

**Judicial Branch**  
**New and Unallocated Requests**

Alterations, renovations and improvements to building and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities	JUD Request FY 26	Governor Rec FY 26	JUD Request FY 27	Governor Rec FY 27
	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

The Judicial Branch has care and custody of thirty-eight buildings encompassing over three million square feet. Of the thirty eight, only fifteen were constructed since 1980. Between the end of life of the various mechanical systems, building facades, and the heavy use of the courthouses on a daily basis, the Branch is constantly working within its means to proactively replace mechanical systems, facades and modernize elevators, while also responding to unplanned repairs and new code compliance. Due to the age of the buildings, even simple repairs or replacements can cost more due to environmental testing and abatement, prior to the actual project. It is expected that every courthouse is fully operational everyday.

**2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?**

This is a rolling account that funds design and construction for various capital improvements.

**3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?**

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds to finance the capital alterations, renovations and improvements to the courts.

**4. When is the expected completion date for the program?**

Depending on material lead time, a project typically takes 18 months from design, code review to substantial completion.

Alterations, renovations and improvements to building and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities		15,750,000
	<i>Pending Request</i>	<i>5,750,000</i>
	<b>Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization</b>	<b>Authorization Unallocated Balances</b>
	PA 23-205, Sec 2 (q)(1)	10,000,000 5,750,000
	PA 23-205, Sec 21 (n)(1)	10,000,000 10,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

The Judicial Branch continually works within its means to replace end of life cycle mechanical systems, building envelope systems, modernize elevators and reconfigure space to maximize usage. Currently, there are bids pending for construction projects that include the Hartford Retaining Wall, New London Gable and Masonry, Waterbury Garage Repairs, Supreme Court/State Library Partial Roof Replacement. There are projects in the design phase including Stamford Fire Panel Replacement, Stamford Parking Garage Improvements, New Haven Sallyport Reconstruction, Hartford GA HVAC Improvements, New London GA Expansion Project. In addition to planned projects there are unforeseen repairs or replacement to mechanical systems and elevator components.

**b. Within what time frame?**

The majority of the projects in the design phase should be ready for funding and construction by Spring 2026.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

In addition to the projects noted above, there are typically requests for statewide improvements to Elevators, Flooring Replacement and Energy Management System Upgrades as well as Emergency/Minor Repairs.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation was October 22, 2024.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

A request was submitted for the January 2025 meeting in the amount of \$5,750,000.

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

The Facilities Office has been able to fill vacancies created by a large number of retirements, we now have the ability to identify, design and complete more projects. Long lead times for materials continue to extend project completion times. The unallocated bond funds for alterations, renovations and improvements have decreased in the past year.

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

Funds have not yet been encumbered against the \$4,250,000 received in October 2024.

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

Depending on staff availability and the complexity, a typical project duration is 18 - 24 months from design to completion.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

There has been no increase to the bond authorizations in FY 26/FY 27.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Based on the number of courthouses, the age of the buildings and mechanical systems, Judicial anticipates the need for similar authorizations past this biennium.

# Implement Technology Strategic Plan Project

JUD Request FY 26  
10,000,000

Governor Rec FY 26  
10,000,000

JUD Request FY 27  
10,000,000

Governor Rec FY 27  
5,000,000

## 1. What is the goal of the program?

The goal of the technology strategic plan is to continuously maintain and upgrade aging network, storage, telecom, and service equipment; enhance cybersecurity infrastructure; expand e-filing programs; modernize applications; and integrate Wi-Fi and advanced digital courtroom technologies.

## 2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?

This is a rolling account that is used for consultant services, software, hardware, storage and courtroom technologies.

## 3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds to finance the technology and telecommunication needs of the courts.

## 4. When is the expected completion date for the program?

With the ever changing technology advancements, equipment and legacy systems are continually being upgraded.

# Implement Technology Strategic Plan Project

8,000,000

Pending Request

4,000,000

Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization

Authorization

Unallocated Balances

PA 21-111, 2(o)(2)

2,000,000

2,000,000

PA 21-111, 21(k)(2)

2,000,000

2,000,000

PA 23-205, Sec 2 (q)(4)

2,000,000

2,000,000

PA 23-205, Sec 21 (n)(4)

2,000,000

2,000,000

## 1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?

### a. If so, for what purpose?

Technology advancements within the court process in the past few years have been incredible. Although this evolution provides many efficiencies for clients, service providers, and the public, to expand our information technology and telecommunications network to meet today's standards that include daily video conferencing, digital record storage, and continuous security threat detection will require increased expenditures. The Judicial Branch requires the unallocated balance to assist with supporting four major areas: its data centers, computer network and system security, network storage and telecommunications upgrades. The secondary data center needs include server modernization, cloud computing services, and remote monitoring capabilities. In addition, space has been identified and design is underway to build a new primary data center. The network security funds are required to improve availability and confidentiality of information flowing between the data centers, courthouses throughout the state, and the cloud through physical and wireless access points. The systems security funds are required to implement a strategic development lifecycle for legacy and new court computer systems supporting remote justice, internal and external information exchanges, and remote work. In the area of telecommunications, obsolete phone systems are transitioning to updated technology, including Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) systems. Telecommunications architecture is transitioning to SIP trunking with a session border controller to form the foundation of unified communications to route and manage calls for outage prevention.

**b. Within what time frame?**

The Judicial Branch is planning to make significant advancements in technology and telecom improvements over the next few years with the anticipation of requesting \$4m in FY 25.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The Judicial Branch is planning to designate \$3,000,000 for end-of-life server and network hardware replacements at the Judicial Branch data centers, and \$1,000,000 to replace its legacy mainframe applications including the criminal motor vehicle system.

Telecommunication systems in Bridgeport JD and GA, New Haven JD and GA, Stamford JD are in the installation phase of VOIP with additional telecom system upgrades underway for end of life systems statewide. New London and Middletown courts, as well as the Supreme and Appellate courts are anticipated in a subsequent phase.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation was October 22, 2024.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

A request was submitted for the January 2025 meeting in the amount of \$4,000,000.

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

Information Technology Division has been able to fill vacancies created by a large number of retirements, we now have the ability to identify, design and complete more upgrades and improvements. ITD intends to increase its requests as we attempt to convert legacy systems to current technology standards. Long lead times for equipment and components continue to extend project completion times. As it pertains to the telecommunications statewide strategic plan, research and procurement of solutions, onboarding a Telecommunications consultant to assist the 2-person unit in operationalizing this plan, coordination of projects with ITD, along with vendor staff limitations all impact the ability to allocate funds.

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

Funds have not yet been encumbered against the \$4,000,000 received in October 2024.

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

Depending on staff availability and the complexity, a typical project duration is 18 - 24 months from design to completion.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

The bond authorization was increased in FY 26 and FY 27 based on the replacement of critical legacy systems, new court initiatives such as expanding wi-fi and outfitting courtrooms and jury deliberation rooms with digital evidence technology and aging telecommunication systems.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Due to technology advancements and the number of courthouses and users, Judicial anticipates the need for similar authorizations past this biennium.

Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities

JUD Request FY 26	Governor Rec FY 26	JUD Request FY 27	Governor Rec FY 27
2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

As referenced earlier, Judicial has thirty-eight locations, of which only nine were constructed between 1990 and 2017. Prior to 1990, courts were not as secure as current court needs and expectations. What is common place now - separate circulation systems for staff, public and prisoners; video surveillance and access control was non-existent when the majority of courts were designed. Judicial strives to ensure everyone works or conducts business within the courts, attends court proceedings or serves on jury duty is safe and secure. During FY 25, the Judicial Branch engaged a security consultant to evaluate our current security infrastructure systems and create a comprehensive plan with recommendations for improvements, efficiencies and implementation recommendations. We anticipate utilizing new funding towards the recommendations.

**2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?**

This is a rolling account that funds design, equipment and construction for various security improvements.

**3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?**

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds to finance the security repairs and improvements of the courts.

**4. When is the expected completion date for the program?**

Depending on material lead time, a project typically takes 18 months from design, bidding and installation. Many components of the video surveillance systems have long lead times.

Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities		8,000,000
Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization	Authorization	Unallocated Balances
PA 21-111, 2(o)(4)	2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 21-111, 21 (k)(4)	2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 23-205, 2(q)(2)	2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 23-205, 21(n)(2)	2,000,000	2,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

Security at all courthouse locations is a priority and Branch continues to execute security projects which include enhancements, modifications and replacement of weapons detection equipment, alarm monitoring , cellblock locking control systems, security grade exterior doors, and sallyport/overhead doors at courthouses statewide. The access control system which has evolved into a legacy system, is undergoing an upgrade to the existing software program and control panels, there are 5 sites remaining statewide. There is a backlog of card access reader installation requests that will then need to be addressed once the controller upgrades have been completed. Concurrently, two video monitoring systems are being upgraded and merged into one system with additional high-definition cameras installed. There are currently eleven sites still using the legacy system, five of which are ready to be converted, pending funding. Judicial has awarded a contract to a new firm to replace outdated duress alarms with new wireless duress alarms, to date fourteen locations have been completed, with twenty-one remaining.

**b. Within what time frame?**

Access control panel upgrades will be completed by FY 25, additional card reader installations pending the completion of the card access controller upgrades will be ongoing and may be extensive at many sites. The merging of the video monitoring system and replacing the duress systems is estimated to be complete by FY28.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The unallocated funds will be used on the security projects noted above.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation of security funds was October 22, 2024.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

No pending request, we anticipate submitting a request at the end of March for the April - May meetings

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

The need for security improvements are vital, however projects utilizing allocated funds are taking longer due to lengthy supply chain delays, especially to electronic materials have very much slowed down the completion dates. As lead times shorten, additional projects can be initiated and unallocated bond funds will be requested at a quicker rate.

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

Funds have not yet been encumbered against the \$2,000,000 received in October 2024.

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

Depending on material lead time, a project typically takes 18 months from design, code review to substantial completion.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

There has been no increase to the bond authorizations in FY 26/FY 27.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Based on the number of courthouses, the obsolescence of the security systems, Judicial anticipates the need for similar authorizations past this biennium.



Alterations and improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

JUD Request FY 26  
5,000,000

Governor Rec FY 26  
10,000,000

JUD Request FY 27  
10,000,000

Governor Rec FY 26  
10,000,000

**\*\*It appears the Renovations to Juvenile Courts capital request was combined with the ADA capital request, when OPM submitted the request to the Legislature\*\***

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

The ADA guidelines for accessibility were required effective with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. As referenced earlier, Judicial has thirty-eight locations, of which twenty-nine were constructed prior to 1990. Funding for this project will enable the Judicial Branch to address accessibility issues faced by persons with disabilities when navigating the courthouses statewide.

**2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?**

This is a rolling account that funds design and construction for various capital improvements.

**3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?**

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds its ADA improvement projects.

**4. When is the expected completion date for the program?**

It will take numerous years to bring every building up to every aspect of current code. The newer buildings have less work than older constructed courts. Our intention is to continue with improvements that can be done with on-site maintenance staff and complete minor and major capital projects in two or three courthouses each year.

Alterations and improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act		Total Unallocated	13,000,000
		Pending Request	2,000,000
Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization		Authorization	Unallocated Balances
PA 20-1, 2(k)(4)		2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 20-1, 21(j)(3)		5,000,000	5,000,000
PA 21-111, 2(o)(3)		2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 21-111, 21 (k)(3)		2,000,000	2,000,000
PA 23-205, Sec 2 (q)(3)		1,000,000	1,000,000
PA 23-205, Sec 21 (n)(3)		1,000,000	1,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

An assessment was recently completed of all courthouses by two A/E Firms. The assessments of public, staff and detention areas identified improvements by three categories: 1) work to be completed by in-house maintenance staff; 2) minor work to be completed by trade labor contractors; 3) capital improvement projects. The assessment has been converted to a task list with cost estimates for each location. Compliance projects are underway at the Torrington Courthouse, with Bridgeport and Willimantic Juvenile next in line.

**b. Within what time frame?**

With the anticipated improvements as a result of the recent assessments, and ADA improvements that are completed as part of an alteration or renovation, we anticipate utilizing the unallocated balance by FY 27.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The funds are designated for ADA improvements, but not to a particular courthouse, they can be used statewide.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation was July 25, 2018.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

A request was submitted for the January 2025 meeting in the amount of \$2,000,000.

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

Judicial is collaborating with the DOJ and the Attorney General's office to address a complaint. Now that the assessments are complete, we are presenting a plan of action to DOJ for review and approval. We have already started to implement the plan, so it is anticipated additional funds will be requested more often to fund the improvements.

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

From the allocation in 2018, \$433,372 was spent.

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

Depending on staff availability and the complexity, a typical project duration is 18 - 24 months from design to completion.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

It is anticipated that ADA improvement projects will increase towards the end of FY25, early FY26 as a result of the statewide assessment.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Based on the assessments, Judicial anticipates the need for similar authorizations past this biennium.



Renovations to Juvenile Courts and/or Residential Centers	JUD Request FY 26	Governor Rec FY 26	JUD Request FY 27	Governor Rec FY 27
	5,000,000	0	10,000,000	0

**\*\*It appears the Renovations to Juvenile Courts capital request was combined with the ADA capital request, when OPM submitted the request to the Legislature\*\***

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

Renovations to the Juvenile Courts and Residential Centers are unique due to the continuous occupancy of the detainees. The plumbing and finishes do not last as long as other court locations. This authorization will allow Bridgeport and Hartford Juvenile Courts and Residential Centers to have the infrastructure that matches the nationally accredited programming provided to the detainees.

**2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?**

The authorization will fund design and construction of various projects. Design is 90% complete for the Hartford roof, estimated at \$4m and Bridgeport exterior recreation yard, estimated at \$2m, these projects are ready to bid once the funding is available. In Bridgeport, the building automation system (BAS) is failing, in Hartford windows need to be replaced, roof top units have passed their useful life cycle and the door locking control system requires replacement.

**3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?**

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds to finance renovations and repairs.

**4. When is the expected completion date for the program?**

The projects that are identified with FY 26 funding would be complete by the end of 2027, design for the BAS, windows and door locking control can begin.

Development of a new courthouse, including land, acquisition and parking	JUD Request FY 26	Governor Rec FY 26	JUD Request FY 27	Governor Rec FY 27
	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000

**1. What is the goal of the program?**

On behalf of the Judicial Branch, DAS engaged a firm to conduct a planning study related to the possible siting of a new court facilities for the replacement of the Bridgeport and New Haven JD locations. All indications point towards constructing new courthouses. This funding would allow the next phase of pursuing new court locations.

**2. What stage of the project does the proposed authorization fund?**

This authorization will allow the new courthouse project to move into the design, site selection, CEPA Process and design documents. Depending on the land acquisition costs, it may cover a portion of construction.

**3. Are there any other funds (e.g., federal, state, local) that will support the program?**

Judicial relies solely on state bond funds to finance new courthouse construction.

**4. When is the expected completion date for the program?**

It is anticipated the entire process from design to substantial completion will take eight to ten years.

Exterior renovations and improvements at the superior courthouse in New Haven			11,000,000
Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization		Authorization	Unallocated Balances
PA 15-1, 2(p)(3)		9,000,000	9,000,000
PA 17-2 JSS, 378(k)(2)		2,000,000	2,000,000
Repairs to existing Judicial Branch facilities in New Haven			
Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization		Authorization	Unallocated Balances
SA 02-1, 17(h)(1)		19,500,000	5,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

The authorizations noted above that total \$16m, have been identified to complete the GA23, 121 Elm Street, New Haven Courthouse Exterior Renovations. This second phase will complete the exterior building façade and envelope repairs, including masonry, windows, roof replacement and skylight repairs.

**b. Within what time frame?**

An A/E firm has been engaged and existing construction documents will be updated to ensure current conditions are noted. The main entrance stairs needed to be re-pointed to avoid tripping hazards which delayed the design of the roof, but it is anticipated funding will be requested for the June or July Bond Commission Meetings.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The authorizations would be used for the GA23 Exterior Renovations.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation of funds was December 8, 2022.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

No pending request, we anticipate submitting a request in the beginning of June for the June - July meetings.

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

There were issues with the A/E firm's contract for Phase I, which has now been resolved. A new contract has been issued to JCJ Architecture for Phase II of the exterior renovations. Priorities changed as the possible trip hazards due to the deterioration of the front stairs, requiring that work to proceed first.

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

From the allocation in 2022, \$315,596 was spent.

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

With vacancies filled, the staffing is now in place to move this project forward. It is anticipated the roof replacement will be bid out in Fall 2025. Additional funding will be needed to move forward with the remaining exterior building façade and envelope repairs, which is anticipated to be substantially complete by 2028.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

New bond authorizations were not proposed for FY26 or FY27.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

New authorizations are not anticipated for this project past the biennium.

Mechanical upgrades and code-required improvements at the superior courthouse in New Haven			
	Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization	Authorization	Unallocated Balances
	PA 13-239, 21(o)(3)	5,000,000	5,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

The JD Courthouse located at 235 Church Street, New Haven has an obsolete HVAC distribution system that is failing. One courtroom was retrofitted with Variable Air Volume (VAV) system, that is more reliable and energy efficient. Since the courtroom held temperatures throughout all seasons, the intention is to initiate a design that utilizes VAV system operations throughout the building. The first phase is to replace the chiller. BL Companies has completed 90% of the construction documents that are currently under review with OSBI. It is anticipated the project will be advertised in June 2025.

**b. Within what time frame?**

It is anticipated that the design will begin during FY 26.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

The funds will be used for the New Haven JD HVAC related mechanical upgrades.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

This project was originally going to be overseen by DCS, under BI-JD-351. With the ability to retrofit certain areas of the building, the project scope was reduced and the BI-JD-351 project closed out. The Judicial Branch has initiated design with BL Companies, one of its on-call A/E firms.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

To date, no funds have been allocated from this authorization. However, there was \$800,000 allocated from a different authorization with the same purpose on 7/25/2015.

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

A pilot courtroom was upgrade and observed to ensure the system would operate as intended under full capacity. The design of the VAV improvements was diverted to design a new chiller install. The chiller replacement will be advertised this summer and the VAV project will move forward.

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

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

This project has been atypical. The need for replacing the HVAC mechanical system exists, but emergency repairs in other locations that could impact court operations took priority. It is fortunate that the system has continued to operate, although inefficiently. With additional staff it is anticipated the project will be complete by FY 28.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

New or increased bond authorizations were not proposed for FY26 or FY27.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

New authorizations are not anticipated for this project past the biennium.

Acquisition and Development of a secure residential treatment center, not exceeding \$20,000,000			
	Bond Type/Agency/Program/Authorization	Authorization	Unallocated Balances
	PA 24-151, Sec 2(f)	20,000,000	18,000,000

**1. Does your agency need the unallocated balance?**

**a. If so, for what purpose?**

The Judicial Branch is responsible to provide a continuum of community-based services and residential programs to serve the juvenile justice population in CT. The program is referred to as the Re-Entry, Goal-oriented, Individualized, Opportunity to Nurture Success (REGIONS) program. As part of that responsibility, Judicial must provide a hardware secure level of residential treatment in a smaller and more home-like environment. This authorization from FY 25, will enable the Judicial Branch to meet its obligations.

**b. Within what time frame?**

It is anticipated that the REGIONS program will be substantially complete by early 2029.

**2. Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?**

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.**

Funds will be used to create a secure facility and secure property perimeter, recreation space, parking for a 16-bed facility for youths. Facility requires advanced security, control room, secure bedrooms, doors, commercial kitchen, classrooms with technology, vocational training space, indoor recreation and passive space, site must meet suicide prevention requirements, on-site medical space. The amount requested is for site assessment, acquisition, design, architectural fees, site development and preparation, and construction.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

The most recent allocation of funds was October 22, 2024.

**b. Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?**

There is not a pending request while DAS is pursuing the land acquisition via the RFP process.

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

There have been no impediments in accessing or using the unallocated funds. The authorization was effective 7/1/24, an agenda items was requested through the State Bond Commission and \$2m was allocated in October. DAS is currently advertising for property.

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

Funds have not yet been encumbered against the \$2,000,000 received in October 2024.

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

It is anticipated the entire process from design to substantial completion will take four years.

**6. If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for FY 26/FY 27, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**

New or increased bond authorizations were not proposed for FY26 or FY27.

**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

Depending on the land acquisition cost, remediation and the construction costs, additional authorizations may be needed.