

DMHAS Bond Funded Programs

Program: Design and installation of sprinkler systems in direct care patient buildings

Unallocated balance: \$6,919,500

1. *Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.*
 - a) *If so, for what purpose?*

DMHAS is a large healthcare service provider of substance use disorder and mental health treatment and recovery services. This program funds the design and construction of sprinkler systems at DMHAS-operated facilities statewide.
 - b) *Within what time frame?*

We anticipate these funds will be needed in FY 24.
2. *Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?*

This balance is attached to a project.

 - a) *If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.*

This balance will fund the design and allow construction to begin for the sprinkler project at the DMHAS Southwest CT Mental Health System in Bridgeport. The new sprinkler system must be installed and operating by 3/30/2028 to meet requirements of the federal Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare. The project is anticipated to start in FY 24.
3. *Allocation of Funds*
 - a) *When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?*

Funds in the amount of \$9,675,000 were allocated on 5/26/22 a sprinkler, ceiling and light project at the Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven.
 - b) *Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?*

No funds have been requested or allocated yet for the design and construction of the sprinkler project at Southwest CT Mental Health System. We anticipate a request for allocation in FY 24.
4. *What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?*

The public health emergency and staffing resource limitations at DMHAS and partner agencies have delayed request of funds.
5. *If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 24 or FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?*

The Governor's budget funds this program at \$12,450,000 in FY 24, the agency requested amount. The proposed amount supplements the existing unallocated balance to complete the construction of the sprinkler project at Southwest CT Mental Health System as well as allows us to initiate additional sprinkler projects at other DMHAS buildings on the CVH campus. We anticipate these funds will be needed in FY 24 and FY 25.

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Program: Fire, safety and environmental improvements including improvements in compliance with current codes, site improvements, repair and replacement of roofs and other exterior and interior building renovations and demolition

Unallocated balance: \$12,056,179

1. *Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.*

a) *If so, for what purpose?*

DMHAS is a large healthcare service provider of substance use disorder and mental health treatment and recovery services. Bonding resources are used to upgrade and maintain DMHAS' aging hospitals and treatment facilities. This program supports improvements and maintenance of physical plants of DMHAS-operated hospitals and clinics statewide including: upgrades to inpatient units which will enhance treatment settings and living quarters, repair or replacement of roofs, windows, elevators, electrical, fire alarm systems and other life-safety issues. It also provides funds for urgent or emergency repairs and maintenance.

b) *Within what time frame?*

The Department anticipates needing these funds in early FY 24.

2. *Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?*

This balance is attached to projects.

a) *If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.*

This balance will fund several projects at inpatient buildings on the Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) campus in Middletown including the cost and associated fees for the design of the renovation of inpatient units in Battell Hall, replacement of the freight elevator at Merritt Hall, replacement of generator at Dutcher Hall, new fire alarm systems in multiple buildings. It will also be used at Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven and the Southwest CT Mental Health System in Bridgeport for upgrades to HVAC systems.

3. *Allocation of Funds*

a) *When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?*

In December of 2022 the Bond Commission allocated \$700,000 in emergency bond funds and \$300,000 for the design of the CVH power plant roof replacement.

b) *Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?*

The Department anticipates requesting funds during FY 23 and FY 24.

4. *What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?*

The public health emergency and staffing resource limitations at DMHAS and partner agencies have delayed request of funds.

5. *If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 24 or FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?*

The Governor's budget funds this program at \$36,090,000 in FY 24 and \$30,990,000 in FY 25. Please reference the supplemental detail document provided for the list of projects these funds will support. We anticipate these funds will be needed in FY 24 and FY 25 and the following biennium.

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Program: Planning and design for replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown

Unallocated balance: \$2,500,000

1. *Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.*

a) *If so, for what purpose?*

These funds are for a study which plans the replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital.

b) *Within what time frame?*

Vendor procurement to complete the study is in progress, with bids currently under review. DMHAS anticipates utilizing this balance over the course of the upcoming biennium.

2. *Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?*

This balance is attached to projects.

a) *If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.*

These funds are for a study to begin the initial planning of the replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital on the campus of CT Valley Hospital.

3. *Allocation of Funds*

a) *When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?*

In March of 2022 the Bond Commission allocated \$500,000 to initiate the study.

b) *Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?*

The Department anticipates requesting additional funds during SFY 2023 to initiative the projects described above.

4. *What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?*

The public health emergency and staffing resource limitations at DMHAS and partner agencies have delayed request of funds.

6. *If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 24 or FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?*

The Department did not request and the Governor's budget does not propose any new funds for this program.

DMHAS Bond Funded Programs

Program: Grants-in-aid to private non-profit organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for community-based residential and outpatient facilities for purchases, repairs, alterations and improvements

Unallocated balance: \$3,282,999

1. *Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.*

a) *If so, for what purpose?*

These funds are provided to DMHAS Private Non Profit Providers for purchases, repairs, alterations, and improvements at their community based residential and outpatient facilities.

b) *Within what time frame?*

The Department anticipates utilizing this balance over the upcoming biennium to fund infrastructure needs in our private provider system.

2. *Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?*

This balance is attached to projects.

a) *If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.*

Approximately \$160,000 of this balance is authorized by the State Bond Commission as emergency funds to assist these private non-profit providers with projects that address urgent health and safety issues.

3. *Allocation of Funds*

a) *When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?*

The last authorization of funds was in May 2022 for \$68,003 to fund a project at a private non-profit provider.

b) *Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?*

The Department intends to initiate a bond fund application process in FY 24 and expects to request allocation of the funds over the course of the upcoming biennium.

4. *What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?*

In recent years, the Department's focus has been on direct care services to address the increasing mental health and substance use services needs in our community during brought about by the public health emergency as well as awarding private providers ARPA funds appropriated to the Department for projects that address pandemic related facility and infrastructure concerns.

5. *If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 24 or FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?*

The Governor's budget does not propose any new funds for this program. The Department anticipates the existing balance is sufficient for the FY 24-25 biennium.