9	2.9	4.06	8.73	1.95	1.66
2008	3.08	0.62	3.8	4.08	8.87	1.95	1.66
2009	5.15	5.15	-0.4	4.29	9.35	2.43	2.08
2010	5.1	5.1	1.6	4.51	9.85	2.43	2.08
2011	0	0	3.2	4.51	9.09	1.85	1.85
2012	0	0	2.1	4.51	8.99	1.85	1.85
2013	1.9	0	1.5	4.51	8.85	1.85	1.85
2014	2	2	1.6	4.6	8.67	1.85	1.85
2015	4.9	4.9	0.1	4.83	8.83	1.85	1.85
2016	3.8	3.8	1.3	5.01	9.46	1.85	1.85
2017	3.8	4	2.1	5.22	9.77	1.76	1.76
2018	1.5	1.5	2.4	5.3	10.2	1.64	1.64
2019	0.3	0.3	1.8	5.31	10.1	1.85	1.85
2020	2	2	1.2	5.42	10.1	1.65	1.65
2021	6	4.9	4.7	5.68	10.4	1.66	1.66
2022	3.6	0	8.0	5.68	11.8	2.6	2.6
2023	2.9	0	4.1	5.68	11.7	2.6	2.6
2024	3.25	2.23	2.9	5.81	12.3	2.6	2.6
2025			2.7	6.15	13.6	2.34	2.34
<b>Total % change (3)</b>			<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>54</b>

(1) Each number represents the percentage change in calendar year for "All Urban Consumers" It based on figures provided by Federal Reserve bank of Minneapolis

(3) Total percentage increase from 1999 to 2025.

(4) Figures do not include other state, federal grants, nor contracted services.

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT  
 CAPITAL NONRECURRING FUND - FUND 635  
 ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Roll Forward FY 2026/27

	Actual 22/23	Actual 23/24	Actual 24/25	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27	Projected 27/28	Projected 28/29	Projected 29/30	Projected 30/31	Projected 31/32
Revenues:										
Transfer In - General Fund										
Equity Fund Transfer	3,000	3,000	3,000		4,000	5,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000
Surplus Vehicle proceeds	125,000	125,000			5,000		6,000			6,000
	6,250	5,372	5,050		9,000	5,000	15,000	12,000	15,000	24,000
Total Revenues	134,250	133,372	8,050		9,000	5,000	15,000	12,000	15,000	24,000
Expenditures by Project:										
Automobiles										
Strategic Planning & CHA/CHIP	47,917	30,170	29,575		45,000		32,000			32,000
IT Infrastructure Upgrade (Food Inspection Tracking)		8,000	4,700			25,000				
Websites				15,000						
Office Reorganizing Project				50,000	50,000	50,000	8,000	8,000		
Legal Services (Code update/Personnel Rules)										
Total Expenditures	47,917	38,170	34,275	65,000	95,000	75,000	40,000	8,000		32,000
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	86,333	95,202	(26,225)	(65,000)	(86,000)	(70,000)	(25,000)	4,000	15,000	(8,000)
Fund Balance, July 1	130,112	216,445	311,647	285,422	235,422	149,422	79,422	54,422	58,422	73,422
Fund Balance, June 30	\$216,445	\$311,647	\$285,422	\$220,422	\$149,422	\$79,422	\$54,422	\$58,422	\$73,422	\$65,422

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT  
OTHER OPERATING - FUND 636  
ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Roll Forward FY 2026/27

	Actual 18/19	Actual 19/20	Actual 20/21	Actual 21/22	Actual 22/23	Actual 23/24	Actual 24/25	Estimated 25/26	Projected 26/27
Revenues:									
State Support - Preventive Health Block	\$21,680	\$4,089	\$7,754	\$4,111		\$3,730	\$46,287	30,000	30,000
State Support - Bioterrorism Response-Base	56,011	54,478	54,478			52,250	52,250	52,250	52,250
State Support - Crisis COVID		17,291	12,303						
State Support - CRF Proceeds from Town of Mansfield			104,878						
State Support- Policy/Environ. Change for Chronic Disease		11,288	1,845	14,990	24,901	5,992			
State Support - ELC			101,316						
State Support - ELC 2									
State Support - ELC BP-2									
Local Support - Be Well Program Mansfield	40,946		18,881	183,562	148,691	184,960	35,691	12,000	
Local Support - Be Well Program Tolland	8,307	7,911	7,833	7,970	7,827	7,656	7,702	7,500	8,100
State Support -Lead Poisoning									
Cooperative Grant - ACHIEVE	1,709	441	5,000	4,525	3,782	128	779	3,000	3,000
MRC Region 4	2,344	1,470	6,844		399				
HHP/MRC		13,500	13,500						
Hospital Preparedness Program				12,003					
Public Health Emergency Response				51,711	52,250			10,000	20,000
IOSPL (Opioid Prevention/Wellness)						2,769	33,098	70,000	65,000
Workforce Development						48,682	136,940		
Immunization Grant									
Tobacco BP								25,000	50,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>130,997</b>	<b>110,467</b>	<b>334,632</b>	<b>278,872</b>	<b>318,578</b>	<b>309,535</b>	<b>312,747</b>	<b>209,750</b>	<b>228,350</b>
Expenditures by Project:									
Salaries & Benefits	79,908	67,385	269,490	233,899	294,910	227,016	202,680	127,948	139,294
Professional & Technical Services	1,310	1,105	47,715	200	6,660	73,929	70,096	2,098	2,284
Other Purchased Services & Supplies	49,779	41,977	17,427	44,773	17,008	8,590	38,734	79,705	86,773
Equipment									
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>130,997</b>	<b>110,467</b>	<b>334,632</b>	<b>278,872</b>	<b>318,578</b>	<b>309,535</b>	<b>311,510</b>	<b>209,750</b>	<b>228,350</b>

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT  
FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS

FY 2022/23 - Projected FY 2031/32

	Actual 22/23	Actual 23/24	Actual 24/25	Amended 25/26	Estimated 25/26	Proposed 26/27	Projected 27/28	Projected 28/29	Projected 29/30	Projected 30/31	Projected 31/32
<b>General Fund</b>											
Operating Expenditures	874,844	860,230	956,894	1,071,890	1,061,738	1,111,720	1,140,071	1,173,129	1,156,022	1,188,526	1,221,886
Grant Deduction	108,356	96,722	89,720	71,369	82,000	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850	75,850
Total Expenditures	983,200	956,952	1,046,614	1,143,259	1,143,738	1,187,570	1,215,921	1,248,979	1,231,872	1,264,376	1,297,736
Fund Balance	601,782	551,726	550,181	477,186	466,783	397,213	325,703	248,392	216,520	180,779	141,845
FB as a % of Total Expenditures	61.21%	57.65%	52.57%	41.74%	40.81%	33.45%	26.79%	19.89%	17.56%	14.30%	10.93%
<b>Capital Non-Recurring Fund</b>											
Total Expenditures	47,917	38,170	34,275	65,000	65,000	95,000	75,000	40,000	8,000	-	32,000
Fund Balance	216,445	311,647	285,422	220,422	220,422	149,422	79,422	54,422	58,422	73,422	65,422
<b>All Funds</b>											
Total Expenditures	1,031,117	995,122	1,080,889	1,208,259	1,208,738	1,282,570	1,290,921	1,288,979	1,239,872	1,264,376	1,329,736
Fund Balance	818,227	863,373	835,603	697,608	687,205	546,635	405,125	302,814	274,742	254,201	207,267
FB as a % of Total Expenditures	79.35%	86.76%	77.31%	57.74%	56.85%	42.62%	31.38%	23.49%	22.16%	20.10%	15.59%
<b>Service Fees &amp; State Grant Revenue</b>											
Target Fund Balance - 50% of Service Fees & State Grant Revenue	474,798	471,982	480,629	511,220	490,665	526,390	537,328	548,649	560,365	572,492	585,044
General Fund - Fund Balance	237,399	235,991	240,315	255,610	245,333	263,195	268,664	274,324	280,183	286,246	292,522
Variance	601,782	551,726	550,181	477,186	466,783	397,213	325,703	248,392	216,320	180,779	141,845
	364,383	315,735	309,867	221,576	221,451	134,018	57,039	(25,932)	(63,862)	(105,467)	(150,677)

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Licenses and Permits  
Cost Recovery  
Revised 11/8/2025

Type	Actual Est Cost	Current Fee	Est. % of cost recovered
<b><u>Food Establishments (For profit only)</u></b>			
<b><u>License</u></b>			
Class IV	1161	400	34%
Class III	784	375	48%
Class II	348	260	75%
Class I	116	155	133%
Temp. Event	58	70	121%
Temp samples	35	30	86%
Reinspection	165	120	73%
2nd reinspection	122	135	111%
<b><u>Farmers Market</u></b>			
Farmers (not samples)	122	40	33%
Vendor - 1 site samples	105	85	81%
vendor multi site sampler	139	105	75%
Vendor - 1 site	157	100	64%
Vendor - multi site	232	150	65%
Vendor - high risk	226	250	110%
<b><u>Plan Review</u></b>			
Class III& IV	726	275	38%
Class I&II	523	200	38%
<b><u>Lot Testing</u></b>			
Perc only	232	100	43%
Pits only	232	120	52%
<b><u>Septic System</u></b>			
New	406	225	55%
Repair	406	195	48%
Plan review	203	150	74%
subdivison (per lot)	58	125	215%
<b><u>B100</u></b>			
assessory	87	65	75%
addition	116	85	56%
<b><u>Well</u></b>	145	135	93%
<b><u>Public Pools</u></b>			
Seasonal	215	125	58%
Full year	0	0	
<b><u>Campground</u></b>	360	140	39%
<b><u>Daycare/group home</u></b>	273	110	40%
<b><u>Mortgage insp/report</u></b>			
Commercial	116	115	99%
FHA/VA	116	75	52%
<b><u>Cosmetology</u></b>			
1 - 2 chairs	203	100	49%
>3 chairs	232	150	65%
contractor	52	25	48%

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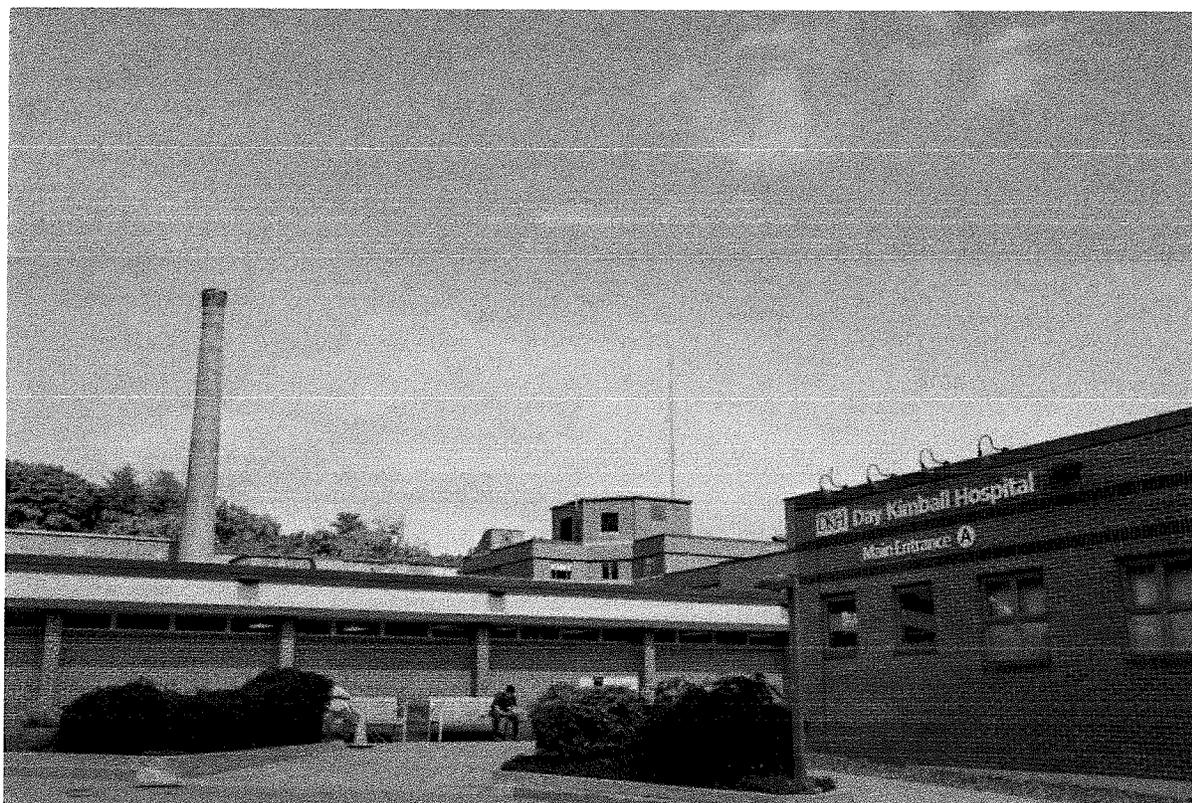
# CT to get \$154M through federal rural health grant for 2026

*Health care leaders called the funding an opportunity to bolster the health of Connecticut's rural residents.*



by Lisa Hagen and Katy Golvala

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Day Kimball Healthcare in Putnam. CREDIT: YEHYUN KIM / CT MIRROR

*This story has been updated.*

Connecticut will receive about \$154 million in its first tranche of federal assistance to improve health care and access in rural parts of the state ahead of anticipated changes and cuts to Medicaid.

The federal aid comes from the Rural Health Transformation Program, a \$50 billion fund that will dole out money to all states over the next five years. The initiative was part of President Donald Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" amid concerns about how the bill's Medicaid cuts would affect rural facilities.

Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves said the award will enable the state "to keep working on long-standing priorities to improve health, prevent disease, and work to achieve our agency's vision for a Connecticut where everyone is healthy, secure, and thriving."

"This grant represents a tremendous opportunity to strengthen population health, health care access, workforce capacity, and system sustainability for residents in rural communities across our state," Barton Reeves stated in emailed comments.

DSS is already hiring for three positions that will be responsible for implementing the Rural Health Transformation Program grant at the state level.

Over the next five years, half of the \$50 billion grant will be evenly divided among all 50 states. The other \$25 billion will be based on the sole discretion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and will take into account the rural makeup of states plus other factors, such as potential for impact.

Connecticut will receive the second-lowest award of all 50 states, just ahead of New Jersey and the smallest award in New England. But it's possible it will receive more in future yearly allotments.

Gov. Ned Lamont's administration called it a "substantial award" that will help improve health care systems across rural parts of the state.

"Healthcare is a basic human right, and everyone, regardless of where they live, should have equal access to top quality services," Lamont spokesman Rob Blanchard said in a statement, sent hours after this story was initially published. "By linking local priorities surrounding workforce developments, care coordination, and

technology modernization with rural health outcomes, this funding will further our commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of all Connecticut residents.”

Every state is slated to get at least \$100 million a year through 2030. But stakeholders in Connecticut acknowledged it will be difficult to receive much from the second pot of money at CMS’s discretion, especially since Connecticut is less geographically rural compared to others states.

In a statement this week, CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz said “states are stepping forward with bold, creative plans to expand rural access, strengthen their workforces, modernize care and support the communities that keep our nation running. CMS is proud to partner with every state to turn their ideas into lasting improvements for rural families.”

Officials at the Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Office of Policy and Management took the lead on the grant application and worked with several other state agencies. They received input from rural hospitals, federally qualified health centers and others in the health care field.

Following the passage of the “big beautiful bill” over the summer, the rural grant application process was a quick turnaround that opened up in the fall and wrapped up with the awards announcement by the end of the year.

In November, the Department of Social Services requested roughly \$938 million from the federal government for the effort. But the state is unlikely to get anywhere near that amount over the next five years of the federal program.

Still, those who helped craft Connecticut’s application for federal assistance are optimistic about the award as well as “working with the state to maximize these funds.”

“Specifically, we are grateful that the state included many of our suggestions in its plan, such as incentives for the recruitment of providers, the development of a rural residency program and funding for technology infrastructure that will improve access to telehealth and remote patient monitoring,” according to a statement from Joanne Borduas, CEO of the Community Health and Wellness Center, which has health centers located in Torrington, North Canaan and Winsted.

“These are all critical to ensuring that our patients in the rural northwest corner of the state can continue to receive the high quality health care they need and deserve.”

Paul Kidwell, senior vice president of policy at the Connecticut Hospital Association, echoed Borduas.

“We believe there is an opportunity for the state to support the implementation of targeted initiatives that both directly invest in rural health care providers and the surrounding hospitals and health systems on which patients living in rural areas depend for care,” Kidwell stated in emailed comments.

Connecticut Senate Republicans similarly praised the news of the funding, saying it will “help bolster recruitment and retention of health care workers, and it will improve and strengthen opioid addiction services.”

Connecticut’s plan included 31 different initiatives focused on increasing care options in rural areas and facilitating access to that care. It included efforts aiming to reduce or eliminate travel times, like rolling out mobile medical and dental vans, as well as expanding telehealth options. There are also programs that seek to improve overall wellness: bringing evidence-based exercise classes to senior centers and making upgrades to existing trail systems.

A handful of the proposed initiatives would require sign-off from state lawmakers, including streamlining the state’s “certificate of need” approval process for major hospital transactions — such as mergers, acquisitions, and unit closures — and seeking a SNAP waiver to bar the purchase of energy drinks and candy.

The funding comes at an uncertain time for many clinics and hospitals as they brace for major health care shakeups in the coming years.

Cutbacks to Medicaid are imminent as a result of the “big beautiful bill.” Rural providers, who see many government-insured individuals, could suffer disproportionately as a result. And if some of those patients fall off the rolls, hospitals expect to treat more people who are uninsured.

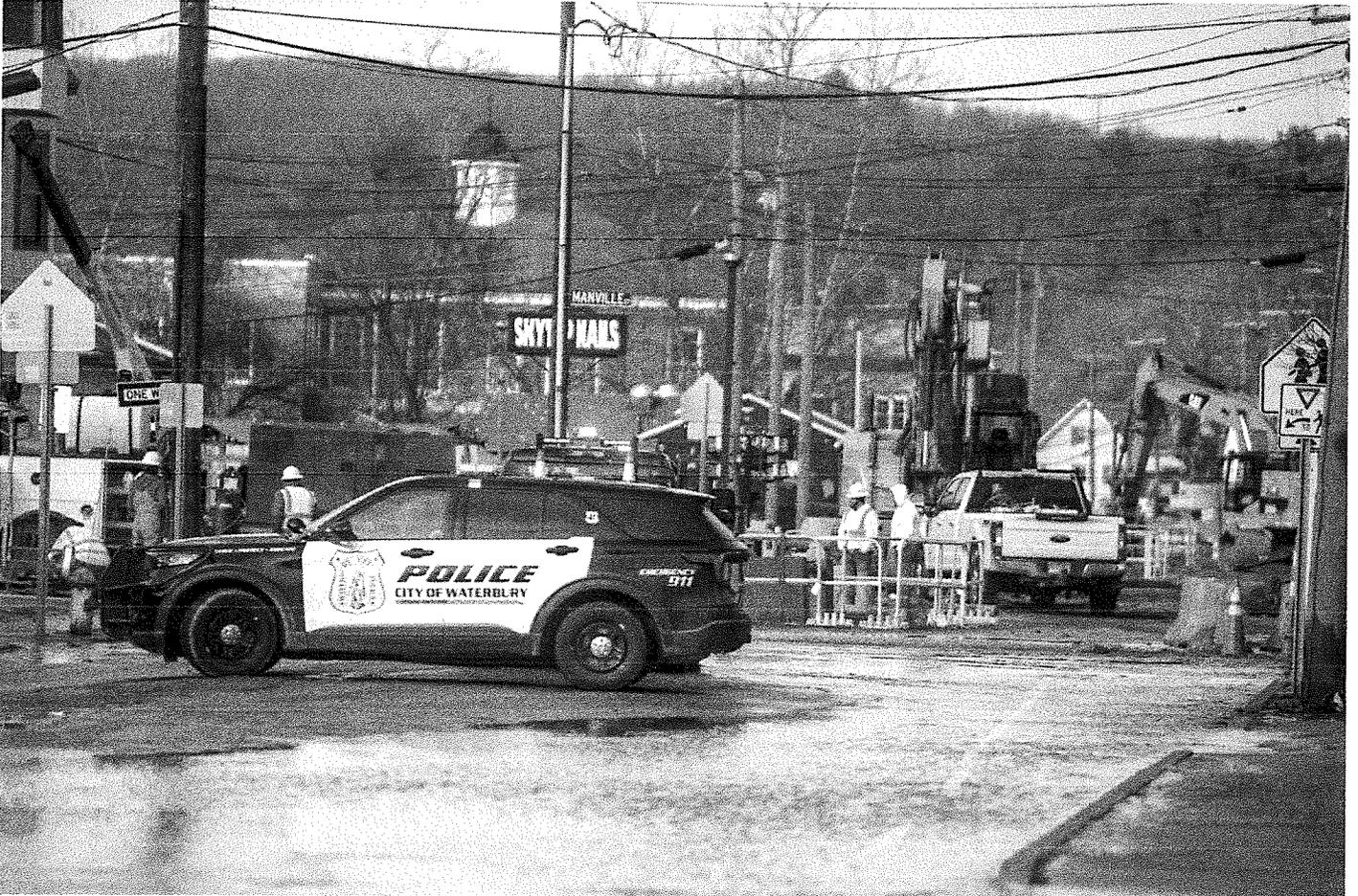
Some of those changes to Medicaid could start as early as the end of 2026.

First-time work requirements for the health program could go into effect on Dec. 31. But states may also be eligible for delaying implementation. And by the end of the year, states will need to start redetermining eligibility for Medicaid every six months instead of once a year.

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# Waterbury's week with no water was a warning

EPA has said state needs \$4.9B over 20 years to address aging infrastructure  
Waterbury's week without water was a warning: Other parts of CT are vulnerable too, experts say EPA has said the state needs \$4.9 billion over the next 20 years to address it



By Livi Stanford Hartford Courant staff

A recent major water main break in Waterbury put the city at a standstill for four days, closing restaurants and schools, affecting hospitals and people's day-to-day lives from the simple act of brushing one's teeth to taking a shower.

The city could not contain the scope of the incident due to its aging infrastructure — a problem that is common throughout Connecticut, experts said this week.

Local and national experts in civil engineering said that aging infrastructure and climate change are causing problems in water infrastructure systems across the country, making them vulnerable to water main breaks similar to what happened in Waterbury. More investment in those systems is critically needed, they said.

"The drinking water infrastructure is old and it is likely approaching its useful life," said Darren Olson, chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a water resources

engineer. “There is no place that is immune from having what happened in Connecticut happen now.”

The American Society of Civil Engineers, with the aid of 160,000 civil engineers, issues a report card evaluating the country’s infrastructure including its roads, bridges, rail transportation, drinking water systems and wastewater systems. Overall, the state of Connecticut’s water infrastructure received a C while the country as a whole received a C-. “There are roughly 2.2 million miles of underwater pipes” in the country, Olson said. “The network is huge and it is aging. It was put in a long time ago and on the east coast those communities are centuries old. We have not had the funding and the investment to maintain it like we should.”

Maura Fitzgerald, chief marketing officer for the state Department of Public Health, said in an email that “aging water infrastructure is a common challenge throughout Connecticut and across the entire nation.

“It affects water systems of all sizes, whether they’re run by municipalities or private companies,” she said. “The problem is made worse by rising costs for maintenance and repairs along with water rates that haven’t kept pace with these needs.”

Fitzgerald said every year the Environmental Protection Agency surveys the country’s water infrastructure needs, with the most recent assessment completed in 2021 finding that the state needs “approximately \$4.9 billion over the next 20 years to address its aging water infrastructure.

“The largest portion of this, about \$3 billion, is needed for the pipes and equipment that deliver water to homes and businesses throughout the state,” she said.

Gov. Ned Lamont said this week that the state’s infrastructure including its roads, bridges and trails is aging. He said that water companies are responsible for the piping and the water infrastructure.

“There is always a back and forth,” he said. “They are looking for money to do this.”

But the governor said, “We are going to pay special attention and work with the companies so this is less likely to happen in the future and target where things are most vulnerable. At least we can limit the disaster that befell the people of Waterbury.”

### **A perfect storm**

Waterbury, which typically responds to 30 to 40 water main breaks per year, had never experienced such a break of such magnitude before, according to Waterbury Superintendent Brad Malay.

In an interview with the Courant, he referred to it as the perfect storm.

Malay said it all began with a small break on a 12-inch main on Dec. 11.

“When we started construction, the 12-inch line let go and washed out the road and all the bedding and everything that existed on the asphalt,” he said.

Malay explained that the leak washed out another water main, causing the pipe to cave in on itself.

While water main replacements are integral, Malay said what is most needed for the city is to replace 10 to 12 of its valves, which function to control the flow of water through pipes.

Mayor Paul Pernerewski agreed.

“Whenever we have a break in the pipe we can’t contain it to a particular area because the shutoff valves in the system currently don’t work so we end up with larger areas that have to be shut down and the problems have been recharging a system,” Pernerewski said. “The 10-

12 valves would be a critical investment to try to make in the next year to be able to control when a break happens.”

The valves are expected to cost around \$5 million, the mayor said.

Pernerewski said more funding is needed and that there has not been enough to maintain some parts of the system.

“We have been replacing underground utilities as we have been doing road projects,” the mayor said.

### **Infrastructure and funding needs**

The state Bond Commission approved \$157 million Thursday for the Clean Water Fund Program that could be allocated to cities and towns to improve water infrastructure, according to state Rep. Ron Napoli, D-Waterbury, co-chair of the Bonding Subcommittee.

“This important program helps provide low-cost financing for much-needed water infrastructure upgrades,” Napoli said. “These investments will strengthen public health and support economic growth by improving essential infrastructure across our state.”

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, a federal program created in 1996 to help communities afford critical water system improvements, has, according to Fitzgerald, invested more than \$541.9 million in 341 water infrastructure projects statewide.

Olson said the overall infrastructure of the country improved with the Infrastructure Investment in Jobs Act, which invested roughly \$1.2 trillion in the nation’s infrastructure in 2021.

But now, Olson said, cuts to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund could set back the process of improving water infrastructure.

“One of the things with water infrastructure is there is maintenance and there is also the capital improvements and replacing water mains,” he said. “That requires a lot of planning and planning for that type of work doesn’t happen if the funding is uncertain.”

Ari Perez, associate professor of civil engineering at Quinnipiac University, said these conventional distribution systems are vulnerable and “more investment and maintenance is needed to reduce the vulnerability of water main breaks.

“Water is one of the most essential things we need to survive,” Perez said. “The amount of water that a person consumes is fairly large. When we design these water systems, we calculate 65 gallons of water per person per day.”

Nandan Shetty, assistant professor in civil and environmental engineering at University of New Haven, agreed there needs to be more funding invested in water infrastructure.

“We need to replace these cast iron pipes that are nearly twice their lifetime,” he said.

Malay explained that most of Waterbury’s water infrastructure is not cast iron, but is made of concrete.

Nick Salemi, spokesperson for the Metropolitan District or MDC, which provides water supply, water pollution control and household hazardous waste collection to Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor and parts of other towns, said there are approximately 18 breaks a month over the last several years with more occurring in the cold months.

“Water main breaks typically affect one street and a few properties and are isolated and fixed by our 24/7 repair within a few hours,” said Salemi.

Water companies such as the MDC look to state and federal grants to help fund planned capital improvements on an annual basis.

Salemi said there is \$68 million in planned water system improvements, the majority of it water main replacements scheduled as part of MDC's 2026 Capital Improvement Budget. In the last six years MDC has invested \$274 million in water infrastructure improvement projects, he said.

"This includes improvements to water mains, distribution system, treatment plants, reservoirs and more," he said.

Olson said most people do not realize how big and complex the national drinking water system is in the country.

"We don't invest in it like we should because most of it is out of sight and out of mind," he said. "You don't realize how complicated and interrelated our drinking water infrastructure is. What happened in Waterbury is not a unique situation. It is a very common occurrence. There are water main breaks daily and we lose a tremendous amount of water from our system in water main breaks."

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## ***Connecticut Reports First Case of Measles*** ***Fairfield County case is 1<sup>st</sup> since 2021 in CT***

HARTFORD, CT – The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that it has confirmed a case of measles in an unvaccinated Fairfield County child under the age of 10. This is the first case of measles in Connecticut in more than four years. Nationwide, more than 1,800 cases of measles have been reported in 2025 – the most since the virus was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000 and the most cases in more than three decades, according to the [International Vaccine Access Center](#).

The child recently travelled internationally and began showing symptoms of measles several days later. Those symptoms included cough, runny nose, congestion, fever, and eventually a rash starting at the head and spreading throughout their body.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can spread quickly through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. According to the CDC, 9 out of 10 unvaccinated individuals who encounter an infected person will become infected with the measles virus. Measles can be dangerous, especially for children under the age of five. About 1 in 5 unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles end up being hospitalized.

Symptoms of measles generally begin 7-14 days after exposure to an infected person. A typical case of measles begins with mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes (conjunctivitis), and sore throat. Three to five days after the start of these symptoms, a red or reddish-brown rash appears, usually starting on a person's face at the hairline and spreading downward to the entire body. At the time the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

“The single best way to protect your children and yourself from measles is to be vaccinated,” said **DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD**. “One dose of measles vaccine is about 93% effective, while two doses are about 97% effective. We must ensure we continue to protect those who matter most – children and other vulnerable people – from vaccine preventable illnesses through on-time vaccination.”

DPH, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and several other reputable public health and medical societies recommend all children get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12- through 15-months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. According to the 2024-2025 Statewide School Immunization Survey, 98.2% of Connecticut students were vaccinated with 2 doses of MMR by kindergarten entry (compared to 92.5% nationally). Connecticut's MMR vaccination rate is the highest in the nation.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Commissioner Juthani will be available to answer media questions at Thursday's previously scheduled 10:30 a.m. press conference at the University of Hartford. She is not available prior to this time.**

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# CT approves Hartford HealthCare purchase of 2 Prospect hospitals

*The Office of Health Strategy OK'd the deal in 40 days under a new expedited approval process.*



by Katy Golvala  
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Rockville General Hospital es uno de los tres hospitales de Connecticut propiedad de Prospect Medical Holdings.  
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The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy on Wednesday evening approved an \$86.1 million deal for Hartford HealthCare to purchase Manchester Memorial and Rockville

General, two struggling hospitals owned by bankrupt hospital operator, Prospect Medical Holdings.

The approval marks another step towards concluding a lengthy search to find buyers for Prospect's Connecticut hospitals — a process that often seemed on the brink of failure.

“This is a positive outcome to an initially challenging situation,” said Gov. Ned Lamont in a statement. “Ensuring quality services remain both accessible and affordable for our families and communities has always been one of my top priorities.”

Spokespeople for Prospect CT and Hartford HealthCare did not respond to requests for comment in time for publication.

In 2022, Prospect signed a deal to sell its three Connecticut hospitals — Manchester Memorial, Rockville General and Waterbury — to Yale New Haven Health for \$435 million. But the deal was mired in setbacks and litigation.

In August 2023, a cyberattack crippled operations at Prospect's facilities around the country. In 2024, Yale New Haven Health and Prospect Medical sued and countersued each other over the true value of the hospitals. In January 2025, Prospect filed for bankruptcy and, by the following month, Yale officials said a deal appeared “impossible.”

In September, Yale agreed to pay \$45 million to Prospect to end all disputes over the hospitals' sale.

Over the years the Yale deal was pending, Lamont and OHS received broad criticism for the lengthy approval process. That led state legislators to approve a measure earlier this year that allows for an expedited timeline for the acquisition of hospitals that have filed for bankruptcy.

The approval of the deal between Hartford HealthCare and Prospect marks the first transaction reviewed under the expedited “emergency certificate of need” process, which requires the state to issue a decision within 60 days of when the application is deemed complete.

OHS imposed certain conditions on the approval. Hartford HealthCare must maintain all services for a minimum of three years, including labor and delivery and intensive care services at Manchester Memorial, as well as emergency services at Rockville General.

But, in the case of Rockville General, much of the damage to services has already been done. When Prospect purchased the hospital in 2016, Rockville was a full-service, acute care hospital. Today, it functions as a satellite campus of Manchester Memorial, only offering emergency and behavioral health services.

Hartford HealthCare has received sharp criticism for service cuts at Windham Community Hospital, where the health system stopped performing births in 2020. Hartford Healthcare defended its decision, pointing to low birth volumes and difficulty recruiting health care providers. Surrounding residents fought for years to restore services, but the state ultimately approved the closure in 2023.

The University of Connecticut Health Center is poised to acquire Prospect's third Connecticut facility, Waterbury Hospital. Last week, UConn Health, the state's flagship academic medical institution, submitted an emergency certificate of need for the acquisition. OHS will hold a public hearing for the transaction on Dec. 19 and must issue a decision by Feb. 9.

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***Statement from CTDPH Commissioner Juthani on  
federal change to the U.S. vaccine schedule***

**HARTFORD, CT** – The following is a statement from **Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD**, regarding yesterday’s announcement by the U.S. Health and Human Services agency that it will be altering the childhood vaccination schedule:

“Connecticut has serious concerns about the recent changes to the national childhood vaccine schedule. While doctors already work with parents to talk through the benefits and risks of vaccines, clear national guidance has helped families make informed decisions with confidence. Scaling back those recommendations risks creating confusion, placing more burden on parents and clinicians, and making preventive care harder to navigate. Other countries’ vaccine schedules reflect their own health systems and disease patterns, and a one-size-fits-another-country approach does not reflect the realities facing children in the United States. Connecticut will continue to support evidence-based recommendations designed to protect children and the communities we serve.”

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**Circular Letter 25-18**

DATE: December 24, 2025

TO: Directors of Health, Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor Code Enforcement Officials, Licensed Lead Consultants, Licensed Lead Abatement Contractors, Licensed Lead Training Providers

FROM: Kimberly Ploszaj, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Lead Hazard Reduction and Control Section

RE: Dust Hazard Standards and Clearance Levels for Lead

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The Department of Public Health Lead Hazard Reduction and Control Section adheres to lead hazard concentration levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as specified in 40 CFR 745 and outlined in RCSA 19a-111-3(j) and 19a-111-4(e)(2):

19a-111-3(j) **Dust lead hazard** - For the purpose of assessing the level of risk from lead dust, a dust-lead hazard is surface dust in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility that contains concentrations of lead on floors and window sills that equal or exceed the dust lead hazard concentrations specified in 40 CFR 745, as amended from time to time.

19a-111-4(e)(2) **Dust lead clearance** - Samples of dust shall be collected at the following locations in each room or area where lead-based paint has been abated. Additionally, if only a portion of a dwelling unit has been abated, a sample shall be collected from the floor outside the containment within ten (10) feet of the entrance to the abatement area upon completion of abatement activities. Any samples collected under this section shall have lead in dust levels that are below the clearance criteria for reoccupancy, as specified in 40 CFR 745, as amended from time to time.

Therefore, dust level hazard and clearance standards in Connecticut are changing to meet EPA's new guidelines specified in 40 CFR 745. Connecticut will officially adopt EPA's updated hazard and clearance dust level changes as of January 12, 2026. This adoption allows CT to follow the lower standards set by the EPA and continue in our ongoing efforts to protect CT residents from the dangers of lead.

DPH is planning a series of webinars for regulated entities as outlined below.

**Webinars will be held for the following:**

- Lead Consultants and HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Recipients
- Lead Abatement Contractors
- Local Health Departments
- Lead Training Providers

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Ploszaj at [kimberly.ploszaj@ct.gov](mailto:kimberly.ploszaj@ct.gov).

**Dust Level Changes:**

	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Sill</b>	<b>Well</b>
Risk Assessment Dust Hazards Standards	any reportable level (was 40)	any reportable level (was 250)	any reportable level
Post-Abatement Clearance Dust Standards	< 5 µg/ft <sup>2</sup> (was 10)	< 40 µg/ft <sup>2</sup> (was 100)	< 100 µg/ft <sup>2</sup> (was 400)

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