



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY**

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To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations  
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Budget Highlights and other News

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FY 14 – FY 15**

**Nonprofit Grant Program**

Governor Malloy has recommended increasing the Nonprofit Grant Program by \$30 M in FY15 bringing the total to \$50 million. The Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee will be considering this recommendation in the coming months. We are expecting support from nonprofit providers and associations for the Governor's proposal that will provide \$70 M in funding over the two years of the biennium.

The FY15 bond bill modifies the provisions of the Nonprofit Grant Program as follows (changes are underlined):

S.B. 29 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 32 of public act 13-239 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

For the Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, [and] purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding [\$20,000,000] \$50,000,000.

Organizations that applied for funding through the **FY14 Nonprofit Grant Program** will be notified about funding decisions the week of February 24. See the OPM website for updates:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2978&q=530538&opmNav=1>

## **DDS & DMHAS - Cost Settlement and Revenue Retention**

The Governor's budget adds a pilot program for revenue retention for DMHAS providers. The proposed language is mirrored after the cost settlement language that currently applies to DDS contractors.

The Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services developed a recommendation for cost settlement. This pilot builds on the work of the Cabinet, by piloting the concept.

H.B. 5030 Sec. 15

*(Current statutory language relating to DDS contractors)*

(a) For all allowable expenditures made pursuant to a contract subject to cost settlement with the Department of Developmental Services by an organization in compliance with performance requirements of such contract, one hundred per cent, or an alternative amount as identified by the Commissioner of Developmental Services and approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, of the difference between actual expenditures incurred and the amount received by the organization from the Department of Developmental Services pursuant to such contract shall be reimbursed to the Department of Developmental Services during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

*(Proposed statutory language relating to DMHAS contractors)*

(b) For expenditures incurred by nonprofit providers with purchase of service contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for which year-end cost reconciliation currently occurs, and where such providers are in compliance with performance requirements of such contract, one hundred per cent, or an alternative amount as identified by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and as allowed by applicable state and federal laws and regulations, of the difference between actual expenditures incurred and the amount received by the organization from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to such contract shall be reimbursed to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

The text of the budget bill can be found [here](#).

The entire budget document can be found [here](#).

## **GOVERNOR'S CABINET ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Cabinet co-chair Peter DeBiasi and I prepared the final report to the Governor in December 2013. Follow these links to read the full report and the appendices.

- [Final Report to the Governor - December 1, 2013](#)

### APPENDIX TO 2013 REPORT

- [JOBS Work Group - Final Report for Approval - 10-30-13](#)
- [POPULATION RESULTS Work Group - Final Report - 10-30-13](#)
- [CONTRACT PROCUREMENT & ADMINISTRATION Work Group Final Report 10-30-13](#)
- [CONTRACT PROCUREMENT & ADMINISTRATION Cost Standards - Work Group Recommendations for 10-30-13 action](#)
- **CONTRACT PROCUREMENT & ADMINISTRATION** - RFP & Procurement Processes [Work Group Recommendations approved Cabinet 8-21-13](#)

The Governor has charged the Cabinet with convening the following Work Groups in 2014:

- Nonprofit Employment Data Work Group
- Training Work Group
- Contract Procurement and Administration Work Group
- Business Practice Work Group

We will be seeking participation on these Work Groups from Cabinet members and other interested parties. Email Meg Riding for an application to serve on a work group: [meg.riding@ct.gov](mailto:meg.riding@ct.gov)

### [GOV. MALLOY: STATE TO DEVELOP PLAN TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES](#)

January 14, 2014: Governor Malloy announced that the state Department of Children and Families (DCF) will partner with families, youths, communities and experts to develop a plan to improve mental health services for children. The plan will be given to the General Assembly next fall.

DCF has chosen to work with the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) of Connecticut, a non-profit group with specialized expertise in children's mental health and development. A key component of the planning process is obtaining consumer input through at least 12 forums across the state and continuing throughout the first phase of the plan's development, which will end August 31, 2014. The law, General Assembly Public Act 13-178, calls for the plan to be submitted in October 2014.

A minimum of 12 forums will be held across the state. Topics for the forums will include:

- Early Identification
- Prevention and Intervention
- Child Welfare and Mental Health
- Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
- Education and Mental Health
- Evidence-based Practices
- Cultural Competence and Family Engagement

- Role of Commercial Insurance
- Access to Community-based Services
- Substance Abuse and Recovery
- Network of Care
- Data Systems and Infrastructure
- Autism and Disabilities
- Other Special Populations
- Crisis Response and Management

CHDI will organize the community forums and consumer input, as well as collect and analyze data. The second phase of the plan's development will include sharing a draft with key stakeholders for further input, and revisions will be made accordingly prior to the plan's submission. Based upon feedback from the General Assembly and others, an implementation plan will be developed and biennial progress reports will be issued to the legislature. CHDI and other experts will work with DCF to implement the plan and will continue to provide technical assistance.

### **VA OFFERS \$600 MILLION IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERAN FAMILIES**

January 14, 2014: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the availability of up to approximately \$600 million in grants for non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that serve very low-income Veteran families occupying permanent housing through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

Required services include outreach, case management, assistance in obtaining VA benefits, and providing or coordinating efforts to obtain needed entitlements and other community services. Grantees secure a broad range of other services for participants, including legal assistance; credit counseling; housing counseling; assisting participants in understanding leases, securing utilities, and coordinating moving arrangements; providing representative payee services concerning rent and utilities when needed; and serving as an advocate for the Veteran when mediating with property owners on issues related to locating or retaining housing. Grantees also offer temporary financial assistance that provides short-term assistance with rent, moving expenses, security and utility deposits, child care, transportation, utility costs, and emergency expenses.

The VA announced the availability of funds today through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) via the Federal Register. They are offering \$300 million in FY 2014 funds and \$300 million in FY 2015 funds, subject to available appropriations. The VA will make award decisions based on a national competition.

More information about the program can be found at [here](#).

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