



Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Subcommittee

Department of Administrative Services

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NEW PROGRAMS / NEW BOND REQUESTS

Asbestos Removal Program

- 1. Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. If so, for what purpose?** We continue to address hazardous materials in state buildings. We get numerous requests directly from other agencies as they come upon suspected materials in their regular course of building maintenance.
 - b. Within what time frame?** This program is on-going.
- 2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Funds are utilized as projects are identified. There are also large, planned projects including: DMV Headquarters in Wethersfield, 61 Woodland Street in Hartford, the former Cedarcrest Hospital in Newington, the former Bergin Correctional Institute, and the consolidation/closure at other correctional facilities.
 - a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Please see the DAS Pipeline Report
- 3. Allocation of Funds**
 - a. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funds were allocated in FY2024
 - b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** A total of \$5 million dollars has been allocated since 2021.
- 4. What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
- 5. For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** Funding is spent as projects are identified.

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- a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** Funds are typically spent within a few years.
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** In addition to several large projects whose scope may increase once work begins, we anticipate continued use of abatement funds for “emergency projects” discovered by our agencies in the normal course of work.
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** It is highly likely that there will be future requests based on anticipated asbestos removal project work.

State Occupied Facilities, Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** Funding is used for continuous upgrades and improvements to the DAS building portfolio.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** This program is on-going.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Funds are attached to projects and available for future needs as they arise.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Please see the DAS Pipeline Report on current projects, the DAS FM FY 24-26 Capital Expenditure Plan and the DAS FM 5 year Capital Improvement Plan
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funds were last allocated in FY2024.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Funds were allocated in FY2024. Funds of several million dollars are typically requested at each bond commission hearing.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** Funds are spent as projects are identified.

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- a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** Funds will be spent within a few years of allocation.
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** Funds will be used to support on-going infrastructure repairs at state owned facilities.
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** It is highly likely that there will be future requests based on anticipated repair and renovation project work.

School Indoor Air Quality / HVAC Grants

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** Funding is needed for the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant Program for Public Schools. The program is for the purposes of installation, replacement, upgrade, or other improvements to indoor air quality in public schools.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** This program is on-going. PA 22-118 and PA 23-205 provide funding for the program through FY 25.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Funds are utilized as applications are received, reviewed and projects within the scope of the program are identified.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** DAS awarded \$56 million in grant funds in the first round of applications. DAS plans to announce recipient districts in March 2024. If all grants are awarded, DAS will award approximately \$137 million, for a total of \$193 million dollars.
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funds were allocated in FY2024.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** A total of \$225 million dollars has been allocated in FY2023-FY2024.

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4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** A small portion of the funds has been spent to date.
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** Funds will be spent within a few years. Per statute, districts have less than two years to complete their projects, but they may request an extension if needed.
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** The Governor's budget contains no changes to the biennial budget for this program. The biennial budget authorized \$150 million for FY 25 for purposes of this program.
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** This is a policy question to be evaluated as part of the bond bill for the next biennium, which will be proposed by the Governor in January 2025.

School Building Projects

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** This allocation funds grants for priority list and non-priority list school construction projects, and payments to vendors on CTECS and previous CREC projects managed by DAS.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** The program is ongoing, the timing of grant applications is at districts' discretion, and cash flow needs in the program depend heavily on when districts apply for reimbursement.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Funds are available for on-going requests as they arise.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Funding requests can be found on the DAS School Priority List.
3. **Allocation of Funds**

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- a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funds were allocated in FY2024.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Several funding requests are approved each year.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** Funds will be spent as projects are identified.
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** This is an ongoing process and funds will likely need to be replenished yearly.
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** DAS routinely monitors the cash flow of the School Construction Grant program relative to currently allocated funds to advise of further Bond Commission allocations. The School Construction Grant program is structured so that the statutory bond authorization and Bonding Commission allocations cover current cash flow of progress payments to school districts and vendor payments on state-administered projects.
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** It is highly likely that there will be future requests based on anticipated school improvement project work.

EXISTING PROGRAMS / UNALLOCATED BOND REQUESTS

ADA Compliance

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** To make ADA improvements or improved accessibility to state facilities.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** The program is on-going as the needs for improvements are identified.

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2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** The funds are attached to various projects as they arise.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Please see the DAS Pipeline Report.
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funding was authorized in FY2024.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Several funding requests have been allocated by the bond commission since this program inception. To see a list of active and completed ADA improvements projects please refer to the DAS Facilities Management Pipeline Report beginning on page 30.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** N/A
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** N/A

Alterations to CT Building at Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** We currently have a project to upgrade the exterior of the building including roof replacement, brick repointing, window repairs and replacement and an upgrade to the electrical system.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** The time frame is dependent on the selection of an architectural firm, executing a signed contract, the conclusion of a design program and then construction.

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2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** This specific project is estimated at \$2.3 million, \$1 million has been allocated to date out of DAS general infrastructure funds.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Please see the DAS Pipeline Report
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funds for this project were allocated in December 2021.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Yes, \$1 million was allocated in December 2021.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** \$106,000 has been spent to date on this project.
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** The current project is in design with bidding, contracting and construction estimated for the Fall of 2024 after the completed of the 2024 fall fair.
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** N/A

Fire Training Schools Capital construction, improvements, repairs, renovations, and land acquisition

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** Of the locations for new fire training schools identified in the original program, two have not been designed or constructed: (1) the Waterbury Area Regional Fire School (BIFP-17 DB) in Cheshire, and (2) the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School (BI-FP-16 DB) in Beacon Falls. The unallocated balance is held for this purpose.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** Once DAS receives direction to proceed, the time frame is dependent on the selection of a design-build contractor to design and

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construct a facility. A very approximate timeline would be 5 years to complete one fire training school.

2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** The projects are listed above (Cheshire and Beacon Falls). The current unallocated balance may be enough to complete one school, but the determination of need and which school would be made by DESPP.

If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects. The proposed fire training schools in Cheshire and Beacon Falls would be designed in consultation with DAS's client agency – DESPP – and other stakeholders once a design-build contractor is hired. Until then, specific details are not available.

3. **Allocation of Funds**

- a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** There has not been a recent allocation of funds for this project.
- b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** The last allocation was June of 2019. Approximately 40 million dollars has been allocated since 2007.

4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.

5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** N/A

- a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** N/A

6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** DAS is currently awaiting a decision from DESPP on which project to fund with the current resources. Due to the length of time that has elapsed, the plans and costs would need to be updated and will likely require additional funding.

Alliance Districts

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

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- a. **If so, for what purpose?** Pursuant to PA 17-2, DAS administers grant applications when received. DAS has not received any new requests from school districts since 2020. We do not know if school districts will apply in the future.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** Unknown
 - c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Available for future needs as they arise. Not currently attached to specific projects. Pursuant to Public Act 17-2 Sec. 389, (1) Grants-in-aid to alliance districts to assist in paying for general improvements to school buildings, not exceeding \$30,000,000.
 - d. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Currently no projects are being undertaken.
2. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** No funds have been allocated from the most recent public act authorizing this program (PA 17-2 (JSS) 408(b)).
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** No funds have been allocated from the most recent public act authorizing this program (PA 17-2 (JSS) 408(b)).
3. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** No requests have been made to date requesting assistance with this program.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** N/A
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** N/A
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** N/A

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- a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium? N/A

Priority School Districts

1. Do you need the unallocated balance? Unknown
 - a. If so, for what purpose? This is a State Department of Education grant program, pursuant to 10-266p. DAS has not received any specific requests from school districts with regards to this program. We do not know if school districts will apply in the future. The DAS administered priority-list and non-priority list school projects are covered under "School Building Projects"
 - b. Within what time frame? Unknown
2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? Available for future needs as they arise. Not currently attached to specific projects.
 - a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects. Currently no projects have been undertaken.
3. Allocation of Funds
 - a. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever? No funds have been allocated from inception (2020)
 - b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when? No funds have been allocated from inception (2020).
4. What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds? No requests have been made to date requesting assistance with this program.
5. For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? N/A
 - a. What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds? N/A
6. If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed? N/A
 - a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium? N/A

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Interdistrict Magnet Schools

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Unknown
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** This is a State Department of Education grant program, pursuant to PA 23-205 13(b) for the for alterations, renovations and improvements at interdistrict magnet school facilities to support additional preschool and elementary slots. DAS has not received any specific requests from magnet schools with regards to this program.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** Unknown
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** Available for future needs as they arise. Not currently attached to specific projects.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Currently no projects have been undertaken.
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** No funds have been allocated from inception (2023)
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** No funds have been allocated from inception (2023).
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** No requests have been made to date requesting assistance with this program.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** N/A
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** N/A
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** N/A.
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** N/A

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Capitol Area Systems "CAS" Plant

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** The program will fund ongoing and necessary modernization efforts of the plant as well as allow for the study of decarbonization opportunities.
 - b. **Within what time frame?** The time frame is dependent on the results of the decarbonization study.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** The funds are attached to the modernization program.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funding was recently authorized and has not been allocated.
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Funding was recently authorized and has not been allocated.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** N/A
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** N/A
6. **If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** N/A
 - a. **Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?** N/A

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State Fleet Electric Vehicles EVs

1. **Do you need the unallocated balance?** Yes
 - a. **If so, for what purpose?** The program will fund a 50% replacement of state fleet internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles with electric vehicles (EVs) by January 1, 2026, to comply with Public Act No. 22-25 – Section 1 4a-67d (c) of the CT General Statutes
 - b. **Within what time frame?** DAS has worked with an engineering consultant to develop detailed designs for 5 locations identified by a 2023 study by DOT, DEEP and DAS personnel and to outline a roadmap for the build out of charging infrastructure at approximately 40 other locations. The initial 5 locations will go out to bid this spring, with the intent of completing the installation by spring of 2025. The remaining 40 or so locations will be designed over the next few months with a goal of coming on-line in the spring of 2026. The ordering of electric vehicles to replace internal combustion engine vehicles will be programmed around the build out of the charging infrastructure.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** The funds are attached to the EV program.
 - a. **If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.** Unallocated funds are needed for the project. See responses to 1a and b for the project details
3. **Allocation of Funds**
 - a. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?** Funding was allocated in FY2024
 - b. **Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?** Yes, roughly 6.5m was allocated so far in FY2024.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the unallocated bond funds?** None.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** A small amount has been spent to date.
 - a. **What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?** This program will likely take years to expend its associated funding.

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6. If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the upcoming FY 25 subcommittee, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed? N/A
 - a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations beyond the biennium?

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