

## Attachment A

### 1. Capital Equipment Purchase Fund –

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes, these funds cover the cost of large capital equipment and Information Technology improvements for state agencies. It also covers the cost of any emergency equipment needs. Any balance of funds will be carried into future years to address agency needs.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The unallocated balance has not been obligated to specific projects. Balance will be used to address cash flow.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

\$25 million was allocated on the October 6, 2023 Bond Commission meeting.

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

There are no impediments for accessing these bond funds.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Allocations help to cover the cash flow needs of the program. Typically an allocation will be spent within 12 to 18 months.

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

Capital Equipment Purchase Fund will require additional authorization in the next biennium to meet cash flow demands of state agencies.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Annual amounts have remained stable.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes. \$7 million unallocated balance will be utilized for future reimbursement. Claims have been increasing – FY 22 \$5.8 million; FY23 \$6.8 million; FY24 - \$6.7 million – and we are aware of new certifications that will increase future claims for reimbursement. Claims are due in August, with payments made in December.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Future needs as they arise.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

October 6, 2023 Bond Commission provided \$7 million in time for the FY 2024 payment.

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

Additional certification process from the municipalities that the funds will be utilized for capital purposes as required under the public act.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

FY 24 payment was \$6.7 million of the \$7 million allocation.

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

Distressed Municipalities will require additional authorizations in the next biennium.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Annual amounts have remained stable.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

There is no unallocated balance for this authorization.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

There is no unallocated balance for this authorization.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

The most recent allocation was in the December 15, 2023 State Bond Commission meeting which provided \$91.0 million in grant payments to municipalities.

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

Additional certification process from the municipalities that the funds will be utilized for town aid road purposes as required under the public act. Recommend in future that if this program is to continue, to increase Town Aid Road funding by \$91 million

distribution. DOT administers and municipalities report on eligible uses. Currently administering two programs for the same purpose

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

FY 24 payment is expected to utilize the full \$91 million allocation

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

It is anticipated that this program will be ongoing. It may require additional authorizations into the future.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Annual amounts have remained stable.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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 90 projects have been successfully closed out, 36 remain active, 8 have been cancelled, and 14 are in the review and evaluation phase.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

The unallocated balance of \$27,434,100, along with the requested authorizations of \$65,000,000 in FY '25 is necessary to close out the 36 active projects approved by the Information Technology Capital Investment Program. Additionally, the program is currently reviewing 14 projects for possible funding. Project timelines can vary but generally most projects will be completed over the next 1-3 years.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

All unallocated funds are earmarked for active projects with existing contracts. Allocations are made to OPM. Once the project is ready to move forward, OPM allots the funds.

d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

\$64,286,754 in additional funds were provided in the December 15, 2023 State Bond Commission meeting.

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

No impediments for this program.

f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Once allocations are made to OPM, it takes roughly 2 to 3 weeks for the funds to be allotted to agencies. Time between agency allotment and final expenditures of the funds varies across projects and are a function of project lifecycle. For small to medium size projects, the average time between allotment and project completion is approximately 6 months. For large and complex projects, the average time between allotment and project completion is between 1 to 3 years depending on complexity, scope, procurement approach, and technology solution mix.

g. **If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed? Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

An expansion request for \$15,000,000 is being requested in FY 2025 to offset loss of ARPA dollars initially earmarked to supplement the capital funds to implement the DMHAS Electronic Health Records system.

h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Annual amounts have remained stable.

i. **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. Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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.

Public Act 23-124 modified the LoCIP program for Fiscal Year 2024 and forward. Direct grants to municipalities will be processed through a certification process. Funds will be disbursed by June 30, and an annual expense report will be due from the municipality by September 1

- b. Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes. The unallocated balance is needed to reimburse municipalities for approved projects prior to Fiscal Year 2024. Payments are made on a reimbursement basis after project authorization. Pending submission of reimbursement, anticipate a request prior to end of this fiscal year.

- c. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The funds are obligated to municipalities and boroughs through the entitlement process each March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to Fiscal Year 2024. Municipalities have balances that carry forward until approvals and reimbursement are made.

- d. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

October 6, 2023 Bond Commission approved \$45 million for FY 24 Grant Payment

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

Prior to Fiscal Year 2024, process includes authorization and reimbursement process. Public Act 23-124 streamlined the process moving forward to a direct grant. Administration will be eased as the prior entitlements are paid out.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

FY 24 payment is expected to utilize the full \$45 million allocation

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

Anticipate additional authorizations beyond the biennium as this is an ongoing program.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Legislation increased the funding from \$30 million to \$45 million starting in Fiscal Year 2024.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

The purpose of the Nonprofit Grant Program (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 \$134,450,901.71. \$10.5 million remains from previous rounds and an additional \$25 million was approved in 2023 for OPM to conduct an eighth round of grant awards resulting in a total of \$35.5 million available for Round 8. The Request for Applications closed October 18, 2023 and the evaluation phase is currently in process to select grantees from the hundreds of applicants.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Due to the expressed need from Connecticut's nonprofit industry, OPM intends to use the unallocated funds to administer an eighth round of grants. 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 late spring/early summer 2024.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Unallocated funds were included in the Request for Applications that closed in October

2023 and all of the funds are expected to be awarded out to successful applicants.

d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

Prior to the current 2023 funding allocation Nonprofit Grant funds were allocated in 2019.

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

The Nonprofit Grant Program application is difficult for some of the smaller nonprofits who do not have the staff capacity of larger organizations. Additionally, the sheer volume, approximately 300 applications received, makes the evaluation process long so it can take several weeks to complete the scoring.

f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

The FY 2023 allocation has not yet been awarded. The evaluation process is underway and awards are expected to be announced in Spring 2024 and the total balance of funds awarded. Historically, the majority of grants have taken one to two years to fully expend with some projects coming in under budget or not getting off the ground for reasons outside of the grant process, therefore, leaving a balance. The Round 8 grant guidelines specifically note that funds must be expended within 12 months and that extensions will only be granted in very limited cases.

g. **If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for FY 25, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed? Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Due to the timing of Round 8 grants awards, should the Commission approve another round of grants the RFA process would not likely be able to commence until early FY 2026 (summer of 2025).

h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Amounts have remained consistent with prior grant rounds.

i. **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. Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes. Unallocated balance will be utilized with any funds returned from projects which have been closed out. The Governor's proposed mid-term budget includes language to increase the municipality maximum from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Projecting the next STEAP grant round to be in 2025.

- c. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Funds are not currently obligated but will be available for future needs.

- d. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

April 6, 2023 Bond Commission approved \$30 million for 2023 STEAP grant round.

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

There are no impediments for STEAP.

- f. For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Unspent STEAP funds is approximately \$11.5 million.

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

Additional authorization will need to continue outside of the biennium in order to continue STEAP.

**h. For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No change in annual amounts.

**i. 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. Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Unallocated is necessary maintain the program and fund future projects.

**c. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

None of the currently unallocated funds have been obligated.

**d. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

\$26.5 million was allocated in the December 15, 2023 State Bond Commission meeting.

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

No impediments in accessing bond funds.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

This varies greatly by project. Most projects will take up to a year until final payment, but many can take longer. Program is contingent upon how prepared the organization/municipality is who is receiving the grant award.

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

Additional funding will be required outside of the biennium.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Amounts have remained stable.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

\$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. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

These funds have not been obligated.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

The last allocation for this program was for \$1.5M at the September 30, 2016 bond commission.

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

There have been no impediments.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

All funds have been spent.

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

No additional funds are required at this time.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No change in the annual amounts.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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 and develop historical trends. STARS also pulls-in external data sources on as needed basis to support additional trend analysis.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

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 12 months.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

All remaining funds will be used to continue work on the STARS project.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

The most recent allocation was \$2.65 million in the February 28, 2017 State Bond Commission.

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

There have been no impediments.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Not applicable.

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

No additional funds are anticipated at this moment.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No changes in the annual amount are expected.

#### **11. Community Engagement Training-**

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes, OPM expects the \$500,000 unallocated balance will be needed. Once a vendor is identified to provide CET, the funds will be expended on contracted CET-related services.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Funds have not been obligated for another purpose. However, OPM does intend on using the funds once a vendor is identified.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

\$3 million was allocated on the July 21, 2020 State Bond Commission meeting.

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

In 2022, OPM released an RFP to identify a vendor that could deliver CET to eligible municipalities. The RFP closed without receiving any proposals. OPM staff reviewed the original RFP release and posting, and several action steps were noted to promote the RFP and increase the likelihood of receiving proposals in a second release. OPM released a second RFP in 2023. That RFP was voided in January of 2024, it received one proposal. Currently, OPM is in the process of exploring options to identify a vendor capable of providing CET to eligible municipalities in Connecticut.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Funds have not yet been spent.

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

Additional authorizations are not anticipated currently.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No change in annual amounts.

## **12. Regional and Local Improvement Grant Program –**

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

This program was added to the Office of Policy and Management in the 2021 Legislative Session. The program provides grants to various municipalities for specific projects and purposes as described in the authorization language.

**b. Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

The use of the remaining 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. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The unallocated balance has not been obligated.

**d. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

The following projects received funds via the March 31, 2022 bond commission:

- i. Shelton Constitution Boulevard extension and Commerce Park - \$5M
- ii. Town of Bozrah extension of existing sanitary sewer mains - \$5M
- iii. Griswold Senior Center - \$1.2M
- iv. Track at Portland High School and Portland Middle School - \$500,736
- v. Shakespeare Theater construction - \$3M
- vi. Trumbull Veterans & First Responder Center - \$1.5M
- vii. Fox Hill Memorial Tower rehabilitation - \$2.5M
- viii. YMCA of Wallingford pool renovation - \$1M

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

There have been no impediments to accessing these bond funds.

**f. For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

Dependent on the project. The projects that have been allocated typically take between 6 months to multiple years.

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

No additional resources are needed at this time.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**
- i. **Other** - Some of the projects explicitly cited in the authorization have been funded through the Urban Act program.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

The use of the current \$5 million unallocated for this authorization has not yet been determined.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The unallocated balance has not been obligated or attached to an existing project.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

This authorization has not been allocated.

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

There are no impediments.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

This authorization has not been allocated.



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

No additional funds are required.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

Not applicable.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

Yes, some of the \$4,746,874 unallocated balance will be needed. OPM has begun outreach efforts to clarify the amount needed. In January of 2024, OPM began outreach to organized municipal police departments that we identified might be eligible for a part of the program. Next, OPM intends to contact remaining towns, who may have resident troopers or are under state police jurisdiction, that we believe are eligible under the program guidelines. Currently, OPM has applications in different stages of the application process. At the conclusion of our outreach, we hope to have a definitive idea of all eligible applicants who want to participate in the program. The program is slated to end on June 30, 2025.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Unallocated balance will go towards new grant awards. No funds have been obligated.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

At the June 30, 2023, State Bond Commission meeting, \$124,691 was approved for reimbursement to local municipalities.

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

There are no impediments in accessing bond funds.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

This is a reimbursement program and allocations are moved quickly to cover municipalities' costs.

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

No additional authorizations are required currently.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No change in expected annual amounts.

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

No. A separate Responsible Growth grant has not been administered. Funding should be reallocated to the Transit Oriented Development account for a future grant round. The last TOD round was in 2022 with \$6.8 million awarded.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

No, there are projects identified for the unallocated balance.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

Funds were last allocated in the July 29, 2022 Bond Commission when \$6M was approved for TOD Projects.

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

There have been no impediments.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

All money has been spent.

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

No additional funds have been requested.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

No changes.

16. **Grants-in-aid for the development of an advanced manufacturing facility in Hartford –**

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

This authorization will be used to provided support for the development of an advanced manufacturing facility in Harford.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

The agency is continuing to work on the development of this project and hopes to move an allocation soon. Unallocated balance will be used once that process is finished.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Unallocated has not be committed.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

No allocations have been made.

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

No direct impediments to accessing the bond funds.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

No allocations have been made.

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

No additional authorizations are required currently.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

N/A

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

- a. **Could you provide some background on the project/program. What is the goal of the project/program?**

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 & IRA eligible projects. These funds will be expended as state agencies identify federal match opportunities.

- b. **Do you need the unallocated balance? If so, for what purpose? Within what time frame?**

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 as projects are identified.

- c. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise? If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Unallocated has not be committed. Funds are available for agencies who identify projects that adhere to federal requirements.

- d. **When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

No allocations have been made.

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

Agencies have prioritized funding streams that have expiration deadlines. It is expected as ARPA begins to phase-down over the next year that these funds will be used to match non time constrained federal dollars.

- f. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent? What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?**

No allocations have been made.

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

No additional authorizations are required currently.

- h. **For ongoing programs, have the expected annual amounts changed?**

N/A