



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

The following is an assessment of the potential impact of a federal shutdown on the Department of Consumer Protection's programs and operations.

Liquor

Our liquor division relies on two grants for its efforts to combat underage drinking. Although the grants are from DMHAS and OPM, we understand that initial funds come from the federal government. We are not certain whether a shutdown would result in the funding being suspended. In the event the funds are stopped, the Department will be able to continue conducting compliance checks, but investigations into new applications and related activities could be negatively impacted, resulting in longer waiting times for application approvals.

Licensing

During a past federal furlough, there was a delay in our ability to receive federal criminal background checks for certain applicant types.

Drug Control

The Department is currently conducting several joint cases with the DEA and FDA. If those agencies were to shut down, the Division may have to continue with the cases with no federal assistance, which would stretch our resources.

Food & Standards

The division has two USDA grants that may be impacted by a shut-down. There are no positions being paid for by these grants. The grants provide federal reimbursement for some work of the Department. If these grants are impacted by the shutdown it would result in a loss of revenue to the General Fund. The amount of revenue that may be lost is hard to predict as these are long-term grants. Thus, the impact, if any, would depend on the duration of the shut-down.

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