

## Attachment A

### 1. Capital Equipment Purchase Fund –

- a. **Background/Goals** - The Capital Equipment Purchase Fund is authorized by CGS Sec. 4a-9 and is used for the purchase of state agency equipment. Qualified purchases must:
  - i. Have a unit price of at least \$1,000 and
  - ii. Have a useful life of no less than 5 years
  - iii. Examples of qualified purchases include:
    - 1. Office equipment, such as printers, scanners, telecom systems
    - 2. IT Equipment
    - 3. Industrial Refrigerators
    - 4. Medical Equipment and Machinery
    - 5. State Vehicles
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$6.1 million combined with the requested \$25 million in FY 2024 and \$25 million in FY 2025 will be sufficient to address the most critical equipment needs of state agencies.
- c. **Last Allocation** - \$25 million on 7/29/2022
- d. **New Biennium Request** - \$25 million is requested in each year of the biennium to continue to provide state agencies required capital equipment purchases.

### 2. Grants-in Aid to Distressed Municipalities –

- a. **Background/Goal** - Provides a state reimbursement of a portion of the property tax loss that municipalities sustain as a result of property tax exemptions granted to qualified manufacturing/service facilities and companies located in certain municipalities designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as distressed, containing an Enterprise Zone or a zone that is eligible for Enterprise Zone level benefits. The Commissioner of the DECD must certify which manufacturing/service facilities and companies are eligible for these exemptions. OPM reimburses eligible municipalities for up to 50% of the tax revenue lost due to these exemptions. Reimbursement to municipalities is required per CGS Section 32-9s. Exemptions are granted to qualified manufacturing/service facilities and companies per CGS Sections 12-81(59), 12-81(60) and 12-81(70). Municipalities must certify that any bond funds received through this grant will be used only for capital projects.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** – \$7 million unused funds are utilized for future reimbursement
- c. **Last Allocation** - December 8, 2022 Bond Commission provided \$3.5 million in time for the FY 2023 payment.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - Requested same level of funding for both fiscal years for annual reimbursements pursuant to statute

### 3. Grants-in-aid to Towns for Municipal Projects and Purposes –

- a. **Background/Goals** - These funds are required to be expended for the same purposes for which Town Aid Road grants may be used. However, legislation also allows towns to apply to OPM for a waiver from this requirement, and use these funds and Town Aid Road grants for other capital purposes.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$0
- c. **Last Allocation** - The most recent allocation was in the December 8, 2022 State Bond Commission meeting which provided \$91.0 million in grant payments to municipalities.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - The \$91M requested in each fiscal year 2024 and 2025 is necessary to continue the program at historic levels.

#### 4. Information Technology Capital Investment Program –

- a. **Background/Goals** - This program is used to update and improve the state's information technology infrastructure to increase efficiency and improve the citizen experience. The program has been in place since 2013 and continues to be the primary funding source to update large and complex technology systems across the state. Since its inception, a total of 126 projects benefited from the program. Of those 126 projects, a total of 58 projects have been successfully closed out, 52 remain active, 6 have been cancelled, and 10 are in the review and evaluation phase.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - The unallocated balance, \$52,640,854, along with the requested authorizations of required for planned allocations of \$65M for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 are necessary for the 52 active projects approved by the Information Technology Capital Investment Program which have not received their full allocations. Additionally, the program anticipates additional project requests requiring new allocations. Project timelines can vary but generally most projects will be completed over the next 1-3 years.
- c. **Last Allocation** - The December 8, 2022 State Bond Commission provided \$34.5 million in additional funds towards IT Capital projects.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - The \$65 million being requested for each of FY24 and FY25 in addition to the unallocated balance of \$52 million will be used to support the 52 active and any new projects over the next 3+ years. Allotments are processed according to each project's drawdown schedule and the program usually averages between \$50 million and \$60 million in allotments each fiscal year.
- e. **Other – Notable past & present projects:**
  - i. CT Digital Service Business One Stop (MyCT)
  - ii. Social Services Case Management (ConnectCT)
  - iii. Insurance Exchange (AccessHealth)
  - iv. Tax Modernization
  - v. On-line Licensing and Renewals System (e-License)
  - vi. Apply for CT Jobs (JobApps)
  - vii. Unemployment Insurance Modernization
  - viii. Automated Voter Registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles
  - ix. Office of Early Childhood Parent Portal (Care4Kids)
  - x. DEEP Electronic Permitting

5. **Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) –**

- a. **Background/Goals** - Pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-535 through 7-538 the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) distributes formula-based entitlement funds to municipalities to reimburse the cost of eligible local capital improvement projects such as roads, bridges or public building construction activities. Descriptions of eligible projects and examples of allowable project costs can be found in the LoCIP Guidelines. A municipality must request and be granted project authorization by OPM to be eligible for reimbursement for allowable project costs. A municipality must request LoCIP reimbursement for eligible costs associated with an OPM approved LoCIP project to receive funds.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$90 million unallocated funds represent entitlements (“credited” to towns) per statute annually on March 1st. These entitlements are obligated/attached to authorized capital projects on an ongoing basis as projects are approved by OPM. Any entitlements not currently attached to a project remain available in the town’s available entitlement account, which the town has the ability to obligate to a new project and get reimbursed at any given time.
- c. **Last Allocation** - \$30 million on 3/31/2022
- d. **New Biennium Request** - Requested same level of funding for both fiscal years for annual reimbursements pursuant to statute

6. **Grants-in-aid to Private, Non-profit Health and Human Service Organizations –**

- a. **Background/Goal** - The purpose of the NGP funds is to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, safety and/or accessibility of health and human services being delivered by nonprofit organizations. The eligible projects include facility alterations, renovations, improvements, and additions; new construction; health, safety and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects; energy conservation improvements; information technology systems; technology that promotes client independence; purchase of vehicles; and acquisition of property. Seven rounds of the grants have been administered by OPM to date. OPM has executed and administered over 650 Nonprofit Grant awards with expenditures totaling \$134,148,071.45. There are currently two active Nonprofit Grants, awarded in 2018 and 2019, to Community Health Resources (CHR) and Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - Due to the expressed need from Connecticut's nonprofit industry, OPM intends to use the \$45 million unallocated funds to administer an eighth round of grants in FY 2023. Funds will continue to be used to support the state's nonprofits with addressing their qualifying capital needs as described above. Contracts will be executed by the end of calendar 2023.
- c. **Last Allocation** - \$25 million on 2/16/2018
- d. **New Biennium Request** - The Governor's Recommended Budget includes a \$25 million authorization for each year of the biennium budget. OPM is targeting the release of a Request for Applications in the spring of 2023, with awards to be announced in the fall of 2023, and awards to be executed by the end of the calendar year 2023.
- e. **Other** - Eligible projects include:
  - i. Facility alterations, renovations, improvement, additions, new construction and land purchase associated with new construction or additions;
  - ii. Health, safety and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act;
  - iii. Energy conservation, improvements or projects;
  - iv. Information technology projects, including encryption or client confidentiality systems;
  - v. Technology that promotes client independence;
  - vi. Purchase of vehicles;
  - vii. Acquisition and upgrades to electronic health or medical records and other health information technology systems; and
  - viii. Converting use of property to address mutually agreed to state agency service needs.

## 7. Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) –

- a. **Background/Goals:** STEAP funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for municipalities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds. By Statute, municipalities may receive up to \$500,000 per year if: (1) they are not designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community and (2) the State Plan of Conservation and Development does not show them as having a regional center. Under CGS 4-66g, STEAP funds economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for municipalities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - Existing STEAP funds would be utilized along with PA 20-1 Section 52 which authorizes an additional \$15 million for a potential STEAP round in Fiscal Year 23. Current unallocated funds will be used in the next wave of STEAP grants, currently anticipated to be in the spring of Fiscal Year 23. Additionally, OPM has worked with administering agencies and municipalities with projects more than five years old or which have expired contracts. Projects have been closed out and balances have been transferred back to OPM from the agencies. Funds will be used with any additional bonding for future projects. Approximately \$2.7 million.
- c. **Last Allocation** - The last time STEAP was allocated was 3/31/2022 for the FY 22 STEAP round for \$30 million.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - \$30M is requested for another STEAP round in FY 2025 to maintain historical funding levels
- e. **Other** - Projects eligible for STEAP funds include:
  - i. Economic development projects such as (a) constructing or rehabilitating commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures and (b) constructing, reconstructing, or repairing roads, access ways, and other site improvements;
  - ii. Recreation and solid waste disposal projects;
  - iii. Social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities;
  - iv. Housing projects;
  - v. Pilot historic preservation and redevelopment programs that leverage private funds; and
  - vi. Other kinds of development projects involving economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social service programs.

## 8. Urban Act –

- a. **Background/Goals** - Urban Action Grants are discretionary grants to municipalities that (1) are economically distressed as defined by statute, (2) public investment communities or (3) urban centers under the State's Plan of Conservation and Development. Eligible projects include economic development, transit, recreation, solid waste disposal, housing, day care, elderly centers, emergency shelters, historic preservation and various urban development projects.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - The current \$135.3 million unallocated balance plus the requested \$60 million in each FY 2024 and 2025 is necessary maintain the program.
- c. **Last Allocation** - \$13.2 most recently allocated at the December 8, 2022 bond commission.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - \$384.4 million has been allocated over the course of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, \$60 million requested to maintain historic levels.

9. **Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention –**

- a. **Background/Goals** - These funds are to be used as a grant-in-aid to the Commission on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** – \$12 million unallocated balance.
- c. **Last Allocation** - There have been no allocations of these funds as of yet.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - No additional funds are requested at this time.

10. **CORE Higher Education System Consolidation –**

- a. **Background/Goals** - In accordance with CGS 10a-9b, the constituent units of higher education shall work with OPM, DAS and OSC to fully utilize CORE-CT to:
  - i. Carry out its accounting functions and financial reporting that meet both the constitutional needs and provide for budgetary and financial reporting needs.
  - ii. Provide for human resources and payroll reporting.
  - iii. Initiate the process of determining consistent classification and compensation for employees not represented by an employee organization as defined in Section 5-270
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$3,000,000, may be used for OPM to get greater understanding of the constituent units of higher education HR and finances in support of CGS 10a-9b. There is an existing MOU, fully executed between OSC, UCONN and OPM on 11/3/2014 which needs to be reviewed by all parties in support of this project. The unallocated balance should be retained pending final completion of implementation.
- c. **Last Allocation** - The last allocation for this program was for \$1.5M at the September 30, 2016 bond commission.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - No additional funds are requested at this time.

11. **CORE Results-Based Accountability –**

- a. **Background/Goals** - The State Analytics Reporting System (STARS) is now the state's central reporting system for 38+ departments and agencies. The STARS system pulls-in data from CT CORE on a nightly basis and makes the data available to authorized users for reporting and trend analysis purposes. The system contains hundreds of reports that are used to support reconciliation of financial and HR related transactions, perform financial analysis, support policy development, and develop historical trends. STARS also pulls-in external data sources on as needed basis to support additional trend analysis by using agencies.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - The remaining \$1.2 million is needed to continue to add modules, data modeling, visualization, and reporting features to respond to a growing list of business requirements from using agencies. The remaining balance will be spent over the next 18 months.
- c. **Last Allocation** - The most recent allocation was \$2.65 million in the February 28, 2017 State Bond Commission.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - No new funds are being requested for this budget cycle.

## 12. Community Engagement Training-

- a. **Background/Goal** - Section 32(a)(3) of Public Act 20-1 authorized the creation of a community engagement training (CET) program for law enforcement agencies in towns with a population of over one hundred thousand and towns adjacent to such cities. The bond funds were allocated to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$500K Unallocated necessary for proposals due by July 7, 2023, for a contractor to provide CET to law enforcement and communities. The expectation is that by the end of 2023, a vendor will be selected and be placed under contract, with funds to expended over FY 2024 and FY 2025. This is the second RFP that OPM has released seeking a vendor to provide CET. On November 4, 2022, OPM released an RFP to identify a vendor that could deliver CET to eligible municipalities. The RFP closed without receiving any proposals, however. After OPM staff reviewed the original RFP release and posting, several action steps were noted to promote the RFP and increase the likelihood of receiving proposals in a second release
- c. **Last Allocation** - \$3 million on 7/21/2020
- d. **New Biennium Request** - N/A

## 13. Regional and Local Improvement Grant Program –

- a. **Background/Goals** - This program was added to the Office of Policy and Management in the 2021 Legislative Session. Authorized for \$35 million in both FY 2022 and FY 2023. The program provides grants to various municipalities for specific projects and purposes.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - The use of the remaining \$15.3 million unallocated balance for this authorization has not yet been determined. Projects listed in the authorization that have yet to receive funds are as follows (but not limited to):
  - i. Bristol Health emergency backup power generation replacement and upgrade
  - ii. Crestbrook Park facility upgrades
  - iii. Thomaston Opera House
  - iv. Squantz Engine Company elevator
  - v. Tolland Fire Department capital improvements
  - vi. Plymouth Police Department
  - vii. New facility for Operation Hope of Fairfield
  - viii. Stanley T. Williams Senior Center roof repair
  - ix. YMCA of East Haven pool renovation
  - x. Fairfield landfill cleanup
  - xi. Sterling House Community Center renovations
  - xii. Regional public safety complex in Enfield
  - xiii. Bristol Hospital backup generator
  - xiv. Woodridge Lake sewer treatment plant renovations
  - xv. Groton sidewalk
- c. **Last Allocation** - The following projects received funds via the March 31, 2022 bond commission:
  - xvi. Shelton Constitution Boulevard extension and Commerce Park - \$5M
  - xvii. Town of Bozrah extension of existing sanitary sewer mains - \$5M
  - xviii. Griswold Senior Center - \$1.2M
  - xix. Track at Portland High School and Portland Middle School - \$500,736
  - xx. Shakespeare Theater construction - \$3M
  - xxi. Trumbull Veterans & First Responder Center - \$1.5M

- xxii. Fox Hill Memorial Tower rehabilitation - \$2.5M
- xxiii. YMCA of Wallingford pool renovation - \$1M
- d. **New Biennium Request** – N/A
- e. **Other** - Some of the projects explicitly cited in the authorization have been funded through the Urban Act program.

**14. Grants-in-aid to an acute care hospital licensed under chapter 368v-**

- a. **Background/Goals** – This authorization was added to the Office of Policy and Management in the 2022 Legislative Session. The program provides grants-in-aid to acute care hospitals licensed under chapter 368v of the general statutes for construction of facilities for adult, inpatient psychiatric beds.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** – The use of the current \$5 million unallocated for this authorization has not yet been determined.
- c. **Last Allocation** – There have been no allocations of these funds
- d. **New Biennium Request** – No additional funds have been requested

**15. Body worn camera/dashboard camera reimbursement program under the Police Accountability bill-**

- a. **Background/Goal** - Pursuant to Section 7-277c of the Connecticut General Statutes, OPM administers a program — The Body Worn Camera and Dashboard Camera Grant Program — providing grant-in-aid, in the form of capital bond funds, to entities applying for reimbursement for a portion of allowable expenses, as designated in statute, associated with law enforcement unit purchases of body-worn recording equipment, dashboard cameras, and digital data storage device or services. In administering the program, OPM staff assist entities seeking reimbursement and submit capital bond requests to the State Bond Commission. OPM then allocates commission-approved bond funds to the entity approved for reimbursement.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$3.4 million unallocated balances are expected to be drawn from for future commission-approved reimbursement for body-worn recording equipment, dashboard cameras, and digital data storage device or services. The program remains active: OPM staff continue to field inquiries and requests from entities seeking reimbursement for allowable expenses.
- c. **Last Allocation** - The State Bond Commission last allocated funds at its December 8, 2022, meeting. At that meeting, \$1,264,113 was approved for reimbursement to approved applicants. OPM staff are working with entities to prepare requests to the next State Bond Commission meetings.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - Pursuant to Section 7-277c, The Body Worn Camera and Dashboard Camera Grant Program will expire on June 30, 2023 unless legislation is enacted to extend the program. The program has been extended under previously enacted legislation. Entities continue to submit applications to OPM, and there are authorized bond funds remaining for reimbursement. OPM is prepared to continue administering the body camera reimbursement program for another year if legislation is enacted to extend the program to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.



**16. Responsible Growth & Transit Oriented Development (RGTOOD) Grant Program –**

- a. **Background/Goal** -The Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (RGTOOD) Grant Program provides funding opportunities to eligible applicants for projects that foster transit-oriented development, as defined in [\*Section 13b-79o\*](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and/or projects that demonstrate responsible growth through their consistency with the [\*Conservation & Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut 2013-2018\*](#) (State C&D Plan).
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - \$2 million for the Responsible Growth Incentive Fund is expected to be used for in a future grant round
- c. **Last Allocation** - Funds were last allocated in the July 29, 2022 Bond Commission when \$6M was approved for TOD Projects.
- d. **New Biennium Request** - No additional funds have been requested; the current unallocated balance is expected to sustain the program through the next biennium.

**17. State matching funds for IIJA projects and programs –**

- a. **Background/Goals** - This authorization was added to the Office of Policy and Management in the 2022 Legislative Session. The \$75 million unallocated balance allows the state flexibility when applying for federal funds for future IIJA eligible projects. These funds will be expended as state agencies identify federal match opportunities.
- b. **Unallocated Balance** - The use of the current \$75 million unallocated balance for this authorization has not yet been determined. The balance is expected to be used in the coming biennium.
- c. **Last Allocation** - There have been no allocations of these funds
- d. **New Biennium Request** – No additional funds are requested at this time.