



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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#### Testimony Supporting Office of Policy and Management 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 revisions to the FY 2025 General Obligation (GO) bond authorizations of \$131.1 million. This is in addition to the \$2.45 billion of authorizations previously authorized to bring the total GO recommendation to \$2.58 billion for FY 2025. The capital budget revision does not include any cancellation of existing authorizations. The Governor is also recommending \$101.5 million of new authorizations in Special Tax Obligation (STO) bonds to add to \$1.53 billion of previously approved authorizations to keep our transportation infrastructure in a state of good repair.

The Office of Policy and Management's capital budget revision includes only one change to the biennial capital budget. An increase of the Information Technology Capital Improvement program by \$15 million for FY 2025. Due to timing concerns, an electronic medical records project for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services originally funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will be shifted back to bonding. This increase will ensure that there are sufficient resources available to cover the cashflow needs of the program without causing delays or other disruptions to vital IT improvements across the state.

The Office of Policy and Management's requested revisions to the FY 2025 GO bond authorizations and the agency's existing unallocated balances are as follows:

<b>Office of Policy and Management</b>				
<b>Unallocated Balance and Capital Budget Requests</b>				
	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Authorizations</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
1.	Capital Equipment Purchase Fund (CEPF)	\$ 6,131,625	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -
2.	Distressed Municipalities	7,000,000	7,000,000	-
3.	Grants-in-aid for municipal purposes	-	91,000,000	-
4.	Information Technology Capital Investment Program	27,434,100	65,000,000	15,000,000
5.	Local Capital Improvement Fund (LOCIP)	60,000,000	45,000,000	-
6.	Nonprofit health and human service organization grants-in-aid	45,000,000	25,000,000	-
7.	Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)	35,000,000	35,000,000	-
8.	Urban Act - Grants-in-aid for urban development projects	70,413,297	100,000,000	-
9.	Consolidation of higher education systems with the state's CORE system	3,000,000	-	-
10.	Implementation of results-based accountability into the CORE financial system	1,200,000	-	-
11.	Community engagement training to law enforcement units	500,000	-	-
12.	Grants-in-aid for regional and local improvements and development	35,299,264	20,000,000	-
13.	Grants-in-aid to an acute care hospital licensed under chapter 368v	5,000,000	-	-
14.	Grants to municipalities for the purchase of on-body cameras for law enforcement officers	4,746,874	-	-
15.	Responsible Growth Incentive Fund	2,000,000	-	-
16.	Grants-in-aid for the development of an advanced manufacturing facility in Hartford	15,000,000	-	-
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>\$ 392,725,160</b>	<b>\$ 413,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000,000</b>

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.