Gov. Malloy's Affordable Housing Initiative

Last year, we added $100 million in new capital funding for affordable housing ($50 million in FY12 and $50 million in FY13) and $30 million in capital funding to develop 150 new units of supportive housing units coupled with an annualized $2.6 million for operating and support services. This year:

- **Public Housing Revitalization**. Budget authorizes $30 million in bonding in FY 13 as start of ten year commitment of $300 million to preserve and upgrade this housing, bringing deteriorated and vacant units back on line. Funding is supported with an annualized $1.5 million ($750,000 beginning in January 2013) for 150 new RAPs to ensure an adequate ongoing revenue stream.

- **Affordable Housing**. Budget adds $20 million to the $50 million already authorized in the biennial budget – bringing the total available funding for affordable housing in FY13 to $70 million.

- **Elderly Congregate Housing**. Budget adds $12.5 million in capital funding to re-invigorate the state's elderly congregate housing program and support the development of about 50 new units of elderly congregate housing with $405,000 for ongoing congregate operating subsidies. This program is used to assist the growing segment of elderly. There has not been new state funding for elderly congregate facilities in Connecticut in eleven years.

- **Supportive Housing**. Budget contains an annualized $1.5 million ($750,000 beginning in January 2013) to support an additional 150 RAPs for scattered site supportive housing. It is expected that support services will be provided through a federal CMS Innovations grant. Last year, the Governor's supportive housing initiative provided funding for project-based supportive housing, but no scattered site units were added.

- **Reorganization and Coordination of the state's housing functions**. Budget combines state housing functions in a new State Office of Housing within DECD to provide leadership and facilitate coordination. State-funded DSS programs and nine staff to transfer are the Rental Assistance Program, Residences for Persons with AIDS, Emergency Shelters for Homeless, Domestic Violence Shelters, Transitional Living, Special Projects for Homeless Shelters, Housing Mediation and Rent Bank, and Security Deposit Guarantees. Also, the DCF rental assistance subsidies portion of the Supportive Housing for Families program and the Elderly Renters Program from OPM will transfer with one staff. DECD will receive two new positions.

- **HOMEConnecticut**. Proposed legislative changes to the Incentive Housing Zones program will facilitate OPM's ability to manage limited funds and ensure that funding is targeted to those municipalities that are taking steps to develop affordable housing for their residents.