

## DMHAS Bond Funded Programs Unallocated Balance Detail

**PROGRAM: Planning and design for replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown**  
**UNALLOCATED BALANCE: \$2,500,000**

1. **Does your agency need the unallocated balance?** Yes
  - a. ***If so, for what purpose?***  
 These funds are for a study which plans the replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital. Remaining funding will be used to fund the planning and design of new forensic facility.
  - b. ***Within what time frame?***  
 DMHAS anticipates utilizing this balance over the course of the upcoming biennium.
2. **Are the unallocated funds obligated, designated, or otherwise attached to projects, or are funds available for future needs as they arise?** The unallocated funds are attached to a project.
  - a. ***If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects.***  
 These funds are for a study to begin the initial planning of the replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital on the Middletown campus.
3. **Allocation of funds**
  - a. ***When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?***  
 Funds in the amount of \$500,000 were allocated in March of 2022 to initiate the study.
  - b. ***Have the funds been requested for allocation by the bond commission? If so, how much and when?***  
 The Department anticipates requesting additional funds during FY 2026 to initiate the design of the new forensic facility.
4. **What impediments, if any, have there been in accessing and using the bond funds?**  
 The Department is not encountering impediments accessing these unallocated bond funds.
5. **For programs with recent allocations, what portion of the allocation has been spent?** All allocated funds to date have been expended.
  - a. ***What is the typical time between allocation and final expenditure of the funds?***  
 The type and complexity of the project will affect the timeline for final expenditures.
6. **If increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the program for the FY 26/FY 27 biennium, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?**  
 The proposed increase in authorization for FY 2026 will cover the planning and design of the new facility. The funding will be needed in FY26.
  - a. ***Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?***  
 Additional authorizations will be needed to the construction of the facility in the future.

**PROGRAM: Design and installation of sprinkler systems in direct care patient buildings**  
**UNALLOCATED BALANCE: \$15,369,500**

**1. Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.****a. If so, for what purpose?**

DMHAS is a large healthcare service provider of inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health treatment and recovery services. This program funds the design and construction of sprinkler systems at DMHAS-operated facilities statewide.

**b. Within what time frame?**

We anticipate these funds will be needed in FY 2026.

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

This balance will fund the design and allow construction to begin for the sprinkler project at the DMHAS Southwest CT Mental Health System in Bridgeport. The new sprinkler system must be installed and operating by 7/31/2028 to meet requirements of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare. The project is anticipated to start in FY 2026.

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

Funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 were allocated on 6/7/24 for a sprinkler, ceiling, and light project at the Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven.

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

DMHAS does not have an outstanding request for allocation at this time.

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

The Department is not encountering impediments accessing these unallocated bond funds.

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

All \$4M in allocation has been spent.

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

The type and complexity of the project will affect the timeline for final expenditures.

**6. If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the FY 26/FY 27 biennium, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** The Governor's budget funds this program at \$10,000,000 in FY 2026 and \$15,000,000 in FY 2027. Funding will be needed in both FYs to award construction and architectural design contracts at the Southwest CT Mental Health System and other DMHAS buildings.**a. Do you anticipate a further need for new authorizations past the biennium?**

We do anticipate funds to be needed in this program past the biennium based on studies and plans for other DMHAS buildings.

**PROGRAM: Fire, safety and environmental improvements including improvements in compliance with current codes, site improvements, repair and replacement of roofs and other exterior and interior building renovations and demolition.**

**UNALLOCATED BALANCE: \$39,826,679**

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

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

DMHAS is a large healthcare service provider of inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health treatment and recovery services. Bonding resources are used to upgrade and maintain DMHAS' aging hospitals and treatment facilities. This program supports improvements and maintenance of physical plants of DMHAS-operated hospitals and clinics statewide including: upgrades to inpatient units which will enhance treatment settings and living quarters; repair or replacement of roofs, windows, elevators, electrical, or fire alarm systems; and other life-safety issues. It also provides funds for urgent or emergency repairs and maintenance.

**b. Within what time frame?**

The Department is currently spending allocated funds and is developing a list of requests for an upcoming bond committee meeting in FY 2025.

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

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

This balance will fund several projects at inpatient buildings on the Middletown campus including the cost and associated fees for the design of the renovation of inpatient units in Battell Hall, replacement of the passenger elevator at Merritt Hall, replacement of generator at Dutcher Hall, and new fire alarm systems in multiple buildings. It will also be used at Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven and the Southwest CT Mental Health System in Bridgeport for upgrades to HVAC systems, as well as roof projects at Capital Region Mental Health Center.

**3. Allocation of Funds**

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

On 10/22/2024, \$13,369,500 was allocated for project under this program.

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

DMHAS does not have an outstanding request for allocation at this time, but plans to request additional allocation in the last quarter of the fiscal year.

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

The Department is not encountering impediments accessing these unallocated bond funds.

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

Of the \$13.4 million allocated on 10/22/2024, \$6.9 million has been transferred to DAS for the design and construction of projects.

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

The type and complexity of the project will affect the timeline for final expenditures.

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

The Governor's budget funds this program at \$20,000,000 in FY 2026 and \$40,000,000 in FY 2027. The funding will be needed in FY26 and along with the existing unallocated balance to complete the construction of current ongoing projects. These funds will also be used to address critical infrastructure needs, such as repairing or replacing roofs, windows, elevators, electrical systems, fire alarms, and other life-safety systems.

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

DMHAS anticipates a further need for new authorizations past the biennium to address critical investments to ensure client and staff safety in our over 70 state-owned and operated buildings, many of which were constructed several decades ago.

**PROGRAM: Grants-in-aid to private non-profit organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for community-based residential and outpatient facilities for purchases, repairs, alterations and improvements**

**UNALLOCATED BALANCE: \$3,282,999**

**1. Do you need the unallocated balance? Yes.****a. If so, for what purpose?**

These funds are provided to DMHAS contracted private non-profit providers for community-based residential and outpatient facilities for purchases, repairs, alterations and improvements.

**b. Within what time frame?**

The Department anticipates utilizing this balance over the upcoming biennium to fund infrastructure needs in our private provider system.

**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 available for future needs as they arise.

**a. If attached to projects, please provide information on the projects. N/A****3. Allocation of Funds****a. When was the last time funds for the program were allocated, if ever?**

The last allocation of funds was in May 2022.

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

The Department does not have an outstanding request for allocation at this time.

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

The Department is not encountering impediments accessing these unallocated bond funds.

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

DMHAS' allocation from this program totals \$1.7 million, of which approximately two thirds has been expended.

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

Provider requests are usually due to urgent purchasing or repairs, necessitating a quick turn around on awards and expenditures, often within weeks.

**6. If new or increased bond authorizations have been proposed for the FY 26/FY 27 biennium, what expansion or increase of projects is expected and how quickly are the new funds anticipated to be needed?** DMHAS did not receive additional bond authorizations in FY 2026 or FY 2027 for this program.

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

The Governor's budget does not include new funds for this program. The Department anticipates the existing unallocated balance will be sufficient during the FY 2026-2027 biennium.