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State Bond Commission Agenda
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	Item #	GO/CWF
New GO and CWF Authorizations		
Board of Regents for Higher Education		
Consolidation and upgrade of system student and financial information technology systems	17	15,000,000
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Community Colleges	18	10,906,676
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Universities	19	6,000,000
Capital Region Development Authority		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to parking garages in Hartford	5	5,000,000
Connecticut Convention Center and Rentschler Field	11	225,000
Grant-in-aid for the purpose of encouraging development as provided in CGS Sec. 32-602	23	12,860,000
Department of Administrative Services		
Upgrade and replacement of technology infrastructure for the Connecticut Education Network	2	1,500,000
ADA accessibility improvements to state facilities	31	660,000
Department of Developmental Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs	30	500,000
Department of Economic and Community Development		
Brownfield remediation and revitalization program projects.	6, 22	13,100,000
Small Business Express Program	13	3,000,000
Manufacturing Assistance Act (MAA)	42	39,525,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection		
Alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds	32	1,235,000
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Energy Efficiency in State Buildings	3, 4	20,000,000
State Parks Improvement Program	16	330,375
Grants-in-aid to towns for the town open space program	34	5,000,000
State Superfund Program	38	5,200,000
Clean Water Fund grants-in-aid to towns (GO bonds)	43	80,000,000
Clean Water Fund low interest loans to towns (CWF Revenue Bonds)	43	204,770,000
Department of Housing		
Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund	8	350,000
IDASH supportive housing program	9	12,975,366
Flexible Housing Program	20	35,145,945
Homelessness prevention and response fund	26	8,000,000
Housing Trust Fund	40	6,457,560
Department of Veterans' Affairs		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds.	10	500,000
State matching funds for federal grants for renovations to existing facilities.	28	860,852
Judicial Department		
Implement Technology Strategic Plan Project.	12	3,000,000
Office of Policy and Management		
Information Technology Capital Investment Program	1, 15	30,109,062
Nonprofit health and human service organization grants-in-aid	21	25,000,000
Capital Equipment Purchase Fund (CEPF)	44	26,000,000
Urban Act	45	15,950,000
State Library		
Grants-in-aid to public libraries	14	994,000
Grants-in-aid to public libraries located within distressed municipalities	39	486,125
	CWF Total	204,770,000
	GO Total	385,870,961

New STO Authorizations	Item #	STO
Department of Transportation		
Bus and rail facilities and equipment	7	118,500,000
Department facilities	7	8,300,000
Environmental compliance related to DOT operations	7	4,970,760
Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges	7	51,750,000
Fix-it-First program to repair the state's roads	7	30,500,000
Interstate Highway Program	7	5,580,000
Intrastate Highway Programs	7	14,380,000
State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects	7	13,450,000
Urban Systems Projects	7	6,750,850
Capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects.	24	52,000,000
Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program.	25	13,289,000
Let's Go Connecticut infrastructure improvement program.	27	162,794,589
	STO Total	355,465,199

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.

I. Summary
FY 18 General Obligation Bonds¹

Allocations	FY 18 \$	FY 17 \$
February Agenda	385,870,961	245,694,659
Prior Allocations ²	1,343,875,572	846,141,145
TOTAL	1,729,746,533	1,091,835,804

Calendar Year 2018 General Obligation Bonds¹

Allocations	2018 \$	2017 \$
February Agenda	385,870,961	245,694,659
Prior Allocations ²	0	0
TOTAL³	385,870,961	245,694,659

FY 18 Transportation Fund Bonds

Allocations	FY 18 \$	FY 17 \$
February Agenda	355,465,199	437,004,205
Prior Allocations	104,876,091	693,544,175
TOTAL	460,341,290	1,130,548,380

Calendar Year 2018 Transportation Fund Bonds

Allocations	2017 \$	2017 \$
February Agenda	355,465,199	437,004,205
Prior Allocations	0	0
TOTAL	355,465,199	437,004,205

¹ The figures do not include reallocations.

² Automatic allocations include UConn 2000, CSCU 2020, the Bioscience Collaboration Fund (Jackson Lab), the Bioscience Innovation Fund, and Strategic Defense Investment. \$322,525,000 is scheduled to be allocated on July 1, 2018.

³ P.A. 17-2 (JSS) limits GO allocations at \$2 billion per calendar year beginning in CY 17. Based on annual CPI, the limit for CY 18 is \$2,036 million.

II. Agenda Items

Items #1 & 15 Office of Policy and Management: Information Technology Capital Investment Program (\$30,109,062 total in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will be used to develop and implement information technology enhancements for the departments of Correction (DOC), Administrative Services (DAS), Labor (DOL), Motor Vehicles (DMV), Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU), and the UConn Health Center (UCHC). The table below shows the breakdown of the allocation.

Funding for the Information Technology Capital Improvement Program						
Description	DOC	DAS	DOL	DMV	CSCU	UCHC
Consultant Services	200,000	9,768,114	9,256,609	1,064,469	-	22,072,650
Software	500,000	4,900,000	514,798	869,500	261,777	-
Hardware	-	1,561,500	994,600	217,695	-	-
Total	700,000	16,229,614	10,766,007	2,151,664	261,777	-

Funding will be used for the following projects:

- **DOC-** Continued development of electronic health records for the agency’s healthcare system for inmates, and also a system to link the agency’s electronic healthcare system to those of other state agencies and external organizations involved in the care of inmate patients. DOC provides healthcare for approximately 17,000 inmate patients.
- **DAS-** Development of a new statewide time entry, staff scheduling, and employee leave tracking system
- **DOL-** Implementation of the agency’s online unemployment claims processing system
- **DMV-** Continued development of electronic licensing system with automated voter registration
- **CSCU-** Development of an online training system for state employees at Charter Oak State College
- **UCHC-** Implementation of the Integrated Electronic Medical Record system to provide health information technology that is in compliance with state and federal regulations

Item #2 Department of Administrative Services: Upgrade and Replacement of Technology Infrastructure for the Connecticut Education Network (\$1,500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Established in 2000 as part of the CT Nutmeg Network, the Connecticut Education Network (CEN) provides access to a secure, reliable, high-speed network for schools, libraries, universities, state agencies, nonprofits and municipalities in Connecticut.

These funds would be used to replace: 1) large routers located at aggregation points throughout the state education network (7 of 15 sites are in need of upgrades); 2) optical hardware to distribute signals; and 3) member/customer locations at individual district level K-12 schools, municipalities, libraries, community colleges and universities.

The replacements will take place in priority aggregation sites in Hartford, Storrs, West Haven, Danbury, Hamden, Groton, and New Britain. Up to 40 school district locations across the state need to be replaced based on age of the equipment and the congestion of network traffic.

Item #3 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: Energy Services Projects that Result in Increased Energy Efficiency Measures in State Buildings (\$18,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

This allocation will be used to fund energy efficiency improvements at Northern Region Department of Correction (DOC) facilities, addressing critical infrastructure issues, as follows:

Osborn:

- Upgrade external and internal lighting to LED
- Install water conservation controls
- Insulate valves and pipes
- Variable Frequency Drives on motors
- High Efficiency Motors
- Roof Top Unit for hospital floors
- Window for hospital floors

Northern:

- Upgrade external and internal lighting to LED
- Replace chillers and cooling tower
- Install high efficiency boilers (heating)
- New controls for plant
- Variable frequency Drives on motors
- High efficiency motors
- Insulate valves and pipes

MacDougal:

- Upgrade external and internal lighting to LED
- Install water conservation controls
- Insulate valves and pipes
- Upgrade controls (in facility)

Walker:

- Upgrade external and internal lighting to LED
- Install water conservation controls
- Insulate valves and pipes
- Upgrade controls (in facility)

MacDougal/Walker Central Plant:

- Upgrade external and internal lighting to LED
- Replace chillers and cooling tower
- New controls for plant
- Domestic hot water upgrades (heat exchangers)
- 1 megawatt Co-Gen Unit (using waste heat for hot and chilled water production)

Item #4 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: Energy Services Projects that Result in Increased Energy Efficiency Measures in State Buildings (\$2,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Funding will supplement the Lead by Example program for energy efficiency projects that increase energy efficiency in state buildings. Per project costs have the following potential estimates:

Agency	Agency/Facility	Estimated Cost \$
AES	Greenhouse efficiency (heating, ventilation, controls, and lighting)	150,000
DAS	Projects include upgrades at various DAS- controlled facilities.	1,500,000
DOT	Projects include lighting upgrades at facilities and various locations across the state.	200,000 +
DMHAS	Potential replacement of existing boilers to install more efficient units	140,000

Item #5 Capital Region Development Authority: Alterations, Renovations, and Improvements to Parking Garages (\$5,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will finance structural improvements, waterproofing, expansion joint & railing repairs to the Church Street parking garage in Downtown Hartford.

Background: In May 2015, the State Bond Commission approved a \$16 million state bond allocation to the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) for the purchase of the Church Street garage from the City of Hartford. The parking garage was appraised at \$14.6 million and the most critical repair work amounted to \$1.4 million. A comprehensive engineering report has identified various concrete, masonry, waterproofing and mechanical issues that need to be addressed immediately in the building.

The garage is located directly across the street from the XL Center and is connected to that facility via a pedestrian bridge. Pursuant to the lease agreement with the City of Hartford, CRDA currently operates the XL Center and is responsible for the long-term planning for the upgrade or reconstruction of that facility. Ownership of the garage allows CRDA to coordinate parking and XL Center operations and maintenance, thereby reducing operating costs and maximizing revenue for both facilities.

Items #6 & 22 Department of Economic and Community Development: Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program (\$13,100,000 total in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support a supplemental grant-in-aid for the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program. The funds will support selected under [Round 11](#) and the upcoming [Round 12](#), as well as other projects reviewed by the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.

Background: The program provides financial assistance for environmental investigations and remediation activities. The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) provides qualified applicants funds in the form of low interest loans and grants. In FY 17, DECD awarded \$41.6 million to 39 projects across the state.⁴

Item #7 Department of Transportation: (\$254,181,610 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

The table below provides a breakout for the Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program in FY 18.

Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program Allocation	
Description	This Allocation \$
Interstate Highway Program	5,580,000
Urban Systems Projects	6,750,850
Intrastate Highway Program	14,380,000
Environmental Compliance	4,970,760
State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects	13,450,000
Fix-it-First Bridge Program	51,750,000
Fix-it-First Road Program	30,500,000
Bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition and related projects	118,500,000
TOTAL	254,181,610

Item #8 Department of Housing: Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund (\$350,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will provide initial capital to begin operations of the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, LLC to administer the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund.

Background: PA 17-2 JSS establishes the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund as a separate, non-lapsing General Fund account. The account contains donations and any money required by law to be deposited into it. Money in the account must be (1) used to incorporate the captive insurance company as outlined by the act and (2) transferred to the captive upon its licensure.

Donations to the fund are for helping homeowners repair or replace crumbling concrete foundations and to minimize such homes' negative municipal impact. Donations cannot be further restricted by the donor or used by the captive for any other purpose.

Item #9 Department of Housing: Supportive Housing for Persons with Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder (\$12,975,366 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support the following two supportive housing projects. The supportive services for both projects will be coordinated by the projects' co-sponsor The Arc of the Farmington Valley, Inc. (Favarh). (See table next page.)

⁴ Department of Economic and Community Development, 2017 Annual Report.
http://www.ct.gov/ecd/lib/ecd/decd_annual_report/decd_2017_annual_report.pdf
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Item	Location	Recipient/Project	Award Type	Description	Amount \$
A	Canton	FAVARH Canton Supportive Housing, LLC	Grant-in-aid	Thirty-eight units of affordable rental housing, including 9 supportive units for individuals at or below 25% of area median income who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.	6,086,896
B	Bloomfield	FAVARH Bloomfield Supportive Housing, LLC	Grant-in-aid	Forty units of affordable rental housing, including 10 supportive units for individuals at or below 25% of area median income who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.	6,888,470
TOTAL					12,975,366

Item #10 Department of Veterans’ Affairs: Alterations, Renovation and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds (\$500,000 in new General Obligation bonds):

The requested funding is for various repairs and improvements to the Department of Veteran’s Affairs (DVA) campus in Rocky Hill. The funding would be used for various projects such as: roof repairs; upgrades to electrical infrastructure; security camera upgrades; extending water supply line to select buildings; and emergency capital repairs. The buildings and supporting infrastructure of the DVA campus predominately dates back to the 1930’s and is in need of upgrades and repairs.

Item #11 Capital Region Development Authority: Rentschler Field (\$225,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will fund mechanical, code, safety and related minor capital projects at Rentschler Field in East Hartford.

Background: The State Bond Commission (SBC) allocated \$20 million for the preliminary costs and design of Rentschler Field in 2001 and \$71.2 million for completion of the stadium in 2001. Since 2001 the SBC has allocated: 1) approximately \$14 million in additional improvements, including expansion of parking; and 2) \$19 million in transportation infrastructure improvements around the vicinity of the stadium.

Item #12 Judicial Department: Implementation of the Technology Strategic Plan Project (\$3,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Funding will be used to expand the storage system capacity to increase the efficiency and response times for applications (e-filing), and to accommodate the new electronic citations processing system (ECPS), which will incorporate photographs and supporting documentation for infractions pleas. Funds will also be allocated to replace and upgrade the data backup system capacity to accommodate the growth in data in the various systems.

In addition, funds will be used to upgrade and replace video conferencing systems at the Danbury, Fairfield, New Haven, and Stamford judicial district courthouses and to replace telephone systems at the Appellate courts and administrative offices.

Item #13 Department of Economic and Community Development: Small Business Express Program (\$3,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds will provide a \$2 million grant-in-aid to the Hartford Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) to support the Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund established under PA 16-128. The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$5 million in February 2017 to establish the fund.

The allocation will also provide a \$1 million grant-in-aid to HEDCO to establish the Minority Business Initiative Advisory Board within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) established under PA 17-219.

The board must (1) advise DECD on how to make technical assistance more available to minority-owned businesses and increase their access to capital and state contracts and (2) develop and administer financial literacy, minority employment, and entrepreneurship programs, which may include internship and externship, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and job-creation subsidy programs.

Items #14 & 39 State Library: Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries (\$1,480,525 total in new General Obligation bonds)

Funds will be used to provide grants-in-aid for the following projects:

The Bridgeport Public Library is planning to replace the 4,000 square foot Newfield branch library with a modern facility of approximately 15,500 square feet. In addition to collections, the library would offer a children's play space, a story time room, computers, a makers' space, a small conference room, and a large community room available for library, neighborhood, and city meetings. The estimated total project cost is \$6 million. Funding for the project is expected to be provided by the \$1,000,000 state library construction grant with the remainder from locally raised funds from various sources.

Sharon's Hotchkiss Library is planning multiple small renovations to improve accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as code compliance. The renovations include installation of a side entrance ramp, creation of adjacent accessible parking, and closure of a non-code compliant rear staff entrance. The estimated total project cost is \$150,000. The \$75,000 state library construction grant is being matched equally by locally raised funds from various sources. The Hotchkiss Library, one of two libraries in Sharon, is primarily funded by an endowment and donations.

The Simsbury Public Library is planning to finish and expand its unfinished lower level in excess of 4,100 square feet to accommodate program and patron growth. The lower level would offer a large program room, a small conference room, display spaces, and gallery walls, among other improvements. Since 2008, when the library was expanded, both programs offered and patrons have grown nearly three-fold. The estimated total project cost is \$906,050. Funding for the project is expected to be provided by the \$405,525 state library construction grant with the remainder from locally raised funds from various sources.

Item #15 - See Item #1

Item #16 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Alterations, Renovations and New Construction at State Parks (\$330,375 in total new General Obligation bonds)

The funds from this allocation will support improvements and renovations to the Park Support Complex, water tower, and windmill at Harkness State Park in Waterford (see image below). Funding of \$877,815 was already provided for this project, totaling \$1,208,190.

Questions:

1. Are the “Friends of Harkness” providing partial funding for this project? If so, how much?
2. What is the timeline for completion of this project?
3. Was the lowest bid selected?



Source: <http://www.tripadvisor.com> accessed 2/9/2018 at 1:13pm

Item #17 Board of Regents: Consolidation and Upgrade of System Student and Financial Information Technology (IT) Systems (\$15,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds would allow the Board of Regents of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to continue an IT modernization and standardization project currently underway. The project has so far enabled the institutions to adopt a uniform chart of accounts, effective July 1, 2018. The next steps are to integrate institutions’ financial systems with CORE-CT, as required by C.G.S. Sec. 10a-9b, and standardize student data. The CORE-CT integration would allow for improved security and more accurate data.

These funds are for Phase II of the project, which would involve issuance of contracts pending this requested allocation. Phase III of the project would require funding in a future biennium. The project is anticipated to last four years.

Questions:

1. What are the goals and components of the student data standardization aspect of this project?
2. What is Phase III of the project?

Items #18 & 19 Board of Regents: Community College and State University: Deferred Maintenance, Code Compliance, and Infrastructure Improvements (\$16,906,676 total in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds would allow for various improvements to facilities and grounds of the community colleges, Charter Oak State College, the CSCU system office and the state universities. The funds mainly would be used to ensure the integrity and usability of facilities, through repairs and replacements in areas such as building envelopes (roofs, walls, doorways, windows, floors) and HVAC. Other projects may include code compliance, ADA compliance, energy conservation, parking, grounds, and miscellaneous facilities renovations. The system office reports that many of the projects to be funded with these allocations were initially planned for FY 16 and FY 17.

Item #20 & 33 Department of Housing: Flexible Housing Program (\$35,670,945 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support the projects and programs under the Flexible Housing Program as shown in the table below.

Item	Location	Recipient/Project	Award Type	Description	Amount \$
A	Norwich	Ponemah Riverbank Unit A North LLC	Loan; 0% for a term not to exceed forty-two years.	One hundred twenty-four units of mixed-income housing. Seventy-four units will be income restricted affordable units.	6,100,000
B	Hartford	Overlook Village Associates II, LLC	Loan; 0% for a term not to exceed forty-five years.	Phase 2 redevelopment of the former Chester A. Bowles Park project in Hartford which includes forty-three new units of rental housing. Thirty-eight units will be income restricted affordable units.	6,000,000
C	Bridgeport	Windward Development Associates, LLC	Loan; 0% for a term not to exceed forty-five years.	Phase 2 redevelopment of the Marina Village which includes sixty new units of rental housing. Forty-eight units will be income restricted affordable units.	6,000,000
D	Meriden	Meriden Mills II, LLC	Loan; not less than 1% for a term not to exceed thirty-seven years.	Phase 2 redevelopment of The Mills project in Meriden consisting of seventy-six new units of affordable rental housing.	6,000,000
E and Item #33	Willimantic	Murray on Main, LLC	Loan; not less than 1% for a term not to exceed thirty-two years with payments deferred.	The redevelopment of 699 Main Street in Willimantic into approximately twenty units of rental housing. Seventeen of the units will be income restricted affordable units.	2,570,945
F	Hartford	Hartford Housing Authority	Grant-in-aid	Relocation of tenants of the Westbrook Village moderate rental housing project and demolition of buildings ahead of the comprehensive redevelopment of the property.	9,000,000
TOTAL					35,670,945

Backgrounds

Ponemah Mills, Norwich:

The State Bond Commission allocated approximately \$5 million to the Ponemah Mills development at the January 2016 meeting.

The Mills project, Meriden:

The State Bond Commission allocated \$5.74 million to the Meriden Mills project at the September 2016 meeting for the development of 75 units of new rental housing, including 68 affordable and eight supportive units.

Chester Bowles and Westbrook Village, Hartford:

Bowles Park was originally developed and financed by the state in the 1940s and 1950s that currently includes 410 units in 59 buildings, the majority of which are abandoned and deemed not fit to live in. About 70 remaining residents will be relocated before the demolition begins.

Over the past 60 years the state has provided funds for various projects including lead/paint asbestos abatement and general rehabilitation at Bowles Park. More recently the State Bond Commission allocated:

- (1) \$5 million in 2017 for the construction of Willow Creek with 62 affordable rental housing units in the Chester A. Bowles Park property;
- (2) \$4 million in 2012 to the Hartford Housing Authority, which owns and operates the buildings, for decommissioning, property stabilization, and relocation of tenants at the Westbrook Village and Bowles Park housing projects;
- (3) \$2.9 million in 2005 for lead paint abatement, replacement of deteriorated parking areas, driveways and sidewalks to Westbrook Village and Bowles Park.

Item 21 Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-Aid to Nonprofits (\$25,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Funding is provided to organizations that receive funding from the state to provide health or human services to clients of state agencies. This funding will be used for a variety of capital projects, including facility renovations and improvements, technology upgrades, and the purchasing of software, capital equipment, and motor vehicles. Grant awards have not yet been finalized.

Item #22 – See Item #6

Item #23 Capital Region Development Authority: Housing and Public Infrastructure Projects (\$12,860,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support the following projects.

A. Loan to Girona Ventures for Housing Development at 100 Trumbull Street (\$960,000)

The allocation will support a loan to Girona Ventures to assist with renovation of 100 Trumbull Street to convert 16 two bedroom apartments into 16 studios and 16 one-bedroom apartments to meet demand. The loan will be provided at 3% interest amortizing over 20 years.

B. Loan to Constantinos Constantinou for Housing Development at 28 High Street (\$1,900,000)

The allocation will support a loan to Constantinos Constantinou to assist conversion of the vacant commercial building at 28 High Street into 28 units of housing and 600 square feet of retail space.

The loan will be provided at 3%, interest only, for 18 months during construction. Once construction is complete, the loan converts to a 3% interest mortgage amortizing over 28.5 years.

C. Grant-in-aid to the City of Hartford for Dillon Stadium (\$10,000,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to the City of Hartford for improvements at Dillon Stadium and Colt Park, subject to the City approving an agreement to license the stadium to a professional sports team.

The improvements will include renovation of existing structures, repair and replacement of bleachers, new fencing, curbing, sidewalks, landscape and lighting improvements at Dillon Stadium. Additional streetscape, landscape and site improvements will be made at the adjacent Colt Park, including new synthetic and grass playing fields.



Dillon Stadium rendering by Hartford Sports Group

Background: The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) issued a Request for Proposal in September 2017 to increase the number and types of events at Dillon Stadium. From this process CRDA recommended to the City of Hartford the proposal submitted by the Hartford Sports Group (HSG). The investment group seeks to place a United Soccer League (“USL”) franchise at Dillon by acquiring and underwriting the franchise options. The proposal offers an annual rental fee of \$125,000 but would require city and/or state funds for upgrades to the facility, matched by additional private contribution.⁵ Leases between the City of Hartford and CRDA, and between CRDA and Hartford Sports are now being negotiated.

Item #24 Department of Transportation: Capital Resurfacing and Related Reconstruction Projects (\$52,000,000 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

These funds will be used to resurface approximately 177 lane miles through the Vender-In-Place (VIP) program. The VIP program refers to a contract where the vendor supplies all materials, labor and equipment to perform a complete work function in place. The most common example is DOT’s VIP paving contract, where the vendor supplies the asphalt, paving equipment,

⁵ Per the December 1, 2017 memo from CRDA to the City of Hartford.

<http://crdact.net/data/Unsorted/DillionStadium- CRDA Recommendation-11302017-74177-1.pdf>

trucking and labor and the State pays for the services by the ton. These projects are usually not eligible for a federal match.

Item #25 Department of Transportation: Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (\$13,289,000 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

These funds will be used to finance the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program.

Description	Amount \$
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments	9,775,500
Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments	3,013,500
DOT Administration	500,000
Total	13,289,000

Item #26 Department of Housing: Homeless Prevention and Response Fund (\$8,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will capitalize the Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Fund, created by PA 15-1 JSS and managed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

This program will provide funds to eligible landlords to make capital repairs and upgrades to their units and who will provide the units at no cost to the homeless population. The program will also fund operating reserves for creation of permanent supportive housing. The Department of Housing may retain up to 5% of the bond proceeds for administrative purposes.

Background: The Homeless Prevention and Response Fund provides forgivable loans and grants to landlords 1) participating in a rapid rehousing program (e.g., waiving security deposits or abating rent for a designated period) and 2) abating rent for scattered supportive housing units.

Participating landlords receive loans and grants to 1) renovate multifamily homes, under the rapid rehousing program, and 2) renovate multifamily homes, fund ongoing maintenance and repair, or capitalize operating and replacement reserves, under the supportive housing rent abatement program. For both programs, renovations include building code compliance work and major improvements.

The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$750,000 at the January 2016 meeting to finance the cost of the program administrator, the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Item #27 Department of Transportation: Let's Go CT! (\$162,794,589 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to finance the Let's Go CT! projects listed in the table below.

Description	Amount \$
Design studies for reconstruction of I-84/Route 8 interchange	5,000,000
Rehabilitation of southbound Gold Star Bridge and phase 1 of northbound rehabilitation	122,794,589
Implementation of Innovative Bridge delivery and design program, rehabilitation of bridge #00037-Route 1 over I-95-Stamford	20,000,000
Construction of new dock yard for the Danbury branch line	15,000,000
Total	162,795,589

Item #28 Department of Veterans' Affairs: State Matching Funds for Federal Grants-in-aid for Renovations and Code Required Improvements to Existing Facilities (\$860,852 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding is for construction costs and associated project management fees for replacing the main campus fire alarm system and installing a new sprinkler system in commissary building number 2. Previously, the state has spent \$380,000 on architect fees and DAS fees. This request will provide the state portion (\$860,852) to the project which totals \$3,174,442. The remaining \$1,933,568 is provided by federal funds.

Item #29 & 36 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: State Dam Repair (\$735,625 total of reallocated General Obligation bonds)

These funds are utilized to undertake studies, design and construction of repairs to state-owned dams. Funds will also support the costs of removal of the Springborn Dam in Enfield.

The state owns in excess of 260 dams, which create lakes and ponds that are used for a variety of purposes. The DEEP owns and operates 95% of these dams. Also, DEEP is responsible for major repairs that are needed on dams owned by the Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Agriculture, and CVH. As owner of these structures, the state is responsible for their ongoing safety. Actions are initiated on these state structures based upon their state of repair, compliance with current safety standards and the hazard they pose to downstream areas in the event of a failure.

Item #30 Department of Developmental Services: Fire, Safety and Environmental Improvements to Regional Facilities for Client and Staff needs (\$500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will allow the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to immediately initiate corrective action when code, safety, health, or emergency conditions develop and to make interior and exterior improvements to maintain the safety and integrity of residential and office facilities. This includes flooring, bathrooms, kitchens, walkways, HVAC, plumbing, sprinkler systems, exterior doors, fencing, and electrical systems. The combined census at public DDS facilities is approximately 600 individuals.

The types of public DDS facilities where the allocation will fund improvements include group homes, Regional Centers and the Southbury Training School.

Item #31 Department of Administrative Services: Alterations, Renovations and Improvements in Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (\$660,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will fund minor ADA improvements at judicial facilities. Projects covered by the allocation can include installation of compliant door hardware, automatic door openers, ramps, ADA-complaint telephones, parking improvements, and bathroom fixture improvements.

Due to the extent of the work and the potential impact on the operation of the court, the construction portion is being divided into several phases. This bond request relates to phase 1.

During phase 1, the Judicial branch will make necessary improvements to the Jury Assembly Areas at these six (6) court locations:

- 101 Lafayette St., Hartford
- 35 Church St., New Haven
- 1061 Main St., Bridgeport
- 146 White St., Danbury
- 70 Huntington St., New London
- 300 Grand St., Waterbury

Item #32 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Alterations and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds, Including Utilities, Mechanical Systems and Energy Conservation Projects (\$1,235,000 in new General Obligation bonds).

This allocation will be used to finance improvements and renovations to various facilities operated by the Division of State Police, including underground storage tank removal, upgrades and repairs to the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, flooring replacement for the Troop I facility in Bethany, and mechanical improvements for Troop C in Tolland. The agency has also requested \$400,000 for emergency repairs and minor capital projects as needed.

Item #33 - See Item #20

Item #34 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Grants-in-aid to towns for the town open space program (\$5,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Funds will be used to provide grants-in-aid to municipalities for acquisition of property as part of the state's open space goal. The Connecticut General Assembly established a goal of having 673,210 acres (21%) of the State's land area preserved as open space. The goal calls for 352,634 acres (11%) of the State's land area to be acquired by DEEP's Partners (municipalities, nonprofit land conservation organizations and water companies).

As of December 2015, it is estimated that DEEP's Partners held approximately 243,715 acres (7.6%) of the State's area. To meet the goal set forth for Partner open space acquisitions, an additional 108,919 acres of open space must be acquired by the Partners by 2023. DEEP offers an annual grant round each September. The Bond funding from this Open Space Program augments funding from the Community Investment Act Program, and is critical to satisfy the need of this very popular land acquisition program. The Bond funding requested will provide matching grants to DEEP's Partners for eligible acquisitions.

Item #35 State Department of Education: Alterations, Repairs, Improvements, Technology and Equipment in Low-performing Schools (\$2,180,641 of reallocated General Obligation bonds)

Funds will be used for the following six Commissioner's Network schools: New London High School, Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School, Winthrop, Science and Technology Magnet School of Southeastern Connecticut, C.B. Jennings, and Nathan Hale. These funds were initially approved for an alternate purpose at the January 25, 2013 meeting.

Questions:

- 1) Are these projects eligible for school construction funds?
- 2) What have the funds been repurposed from?

Item #36 – See Item #29

Items #37 & 43 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Clean Water Fund (\$80,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds and \$204,770,000 in new Clean Water Revenue bonds)

The State's Clean Water Fund program provides grants for qualifying water treatment and transport infrastructure projects. Such grants are available for 20% of the eligible project costs. Additionally, the fund provides loans for the remainder of the project costs. Such loans are repaid over not more than 20 years at 2% interest for most water pollution control projects, with some exceptions.

Funding is awarded according to a priority list which is developed, according to regulation, based on priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, order of priority funding, annual public hearings, and subsequent revisions to the priority list. The priority list is managed by DEEP. A copy of the current list is available here:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/water/municipal_wastewater/cleanwater_draftpriority_1617.pdf

Item #38 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: State Superfund Program (\$5,200,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Funds will be used to provide a grant-in-aid to the town of Haddam to address well water contamination.

Item #39 – See Item #14

Item #40 Department of Veterans' Affairs: Alterations and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds in Accordance with Current Codes (\$202,000 of reallocated General Obligation bonds)

This re-allocation of funding is to commission a master plan to address future veteran cemetery needs in Connecticut. This funding was previously allocated for an expansion in the Middletown Veteran's cemetery, which required the state to initially cover the cost but was fully reimbursed from federal funds once complete.

Item #41 Department of Housing: Flexible Housing Program (\$6,457,560 in new General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support a loan to Westwoods Properties, LLC to assist with development of 50 units of family rental housing near Route 10 and Quinnipiac University in Hamden. Thirty-four of the apartments will be income restricted affordable units. The loan will be provided at not less than 1% for a term not to exceed thirty-two years with payments deferred.

Item #42 Department of Economic and Community Development: Manufacturing Assistance Act (\$35,525,000 in new General Obligation bonds and \$11,000,000 of reallocated General Obligation bonds)

The allocation will support the following business initiatives enumerated below. A portion of the funding will be used to provide financial assistance designated under the First Five Program (also referred to as "Next Five").⁶

The State Bond Commission allocated \$234.5 million for sixteen of the companies participating in First Five since 2012. Funding for ASML US and AQR Capital Management are to be considered during this meeting.

First Five Program Funding

Company	Total Assistance Available	Total Assistance Available (Bond Funded Only)	Bond Funds Allocated on Previous Agendas ⁷⁸	Bond Funds on Current Agenda
CIGNA*	71,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000	-
NBC Sports	26,000,000	26,000,000	26,000,000	-
ESPN*	10,000,000	-	-	-
Sustainable Building Systems	19,100,000	19,100,000	19,100,000	-
CareCentrix	24,000,000	24,000,000	21,400,000	-
Deloitte	14,500,000	14,500,000	9,000,000	-
Bridgewater Associates	52,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000	-
Charter Communications	28,500,000	18,500,000	8,500,000	-
Navigators Group Inc.	11,500,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	-
Pitney Bowes	26,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	-
EDAC Technologies [#]	48,000,000	48,000,000	42,000,000	-
Synchrony Bank	20,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	-
Henkel Corporation	25,000,000	20,000,000	10,000,000	-
AQR Capital Mgmt	35,000,000	35,000,000	13,000,000	15,000,000
Amazon	20,000,000	-	-	-
ASML US	20,000,000	14,000,000	-	14,000,000
Total	450,600,000	309,600,000	234,500,000	29,000,000

*A portion of these companies' assistance is eligibility for state tax credits in addition to bond funded loans and grants through First Five.

[#]EDAC Technologies received a bond allocation in July 2012, prior to officially participating in the First Five program. This allocation is counted towards the overall First Five assistance package to the company.

A. AQR Capital Management – First Five (\$15,000,000)

The allocation will support a \$15 million loan to AQR Capital Management, LLC in Greenwich to assist with Phase 2 of expansion.

⁶ PA 16-3 MSS, the general government implementer, extended the First Five program's sunset date by three years, from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2019. As of today sixteen companies are participating in the program. PA 16-3 MSS allows up to twenty companies to participate in the program.

⁷ The State Bond Commission allocated \$5.95 million to TicketNetwork and \$26 million to Alexion. TicketNetwork has since withdrawn from the program in 2013 and Alexion in 2017. Funds for TicketNetwork will be reallocated for future use. Alexion has repaid their loan, penalty, and outstanding interest.

⁸ The State Bond Commission allocated \$18.7 million to ESPN to support a loan and a grant-in-aid under the program; however, the agreement has been since updated to provide ESPN \$10 million in tax credits only. Those funds will be reallocated for future use.

The state's total assistance to the company will consist of up to \$35 million: \$28 million in loans and a \$7 million grant-in-aid. The company will retain 580 jobs and create up to 217 new jobs within two years.

The \$13 million loan from Phase 1 will be forgiven if the company retains a total of 797 jobs for two years after the creation of Phase 1 new jobs. The \$15 million loan from Phase 2 will be forgiven if the company retains 797 jobs from Phase 1 and creates 189 jobs within five years and retains the total job count for two years thereafter. Both loans are provided at an interest rate of 2% for 10 years.

In addition to the loans, the company is eligible for \$7 million in incremental grants-in-aid if it creates and retains an additional 140 jobs for a total of 1,126 jobs.

Located in Greenwich and founded in 1998, AQR is a global investment management firm that provides quantitatively driven alternative and traditional investment vehicles to both institutional clients and financial advisors. AQR was established in New York before moving its operations to Connecticut in 2004.

B. Town of Waterford for U.S. Submarine Base (\$525,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to the Town of Waterford to finance the acquisition of land and demolition of structures across the river from the United States Navy Submarine Base-New London to enhance submarine operations. The town will acquire the former Thames Landing Marina and demolish the derelict docks and remove the mooring blocks eliminating an encroachment to critical submarine operations.

C. Small Projects and Programs (\$4,500,000)

The allocation will allow the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide smaller loans and grants to manufacturers and economic based businesses across the State. The release of these funds will be controlled through the allotment process pending determination of grant and loan recipients. These funds will also support administrative costs related to the Manufacturing Assistance Act program.

D. Viiv Healthcare Company (\$1,000,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to Viiv Healthcare Company to assist with leasehold improvements for relocation from Wallingford to Branford. The company will retain 25 jobs and create 20 jobs within five years.

ViiV Healthcare is a pharmaceutical company established in 2009 that specializes in the development of therapies for HIV infection. With over 700 employees, offices in 15 countries, and three regional hubs managing GlaxoSmithKline support in 50 other markets, the company established a presence in over 65 countries around the globe.

E. Polamer Precision, Inc (\$2,000,000)

The allocation will support (1) a \$1.9 million loan to Polamer Precision, Inc. to assist with machinery and equipment for expansion of its facilities in New Britain and (2) \$100,000 job training grant-in-aid. This is Phase 2 of an overall state commitment of \$10 million, consisting of \$9.5 million in loans and \$500,000 in grants, which will be disbursed in five phases. The company will retain 100 jobs and create 200 new jobs within three years.

This loan from Phase 2 will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company will be eligible for loan forgiveness of \$4.5 million if it creates the 200 jobs within three years and maintains them for two years.

The State Bond Commission allocated Phase 1 at the July 2016 meeting. This phase consists of a \$1.9 million loan which is provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years and \$100,000 job training grant-in-aid. The company will be eligible for loan forgiveness of \$4.5 million if it creates the 200 jobs within three years and maintains them for two years.

The State Bond Commission also allocated \$3 million to Polamer Precision, Inc. in August 2012 to assist in the purchase of machinery and equipment for consolidation from three separate facilities in Newington to the 140,000 square foot facility in New Britain. This funding is unrelated to the current overall state commitment of \$10 million.

Polamer Precision is a contract aerospace manufacturing firm that produces engine and airframe components.

F. This item is withdrawn in the revised agenda.

G. Morgan Truck Body, LLC (\$4,000,000)

This allocation will support a loan to Morgan Truck Body, LLC to assist with establishment of a new manufacturing facility in Plainfield. The company will create 120 jobs within three years. The company will be eligible for loan forgiveness if it meets job creation goals.

The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 3.25% for 10 years, with principal deferred for five years.

Morgan Truck Body, LLC is a producer of truck and van bodies with a total of twelve manufacturing facilities in North America. The company specializes in the manufacture of Class 4 to Class 7 (GVW) box truck/straight truck bodies to serve the dry freight industry; as well as truck bodies to accommodate cargo of every configuration – from parcel delivery to furniture movers and heavy-equipment hauling, insulated and refrigerated units, bottled gas transport, and flatbed/stake & platform bodies.

H. Okay Industries, Inc (\$2,500,000)

The allocation will support a loan to Okay Industries, Inc. to assist with expansion and upgrade of its manufacturing facilities in Berlin and New Britain. The company will retain 210 jobs and create 62 new jobs within three years. The company will be eligible for \$1.25 million in loan forgiveness if it meets job creation goals. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 3.25% for 10 years.

Okay Industries, Inc. engineers and manufactures components and subassemblies for OEMs in medical, automotive, defense/firearms, and industrial markets. The company is headquartered in New Britain.

I. ASML US, LLC – First Five (\$14,000,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to ASML US, LLC in Wilton to assist with renovations for expansion. As part of the First Five program, the company is eligible for \$14 million in grants-in-aid and up to \$6 million in potential tax credits.

The company will receive \$7 million from this allocation and the remaining grant-in-aid will be disbursed incrementally as the company creates and retains jobs. The total amount of funding the company will be eligible to receive is based on the creation of up to 524 new jobs within specific timeframes over the next eight years. The company is also expected to retain 1,222 jobs.

Background: ASML invents, develops, manufactures, and services advanced technology for high-tech lithography, metrology and software solutions. These are used by all the world's top chipmakers to create chips that power a wide array of electronic, communications, and information technology products.

The company intends to expand its Wilton operations to include the construction of a parking garage, expansion of its manufacturing and engineering operations, and substantial interior renovations as part of a potentially \$100 million project.

J. Global Atlantic Financial Company (\$1,000,000)

The allocation will support a loan to the Global Atlantic Financial Company to assist with relocation and expansion from Simsbury to Hartford. The company will retain 66 jobs and create up to 59 new jobs within seven years.

The company will be eligible for incremental loan forgiveness if it meets job creation goals. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 3.25% for 10 years with principal deferred for five years.

Global Atlantic Financial Company is a financial services company that provides retirement and protection products, as well as reinsurance solutions. The company has eight locations within the United States.

K. New Opportunities Inc. dba Food 4 Thought (\$1,000,000)

The allocation will support a loan to New Opportunities Inc. dba Food 4 Thought to assist with machinery and equipment for to establish an aquaponic fish farm and hydroponic vegetable farm in Torrington. The company will create 18 jobs within three years. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 3% for 10 years, with payment deferred for two years.

L. Grants-in-aid for Technology Field (\$1,000,000)

The allocation will support matching grants-in-aid to companies, educational organizations and service providers to finance training and education in the technology field.

The release of these funds will be controlled through the allotment process as projects arise.

Item #43 - See Item #37

Item #44 Office of Policy and Management: Capital Equipment Purchasing Fund (\$26,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The Office of Policy and Management anticipates receiving capital equipment requests regularly and will use this allocation to provide funding for these requests. A list of the specific equipment to be purchased by the agencies will be provided to OPM at the time the funds are allotted.

Background: The Capital Equipment Purchase Program (CEPF) is authorized by CGS Sec. 4a-9 and has been used for the purchase of equipment with a useful life of at least 5 years. It is financed through the sale of General Obligation bonds and administered by the Office of Policy and Management.

Item #45 Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-Aid for Urban Development (\$15,950,000 in new General Obligation bonds and reallocation of \$5,000,000 of General Obligation bonds)

I. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

A. Grant-in-aid to Elizabeth Park Conservancy (\$500,000)

This grant-in-aid will be used to fund a visitor center with additional parking at the Elizabeth Park Conservancy in Hartford. The Elizabeth Park Conservancy has restored and managed major projects in the park through raising private funds and grants.



Since 1977, the Conservancy has planned and managed restoration and capital improvements in collaboration with the City of Hartford, the State of Connecticut, the Ethel Donaghue Trust, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the Connecticut Valley Garden Club, and other organizations. One of the first major improvements was the installation of an irrigation system for the two-and-a-half acre rose garden with over 450 interior and perimeter rose beds.

Source: <http://elizabethparkct.org/conservancy.html>

II. Department of Economic and Community Development

A. Grant-in-aid to the Town of Stratford for Road Improvements (\$1,500,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to the Town of Stratford to provide intersection improvements and new traffic signalization at Oronoque Lane in conjunction with Sikorsky Aircraft's internal road and entrance improvements to alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety in the Route 110 corridor.

B. Grant-in-aid to the City of Waterbury for "Downtown Next" (\$500,000)

The allocation will provide grant-in-aid to the City of Waterbury to assist with the initiation of the "Waterbury Next" project.

This phase of the program includes hazardous material abatement and renovations for future redevelopment of the historic Howland Hughes building and streetscape improvements along the East Main Street corridor from the Waterbury Green to the vicinity of the police station and Waterbury Hospital.

Background: The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$7 million in November 2017 and \$5.2 million in July 2014 for a total of \$12.2 million in state bond funds.

The total package of \$12.2 million supports six elements of the "Waterbury Next" strategy:

- Up to \$5 million to support the redevelopment of the historic Howland Hughes building located at 114-116 Bank Street.

- \$4 million of improvements in public realm infrastructure in downtown Waterbury, including new pavement, curbs, basic street trees and lights, pavers, curb alignment and drainage, and upgrades to the West end of the city's green.
- Up to \$1 million to acquire the long-underutilized Anamet site located at 698 South Main Street, a contaminated brownfield site, which will enable both a new mixed-use development. Additionally, the creation of the Naugatuck Valley Greenway is planned. The Malloy administration also intends to provide a \$2 million grant to the city to fund the demolition and environmental remediation of the site.
- \$1.2 million to demolish the blighted and long-closed Prospect Street garage which will enable the construction of a new parking structure. This new facility is expected to be privately financed and operated.
- \$1 million to support the city's acquisition of the historic Rose Hill campus located at 63 Prospect Street to be repurposed for a mix of non-profit, education and recreational uses. Waterbury intends to partner with area non-profits and/or education partners for re-use.
- Up to \$25,000 for an access and pre-development agreement with the owners of the property known as the Brown Building located at 20/52 East Main Street, to allow the city and the current owner conduct feasibility studies and explore potential zoning changes to maximize the potential for a private developer to add new downtown housing units.

Concurrent with the "Waterbury Next" project, work began in 2015 on the design of a new signalization system for the Waterbury Branch of the New Haven Line that will enhance safety and pave the way for more trains and improved service.

C. Grant-in-aid to the City of West Haven for Infrastructure Improvements (\$1,500,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to the City of West Haven to finance storm and sanitary sewer improvements, streetscape and site improvements to accommodate development projects in the Allingtown section of the city.

D. Grant-in-aid to the Fairfield Theater Company (\$950,000)

The allocation will support a grant-in-aid to Fairfield Theater Company to assist with the final phase of renovations to its facility. This phase includes renovations to create classrooms, office space, additional dressing rooms and various exterior and site improvements.

The Fairfield Theater Company (FTC) produces over 400 events between its two venue spaces, The Warehouse and StageOne, with limited backstage space for both venues. This expansion project into the 3,000 square foot space above the backstage green room, known as the Loft, will provide more backstage and rehearsal spaces. The FTC intends to also create new music education programs, build a recording studio, and repair the footbridge on Unquawa Road, creating direct access to the music classroom/rehearsal rooms, easily connecting the community to the FTC Campus.

III. Department of Transportation

A. Grant-in-aid to the City of Norwalk (\$7,000,000)

Funds will be used for improvements to the intersection of Route 7 and Glover Avenue.

IV. Department of Children and Families

A. Grant-in-aid to 'r kids family center (\$1,000,000)

Funds will be granted to 'r kids, which provides specialized services to children and biological, kinship, foster, and adoptive families in transition to promote permanency, safety, and stability for children. The organization received a total of \$2,073,548 from the General Fund in FY 17.

V. Department of Housing

A. Grant-in-aid for a Foundation Testing Program (\$5,000,000)

The allocation will fund a grant-in-aid to the Capitol Region Council of Governments for a foundation testing program to assist homeowners in the northeastern part of the state who are concerned due to the possible existence of a mineral that could cause home foundations to deteriorate.

The State Bond Commission originally allocated \$5 million to this program in February 2017 but limited the program to applicants with houses built since 1983 within a 20 mile radius of the J.J. Mottes Concrete Company in Stafford Springs. This request will allow the Commissioner of Housing to approve waiver requests for testing in any other part of the state.

Under this program, homeowners will be eligible for a 50% reimbursement, up to \$2,000, for pyrrhotite testing of two core samples within their home's foundation. Homeowners who have already experienced foundation deterioration may choose to have a licensed inspector make a visual inspection of the foundation. Visual inspections will be 100% reimbursed up to \$400.

VI. Office of Early Childhood

A. Grant-in-aid to Children's Learning Centers (\$3,000,000)

Funds will be used by the Children's Learning Centers for facility design and acquisition, to replace its current facility.