



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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#### Testimony Supporting OPM Capital Programs

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Senator Moore, Representative Napoli, Senator Hwang, Representative Piscopo and distinguished members of the General Bonding Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Office of Policy and Management's capital programs.

The Governor has proposed new General Obligation (GO) bond authorizations of \$1.4 billion in FY 2024 and \$1.7 billion in FY 2025. Additionally, prior auto-authorizations becoming effective over the biennium include \$84.7 million in FY 2024 and \$56 million in FY 2025 for UConn 2000, \$24 million in FY 2024 for the Bioscience Innovation Fund, \$10 million in FY 2024 and \$10.3 million in FY 2025 for the Strategic Defense Investment Act, and \$253 million in FY 2024 and \$277.7 million in FY 2025 in various pre-authorized programs. The capital budget recommendation does not include any cancellation of existing authorizations.

The Governor's capital budget prioritizes bonding in areas that require the most investment, such as: creating additional affordable housing, meeting statewide energy efficiency goals, providing meaningful investments in our municipalities, improving the state's information technology infrastructure, investing in workforce development, and addressing the capital needs of state agencies. Nearly 70 percent of the Governor's recommended capital authorizations are intended for aid to municipalities, aid to private organizations, or aid to nonprofit organizations.

The Office of Policy and Management's capital budget request includes additional funding for the agency's existing capital programs. These funds will support the continuation of the agency's municipal, information technology, nonprofit grant, and agency capital assistance programs through the biennium. My agency continues to work through the large volume of unallocated balances. Many of these balances are attributable to projects or programs that take a long period of time to conclude. For instance, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act matching funds remain unallocated until such time as an agency identifies a need for a capital match.

The Office of Policy and Management's requested GO bond authorizations for the upcoming biennium and the agency's existing unallocated balances are as follows:

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Unallocated Balance and Capital Budget Requests				
			FY 2024	FY 2025
	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Unallocated*</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
1.	Capital Equipment Purchase Fund (CEPF)	\$ 6,131,625	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
2.	Distressed Municipalities	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
3.	Grants-in-Aid for Municipal Purposes	-	91,000,000	91,000,000
4.	Information Technology Capital Investment Program	52,640,854	65,000,000	65,000,000
5.	Local Capital Improvement Fund (LOCIP)	90,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
6.	Nonprofit Health and Human Service Organization Grants-in-Aid	45,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
7.	Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)	30,000,000	-	30,000,000
8.	Urban Act	135,302,135	60,000,000	60,000,000
9.	Commission on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention	12,000,000	-	-
10.	Consolidation of Higher Education Systems with the State's CORE System	3,000,000	-	-
11.	Implementation of Results-Based Accountability into the CORE Financial System	1,200,000	-	-
12.	Community Engagement Training to Law Enforcement	500,000	-	-
13.	Grants-in-Aid for Regional and Local Improvements and Development	15,299,264	-	-
14.	Grants-in-Aid to an Acute Care Hospital licensed under chapter 368v	5,000,000	-	-
15.	Grants to Municipalities for the Purchase of On-Body Cameras for Law Enforcement Officers	5,938,651	-	-
16.	Responsible Growth Incentive Fund	2,000,000	-	-
17.	State Matching Funds for Projects and Programs allowed under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	75,000,000	-	-
18.	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$486,012,529</b>	<b>\$303,000,000</b>	<b>\$333,000,000</b>

\* Unallocated Balance as of March 24, 2023

Attachment A provides a brief overview of each of the programs administered at the Office of Policy and Management. Attachment B provides a list of body camera recipients since the program's inception.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.