



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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DPH Capitol Budget Request Testimony

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information regarding our \$25 million Capital Budget Request for each year of the biennium to provide grants-in-aid to public water systems for drinking water projects. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

The department has provided supplemental information that includes more detail about the direction of the bond funds and how they were allocated, so I will use this time to give a brief overview of the purpose of this program.

The program is authorized under Connecticut General Statute 22a-483f to provide loan principal forgiveness to drinking water projects receiving funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). These drinking water projects are published annually in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP), and the goal of the program is to provide additional subsidization to drinking water infrastructure projects that emphasize prevention as a tool for ensuring long term safe and affordable drinking water in the state's most underserved communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. DPH encourages committee members to reach out with any questions.