

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REQUESTED BUDGET

MUNICIPAL BUDGET--General Government

FISCAL 2026/2027

	2022/2023 ACTUAL	2023/2024 ACTUAL	2025/2026 ACTUAL	2025/2026 APPROVED BUDGET	2026/2027 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2026/2027 SELECTMEN REQUEST
<u>Intergovernmental Agencies</u>						
001-4162-0000-000 / 312.00	CT. Council of Small Towns	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175
001-4162-0000-000 / 313.01	WestCOG	9,053	9,485	9,936	10,234	10,541
001-4162-0000-000 / 313.02	Candlewood Lake Authority	129,730	130,619	127,700	130,200	132,815
001-4162-0000-000 / 313.03	CT Conference of Municipalities	8,929	8,929	8,929	8,929	8,929
001-4162-0000-000 / 316.00	Public Transportation	104,670	107,810	111,050	116,603	121,850
001-4162-0000-000 / 421.00	Household Hazard Waste	11,236	14,000	12,304	15,800	16,000
	total	264,793	272,018	271,094	282,941	291,310
	Budget to Budget Change		7,226	(924)	11,847	8,369
			2.73%	-0.34%	4.37%	2.96%
						(291,310)
						-100.00%

Council of Small Towns (COST) - membership dues

Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) - membership dues (population based)

Candlewood Lake Authority - funding is governed by local ordinance and Interlocal agreement

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) - membership dues

Public Transportation - HART & SweetHART bus service.

Household Hazardous Waste - Town funding of annual waste collection day with area towns

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



December 4, 2025

Hon. Pat Del Monaco
First Selectman, Town of New Fairfield
New Fairfield Town Hall
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

RE: Notification of WestCOG Dues Request for FY2026-2027 – For Budgeting Purposes Only

Dear First Selectman Del Monaco:

We are taking this opportunity to remind you of your annual Municipal Contribution to WestCOG for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). Dues levels are set by the COG and apportioned to members by their share of the region's population and land area. New Fairfield's portion of WestCOG's annual dues budget will be **\$10,541**. Please share this information with your finance department if necessary.

Dues serve two principal functions. First, they serve as a required match for federal and state grants. The largest of these supports WestCOG's federally-required transportation planning program; under this program, WestCOG brings in more than \$8 for every \$1.00 in municipal dues contributed. Second, dues enable WestCOG staff to pursue opportunities to benefit and support its members, such as grant preparation and technical assistance.

Thank you for your continued support. I encourage you to contact me at (475) 323-2070 or by email at fpickering@westcog.org whenever you feel WestCOG's resources may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Pickering".

Francis Pickering
Executive Director



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

Member Municipalities: Brookfield • Danbury • New Fairfield • New Milford • Sherman

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December 19, 2025

To: Patricia Del Monaco, New Fairfield First Selectwoman
Adam Lawrence, New Fairfield Director of Finance

Subject: FY 2026/2027 Candlewood Lake Authority Budget Request

The Candlewood Lake Authority recently completed its budget cycle with the board approving an overall budget of \$825,575, which is up 4% year over year. As a result of our continued focus of understanding the financial pressures you face each year, we have been able to minimize the request of the municipalities.

2026/2027 Budget Request

\$132,815

2% YtY Increase

2025/2026 Request \$130,200

We look forward to meeting with you on January 12, 2026 to discuss the budget request, discuss our 2026 priorities, and answer any questions you may have.

Will Meikle
Treasurer & Brookfield Delegate
Candlewood Lake Authority



December 19, 2025

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Dear First Selectman Del Monaco:

Enclosed, please find HART's Budget Request/Service Agreement for the Town of New Fairfield for fiscal year 2027.

If you have any questions, I can be reached directly at ext. 126.

Sincerely,

Robert Yastremski
Chief Executive Officer

Service Agreement FY 2027

By and between HARTransit and the Town of New Fairfield regarding the provision of SweetHART Paratransit services for the Town of New Fairfield.

1. Buses will be scheduled to complete service daily between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:05 p.m. Monday through Friday.
2. Total cost to New Fairfield for this service from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, will be \$121,850.
 - a) Actual cost for five days per week of SweetHART service is estimated at \$244,800.
 - b) It is estimated that \$1,100 in revenue will be generated through the farebox in New Fairfield. Therefore, the estimated cost is \$243,700.
 - c) HARTransit is asking New Fairfield to appropriate 50% of the estimated cost of SweetHART service, which is \$121,850.
3. Local trips and trips to Danbury, Brookfield and Sherman can be reserved by eligible clients (persons 65 or older or with a disability) from two weeks up to 4:00 p.m. the day before a trip for medical appointments, and up to one week in advance for all other purposes. Reservations can be made until the New Fairfield schedule is full, after which trip requests may be denied. Clients denied trips will be offered alternative trip times whenever possible.
4. Reservations for trips in non-contiguous towns in the HARTransit service area (Bethel, Newtown, New Milford, Redding and Ridgefield) for clients may be made, as schedules permit. These trips may require transfers between HARTransit buses assigned to other municipalities and some flexibility on the part of clients. New clients working in non-contiguous towns will be accommodated as schedules permit.

5. HARTransit will provide the service levels above through the end of Fiscal Year 2026 (June 30, 2026). Any change in service due to unforeseen circumstances would be made only after contacting the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen.

For HARTransit

Robert Yastremski
CEO

For Town of New Fairfield

Pat Del Monaco
First Selectman

FY 2026	# Days	Hours/Day	Annual Hours
Weekdays	253	10.15	2,567.95
Saturday 13b	52	7.33	381.16
TOTAL	305	---	2,949

SweetHART	Daily Trips	Annual Trips	Trips/Hour
FY 2027	10.2	3,112	1.06

