

# Analysis of State Bond Commission Agenda Items

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<b>General Obligation (GO) Bonds</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>New Allocation \$</b>
<b>Agricultural Experiment Station</b>		
Additions and renovations to the Valley Laboratory in Windsor	16,17,35	32,596,505
<b>Connecticut Port Authority</b>		
Port Authority Projects Outside New Haven, New London, or Bridgeport	25	10,352,918
<b>Connecticut State Colleges and Universities</b>		
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Community Colleges	18,28	19,000,000
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Universities	19	11,000,000
<b>Department of Administrative Services</b>		
For upgrades and modernization to the Capitol Area System	3	9,360,000
Infrastructure repairs and improvements at state-occupied facilities	32	2,775,000
School building projects - Principal and current payments	43	171,000,000
<b>Department of Correction</b>		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to the Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire	1	5,000,000
Alterations, renovations, and improvements to existing state-owned buildings for inmate housing, programming and staff training space and additional inmate capacity, and for support facilities and off-site improvements	10	450,000
<b>Department of Economic and Community Development</b>		
Grants-in-aid for business and industrial development corporations	14	5,000,000
Community Investment Fund 2030	26	77,399,937
<b>Department of Education</b>		
Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers for capital expenses at interdistrict magnet schools	7,12	19,000,000
<b>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</b>		
Grants-in-aid for identification, investigation, containment, removal or mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas	6,11,24	5,400,000
Dam repairs, including state-owned dams	30	900,000
Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs and municipal dam repairs	34,36	700,000
Clean Water Fund GO - Grants-in-aid to towns	41	50,000,000
<b>Department of Housing</b>		
Flexible Housing Program	5,23	135,000,000
Time to Own program	13	35,000,000
For the purpose of grants or forgivable loans to individuals who are participants in the time to own program for capital improvements to residential properties purchased with the assistance of such program	15	5,000,000
Housing Trust Fund	38	50,000,000
<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b>		
Power plant upgrades in Rocky Hill	37	533,635
<b>Judicial Department</b>		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds at state- owned and maintained facilities	4	5,750,000
Implementation of the Technology Strategic Plan Project	20,22	4,000,000

<b>General Obligation (GO) Bonds</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>New Allocation \$</b>
Alterations and improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act	27	2,000,000
Office of Policy and Management		
Information Technology Capital Investment Program	9	13,784,030
Grants-in-aid for body-worn recording equipment, digital data storage devices and dashboard cameras	21	260,455
Urban Act - Grants-in-aid for urban development projects	42	8,225,000
State Library		
Grants-in-aid to public libraries for construction, renovations, expansions, energy conservation and handicapped accessibility under the provisions of CGS Sec. 11-24c	8,29,33	1,250,000
<b>Total New GO Allocations</b>		<b>680,737,480</b>

<b>Clean Water Fund (CWF) Revenue Bonds</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>New Allocation \$</b>
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Clean Water Fund Revenue - Low-interest loans to towns	40	99,400,000
<b>Total New CWF Allocations</b>		<b>99,400,000</b>

The following is intended to provide legislative members of the State Bond Commission (SBC) with additional information and analysis of the items on the agenda, as it was when first published.

## I. Summary

### General Obligation (GO) Bonds

<b>Total New GO Bond Allocations by Month</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>
Allocations Effective July 1	132,321,428	118,671,428
August Agenda	535,833,752	-
October Agenda	633,053,073	540,755,101
December Agenda	364,575,000	765,745,289
<b>April Agenda (Current)</b>	680,737,480	
June Agenda	-	519,690,210
<b>FY Total Through April</b>	<b>2,346,520,733</b>	<b>1,425,171,818</b>
<b>FY Total</b>	<b>2,346,520,733</b>	<b>1,944,862,028</b>
Allocation Cap	2,515,000,000	2,400,000,000
Allocation Remaining Under FY Cap	168,479,267	455,137,972

### Special Tax Obligation (STO) Transportation Bonds

<b>Total New STO Bond Allocations by Month</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>
August Agenda	575,025,433	-
October Agenda	652,735,288	1,122,359,829
December Agenda	-	153,519,750
April Agenda	-	-
June Agenda	-	-
<b>FY Total Through December</b>	<b>1,227,760,721</b>	<b>1,275,879,579</b>
<b>FY Total</b>	<b>1,227,760,721</b>	<b>1,612,996,914</b>

Note: This agenda does not include any STO allocations.

## II. Agenda Items

**Item #1** Department of Correction: Manson Youth Institution Alterations Renovations and Improvements (\$5,000,000 in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$5 million is requested to finance several improvements to juvenile housing units in Manson Youth Institution. The specific improvements include (1) the renovation and construction of showers and (2) the abatement of floors containing hazardous materials and installation of epoxy floors in their place. Any remaining funds will be used for any other necessary minor improvements.

**Item #2** Office of Policy and Management: Grants-In-Aid for Transit-Oriented Development Projects (\$2,000,000 in previously allocated GO bonds)

This reallocation allows trans-oriented development funds to be used for loans under Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's Small Multifamily Loan Programs. Funds were originally allocated in December 2024 to finance grants to municipalities.

**Item #3** Department of Administrative Services: Upgrades and Modernization of the Capitol Area System (\$9,360,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested for upgrades to the Capitol Area System (CAS) including emergency repair, maintenance, and a design study to replace high voltage cables, and a second design study for the modernization of the thermal plant focusing on all necessary auxiliary equipment including piping, pumps, valves, strainers, expansion joints etc., a replacement chiller, new connections to the existing CAS loop, a hybrid water source heat pump and natural gas boiler (high temp) system to supply heating.

Description	Amount \$
Emergency Repairs and Maintenance	1,500,000
Design Study for High-Voltage Electrical Cable	300,000
Plant Modernization Design	7,560,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,360,000</b>

**Item #4** Judicial Department: Alterations, Renovations, and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds at State-Owned and Maintained Facilities (\$5,750,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested for various infrastructure projects at locations across the state. Projects that the Judicial Department currently has in the design phase are: Stamford Parking Garage Improvements, New Haven Sallyport Reconstruction, and Hartford GA HVAC Improvements. The Milford Elevator Modernization project design is expected to begin soon.

When emergencies occur, the Judicial Department shifts funding from less urgent projects to cover the emergent issue.

**Items #5 & 23** Department of Housing: Flexible Housing Program (\$135,000,000 combined in new GO bonds)

The Flexible Housing Program (a.k.a. FLEX or Affordable Housing Program) is one of DOH's primary housing production programs (along with the Housing Trust Fund). It supports housing opportunities for households with incomes up to 100% area median income (AMI).

DOH estimates that this allocation will fund the development of at least 866 units.

**Items #6, 11 & 24** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Grants-in-aid for identification, investigation, containment, removal or mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas (\$5,400,000 combined in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$5.4 million is requested for building abatement, demolition and remediation of the former Danny Corporation (located at 490 & 500 Flatbush Avenue and 173 & 201 Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford). This 35-acre site operated as a scrap yard and metals recycling facility from 1945 through 2011. Prior to 1945, the site operated as a coal yard, steel foundry, and glass making facility. The site has been vacant since 2011. The six buildings onsite will require hazardous building material abatement. The site is known to contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), metals, petroleum, and light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) in soil, groundwater, and/or sediment, which will require abatement.

**Items #7 & 12** State Department of Education: Grants-in-Aid to Regional Educational Service Centers for Capital Expenses at Interdistrict Magnet Schools (\$19,000,000 combined in new GO bonds)

Funding is provided for capital improvements at various magnet schools operated by CREC, a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC). Projects funded by this allocation include roof repair, boiler replacements, and HVAC upgrades. The table below shows the distribution of this funding.

**Distribution of Funding to CREC Magnet Schools**

School	Location	Amount \$
Academy of International Studies Middle & High Schools	Bloomfield	5,200,000
Academy of Aerospace & Engineering High School	Windsor	3,040,000
Greater Hartford Arts Academy	Hartford	2,880,000
Montessori Magnet School	Hartford	1,545,000
Computer Science & Engineering High School	Enfield	1,220,000
University of Hartford Magnet	Hartford	1,205,376
Computer Science & Engineering Middle School	East Hartford	710,000
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts	Avon	605,000
Discovery Academy	Wethersfield	595,000
Museum Academy	Bloomfield	520,000
Glastonbury East Hartford Magnet School	Glastonbury	400,000
Academy of International Studies Elementary School	South Windsor	335,000
Academy of Science & Innovation	New Britain	270,000
Ana Grace Academy	Bloomfield	180,000
Academy of Aerospace Elementary	Rocky Hill	160,000
Emergency Repairs as Needed		134,624
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19,000,000</b>

**Items #8, 29 & 33 State Library: Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries (\$1,250,000 combined in new GO bonds)**

Funding will support expansion and renovation at Easton Public Library and the Mystic & Noank Library.

*Easton Public Library:* This project includes: (1) expansion of the children's department to create more activity space and control noise; (2) creation of an innovation space and a youth services office; (3) replacement of furnishings and equipment throughout the children's department; and (4) creation of study rooms and designated areas for young adults. The total project cost is \$2 million. The state's share is \$1 million.

*Mystic & Noank Library:* This project includes: (1) accessibility walkways and sidewalks; (2) outdoor classrooms and an amphitheater; (3) solar charging stations; and (4) parking. The total project cost is \$639,476. The state's share is \$250,000.

**Item #9 Office of Policy and Management: IT Capital Investment Program (\$13,784,030 in new GO bonds)**

The funding will be used for development and implementation of IT enhancements for (1) the Office of the State Comptroller for CT Core Kronos, (2) the Department of Administrative Services for advancing the Governor's vision of a fully digital government, (3) the Criminal Justice Information Services to complete the rollout of electronic workflows, and (4) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for completion of the Clean Slate project.

	Consultant	Software	Hardware	TOTAL
OSC	5,664,000	369,000	-	<b>6,033,000</b>
DAS	-	2,276,189	132,000	<b>2,408,189</b>
CJIS	297,158	-	-	<b>297,158</b>
DESPP	1,752,260	3,293,423	-	<b>5,045,683</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,713,418</b>	<b>5,938,612</b>	<b>132,000</b>	<b>13,784,030</b>

**Item #10 Department of Correction: Alterations, Renovations and Improvements (\$450,000 in new GO bonds)**

Funding of \$450,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of new backup generators at Hartford Correctional Center. The current generator is original to the building and is not up to current codes. It also needs to be downsized to match current energy capacity.

**Item #11 – See Item #6**

**Item #12 – See Item #7**

**Items #13 & 15 Department of Housing: Time to Own Program (\$40,000,000 combined in new GO bonds)**

Funding is requested for an eighth piece of funding for the Time to Own (TTO) program, DOH's forgivable down payment assistance program administered by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) for first-time home buyers in conjunction with a CHFA first mortgage.

The program launched in June 2022 and has previously been allocated \$195 million in state bond funds through the Housing Trust Fund, Affordable Housing (FLEX) program, and most recently the specific “Time to Own” program, all under DOH. This request would bring the total program funding allocation to \$235 million.

DOH estimates that this additional allocation will be able to fund assistance for 1,590 loans.

TTO provides eligible first-time home buyers a 0% interest rate loan with no monthly payments to fund up to 25% of the cost of the home, up to \$25,000 in high opportunity areas of the state. On the anniversary date of the loan closing, 10% of the principal balance is forgiven annually, until the loan is fully forgiven on the tenth anniversary.

A portion of this \$40 million request includes \$5 million for capital improvements to residential properties purchased using TTO funds. Homeowners may receive a grant up to \$25,000 for eligible services including: bathroom and/or kitchen remodels, energy star appliances, repair/replacement of roof, gutters, and downspouts, replacement of flooring, basement or attic finishing, ADU addition, renovation of deteriorating property, upgrades to plumbing, upgrades to HVAC, upgrades to electrical wiring, eliminating health and safety hazards, accessibility for those with disabilities, installing a well or septic system, adding or repairing siding, repainting, and installing energy-efficient windows or doors. This program is to be administered by C4C, otherwise known as [Capital for Change](#).

**Item #14** Department of Economic and Community Development: Business and Industrial Development Corporations (\$5,000,000 in new GO bonds)

This funding will support a grant-in-aid for [Better Local Capital](#), a business and industrial development corporation (BIDCO), to support the following activities:

- (1) financing and management assistance to minority and women-owned small businesses that, serve or seek to serve underserved or minority communities;
- (2) education and training to these businesses and communities; and
- (3) collaboration with similar organizations and lenders to promote economic development and growth in these communities.

Per PA 23-205, the maximum allowable grant is \$5 million per BIDCO entity and 10% of a grant may be operational costs and to fund a loan loss reserve fund.

*Background:* A business and industrial development corporation, or BIDCO, is an entity approved or seeking approval by the federal Small Business Administration as a participating lender under its loan guarantee program. BIDCOs have similar lending capacity for business loans as a bank, except they cannot take in deposits. BIDCOs can be funded through public and private resources and are regulated by the state's Department of Banking (DOB).

To qualify for a grant through this bond program, a BIDCO must either be licensed by or in process of obtaining licensure from the DOB. There are currently two BIDCOs licensed by DOB. The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$5 million to support a grant-in-aid for Capital Business Lenders, the state's first licensed BIDCO.

**Item #15 – See Item #13**

**Items #16, 17 & 35** Agricultural Experiment Station: Valley Laboratory (\$32,596,505 combined in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$32.6 million is requested for renovations to the Valley Laboratory in Windsor. The existing 3 -story 8,000-square-foot laboratory building was built in 1940 and has not undergone significant renovations. The



facility currently does not have an elevator, is not ADA compliant, and has the original electrical and plumbing systems, which are failing. The original slate roof needs to be replaced. Additionally, there are mold and indoor air quality concerns that will need to be addressed. In addition to the complete renovation of the original structure, the project includes an addition of a new 21,000 square foot laboratory.

The Valley Laboratory serves farmers, growers, and residents of Connecticut. Scientists conduct research on insect management, plant diseases, invasive weeds, biological control, indoor molds, and soils, and provide vital support for agricultural industries in Connecticut, including farmers, nurseries, and Christmas tree growers.

**Items #18, 19 & 28** Connecticut State Colleges and Universities: Deferred Maintenance, Code Compliance, and Infrastructure Improvements (\$30,000,000 combined in new GO bonds)

This funding will support various projects, including: (1) renovation of academic and support buildings; (2) upgrades of security, safety and other building systems; and (3) exterior grounds improvements.

Of the total amount, \$19 million will be used for CT State, Charter Oak State College, and the system office, and \$11 million will be used for the Connecticut State Universities.

**Items #20 & 22** Judicial Department: Implementation of Technology Strategic Plan (\$4,000,000 combined in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested for various technology products including but not limited to: infrastructure and network cloud modernization, increased data storage, legacy system replacements, cybersecurity, remote court proceedings, replacement and/or upgrades of statewide video conferencing equipment, intrusion prevention system (IPS), remote work hardware and software initiatives, network forensics, and replacement and/or upgrade of network routers and switches.

Funds will also be utilized to for improved wi-fi and updates to courtrooms including internet access in public areas of several courthouses across the state.

**Item #21** Office of Policy and Management: Body Worn Camera Program (\$260,455 in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$260,455 has been requested to reimburse the following Police Departments for the purchase of body worn cameras, dash cameras, and video storage devices.

Department	Amount \$
Beacon Falls	16,630
City of Groton	28,851
East Granby	17,360
Mansfield	13,108
New London	109,673
South Windsor	41,043
Woodbury	33,790
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260,455</b>

To date, there has been over \$10 million provided to municipalities for the reimbursement of body-worn camera purchases. PA 20-1 expanded the body-worn camera program and required camera use in all municipal, state, and tribal law enforcement units. It also required the use of dashboard cameras in all patrol vehicles.

**Item #22 – See Item #20**

**Item #23 – See Item #5**

**Item #24 – See Item #6**

**Item #25** Connecticut Port Authority: Grants-in-Aid under the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) (\$10,352,918 in new GO bonds)

This allocation finances Round 4 of SHIPP grants. Round 4 was opened in March 2024, with applications due by July 1, 2024. The Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) Board of Directors endorsed the SHIPP Round 4 Project List at its October 15, 2024, meeting, which is identical to the list in the Bond Commission agenda and reproduced below.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Town</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Request \$</b>
Branford	Stoney Creek Wharf	800,000
Clinton	Boat Ramp Facilities	143,000
Essex	Essex Harbor Channel Dredging	440,000
East Hartford	Boat Ramp Facilities	1,551,577
Hartford	Mortensen Riverfront Plaza	636,205
Middletown	Marina Construction	1,472,736
Norwalk	Veterans Park Marina	3,528,000
Norwich	Howard T. Brown Memorial Park	192,000
Norwich	Heritage Riverfront Park & Walkway	480,000
Old Lyme	Town Dock	228,500
Old Lyme	Four Mile River Dredging	33,000
Stonington	Marina Construction	250,000
Westbrook	Duck Island Breakwater	200,000
Westbrook	Breakwater, Piers, and Other Construction	75,000
West Haven	April Street Boat Ramp	152,900
Westport	Compo Marina	170,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,352,918</b>

*Background:* The SHIPP program awards funding for small harbor improvement projects with the goal of maximizing the economic potential of Connecticut's ports and harbors, supporting and enhancing the overall development of the state's maritime commerce and industries, and coordinating the planning and funding of related capital projects. Projects related to the state's three deep-water ports in New London, New Haven, and Bridgeport are not allowed. Information on prior rounds of SHIPP funding are as follows:

- Round 1: \$4,011,650 allocated at the November 29, 2017, meeting of the State Bond Commission for 16 projects in 15 municipalities.
- Round 2: \$2,956,200 allocated at the April 16, 2021, meeting of the State Bond Commission for 8 projects in 6 municipalities.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional information on each project can be found on the CPA's website here: <https://ctportauthority.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/10.15.2024-SHIPP-Round-4-CPA-Board-of-Directors-Recommended-Projects.pdf>.

- Round 3: \$5,043,856 allocated at the April 26, 2023, meeting of the State Bond Commission for 9 projects in 6 municipalities.

**Item #26** Department of Economic and Community Development: Community Investment Fund (\$77,399,937 in new GO bonds and \$3,444,751 in previously allocated GO bonds)

This funding will support the following projects through the Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF).

These projects were selected from the Round 6 application period and announced at the [March 2025 CIF board meeting](#). Round 7 notice of funding availability was issued April 28th with applications due June 6th. The CIF Board will vote on recommendations for Round 7 in September 2025.

#### Community Investment Fund: Round 6 Awards

Recipient	Project	Municipality	Amount \$
Access Community Action Agency	Transforming 254 Broad	Killingly	4,928,243
Asylum Hill Congregational Church	Earl Exum Community Resource Center	Hartford	3,789,482
Barnum Museum Foundation	Barnum Museum Revitalization	Bridgeport	2,000,000
Borough of Naugatuck	Industrial Park Phase 2	Naugatuck	3,000,000
Capital Region Education Council	River Street School	Windsor	1,244,152
City of Danbury	Downtown Revitalization: Streetscapes for the Future	Danbury	5,000,000
City of Hartford	Homestead Acquisition	Hartford	1,600,000
City of Hartford	Talcott Plaza	Hartford	250,000
City of Meriden	One Stop HHS Building	Meriden	250,000
City of New Britain	Mount Pleasant – Myrtle Street Corridor	New Britain	1,796,974
City of New London	Mercer Community Hall	New London	4,000,000
City of Norwich	Fontaine Field & Senior Center	Norwich	4,899,600
City of Norwich	Gateway Norwich	Norwich	250,000
City of Waterbury	Phase 3 Downtown Utilities	Waterbury	4,000,000
City of West Haven	VA Neighborhood Upgrades	West Haven	1,800,000
Clay Arsenal Community Development Corporation, Hartford	Beacon & Walnut Planning	Hartford	250,000
CT Humanities Council	Cultural Cohort	All CIF Communities	250,000
Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail	Glover Ave Spur	Norwalk	1,500,000
Friendship Service Center	Emergency Shelter Expansion	New Britain	2,000,000
Greater Dwight Development	Community Building Initiative	New Haven	6,121,390
Green Village Initiatives Inc	Bridgeport Regional Food Hub	Bridgeport	250,000
Housing Corporation of East Windsor	Park Hill 2 & 3	East Windsor	250,000
Mary Wade Foundation	Residential Care Home Modernization	New Haven	700,000
Mercy Learning Center	Capital Improvement Planning	Bridgeport	250,000
Mount Hope Temple	Mount Hope Temple Renovation Planning	New Haven	250,000
Open Door Shelter, Inc.	Campus Expansion Project	Norwalk	250,000
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England	New London Relocation	New London	2,020,096
Rippowam Corporation	Oak Park Phase II	Stamford	2,000,000

Recipient	Project	Municipality	Amount \$
Town of East Haven	Family Resource Center Expansion	East Haven	250,000
Town of Enfield	Enfield Marketplace Infrastructure	Enfield	10,000,000
Town of Plainfield	InterRoyal Remediation	Plainfield	8,000,000
Transcend the Trend, Inc	Hamden Arts & Learning Oasis (HALO)	Hamden	250,000
United Way of Greater New Haven	State and Chapel	New Haven	2,000,000
Windham Preservation, Inc.	Windham Inn Adaptive Re-use	Windham	250,000
YWCA Hartford Region, Inc.	Center for Racial Justice & Gender Equity	Hartford	1,500,000
Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Haven	Columbus Ave Clubhouse Rehab Planning	New Haven	250,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>77,399,937</b>

*Previously Allocated Funds.* In addition, there is a request for a technical change to a \$3,444,751 bond allocation from the 6/7/2024 State Bond Commission meeting to the Norwalk Housing Authority for funds to support the replacement of 54 units of obsolete affordable housing with 55 modern, energy-efficient, affordable housing units and amenities. This updated allocation changes the recipient to Sound Communities Inc. of Norwalk.

*Background.* The Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) fosters economic development in historically underserved communities across the state. CIF may provide a total of up to \$875 million over five years to eligible municipalities as well as not-for-profit organizations and community development corporations that operate within them. Per CGS 32-285a, the CIF Board may award a maximum of \$175 million across two or more application periods per fiscal year. The State Bond Commission must consider action on eligible projects no later than two months after the CIF Board provides its recommendations to the Governor.

**Item #27** Judicial Department: Alterations and Improvements in Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (\$2,000,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested to finance the design and construction of compliance projects for the Bridgeport and Willimantic Juvenile courthouses. Expected improvements include but are not limited to: millwork modifications, restroom improvements, restriping parking lots, and compliant braille signage.

**Item #28 – See Item #18**

**Item #29 – See Item #8**

**Item #30** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Dam Repair, Including State Dams (\$900,000 combined in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$900,000 is requested for dam safety, including dam inspections (\$400,000), statewide dam repair (\$200,000), contractual services for DamWatch, which monitors dams during extreme weather events (\$200,000), and wildlife services for on-call beaver control (\$100,000). There are over 300 dams owned by DEEP and over 4,800 dams statewide that are inspected, maintained, and repaired through the state's Dam Safety Program.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://portal.ct.gov/deep/water/dams/dams-safety?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Municipal%20Connections%20Dam%20Safety&utm\\_content=Municipal%20Connections%20Dam%20Safety+CID\\_11b77b140550fcd7180496c55245e7a2&utm\\_source=DEEP%20Campaign%20Monitor&utm\\_term=Dam%20Safety%20Program%20website](https://portal.ct.gov/deep/water/dams/dams-safety?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Municipal%20Connections%20Dam%20Safety&utm_content=Municipal%20Connections%20Dam%20Safety+CID_11b77b140550fcd7180496c55245e7a2&utm_source=DEEP%20Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Dam%20Safety%20Program%20website)

**Item #31** Capital Region Development Authority: Grant-in-aid to East Hartford for Economic Development Activities (\$170,641 in previously allocated GO bonds)

This reallocation provides funds for the Port Eastside project in East Hartford. Activities would include, but not be limited to, planning, mapping, engineering, infrastructure design, financial analysis, tax increment finance modeling, project budgeting, benefit and public services assessments.

The original allocation from the June 2018 meeting supported the preliminary design of a parking garage on East River Drive, adjacent to Founders Plaza, in East Hartford. The new garage replaced surface parking and an existing, undersized garage allowing for riverfront redevelopment.

**Items #32** Department of Administrative Services: Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements at State-owned Buildings (\$2,775,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds will be used to address statewide security improvements, energy conservation, and building renovations as described below.

Project	Location	Amount \$
Stair Repair	24 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	500,000
Dehumidification Issues	38 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	100,000
Retaining Wall Repairs	286 Sheldon St. - Hartford	150,000
Interior Renovations (DCF)	395 West Main - Waterbury	280,000
Flagpole and Patio Repairs	24/38 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	100,000
Catch Basin, Drain, Asphalt Repairs	24/38 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	100,000
Window Replacements	24 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	200,000
Cooling Tower Sealant	38 Wolcott Rd. - Wethersfield	95,000
Masonry Repairs	460 Capitol Ave - Hartford	200,000
Interior Repair due to Hazmat Remediation	410-470 Capitol Ave - Hartford	200,000
Furniture and Lighting Replacement	460 Capitol Ave - Hartford	350,000
Minor Capital Expenditures as Needed	Various	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,775,000</b>

**Item #33 – See Item #8**

**Items #34 & 36** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs and municipal dam repairs (\$700,000 combined in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$700,000 is requested for the allocation of bond funds for erosion and flood control. Funding will be used to study the removal of ice control structures in the Salmon River. Additionally, the study will include plans to remove the DEEP-owned Leesville Dam. It is anticipated that the study will cost \$500,000. The additional \$200,000 in funding will be used to study additional DEEP-owned flood control projects.

**Item #35 – See Item #16**

**Item #37** Department of Veterans Affairs: Power Plant Operation (\$533,635 in previously allocated GO bonds)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is requesting to reallocate \$533,635 of GO bonds so the agency can continue to operate a temporary back-up boiler at their Rocky Hill facility until the installation of a new, permanent boiler is complete. The rented boiler costs \$30,000 per month.

**Item #38** Department of Housing: Housing Trust Fund (\$50,000,000 in new GO bonds)

The Housing Trust Fund is one of the two primary bonding programs used by the Department of Housing (DOH) to finance the rehabilitation of and creation of affordable housing units in the state. Funding of \$50,000,000 is requested. These funds have been administered by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) on behalf of DOH in the past.

DOH estimates that this will fund the development of 336 units.

**Item #39** Department of Economic and Community Development: Manufacturing Assistance Act (\$1,365,317 in previously allocated GO bonds)

This reallocation allows the use of the remaining balance from a \$8.8 million allocation at the September 2018 meeting to extend the partnership with Aer Lingus and reestablish a cross-Atlantic flight serving Bradley Airport commencing in Winter 2024. The State will provide declining annual grants in arrears through 2026 should the airline fail to reach certain revenue targets. In return, Aer Lingus will maintain regular service in the state through 2026.

Background: Under the original two-year agreement, the state agreed to provide a revenue backstop of \$4.5 million per year, or up to \$9 million for the first two years of service.

The revised agreement extends the length of service from two years to six (2016 to 2022) and increased the maximum potential subsidy available from \$9 million to \$13.3 million. Specifically, the agreement lowered the year two subsidy from \$4.5 million to \$3.8 million, includes up to \$3 million in year three and \$2 million in year four.

The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$13.3 million to Aer Lingus to support these agreements.

Aer Lingus is the national airline of Ireland, founded in 1936. The company operates 50 aircraft on routes to destinations in the UK, Europe and North America and carries 11 million customers per year.





**Item #40** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Clean Water Fund (\$99,400,000 in new Clean Water Fund revenue bonds)

The Department of Public Health is requesting a \$99.4 million allocation of revenue bonds supported by the Clean Water Fund. These funds will be used to provide loans to various public water systems, in accordance with Section 22a-478 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to assist with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project costs.

The Department of Public Health will disburse the funds for Drinking Water Infrastructure Projects, identified on the Project Priority Lists in the DPH's annual DWSRF Intended Use Plan, when each individual project is ready to proceed and has met all required statutory and administrative requirements.

Annual Federal EPA capitalization grants have been awarded to DPH in the cumulative amount of \$267,528,900 through Federal Fiscal Year 2023. Additional capitalization grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law have been awarded for FFY 2022 and 2023 for: General Supplemental \$39,047,000; Lead Service Line \$68,304,000; and Emerging Contaminants \$15,195,000.

### ***Background***

The Clean Water program pursues two main avenues of water improvement – wastewater (supported by the CWF and administered by DEEP) and drinking water systems (supported by the Drinking Water Fund through the CWF, administered by the Department of Public Health). The program uses GO grants to serve as federally-required matching funds, which complement revenue bonds used to provide subsidized loans to municipalities and utilities.

The Clean Water fund wastewater program (administered by DEEP) is used to provide financing to municipal wastewater improvement projects, at 100% of project cost, with half of funding typically provided as GO grants and the remainder through CWF revenue bond-backed subsidized loans. Awards under the program are determined through the project priority list, with inclusion criteria that include impacts on local potable water supply, population impacted, and health issue mitigation.

The revenue bonds are non-general obligation bond that are linked to the revenues derived from loan repayment, along with federal funds. These bonds support the CWF low-interest loan program and the Drinking Water Fund, with the drinking water program administered by the Department of Public Health.

**Item #41** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Clean Water Fund (\$50,000,000 in new GO bonds)

This request is for \$50 million for the Clean Water Fund wastewater projects grants to projects that were listed on the FY24/25 Priority List and are expected to enter into a Clean Water Fund agreement by the end of FY 25.

**Item #42:** Office of Policy and Management: Urban Act (\$8,225,000 in new GO bonds and \$3,900,000 in previously allocated GO bonds)

The program finances various projects throughout the state. See the appendix for a table of allocations on this agenda.

**Item #43** Department of Administrative Services: School Building Projects (\$171,000,000 in new GO Bonds)

These funds are requested to finance a portion of estimated grants-in-aid for the state's reimbursement of construction costs associated with local school building projects. These projects include expansion, renovations and improvements, safety and health related projects, vocational agricultural centers and cooperative regional special educational facilities. This program also funds capital improvements to schools that are part of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System.

School districts may submit requests for school construction grant payments for projects which have been approved legislatively, as part of school construction priority lists or similar public acts, or in certain emergency situations, such as roof repairs. The dollar amount of the bond commission request is based upon the aggregate of all open school construction projects, specific cash flows from some projects, and historical experience with the ebb and flow of grant payment requests.

#### **Appendix – Urban Act Allocations, Reallocations and Repurposing**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Admin. Agency</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose/Notes</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
I.A	DECD	Community Resources for Justice	Reallocates funds to support updates and improvements at the recipient's Connecticut locations and offices instead of only their New Haven location.	350,000
I.B	DECD	Voices for Community	Reallocation specifies the recipient of the funds. It does not change the purpose (improvements to the Spring Grove Cemetery).	150,000
I.C	DECD	Waterbury Development Corporation	Reallocates the remainder of the funds for an additional project, which would develop the City of Waterbury's former Anamet property.	1,300,000
II.A	DEEP	Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, Inc.	Reallocation changes the recipient of the funds. It does not change the purpose (improvements to the Wallace Barners Nature Trail).	500,000
II.B	DEEP	City of Hartford	To provide a grant-in-aid for the redevelopment of Batterson Park.	6,350,000
II.C	DEEP	City of New Haven	To provide a grant-in-aid for capital improvements to Peat Meadow Park.	500,000
II.D	DEEP	City of New Haven	To provide a grant-in-aid for capital improvements to East Shore Park.	500,000
III.A	DSPP	Essex Fire Department	To provide a grant-in-aid for mobile land radios.	150,000
III.B	DSPP	Middletown Fire Department	To provide a grant-in-aid to purchase and install a modular fire training building.	350,000
III.C	DSPP	Orange Volunteer Fire Department	To provide a grant-in-aid for the acquisition of a new self-contained breathing apparatus.	50,000
III.D	DSPP	Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department	To provide a grant-in-aid to add to its reserve of supply and attack fire hoses as well as the purchase of a replacement Quick Deployment Drone.	25,000
III.E	DSPP	Stamford Police Activates League	To provide a grant-in-aid for equipment and educational programming.	300,000
III.F	DSPP	Town of East Haven	Reallocates all funds for land acquisition and construction of a new public safety facility.	600,000
IV.A	DMHAS	New Britain Legacies Corp.	Reallocation changes the recipient of the funds and the use from the construction of a youth center to the planning, development, and land purchase for the MLK project.	1,000,000