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Last legislative session, the General Assembly accelerated the phase-in schedule of the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant, which will deliver more state education dollars to municipalities faster than previously scheduled.

In fiscal year 2025, cities and towns considered underfunded according to the ECS formula will receive their previous year's ECS grant plus 56.5% of the difference between their fully-funded ECS grant amount and their FY 2024 ECS grant. Combined, underfunded municipalities will receive an estimated \$128.1 million more in ECS funding in FY 2025 than they received in FY 2024.

Additionally, for FY 2025, cities and towns considered overfunded will not experience a reduction in their ECS funding and will instead be "held harmless" at their FY 2024 grant amounts. In FY 2026, gradual ECS grant decreases for overfunded municipalities are set to resume, while underfunded municipalities will begin receiving their fully-funded ECS grant amounts — two years faster than the grant's original phase-in schedule.

For each town, the estimated ECS grants for FY 2025, as well as the differences between FY 2025 and FY 2024 grant levels, are listed in the table below.

Estimated FY 2025 ECS Grants Compared to FY 2024

Town	FY 2024 ECS Grant	Estimated FY 2025 ECS Grant*	Difference
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$2,004,782	\$0
Ansonia	\$19,422,268	\$20,315,782	\$893,514
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$3,459,062	\$0
Avon	\$742,914	\$909,358	\$166,444
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$1,494,242	\$0
Beacon Falls	\$4,033,756	\$4,080,374	\$46,618
Berlin	\$5,870,600	\$6,106,646	\$236,046
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$1,764,574	\$0
Bethel	\$8,193,009	\$8,661,580	\$468,571
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$1,218,610	\$0
Bloomfield	\$7,262,845	\$8,047,852	\$785,007
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$2,683,216	\$0
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$1,190,095	\$0
Branford	\$3,454,772	\$3,772,866	\$318,094
Bridgeport	\$192,456,792	\$201,710,496	\$9,253,704

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Bridgewater	\$86,900	\$137,375	\$50,475
Bristol	\$50,819,280	\$53,867,349	\$3,048,069
Brookfield	\$962,317	\$1,136,390	\$174,073
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$6,969,690	\$0
Burlington	\$4,364,956	\$4,474,567	\$109,611
Canaan	\$125,752	\$125,752	\$0
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$4,004,835	\$0
Canton	\$3,810,492	\$4,068,515	\$258,023
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$1,652,147	\$0
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$9,439,993	\$0
Chester	\$942,336	\$947,013	\$4,677
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$5,192,084	\$0
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$12,040,218	\$0
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$403,912	\$0
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$2,316,189	\$0
Cornwall	\$17,184	\$25,057	\$7,873
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$7,952,911	\$0
Cromwell	\$5,420,950	\$5,631,142	\$210,192
Danbury	\$45,682,808	\$53,201,306	\$7,518,498
Darien	\$485,907	\$515,629	\$29,722
Deep River	\$1,671,457	\$1,676,105	\$4,648
Derby	\$9,782,696	\$10,597,864	\$815,168
Durham	\$3,208,722	\$3,293,232	\$84,510
Eastford	\$947,176	\$947,176	\$0
East Granby	\$1,476,417	\$1,510,105	\$33,688
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$3,555,957	\$0
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$6,960,947	\$0
East Hartford	\$60,847,465	\$66,388,025	\$5,540,560
East Haven	\$19,876,965	\$20,005,957	\$128,992
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$6,076,507	\$0
Easton	\$233,266	\$279,493	\$46,227
East Windsor	\$5,669,122	\$5,669,122	\$0

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Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$10,341,646	\$0
Enfield	\$29,823,645	\$29,823,645	\$0
Essex	\$171,618	\$213,526	\$41,908
Fairfield	\$1,124,616	\$1,131,021	\$6,405
Farmington	\$1,252,404	\$1,760,375	\$507,971
Franklin	\$736,256	\$736,256	\$0
Glastonbury	\$5,655,724	\$5,655,724	\$0
Goshen	\$231,768	\$337,582	\$105,814
Granby	\$5,278,314	\$5,278,314	\$0
Greenwich	\$660,555	\$869,861	\$209,306
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$10,925,151	\$0
Groton	\$25,040,045	\$25,040,045	\$0
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$1,766,084	\$0
Haddam	\$2,748,356	\$3,336,551	\$588,195
Hamden	\$34,895,170	\$39,522,754	\$4,627,584
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$1,058,408	\$0
Hartford	\$215,966,982	\$224,114,724	\$8,147,742
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$1,071,722	\$0
Harwinton	\$2,506,509	\$2,506,509	\$0
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$5,997,693	\$0
Kent	\$34,148	\$38,093	\$3,945
Killingly	\$15,574,402	\$15,574,402	\$0
Killingworth	\$1,811,469	\$2,040,165	\$228,696
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$4,578,589	\$0
Ledyard	\$11,624,199	\$12,032,619	\$408,420
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$2,899,516	\$0
Litchfield	\$1,309,880	\$1,309,880	\$0
Lyme	\$169,066	\$254,340	\$85,274
Madison	\$395,466	\$395,466	\$0
Manchester	\$42,920,769	\$46,222,158	\$3,301,389
Mansfield	\$9,562,811	\$11,860,593	\$2,297,782
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$2,952,086	\$0

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Meriden	\$71,875,826	\$79,454,514	\$7,578,688
Middlebury	\$1,451,313	\$2,182,673	\$731,360
Middlefield	\$1,958,902	\$2,100,359	\$141,457
Middletown	\$23,859,861	\$25,404,320	\$1,544,459
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$9,673,235	\$0
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$5,272,935	\$0
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$12,802,864	\$0
Morris	\$194,211	\$250,614	\$56,403
Naugatuck	\$33,783,140	\$34,096,586	\$313,446
New Britain	\$107,212,343	\$115,859,537	\$8,647,194
New Canaan	\$422,560	\$454,820	\$32,260
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$3,481,120	\$0
New Hartford	\$2,913,010	\$2,918,203	\$5,193
New Haven	\$165,306,789	\$169,238,796	\$3,932,007
Newington	\$15,311,720	\$16,720,241	\$1,408,521
New London	\$30,943,539	\$31,150,657	\$207,118
New Milford	\$11,266,883	\$11,554,609	\$287,726
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$4,495,691	\$0
Norfolk	\$39,307	\$53,125	\$13,818
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$0
North Canaan	\$1,781,954	\$1,781,954	\$0
North Haven	\$4,184,787	\$4,399,467	\$214,680
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$2,660,307	\$0
Norwalk	\$14,269,949	\$15,498,345	\$1,228,396
Norwich	\$42,902,299	\$46,690,778	\$3,788,479
Old Lyme	\$747,419	\$1,171,194	\$423,775
Old Saybrook	\$131,261	\$131,315	\$54
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$1,015,498	\$0
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$3,677,011	\$0
Plainfield	\$15,364,444	\$15,364,444	\$0
Plainville	\$11,368,382	\$12,181,371	\$812,989
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$9,802,121	\$0

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Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$2,670,987	\$0
Portland	\$4,560,730	\$4,775,020	\$214,290
Preston	\$2,952,496	\$2,952,496	\$0
Prospect	\$5,358,322	\$5,836,389	\$478,067
Putnam	\$8,340,282	\$8,340,282	\$0
Redding	\$227,484	\$262,365	\$34,881
Ridgefield	\$568,700	\$568,700	\$0
Rocky Hill	\$6,336,110	\$7,541,437	\$1,205,327
Roxbury	\$118,219	\$186,577	\$68,358
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$2,525,078	\$0
Salisbury	\$39,916	\$56,120	\$16,204
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$1,274,671	\$0
Seymour	\$11,137,502	\$11,771,547	\$634,045
Sharon	\$20,433	\$24,350	\$3,917
Shelton	\$7,115,795	\$8,515,020	\$1,399,225
Sherman	\$46,995	\$46,995	\$0
Simsbury	\$7,222,594	\$7,482,969	\$260,375
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$5,692,630	\$0
Southbury	\$5,586,719	\$6,743,091	\$1,156,372
Southington	\$20,633,488	\$20,848,418	\$214,930
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$11,408,078	\$0
Sprague	\$2,706,745	\$2,706,745	\$0
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$9,551,487	\$0
Stamford	\$17,145,212	\$19,908,251	\$2,763,039
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$3,174,585	\$0
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$1,073,011	\$0
Stratford	\$27,243,762	\$30,304,368	\$3,060,606
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$6,163,712	\$0
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$5,481,226	\$0
Thompson	\$7,534,704	\$7,534,704	\$0
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$9,105,528	\$0
Torrington	\$30,194,857	\$33,393,120	\$3,198,263

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Trumbull	\$2,323,541	\$3,417,049	\$1,093,508
Union	\$211,728	\$211,728	\$0
Vernon	\$21,344,994	\$23,038,115	\$1,693,121
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$2,117,243	\$0
Wallingford	\$21,067,312	\$21,286,162	\$218,850
Warren	\$91,563	\$137,212	\$45,649
Washington	\$184,905	\$283,590	\$98,685
Waterbury	\$171,892,005	\$190,361,064	\$18,469,059
Waterford	\$326,444	\$326,444	\$0
Watertown	\$12,404,357	\$12,747,426	\$343,069
Westbrook	\$78,509	\$78,973	\$464
West Hartford	\$23,037,333	\$25,084,678	\$2,047,345
West Haven	\$52,743,035	\$56,011,585	\$3,268,550
Weston	\$263,792	\$263,792	\$0
Westport	\$554,220	\$589,729	\$35,509
Wethersfield	\$13,195,442	\$14,676,017	\$1,480,575
Willington	\$3,456,594	\$3,456,594	\$0
Wilton	\$461,796	\$461,796	\$0
Winchester	\$8,024,957	\$8,024,957	\$0
Windham	\$31,866,205	\$33,829,263	\$1,963,058
Windsor	\$12,130,392	\$12,130,392	\$0
Windsor Locks	\$5,225,299	\$5,225,299	\$0
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$12,387,171	\$0
Woodbridge	\$516,506	\$577,842	\$61,336
Woodbury	\$2,476,135	\$2,936,816	\$460,681
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$4,990,532	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,233,420,236	\$2,361,569,054	\$128,148,818

* Estimated FY 2025 ECS grant amounts are subject to change. Final grant amounts may differ based on updated data for enrollment, student needs, and community wealth, as well as potential statutory changes adopted by the legislature. If possible, towns and school districts should wait for final grant amounts to be released by the Connecticut State Department of Education before finalizing these amounts in their budgets.