


September 25, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA 
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the
University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the University Board of Trustees approve the Biennium State Appropriation Request for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 as follows: \$300.1 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$284.7 million for Fiscal Year 2027.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the State Appropriation Request for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$300.1 million and for Fiscal Year 2027 of \$284.7 million.”

BACKGROUND:

Every two years, the Governor submits a biennial budget request to the Legislature. The process of preparing the Governor’s budget submission begins with state agencies submitting their biennial budget requests to the Office of Policy and Management (“OPM”). The biennial budget request for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 is due in the fall of 2024.

UConn’s FY 2026 State Appropriation request is \$300.1 million. This represents a net decrease of approximately \$26.0 million over the total FY 2025 state support. The FY 2026 request includes an additional \$1.8 million to cover the annualization of FY 2025 collective bargaining increases for salaries covered by the state block grant and \$7.7 million to revise the adjustment related to the fringe benefit methodology change. The FY 2026 request also includes eliminating the one-time funds provided in FY 2025 amounting to \$98.8 million to cover the prior years’ collective bargaining increases (salary and fringe) for non-block grant employees and other operating needs. UConn Storrs and Regionals will be asking for \$63.2 million in permanent funds to cover the collective bargaining increases for non-block grant employees which occurred in previous years. As there are no approved collective bargaining

increases for FY 2026, UConn Storrs and Regionals is not requesting additional funds at this time but will do so after bargaining increases are approved.

The FY 2027 State Appropriation request is \$284.7 million. This represents a net decrease of approximately \$41.6 million over FY 2025 state appropriations. If FY 2026 requested funds are not provided permanently, or removed, UConn Storrs and Regionals will be asking for \$47.7 million to cover the collective bargaining increases for non-block grant employees which occurred in previous years. As there are no approved collective bargaining increases for FY 2027, UConn is not requesting increased funds for collective bargaining increases at this time but will do so after bargaining increases are approved.

University of Connecticut, Storrs & Regional Campuses
State Appropriation Request
Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

	Block Grant - Baseline	Additional Support	Total State Support
FY 2025 State Support			
Operating Expenses	\$216,977,564		
RSA - Block grant CBI (Not in ABS)	\$7,811,192		
Institute of Municipal & Regional Policy	550,000		
Regional Campus Health Services	1,400,000		
CT Vet Diagnostic Lab	250,000		
EBV (Veteran program)	250,000		
Puerto Rican Initiative	210,000		
CBI Non-block grant/Operations Temporary Support		98,800,000	
FY 2025 Total State Support	\$227,448,756	\$ 98,800,000	\$ 326,248,756
FY25 CBI Block Grant RSA - Annualization	1,796,572		
Fringe Methodology Change Adjustment	7,724,904		
FY25 One Time Support goes away		\$ (98,800,000)	
FY26 Request - Prior Year Non-block CBI		63,229,333	
FY 2026 Total Requested State Support	\$ 236,970,232	\$ 63,229,333	\$ 300,199,565
If FY26 Support is Removed		(63,229,333)	
FY27 Request - Prior Year Non-block CBI		47,720,174	
FY 2027 Total Requested State Support	\$ 236,970,232	\$ 47,720,174	\$ 284,690,407