

March 1, 2021

On Wednesday, February 10, Governor Ned Lamont released his biennial budget proposal for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, which contained a number of policy changes related to public education funding.¹ One policy change included in the proposed budget was to hold the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula funded at its current (FY 2021) level for the next two fiscal years. This would pause the ECS formula's phase-in schedule until 2024, resulting in a delay in full funding for school districts until FY 2030 as opposed to FY 2028 under current law.

The governor's proposed budget would impact a majority of municipalities and result in a decrease in state education aid of approximately \$32 million in FY 2022 and \$63 million in FY 2023 compared to current law. Under current law, 97 towns would have received an increase in their ECS grants for FY 2022 and FY 2023. Of the remaining 72 towns, 65 would have experienced a decrease in their grant amounts, while seven would see no change.

Table 1 below compares the estimated ECS grants under current law with the estimated grant amounts under Governor Lamont's budget proposal for FYs 2022 and 2023. This table also highlights the impact of flat funding for each town.

Please note, the current law ECS grants in the table below are lower than anticipated due to a significant reduction in Resident Student Counts that is likely attributable to the coronavirus pandemic and its effects on public education.

¹ State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management. (2021). *Connecticut FY 2022 – FY 2023 Biennium Governor's Budget*. Hartford, CT: Author. Retrieved from https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/Budget/2022_2023_Biennial_Budget/Bud_WebPage/GovBud_2022-23_Final_Web.pdf.

**Table 1: Estimated Town ECS Grants Under Current Law
and the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 2022 and FY 2023²**

Town	Current Law		Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget		Impact of Flat Funding	
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Andover	\$1,936,764	\$1,868,746	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	\$68,018	\$136,036
Ansonia	\$18,420,037	\$18,901,646	\$17,938,428	\$17,938,428	-\$481,609	-\$963,218
Ashford	\$3,381,209	\$3,303,355	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	\$77,853	\$155,707
Avon	\$553,818	\$523,620	\$584,016	\$584,016	\$30,198	\$60,396
Barkhamsted	\$1,458,139	\$1,422,037	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	\$36,103	\$72,205
Beacon Falls	\$3,883,793	\$3,821,025	\$3,946,560	\$3,946,560	\$62,767	\$125,535
Berlin	\$5,822,986	\$5,775,371	\$5,870,600	\$5,870,600	\$47,614	\$95,229
Bethany	\$1,717,506	\$1,670,437	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	\$47,068	\$94,137
Bethel	\$7,837,660	\$7,794,591	\$7,880,729	\$7,880,729	\$43,069	\$86,138
Bethlehem	\$1,106,479	\$1,084,431	\$1,128,527	\$1,128,527	\$22,048	\$44,096
Bloomfield	\$6,862,446	\$7,024,208	\$6,700,683	\$6,700,683	-\$161,763	-\$323,525
Bolton	\$2,628,035	\$2,572,854	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	\$55,181	\$110,362
Bozrah	\$1,170,219	\$1,150,342	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	\$19,876	\$39,753
Branford	\$2,755,521	\$2,891,954	\$2,619,087	\$2,619,087	-\$136,434	-\$272,867
Bridgeport	\$188,409,035	\$189,403,693	\$187,414,378	\$187,414,378	-\$994,657	-\$1,989,315
Bridgewater	\$23,721	\$23,878	\$23,564	\$23,564	-\$157	-\$314
Bristol	\$48,118,156	\$48,811,746	\$47,424,566	\$47,424,566	-\$693,590	-\$1,387,180
Brookfield	\$870,895	\$779,474	\$962,317	\$962,317	\$91,422	\$182,843
Brooklyn	\$6,859,798	\$6,793,500	\$6,926,095	\$6,926,095	\$66,297	\$132,595
Burlington	\$3,829,859	\$3,736,070	\$3,923,648	\$3,923,648	\$93,789	\$187,578
Canaan	\$115,212	\$104,672	\$125,752	\$125,752	\$10,540	\$21,080
Canterbury	\$3,844,823	\$3,684,811	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	\$160,012	\$320,024
Canton	\$3,499,218	\$3,575,228	\$3,423,208	\$3,423,208	-\$76,010	-\$152,020

² Ibid.

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Chaplin	\$1,592,963	\$1,533,779	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	\$59,184	\$118,368
Cheshire	\$9,418,320	\$9,497,228	\$9,339,412	\$9,339,412	-\$78,908	-\$157,816
Chester	\$818,134	\$867,977	\$768,291	\$768,291	-\$49,843	-\$99,686
Clinton	\$4,931,460	\$4,670,835	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	\$260,624	\$521,249
Colchester	\$11,675,625	\$11,311,033	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	\$364,593	\$729,185
Colebrook	\$387,737	\$371,562	\$403,912	\$403,912	\$16,175	\$32,350
Columbia	\$2,255,454	\$2,194,718	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	\$60,735	\$121,471
Cornwall	\$10,083	\$11,018	\$9,149	\$9,149	-\$934	-\$1,869
Coventry	\$7,781,957	\$7,611,004	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	\$170,954	\$341,907
Cromwell	\$5,102,197	\$5,226,991	\$4,977,403	\$4,977,403	-\$124,794	-\$249,588
Danbury	\$40,141,183	\$42,583,894	\$37,698,473	\$37,698,473	-\$2,442,710	-\$4,885,421
Darien	\$457,290	\$471,351	\$443,228	\$443,228	-\$14,062	-\$28,123
Deep River	\$1,655,742	\$1,648,614	\$1,662,870	\$1,662,870	\$7,128	\$14,256
Derby	\$9,137,406	\$9,434,389	\$8,840,423	\$8,840,423	-\$296,983	-\$593,966
Durham	\$3,027,031	\$2,888,328	\$3,165,733	\$3,165,733	\$138,702	\$277,405
East Granby	\$1,445,490	\$1,456,888	\$1,434,092	\$1,434,092	-\$11,398	-\$22,796
East Haddam	\$3,503,002	\$3,450,047	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	\$52,955	\$105,910
East Hampton	\$6,805,340	\$6,707,904	\$6,902,775	\$6,902,775	\$97,435	\$194,871
East Hartford	\$56,454,170	\$58,521,329	\$54,387,012	\$54,387,012	-\$2,067,158	-\$4,134,317
East Haven	\$19,853,463	\$19,881,522	\$19,825,403	\$19,825,403	-\$28,060	-\$56,119
East Lyme	\$5,857,086	\$5,637,665	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	\$219,421	\$438,842
East Windsor*	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	-	-
Eastford	\$912,634	\$878,092	\$947,176	\$947,176	\$34,542	\$69,084
Easton	\$170,713	\$169,346	\$172,080	\$172,080	\$1,367	\$2,734
Ellington	\$10,029,234	\$10,111,578	\$9,946,889	\$9,946,889	-\$82,345	-\$164,689
Enfield	\$29,815,628	\$30,079,730	\$29,551,526	\$29,551,526	-\$264,102	-\$528,204
Essex	\$103,089	\$102,251	\$103,926	\$103,926	\$837	\$1,675

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Fairfield	\$1,117,449	\$1,123,353	\$1,111,544	\$1,111,544	-\$5,905	-\$11,809
Farmington	\$793,194	\$742,920	\$843,467	\$843,467	\$50,273	\$100,547
Franklin	\$682,227	\$628,197	\$736,256	\$736,256	\$54,029	\$108,059
Glastonbury	\$5,221,920	\$5,064,585	\$5,379,255	\$5,379,255	\$157,335	\$314,670
Goshen	\$79,570	\$78,978	\$80,162	\$80,162	\$592	\$1,184
Granby	\$5,192,916	\$5,107,519	\$5,278,314	\$5,278,314	\$85,398	\$170,795
Greenwich	\$477,190	\$575,731	\$378,649	\$378,649	-\$98,541	-\$197,082
Griswold	\$10,905,488	\$10,885,824	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	\$19,663	\$39,327
Groton*	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	-	-
Guilford	\$1,569,209	\$1,372,335	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	\$196,875	\$393,749
Haddam	\$2,035,591	\$2,052,170	\$2,019,012	\$2,019,012	-\$16,579	-\$33,158
Hamden	\$31,154,327	\$32,376,976	\$29,931,677	\$29,931,677	-\$1,222,650	-\$2,445,299
Hampton	\$1,001,727	\$945,046	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	\$56,681	\$113,362
Hartford	\$211,449,554	\$213,794,332	\$209,104,777	\$209,104,777	-\$2,344,777	-\$4,689,555
Hartland	\$1,015,467	\$959,213	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	\$56,255	\$112,509
Harwinton	\$2,351,002	\$2,271,954	\$2,430,050	\$2,430,050	\$79,048	\$158,096
Hebron	\$5,788,388	\$5,579,084	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	\$209,305	\$418,609
Kent	\$28,137	\$28,680	\$27,594	\$27,594	-\$543	-\$1,086
Killingly*	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	-	-
Killingworth	\$1,605,243	\$1,532,823	\$1,677,663	\$1,677,663	\$72,420	\$144,840
Lebanon	\$4,391,961	\$4,205,333	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	\$186,628	\$373,256
Ledyard	\$11,378,153	\$11,263,790	\$11,492,516	\$11,492,516	\$114,363	\$228,726
Lisbon	\$2,782,886	\$2,666,255	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	\$116,630	\$233,261
Litchfield	\$1,288,226	\$1,282,950	\$1,293,502	\$1,293,502	\$5,276	\$10,552
Lyme	\$59,387	\$58,558	\$60,216	\$60,216	\$829	\$1,658
Madison	\$382,372	\$369,277	\$395,466	\$395,466	\$13,094	\$26,189
Manchester	\$39,722,076	\$41,192,684	\$38,251,467	\$38,251,467	-\$1,470,609	-\$2,941,217

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Mansfield	\$9,369,224	\$9,278,726	\$9,459,722	\$9,459,722	\$90,498	\$180,996
Marlborough	\$2,862,186	\$2,822,033	\$2,902,339	\$2,902,339	\$40,153	\$80,306
Meriden	\$66,683,562	\$68,592,583	\$64,774,542	\$64,774,542	-\$1,909,020	-\$3,818,041
Middlebury	\$872,258	\$896,759	\$847,757	\$847,757	-\$24,501	-\$49,002
Middlefield	\$1,794,823	\$1,752,143	\$1,837,504	\$1,837,504	\$42,681	\$85,361
Middletown	\$22,265,423	\$22,978,881	\$21,551,965	\$21,551,965	-\$713,458	-\$1,426,916
Milford	\$9,483,361	\$9,293,487	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	\$189,874	\$379,748
Monroe	\$5,099,328	\$4,925,721	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	\$173,607	\$347,214
Montville	\$12,797,398	\$12,815,460	\$12,779,336	\$12,779,336	-\$18,062	-\$36,124
Morris	\$105,496	\$101,063	\$109,929	\$109,929	\$4,433	\$8,866
Naugatuck	\$32,678,505	\$33,319,706	\$32,037,303	\$32,037,303	-\$641,202	-\$1,282,403
New Britain	\$99,311,440	\$102,846,497	\$95,776,383	\$95,776,383	-\$3,535,057	-\$7,070,114
New Canaan	\$393,215	\$409,064	\$377,366	\$377,366	-\$15,849	-\$31,698
New Fairfield	\$3,291,967	\$3,102,814	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	\$189,153	\$378,306
New Hartford	\$2,861,191	\$2,809,372	\$2,913,010	\$2,913,010	\$51,819	\$103,638
New Haven	\$162,256,396	\$164,042,831	\$160,469,961	\$160,469,961	-\$1,786,435	-\$3,572,870
New London	\$29,558,875	\$30,488,776	\$28,628,974	\$28,628,974	-\$929,901	-\$1,859,802
New Milford	\$10,932,324	\$10,740,460	\$11,124,188	\$11,124,188	\$191,864	\$383,728
Newington	\$14,121,463	\$14,469,975	\$13,772,951	\$13,772,951	-\$348,512	-\$697,024
Newtown	\$4,435,495	\$4,375,299	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	\$60,196	\$120,392
Norfolk	\$25,685	\$25,429	\$25,940	\$25,940	\$255	\$511
North Branford	\$7,191,937	\$7,052,549	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$139,388	\$278,776
North Canaan	\$1,749,736	\$1,717,517	\$1,781,954	\$1,781,954	\$32,218	\$64,437
North Haven	\$3,859,237	\$3,867,113	\$3,851,360	\$3,851,360	-\$7,877	-\$15,753
North Stonington	\$2,517,289	\$2,450,374	\$2,584,204	\$2,584,204	\$66,915	\$133,830
Norwalk	\$13,154,603	\$13,718,727	\$12,590,479	\$12,590,479	-\$564,124	-\$1,128,248
Norwich	\$40,376,867	\$41,525,495	\$39,228,238	\$39,228,238	-\$1,148,629	-\$2,297,257

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Old Lyme	\$237,309	\$236,035	\$238,583	\$238,583	\$1,274	\$2,548
Old Saybrook	\$130,698	\$131,682	\$129,714	\$129,714	-\$984	-\$1,968
Orange	\$917,184	\$818,870	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	\$98,314	\$196,628
Oxford	\$3,469,111	\$3,261,210	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	\$207,900	\$415,801
Plainfield	\$14,781,306	\$14,572,566	\$14,990,047	\$14,990,047	\$208,741	\$417,481
Plainville	\$10,996,407	\$11,180,748	\$10,812,066	\$10,812,066	-\$184,341	-\$368,682
Plymouth	\$9,740,122	\$9,678,122	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	\$61,999	\$123,999
Pomfret	\$2,584,138	\$2,497,289	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	\$86,849	\$173,698
Portland	\$4,543,101	\$4,592,897	\$4,493,305	\$4,493,305	-\$49,796	-\$99,592
Preston	\$2,886,970	\$2,821,445	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	\$65,526	\$131,051
Prospect	\$4,799,807	\$4,737,491	\$4,862,123	\$4,862,123	\$62,316	\$124,632
Putnam*	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	-	-
Redding	\$176,309	\$174,577	\$178,040	\$178,040	\$1,731	\$3,463
Ridgefield	\$565,509	\$562,318	\$568,700	\$568,700	\$3,191	\$6,382
Rocky Hill	\$5,407,654	\$5,804,494	\$5,010,814	\$5,010,814	-\$396,840	-\$793,680
Roxbury	\$37,032	\$38,017	\$36,047	\$36,047	-\$985	-\$1,970
Salem	\$2,412,733	\$2,300,388	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	\$112,345	\$224,690
Salisbury	\$23,170	\$26,811	\$19,530	\$19,530	-\$3,640	-\$7,281
Scotland	\$1,230,247	\$1,185,823	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	\$44,424	\$88,848
Seymour	\$10,632,351	\$10,841,616	\$10,423,086	\$10,423,086	-\$209,265	-\$418,530
Sharon	\$14,520	\$15,604	\$13,437	\$13,437	-\$1,083	-\$2,167
Shelton	\$6,846,926	\$7,052,020	\$6,641,832	\$6,641,832	-\$205,094	-\$410,188
Sherman	\$46,714	\$46,434	\$46,995	\$46,995	\$281	\$561
Simsbury	\$6,528,903	\$6,740,796	\$6,317,010	\$6,317,010	-\$211,893	-\$423,786
Somers	\$5,597,266	\$5,501,902	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	\$95,364	\$190,728
South Windsor	\$11,124,855	\$10,841,632	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	\$283,223	\$566,446
Southbury	\$3,988,715	\$4,191,789	\$3,785,641	\$3,785,641	-\$203,074	-\$406,148

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Southington	\$20,458,469	\$20,450,520	\$20,466,417	\$20,466,417	\$7,948	\$15,897
Sprague	\$2,671,144	\$2,674,193	\$2,668,094	\$2,668,094	-\$3,050	-\$6,099
Stafford	\$9,417,528	\$9,283,569	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	\$133,959	\$267,918
Stamford	\$14,753,448	\$15,916,312	\$13,590,585	\$13,590,585	-\$1,162,863	-\$2,325,727
Sterling	\$3,117,966	\$3,061,346	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	\$56,619	\$113,239
Stonington	\$955,994	\$838,976	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	\$117,017	\$234,035
Stratford	\$25,129,486	\$26,142,635	\$24,116,337	\$24,116,337	-\$1,013,149	-\$2,026,298
Suffield	\$6,108,089	\$6,068,026	\$6,148,151	\$6,148,151	\$40,062	\$80,125
Thomaston	\$5,460,861	\$5,440,497	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	\$20,365	\$40,729
Thompson*	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	-	-
Tolland	\$8,791,238	\$8,476,949	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	\$314,290	\$628,579
Torrington	\$27,798,337	\$28,638,505	\$26,958,170	\$26,958,170	-\$840,167	-\$1,680,335
Trumbull	\$2,105,714	\$1,887,887	\$2,323,541	\$2,323,541	\$217,827	\$435,654
Union	\$209,376	\$207,023	\$211,728	\$211,728	\$2,352	\$4,705
Vernon	\$20,584,633	\$20,999,177	\$20,170,089	\$20,170,089	-\$414,544	-\$829,088
Voluntown	\$2,029,248	\$1,941,252	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	\$87,995	\$175,991
Wallingford	\$20,735,952	\$20,616,333	\$20,855,570	\$20,855,570	\$119,618	\$239,237
Warren	\$31,581	\$31,047	\$32,115	\$32,115	\$534	\$1,068
Washington	\$53,787	\$54,567	\$53,007	\$53,007	-\$780	-\$1,560
Waterbury	\$156,536,736	\$162,982,930	\$150,090,541	\$150,090,541	-\$6,446,195	-\$12,892,389
Waterford	\$326,261	\$326,077	\$326,444	\$326,444	\$183	\$367
Watertown	\$11,874,309	\$11,968,432	\$11,780,186	\$11,780,186	-\$94,123	-\$188,246
West Hartford	\$22,231,133	\$22,581,769	\$21,880,498	\$21,880,498	-\$350,635	-\$701,271
West Haven	\$50,263,644	\$51,568,845	\$48,958,444	\$48,958,444	-\$1,305,200	-\$2,610,401
Westbrook	\$76,585	\$78,191	\$74,979	\$74,979	-\$1,606	-\$3,212
Weston	\$263,582	\$263,372	\$263,792	\$263,792	\$210	\$420
Westport	\$523,435	\$539,141	\$507,728	\$507,728	-\$15,707	-\$31,413

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	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2023
Wethersfield	\$11,527,714	\$12,170,251	\$10,885,177	\$10,885,177	-\$642,537	-\$1,285,074
Wilmington	\$3,417,718	\$3,378,842	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	\$38,876	\$77,752
Wilton	\$458,953	\$456,110	\$461,796	\$461,796	\$2,843	\$5,686
Winchester*	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	-	-
Windham	\$29,796,776	\$30,630,573	\$28,962,979	\$28,962,979	-\$833,797	-\$1,667,594
Windsor*	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	-	-
Windsor Locks	\$5,214,015	\$5,202,730	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$11,284	\$22,569
Wolcott	\$12,207,300	\$12,027,429	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	\$179,871	\$359,742
Woodbridge	\$435,019	\$398,462	\$471,575	\$471,575	\$36,556	\$73,113
Woodbury	\$1,702,174	\$1,864,489	\$1,539,859	\$1,539,859	-\$162,315	-\$324,630
Woodstock	\$4,870,948	\$4,751,364	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$119,584	\$239,168

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