

Analysis of State Bond Commission Agenda Items

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General Obligation (GO) Bonds	Item #	New Allocation
Capital Region Development Authority		
Grant-in-aid to the municipality of East Hartford for the purposes of general economic development activities	25	6,500,000
Connecticut Port Authority		
Grants-in-aid for improvements to deep water ports, including dredging, not exceeding \$120,000,000, provided not less than \$20,000,000 shall be used for deep water ports outside of New London	7	30,000,000
Department of Administrative Services		
Asbestos Removal Program - Removal or encapsulation of asbestos in state-owned buildings	4	5,000,000
Infrastructure repairs and improvements at state-occupied facilities	26	1,494,102
Department of Correction		
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	5	13,238,000
Department of Developmental Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs at all state-owned facilities	29	1,493,900
Department of Economic and Community Development		
Grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville section of New Haven for damage due to subsidence	24	1,000,000
Manufacturing Assistance Act (MAA) - Economic Development and Manufacturing Assistance Act of 1990 and the Connecticut job training finance demonstration program	33	4,600,000
Small Business Express Program	6, 20	9,000,000
Department of Education		
Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers for capital expenses at interdistrict magnet schools, not exceeding \$20,000,000, provided not more than \$10,000,000 shall be used for grants-in-aid to the Capital Region Education Council	2	10,000,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection		
Alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems and energy conservation	9	4,650,000
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Alterations, renovations and new construction at state parks and other recreation facilities including Americans with Disabilities Act improvements	10	15,000,000
Recreation and natural heritage trust program for recreation, open space, resource protection and resource management	18, 28	6,000,000
PFAS - Grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purpose of providing potable water and for assessment and remedial action to address pollution from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl containing substances	14	1,150,000
Department of Housing		
Housing Trust Fund	31	20,000,000
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements including improvements in compliance with current codes, site improvements, repair and replacement of roofs and other exterior and interior building renovations and demolition	27	1,950,000
Department of Public Health		

General Obligation (GO) Bonds	Item #	New Allocation
For the Health Disparities and Prevention Grant Program, not exceeding \$30,000,000, provided (1) not more than \$20,000,000 shall be used for federally qualified health centers, and not more than \$300,000 of such amount may be used to conduct a health disparities study, and (2) not more than \$10,000,000 shall be used for mental health and substance abuse treatment providers.	8	5,000,000
Department of Transportation		
For construction, repair or maintenance of highways, roads, bridges or bus and rail facilities and equipment, provided not more than \$75,000,000 shall be used for a matching grant program to assist municipalities to modernize existing traffic signal equipment and operations	21	30,000,000
Judicial Department		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities	22	3,500,000
Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities	19	1,250,000
Legislative Management		
Alterations, renovations, improvements and technology upgrades at the State Capitol Complex	1, 3	4,850,000
Office of Policy and Management		
Grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purchase of on-body cameras for local law enforcement officers	17	124,691
Local Capital Improvement Fund (LoCIP)	34	30,000,000
Urban Act - Grants-in-aid for urban development projects	35	72,466,696
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities		
All state colleges and universities: New and replacement of instruction, research and laboratory equipment	11	22,000,000
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Community Colleges	12	20,000,000
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements - Universities	13	20,000,000
Total New GO Allocations		340,267,389

Special Tax Obligation (STO) Bonds	Item #	New Allocation
Department of Transportation		
Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges	15,16	85,000,000
Highway and bridge renewal equipment	16	3,667,900
Interstate Highway Program	16	4,250,000
Intrastate Highway Programs	16	32,813,747
State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects	16	24,297,651
Urban Systems Projects	16	3,891,000
Local Bridge Program	23	1,132,800
Total New STO Allocations		155,053,098

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

Total New GO Bond Allocations by Month	2023 \$	2022 \$
March Agenda		333,441,256
April Agenda	620,351,336	
May Agenda		338,691,236
(Current Agenda) June Agenda	340,267,389	
Allocations Effective July 1		159,896,428
July Agenda		367,597,107
December Agenda		509,532,566
CY Total Through June	960,618,725	672,132,492
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CY Allocation Cap (See Note)	2,377,000,000	2,239,000,000
Allocation Remaining Under CY Cap	1,416,381,275	529,841,407

C.G.S. 3-21 (as amended by P.A. 17-2 (JSS) Sec. 712) limits GO bond allocations at \$2 billion per calendar year beginning in CY 17. Based on annual increases calculated using CPI, the limit for CY 23 is \$2,377 million.

Note: PA 23-1 amended C.G.S. 3-21 to limit GO bond allocations to \$2.4 billion on a fiscal year basis beginning in FY 24 (July 1, 2023). The fiscal year limit will be inflated based on CPI beginning in FY 25.

Allocations effective July 1 will count towards the FY 24 allocation limit.

Special Tax Obligation (STO) Transportation Bonds

Total New STO Bond Allocations by Month	2023 \$	2022 \$
March Agenda		321,632,353
(Current Agenda) June Agenda	155,053,098	
July Agenda		482,246,929
December Agenda		429,910,525
CY Total Through June	155,053,098	321,632,353
CY Total	155,053,098	1,233,789,807

II. Agenda Items

Items #1 & 3 Office of Legislative Management: Alterations, Renovations, and Improvements (\$4,850,000 total in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$4.85 million is requested for the following projects:

- *Replacement, repair, and repaving of roads and sidewalks (\$1,350,000)* – repave the Capitol parking area, repave the roadway leading to the Legislative Office Building (LOB) parking garage, and replace deteriorating sidewalks around the Capitol. The project will start after the Capitol area system heating and cooling loop project is completed which will run underneath portions of the Capitol roadway and parking areas.
- *Replace generators (\$1,600,000)* – replace the three generators at the Capitol complex. Current generators are at end-of-life and parts are no longer being made for two of them. The new generators will be dual fueled, provide added capacity for expansion, and be more energy efficient.
- *ADA compliance upgrades in the LOB, Capitol, and LOB garage (\$1,900,000)* – An engineering firm is currently assessing the ADA compliance of the Capitol complex and the final report is due in July. Based off preliminary discussions the following areas will need to be addressed: automatic door openers in bathrooms, new ADA signage, hearing room accommodations for wheel chairs, more accessible parking spaces in the garage, and accessibility modifications and improvements to the LOB entrances.

Item #2 State Department of Education: Interdistrict Magnet Capital Expenses (\$10,000,000 in new GO bonds)

Funding is provided for a grant to the Capitol Region Education Council for repairs and renovations to existing buildings.

Item #3 – See Item #1

Item #4 Department of Administrative Services: Removal or Encapsulation of Asbestos and Hazardous Materials in State-Owned Buildings (\$5,000,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested to finance estimated costs of the ongoing Statewide Asbestos Abatement Program. These funds are expended in support of ongoing renovation and repair projects statewide.

Item #5 Department of Correction: Alterations, Renovations and Improvements to Existing State-Owned Buildings (\$13,238,000 in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$13,238,000 is requested for the following projects:

- *Underground Storage Tank Replacements (\$800,000) – Statewide:* replace four underground storage tanks in Bridgeport and Cheshire. All of these tanks are over 20 years old and are not monitored by a leak protection system.
- *Window and door replacement (\$10,000,000) – Osborn CI:* funding is requested for the first phase of replacing all of the windows and doors at Osborn CI. The funding will be used to cover any unforeseen circumstances once the windows and doors are removed, revealing the building structure to include any concrete or steel reinforcements needed to enhance the safety and security of the building.

- *Camera installations (\$175,000) – Manson Youth Center and Cheshire CI:* additional cameras are requested at Manson and Cheshire to increase video coverage, capture and record incidents, and improve safety and security.
- *Heating system installation (\$990,000) – Cheshire CI:* this project is needed to provide continuous heat and hot water to the facility. The current underground system is nearly 40 years old, fails several times a year resulting in repairs and needs to be replaced.
- *Generator replacement (\$275,000) – Corrigan CI:* the current generator was installed in the 1960's, has malfunctioned, and is not up to code. The replacement generator will be moved to outside the building and will also replace the transfer switch.
- *Make-up air heating replacement (\$250,000) – Robinson CI:* the current unit is original to the building from 1985 and has reached its end of life expectancy and no replacement parts are available.
- *Water heater replacement (\$40,000) – York CI:* replace existing propane water heaters with natural gas water heaters which will improve energy efficiency, have lower emissions, and reduce the energy cost of the building.
- *Gym shower renovations (\$110,000) – York CI:* renovate an existing storage space to a shower room area. The current building is a gym and at times is used as a temporary swing space in emergencies.
- *New roof study (\$98,000) – New Haven CC:* funds are for an engineering study on the New Haven Correctional Center roof, to provide the cost and design options for a complete replacement. The current roof was installed over 30 years ago and is experiencing a large amount of leaks at multiple locations and is in continuous need of repair.
- *Emergency/minor capital projects as needed (\$500,000) – statewide:* funding is for emergency renovations and improvements to existing DOC buildings for inmate housing, programming and staff training space, technology improvements, and various projects at various locations.

Items #6 & 20 Department of Economic and Community Development: Small Business Boost Fund (\$9,000,000 total in new GO bonds)

The allocation will support loans and business support services for small businesses and nonprofits through the Connecticut Small Business Boost Fund (formerly the Small Business Express program).

Background: Through PA 21-2 JSS, the Department of Economic and Community Development restructured the former Small Business Express program into the new [Connecticut Small Business Boost Fund](#). This new program gives small business owners access to flexible funding for capital expenditures and working capital and connects them with support services.

Small businesses and nonprofits can borrow between \$5,000 and \$500,000 depending on eligibility and need. The funds may be spent on various needs including equipment, payroll, utilities & rent, supplies, marketing & advertising, eligible refinancing, building renovations and other expenses. Loans are not forgivable. Businesses will need to pay back the full amount of the loan with interest over a 60- or 72-month term.

Item #7 Connecticut Port Authority: Grants-in-Aid for Improvements to Deep Water Ports, Including Dredging (\$30,000,000 in new GO bonds)

This allocation will provide supplemental financing for redevelopment and upgrades to the State Pier in New London in accordance with the Harbor Development Agreement (HDA). That agreement is a public-private partnership between the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA), Northeast Offshore, LLC (NEO) and Gateway New London, LLC.

Background: At its May 30, 2023, meeting of the board of directors, CPA authorized a fourth amendment to the HDA as well as a ninth amendment to the construction manager-at-risk agreement (with Kiewit). These actions reflect a revised estimated total project cost for State Pier of \$309.25 million, an increase of \$53.75 million from the update provided at the May 2022 SBC. This includes an additional \$47.25 million in construction costs as well as \$6.5 million for an owner's contingency to cover an allowance of three specific scope items. Of the total increase (\$53.75M), CPA's private partners (NEO) are contributing \$23.75 million with the remaining amounts (\$30M) coming from this requested bond allocation. Final project acceptance is anticipated for January 2024.

Item #8 Department of Public Health: Health Disparities and Prevention Grant Program (\$5,000,000 in new GO bonds)

Funds are requested to provide grants-in-aid to community health centers and mental health and substance abuse providers for various infrastructure improvements. Total allocations are not to exceed \$30 million, provided (1) not more than \$20 million must be used to support Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), of which not more than \$300,000 of such amount must be used to conduct a health disparities study, and (2) not more than \$10 million must be used for mental health and substance abuse treatment providers. Total authorizations for this purpose total \$30 million, with previous allocations of \$25 million, leaving an unallocated balance of \$5 million.

According to the Department of Social Services' website, "Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Medicaid Reimbursement," available online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Reimbursement-and-Certificate-of-Need/FQHC-Medicaid-Reimbursement>, FQHCs are health centers that receive Public Health Service Act Section 330 funds and provide primary care services in underserved, urban, and rural communities. "FQHC" is a federal designation from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that is assigned to private non-profit or public health care organizations that serve predominantly uninsured, or medically underserved populations. The primary purpose of FQHCs is to expand access to primary health care for uninsured and under-served populations, who experience financial, geographic, or cultural barriers to care and who live in or near federally designated health professional shortage areas and medically under-served areas (MUAs). There are five essential elements which differentiate FQHCs from other health care providers.

FQHCs must:

- Be located in a federally designated MUA or serve a federally designated medically underserved population,
- Provide comprehensive primary care services, referrals, and other services needed to facilitate access to care, such as case management, translation, and transportation,
- Provide services to all people in a service area regardless of ability to pay, offering a sliding fee schedule that adjusts according to income,
- Have nonprofit, public, or tax-exempt status, and
- Have a governing board, the majority of whose members are patients of the health center.

FQHC clinical services requirements include:

- Patients must have access to all required services, access to specialty and hospital services, and after-hours coverage,

- The location must be physically located on or near a major road or public transportation stop to ensure accessibility,
- Hours of operation must facilitate access to care by having early morning, evening, or weekend hours,
- Ensure the appropriate mix of services for the target population to minimize duplication of services and maximize financial resources,
- Should have written agreements with other service providers for those required services that are not directly provided,
- Must establish and update health care goals and objectives to address the highest priority of health care needs of patients,
- A Medical Director that supervises all clinical activities, and
- Medical doctors that are licensed and residency trained. Other clinicians must have appropriate licensure.

According to the Department of Public Health's website, "Community Health Center Overview," available online at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Family-Health/Community-Health-Centers/Community-Health-Center-Overview>, in Connecticut, there are ten FQHCs that submit data on an annual basis to HRSA and three FQHC Look-alikes that are not required to submit data to HRSA.

According to HRSA's website, "Health Center Program Look-Alikes," available online at: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/health-center-program-look-alikes>, FQHC look-alikes are HRSA-designated health centers that provide comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services while meeting all FQHC program requirements, but they do not receive federal award funding. Look-alikes were established to maximize access to care for medically underserved populations and communities by allowing entities that do not receive program funding to apply to become part of the program. Both FQHCs and look-alikes provide comprehensive primary health care services that are responsive to identified health care needs, provide services to all persons regardless of ability to pay, and meet all FQHC requirements. While look-alikes do not receive FQHC funding, they are eligible to apply for the following benefits:

- Prospective Payment System reimbursement for services to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries,
- 340B Drug Pricing Program for discounted drugs,
- Free vaccines for uninsured and underinsured children through the Vaccines for Children Program,
- Assistance in the recruitment and retention of primary care providers through HRSA's National Health Service Corps, and
- HRSA-supported training and technical assistance.

Item #9 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Alterations, Renovations and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds (\$4,650,000 in new GO Bonds)

Funding of \$4,650,000 is requested for the following projects:

Project	Location	Amount \$
Forensic Lab Phase 3 Renovations	Meriden	1.5 million
Building Load Generator Installation - DESPP Headquarters	Middletown	1.0 million
Building Load Generator Installation - Forensic Lab	Meriden	1.2 million
Building #1 Renovations - CT Fire Academy	Windsor Locks	725,000
Building B LPG Prop Replacements - CT Fire Academy	Windsor Locks	225,000

Item #10 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: State Parks (\$15,000,000 in new GO bonds)

This allocation will be used to finance various projects at state parks.

Project selection is drawn from State Park Management Unit Infrastructure Plans, the State Park Facilities Improvement (2020) Plan and the Connecticut State Parks General Management Conditions Assessment, which evaluated 51 State parks and forest recreation areas against an established infrastructure baseline.

Prioritization is given to addressing public health and safety issues, building code/OSHA violations and replacement of failing infrastructure. As DEEP continues with infrastructure improvements, efforts will include new buildings such as maintenance facilities, cabins, bathhouses and ticket booths, as well as green technology upgrades, and upgrades to existing buildings.

This is DEEP's ongoing state parks and fisheries improvement program, which has historically been used for projects including minor capital improvements (repainting or replacing worn portions of bathroom buildings), removal of diseased trees, and development or replacement of piers or retaining walls.

This allocation will be used to fund the various improvements as detailed in the table below:

Town	Facility	Amount \$
Statewide	Various improvements	6,500,000
Statewide	Bridge and culvert maintenance	1,500,000
Sprague	Salt Rock State Park, new bath house	450,000
Burlington	Wildlife lab, design and construction	925,000
Hamden	Sleeping Giant State Park, planning and redevelopment	2,000,000
Killingworth	CT Aquatic Resources Education, maintenance and improvements	300,000
Thomaston	Western District Headquarters, garage and maintenance	600,000
East Lyme	Rocky Neck State Park, utilities upgrade and replacement	2,725,000
TOTAL		15,000,000

Items #11, #12 & #13 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities: New and Replacement Equipment, Deferred Maintenance and Code Compliance (\$62,000,000 total in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$22 million is requested for various new and replacement equipment including new vehicles, police life safety radios, charging stations, and additional IT replacement equipment throughout the CSCU system. Funding of \$40 million is also requested for various code compliance projects and deferred maintenance including Cisco and IT upgrades, banner hosting, and firewall cyber security upgrades. It is anticipated that of the new funding, approximately 57% will be used for projects at the Connecticut State Universities, 41% at the Community Colleges, and 2% at Charter Oak.

Item #14 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Testing for Pollution from Perfluoroalkyl (PFAS) and PFAS Containing Substances and for Buyback of Aqueous Film-Forming Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS (\$1,150,000 in new GO bonds)

This allocation will be used to fund testing for appropriate alternatives to aqueous film forming foam products (AFFF). This allocation will also be used to perform laboratory analysis of drinking water samples to detect the presence of PFAS and to supply bottled water and carbon filtration systems to impacted residents. Additionally, this funding will provide potable water investigations at locations deemed most vulnerable to potential PFAS pollution.

Background: A previous allocation in July 2020 of \$2.0 million, and an allocation of \$1.15 million in December 2021, was used for a municipal AFFF take-back program, as established under PA 21-191. The allocation funded three components of the Interagency PFAS Action Plan: 1) Potable water investigations in East Hampton and Killingworth where 86 wells were sampled at least once to detect the presence of PFAS; 17 filters were installed as PFAS concentrations exceeded DPH approved levels.

Sampling is currently being performed by a DEEP contractor and samples are analyzed at a private laboratory. Samples will be analyzed at the DPH Laboratory in mid-2022 when the new instrumentation is in place and a chemist is retained; 2) the AFFF take-back program, now complete, has collected over 30,000 gallons of AFFF concentrate from state and municipal fire departments; and 3) Phase 2 of the take-back program is the decontamination of fire service equipment exposed to AFFF. A pilot-program to decontaminate the eight regional foam trailers managed by DESPP is currently being performed, with three of the eight trailers decontaminated using funds from the prior allocation.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/News/20191101-CT-Interagency-PFAS-Task-Force-Action-Plan.pdf>

Items #15, 16 & 23 Department of Transportation: Infrastructure Program (\$155,053,098 total in new STO bonds)

These funds will be used to finance several programs under the Department of Transportation (DOT). Below is a breakout of certain programs.

Fix it First Program to Repair the State's Bridges				
Town/District	Description	Total \$	Federal \$	State \$
Statewide	Bridge Deck Joints following 2023 Vendor in Place (VIP)	7,500,000	-	7,500,000
Statewide	Bridge Repair Units (BRU) Bridge Preservation Repairs	25,000,000	-	25,000,000
Statewide	DOT & CLE (consultant liaison engineer) Services for Bridge Program	4,000,000	-	4,000,000

Willington	Rehab Br 02170 (Culvert) carrying I-84 o/ Upper Ruby Brook	2,600,000	-	2,600,000
Hartford	Pin & Hanger Assemblies for Fracture Critical Bridges I-84	8,300,000	-	8,300,000
District 2	Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) Beam End Repairs on Various Interstate Bridges I-95/I-395	13,500,000	12,150,000	1,350,000
District 2	UHPC Beam End Repairs on Non-National Highway System (NHS) Bridges	15,000,000	12,000,000	3,000,000
New Britain/ Plainville	Rehab/Replace 5 Bridges CT 72	50,000,000	40,000,000	10,000,000
Various	New preliminary engineering (PE) and rights-of-way (RW) Phases/ Active PE and RW Phase Cost Increases/Change Orders for Projects Awarded and In Construction	23,250,000	-	23,250,000
TOTAL		149,150,000	64,150,000	85,000,000

Interstate Highway Program

Town	Description	Total \$	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$ (Prior SBC)
Meriden & Southington	Resurfacing, Bridge Rehab & Safety Improvements I-691	73,986,727	-	4,250,000	69,736,727
TOTAL		73,986,727	-	4,250,000	69,736,727

Urban Systems Program

Town	Description	Total \$	Federal \$	State \$
Haddam	Replace two T-type Intersections with Roundabouts w/ Br 00622	9,060,000	6,500,000	2,560,000
Seymour	Operational & Pedestrian Improvements (B/O of 124-165)	6,655,000	5,324,000	1,331,000
TOTAL		15,715,000	11,824,000	3,891,000

Intrastate Highway Program

Town/District	Description	Total \$	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$
Meriden	Interchange Imprvs - NB & NB to WB (B/O from 79-240)	215,000,000	172,000,000	24,000,000	19,000,000
Various	New PE and RW Phases/ Active PE and RW Phase Cost Increases/Change Orders for Projects Awarded and In Construction	44,068,735	35,254,988	8,813,747	-
TOTAL		259,068,735	207,254,988	32,813,747	19,000,000

Environmental Compliance Program

Location	Description	Total \$ (100% State)
Statewide	Soil & groundwater remediation, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, salt shed construction & renovation, storage tank replacement, and environmental	2,412,000

	emergency response at state-owned properties or related to DOT operations.	
Statewide	Consultant and Supportive Services for Environmental Remediation and Construction	1,255,900
TOTAL		3,667,900

State Bridge Program				
Town	Description	Total \$	Federal \$	State \$
Danbury	Bridge Deck Preservation of Various Bridges on I-84	17,100,000	15,390,000	1,710,000
Statewide	Concrete Sealer on Various National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Bridges on I-84	7,000,000	5,600,000	1,400,000
Weston	Replace Br 07001 carrying Michael's Way o/ W. Branch Saugatuck River	890,000	300,000	590,000
District 4	Bridge Deck Preservations of Various Bridges on I-84	23,200,000	20,880,000	2,320,000
Statewide	Replace Bridge Joints Various Bridges CT 9/CT 72	10,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000
Chaplin	Replace Br 04603 carrying England Road o/ Natchaug River	3,920,000	3,136,000	784,000
Thomaston/ Litchfield	NHS NBI Bridge Painting/Metalizing on CT 8	25,000,000	20,000,000	5,000,000
Various	New PE and RW Phases/ Active PE and RW Phase Cost Increases/Change Orders for Projects Awarded and In Construction	57,468,255	45,974,604	11,493,651
TOTAL		144,578,255	120,280,604	24,297,651

Local Bridge Program				
Town	Description	Total \$	State \$	Local \$
Burlington	Main Street over Whigville Brook	1,459,000	729,500	729,500
Washington	Calhoun Street over Unnamed Brook	806,600	403,300	403,300
TOTAL		2,265,600	1,132,800	1,132,800

Item #16 - See Item #15

Item #17 Office of Policy and Management: Body Worn Camera Program (\$124,691 in new GO bonds)

Funding of \$124,691 has been requested to reimburse the following Police Departments for the purchase of body-worn cameras, dash cameras, and video storage devices.

Department	Amount \$
Canton	2,161
East Windsor	16,490
Vernon	106,040

To date, there has been over \$8 million provided to municipalities for the reimbursement of body-worn camera purchases. During the 2019 legislative session, the program was expanded to include the replacement of dashboard camera devices that were purchased in 2010 or prior. 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.

Items #18 & 28 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust for Open Space (\$6,000,000 total in new GO bonds)

This bond funding would provide matching grants to DEEP's partners for eligible land acquisitions. The municipal open space grant program provides state funding towards meeting legislative open space goals. The bond funding for this program is leveraged alongside "off-budget" Community Investment Act (CIA) dollars through a grand round, annually each September. The legislature established a goal of preserving 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 2019, it is estimated that these other entities held approximately 248,953 acres, or 70.6% of the goal. To meet the goal set forth for partner open space acquisitions, an additional 103,681 acres of open space must be acquired by the partners by the end of 2023.

Item #19 Judicial Department: Security Improvements (\$1,250,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds will be used to create a dedicated entry and screening area in the Bridgeport GA Courthouse where design is currently underway. It is planned to be bid out for construction after approval from the State Historic Preservation Office is granted. These funds will also be used for security projects that include, but are not limited to, enhancements, modifications, additions to the following:

- Weapons detection equipment
- Video surveillance equipment
- Duress alarm
- Intrusion alarms
- Cellblock locking control systems
- Access control equipment
- Sallyport and overhead doors

Item #20 - See Item #6

Item #21 Department of Transportation: For Construction, Repair or Maintenance of Highways, Roads, Bridges or Bus and Rail Facilities and Equipment (\$30,000,000 in new GO bonds)

The allocation will support two projects as detailed below:

- \$20 million for state matching funding to support an anticipated \$25 million competitive federal grant award for the Move New Haven On-Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System Project. According to DOT, this project will involve construction of a new 11+ mile on-street BRT system overlay along two major local transit corridors within the New Haven urbanized area. Overall project cost is estimated at approximately \$150 million, and construction is estimated to begin in FY 26.
- \$10 million for the construction, renovation, and improvements to service plazas along I-95. This allocation is intended to support projects at the following plazas: Madison NB, Madison SB, Branford SB, Milford NB, and Darien SB. In addition to this request, private funds of \$7 million will be used to support the project.

Background: Connecticut has 23 service plazas, including ten on I-95, ten on CT-15, and three on I-395. These plazas are owned by CT DOT but operated and maintained by a private entity, Project Service, LLC, under a 35-year agreement with the department (through 2044).

Item #22 Judicial Department: Alterations, Renovations, and Improvements to Buildings and Grounds at State-Owned and Maintained Facilities (\$3,500,000 in new GO bonds)

These funds will be used for unforeseen or emergency repairs such as mechanical systems, window replacement, plumbing projects, etc. The funds will also be used for planned minor projects such as:

- Elevator improvements and modernizations, approximately \$750,000
- Flooring replacement, approximately \$250,000

Item #23 – See Item #15

Item #24 Department of Economic and Community Development: Grants-in-aid to Homeowners in Westville and Woodbridge for Structural Damage (\$1,000,000 in new GO bonds)

The allocation will support grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water infiltration or structural damage due to subsidence.

The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$1 million at the April 2018 meeting towards this project. To date, there is \$176,868 remaining from those funds. Funding of \$1 million through the Healthy Homes Fund is also available to support this project.

Item #25 Capital Region Development Authority: Grant-in-aid to East Hartford (\$6,500,000 in new GO bonds)

The allocation will support the abatement and demolition of three dilapidated buildings on and adjacent to the Founders Plaza site on East River Drive in East Hartford. The three structures set to be demolished are the former Red Thread building at 300 East River Drive, an office building at 99 Founders Plaza once used by Bank of America and an adjacent parking garage. The long-term goal for the site is mixed-use development, including housing and entertainment facilities.

The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$500,000 at the June 2018 meeting to support the preliminary design of a parking garage on East River Drive, adjacent to Founders Plaza, in East Hartford.

Item #26 Department of Administrative Services: Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements at State-owned Buildings. (\$1,494,102 in new GO bonds)

These funds are requested to finance alterations, renovations, and improvements at various state facilities. These funds will be used to address building consolidations, boiler and utility replacements, energy conservation, safety, and building renovations as indicated below.

Project	Location	Amount \$
Design Structural Repairs	395 West Main Street - Waterbury	187,500
Heat Pump Replacement	286 Sheldon Street - Hartford	45,510
Relief Fan Replacement	55 Farmington Ave - Hartford	237,000
VFD Replacement	55 Farmington Ave - Hartford	24,092
Building Consolidations	450 Columbus Boulevard - Hartford	1,000,000
TOTAL		1,494,102

Item #27 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: Regional Facilities- Fire, Safety (\$1,950,000 in new GO bonds)

Funding is requested to support the design of renovations at Battell Hall at Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) in Middletown. This phase of the project covers fees associated with the architect/engineer (\$1.2 million), the construction administrator (\$500,000), and DAS (\$250,000).

Battell Hall is used to provide inpatient mental health services. The purpose of the renovations is to comply with hospital regulations (by making most of the dorm style rooms with multiple patients single occupancy), update mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and meet building code requirements. The building includes six general psychiatric units housing 22 patients each (132 patients total).

Item #28 - See Item #18

Item #29 Department of Developmental Services: Improvements and Upgrades to DDS Facilities (\$1,493,300 in new GO bonds)

Funding is requested to support underground storage tank removal and replacement various DDS facilities (\$4493,300), paving and sidewalk repairs to facilities maintained by the department (\$750,000), and building security repairs at the Southbury Training School (\$250,000).

Currently, the Southbury Training School serves approximately 125 clients.

Item #30 Connecticut Port Authority: Grants-in-Aid for Ports and Marinas, Including Dredging and Navigational Direction (\$751,000 in previously allocated GO bonds)

This request will reallocate funds to provide a grant-in-aid to the New Haven Port Authority for the purchase of DOT surplus properties for maritime related uses.

Background: Special Act 23-26 conveys five parcels of land from DOT to the New Haven Port Authority at a cost equal to the fair market value of the properties, plus administrative costs. This conveyance is subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Review Board.

Item #31 Department of Housing: Housing Trust Fund (\$20,000,000 of new GO bonds)

Funding of \$20 million is requested for a fourth tranche 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 been allocated \$60 million in state bond funds to date through the Housing Trust Fund and Affordable Housing (FLEX) programs under DOH. According to CHFA's website, \$4,080,467 of that \$60 million remains available for new loan reservations as of June 26, 2023. This request would bring the total TTO program funding to \$80 million.

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 \$50,000 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.¹

Item #32 Office of Policy and Management: Hartford Infrastructure (\$1,500,000 in new GO bonds)

This allocation is to provide financing for Hartford infrastructure.

Item #33 Department of Economic and Community Development: Manufacturing Assistance Act (\$4,600,000 in new GO bonds)

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.

Since 2018, the State Bond Commission allocated \$33.7 million towards the small projects component of the Manufacturing Assistance Act program.

Item #34 Office of Policy and Management: Local Capital Improvement Fund (LoCIP) (\$30,000,000 in new GO bonds)

This allocation is to provide financing for the cash flow necessary to fund prior LoCIP commitments to municipalities. Municipalities use this grant to reimburse the cost of a variety of capital projects, such as road and bridge repair and construction, building renovation, water and sewer system repair, etc. Funding is distributed based on road mileage, population density, and equalized net grand list.

Item #35 Office of Policy and Management: Urban Act (\$72,466,696 in new GO bonds and \$7,780,278 in previously allocated GO bonds)

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

¹ <https://www.chfa.org/homebuyers-homeowners/homebuyers/time-to-own-down-payment-assistance-program-loan/>

Appendix - Urban Act Allocations

Item	Admin. Agency	Recipient	Purpose/Notes	Amount \$
I.A	DECD	City of East Hartford	Playscape replacements at East Hartford Elementary Schools	750,000
I.B	DECD	Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce	Move the headquarters to downtown New London	125,000
I.C	DECD	Center for Safe Futures	Creation of a Family Justice Center and centralization of Safe Futures	5,000,000
I.D	DECD	Parkville Senior Center	General maintenance	50,000
I.E	DECD	Stepping Stones Children's Museum	Healthyville, USA program	1,000,000
I.F	DECD	St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen	Capital renovations and improvements including, but not limited to, elevator work, windows and clinic build outs	1,700,000
I.G	DECD	City of Bridgeport	Capital improvements to the Total Mortgage Arena	15,000,000
I.H	DECD	Falls Village Music Mountain	Capital improvements	275,000
I.I	DECD	West Indian Social Club of Hartford	Grant-in-aid	600,000
I.J	DECD	Greater Waterbury YMCA	Building acquisition	600,000
I.K	DECD	Town of Cheshire	Regional Community Arts and Entertainment Space at Bartlem Park South's Great Lawn	500,000
I.L	DECD	Angel of Edgewood, Inc.	Reallocation to include property acquisition as a permitted use	800,000
I.M	DECD	LULAC Head Start Inc. of New Haven	Purchase a new building and relocate to James Street	2,000,000
I.N	DECD	Northern Middlesex YMCA	Renovations and equipment for the facility in Middletown	2,000,000
I.O	DECD	Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich	Building renovations	6,500,000
I.P	DECD	American Legion of Litchfield	Accessibility renovations	250,000
I.Q	DECD	Walnut Orange Walsh NRZ Community Learning Center	Develop a blighted vacant lot adjacent to the center	500,000
II.A	DEEP	Town of Guilford	Quonniptaug Dam and Downstream Culvert Replacement Project	3,500,000
II.B	DEEP	City of New Haven	General maintenance and improvements to Quinnipiac Park (\$250K), Wooster Park (\$100K), Fairmont Park (\$100K), Lighthouse Park (\$100K), and Annex Little League (\$100K)	650,000
II.C	DEEP	Norwalk Seaport Association	Complete the last section of the Gabion Sea Wall to protect Sheffield Island from further erosion	85,000
II.D	DEEP	City of Norwalk	Complete construction of missing sections of the multi-use recreational Harbor Loop Trail	6,000,000
II.E	DEEP	City of Norwalk	Capital equipment for the Parks & Recreation Dept to study and receive recommendations for trail improvements	1,000,000
II.F	DEEP	Town of West Hartford	Upgrade the pump house, improve the building and pumps at the Rockledge Municipal Gold Course	150,000
II.G	DEEP	City of Norwich	Park upgrades, including drainage improvements, to Jubilee Park Lower Broadway	500,000
II.H	DEEP	Town of Fairfield	Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project	2,500,000
II.I	DEEP	Town of Wallingford	Bridge construction on the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail	690,000
II.J	DEEP	Town of New Milford	Bridge Restoration at Harrybrooke Park	1,000,000

Item	Admin. Agency	Recipient	Purpose/Notes	Amount \$
II.K	DEEP	Town of Vernon	Construction of sanitary sewers and pump station in the surrounding area of Exits 66 and 67 off I-84	1,636,696
II.L	DEEP	Town of South Windsor	Replace the centralized odor control system at the South Windsor Pollution Control Facility	1,300,000
II.M	DEEP	City of West Haven	Address stream bed and beach restoration, erosion prevention, public safety improvements, and resilient climate adaptation efforts for the Lake Street and Colonial Boulevard neighborhood	1,250,000
III.A	CSL	City of Hartford	Hartford Public Library construction and remediation project	1,500,000
IV.A	DESPP	Town of Tolland	Capital improvements to the Tolland Fire Department	1,000,000
IV.B	DESPP	Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company	New roof and fire equipment	500,000
IV.C	DESPP	Town of Westbrook	Valley Shore Regional 9-1-1 center assessment and conceptual design	250,000
IV.D	DESPP	City of West Haven	Upgrades, improvements, and equipment for the West Haven Public Safety Building	880,000
IV.E	DESPP	Town of Essex	Building an emergency radio tower, upgrades to emergency equipment, and installing a generator	195,000
V.A	DOT	City of Norwalk	Renovations and improvements to the Richards Avenue and West Cedar Rotary	1,000,000
V.B	DOT	Town of Wethersfield	Franklin Avenue improvements	30,000
VI.A	DMHAS	BHcare of North Branford	Build a 48,000 sq ft facility	5,000,000
VII.A	DOH	Department of Housing	Establish a community housing land bank and land trust in New Haven to assist with eliminating blight	5,000,000
VIII.A	CRDA	Town of East Hartford	Reallocation to allow funds previously allocated for the redevelopment of the Silver Lane and Rentschler Field corridor to be used to support the construction of new residential units on the former Showcase Cinema site	6,980,278