

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed every three months as follows: (1) Twenty-five per cent to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism to use as follows: (A) Two hundred thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (2) twenty-five per cent to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to supplement new or existing affordable housing programs; (3) twenty-five per cent to the Department of Environmental Protection for municipal open space grants; and (4) twenty-five per cent to the Department of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred thousand dollars annually for the agricultural viability grant program established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand dollars, annually for the farm transition program established pursuant to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to encourage the sale of Connecticut Grown food to schools, restaurants, retailers, and other institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-five thousand dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program established pursuant to section 22-26l; and (E) the remainder for farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each agency receiving funds under this section may use not more than ten per cent of such funds for administration of the programs for which the funds were provided.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, [from July 1, 2009, until July 1, 2011,] the funds in the community investment account

established pursuant to said subsection shall be distributed every three months as follows: (1) Twenty per cent to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism to use as follows: (A) Two hundred thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (2) twenty per cent to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to supplement new or existing affordable housing programs; (3) twenty per cent to the Department of Environmental Protection for municipal open space grants; and (4) forty per cent to the Department of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, quarterly, for the agricultural viability grant program established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, quarterly, for the farm transition program established pursuant to section 22-26k; (C) twenty-five thousand dollars, quarterly, to encourage the sale of Connecticut Grown food to schools, restaurants, retailers, and other institutions and businesses in the state; (D) eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars, quarterly, for the Connecticut farm link program established pursuant to section 22-26l; (E) twelve thousand five hundred dollars, quarterly, for Urban Oaks Organic Farm; (F) eleven thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars, quarterly, for the Seafood Advisory Council established pursuant to section 22-455; (G) eleven thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars, quarterly, to the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council established pursuant to section 22-26c; (H) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars, quarterly, to the Connecticut Food Policy Council established pursuant to section 22-456; and (I) the remainder each quarter to the agricultural sustainability account established pursuant to section 4-66c. Each agency receiving funds under this section may use not more than ten per cent of such funds for administration of the programs for which the funds were provided, except the Department of Agriculture may also use such funds for the administration of farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-66aa

Statement of Purpose:

To maintain the current distribution of funds for certain state agricultural and farming programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]