

Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) \$220,000 to the Agency of Administration for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership (IDEAL) VT initiative to support municipalities in promoting these values within their communities.

(2) \$37,000 to the Ethics Commission to support the cost of one half-time position.

(3) \$205,000 to the Sergeant at Arms to support the costs associated with transitioning positions in the Capitol Police Department.

(4) \$2,341,649 to the Judiciary to support the costs of reopening the courts.

(5) \$1,283,400 to the Office of the Defender General to support costs associated with the reopening of the courts.

(6) \$700,000 to the Secretary of State as follows:

(A) \$450,000 for Election Support.

(B) \$250,000 to meet operational expenditures not covered by revenue resulting from telehealth.

(7) \$1,720,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, as follows:

(A) \$1,000,000 for the development of an agricultural Payment for Ecosystems Services Program to support the work of the Payment for Ecosystem Services and Soil Health Working Group (PES WG) – as authorized by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 83, amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 129 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 47 – to enable Payment for Ecosystem Services Program development to retain facilitation

services, contract identified research needs, fund pilot program development, and deliver payments to farmers for quantified ecosystem services.

(B) \$200,000 to fund programs to assist individuals with low income and who are health challenged access local food and fresh produce at farmers' markets and through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares. This one-time appropriation would respond to the record demand in these fresh food access programs due to increased food insecurity experienced by Vermonters during the pandemic.

(C) \$420,000 for the purchase of laboratory equipment to test for Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in drinking water to support public health testing requirements for Agencies of Natural Resources, of Transportation and of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

(D) \$100,000 for a Vermont Brand Assessment to further sales of Vermont agricultural products.

(8) \$2,000,000 to the Center for Crime Victims Services to meet operational expenditures not covered by revenue.

(9) \$100,000 to the Criminal Justice Council for an incident simulator to enable de-escalation training.

(10) \$8,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety- Emergency Management to provide state match for FEMA funds to purchase properties identified for high flood risk.

(11) \$420,000 to the Agency of Human Services, Central Office for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid, of which \$270,000 is for the Office of the Health Care Advocate and \$150,000 is for the Poverty Law Project.

(12) \$1,152,500 to the Department of Health, ~~Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs~~ as follows:

(A) \$540,000 to the division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs for Recovery Centers.

(B) \$612,500 to the division of Public Health for tobacco prevention activities.

(13) \$1,215,860 to the Agency of Education as follows:

(A) \$500,000 for Child Nutrition Grants to school districts to purchase local foods.

(B) \$15,860 to the Vermont Ethnic and Social Equity Standards Advisory Working Group to cover per diem and reimbursement of expenses.

(C) \$700,000 to Adult Education and Literacy to provide grants to the Adult Learning Centers.

(14) \$2,500,000 to the Vermont State colleges to meet operational expenditures not covered by revenue.

(15) \$75,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for contractual support to complete work associated with implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020.

(16) \$250,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, to complete statewide wetland mapping updates and to update the Vermont Significant Wetland Inventory maps.

(17) \$730,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development as follows:

(A) \$130,000 for the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport program.

(B) \$600,000 for Public Access Television to fund the 24 media centers.

(18) \$1,300,000 to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board to meet operational expenditures not covered by Universal Service Fund revenues.

(19) \$4,000,000 to the Green Mountain Care Board as follows:

(A) \$2,000,000 for consultants with expertise in community engagement and in health system design to support a patient-focused, community-inclusive redesign of Vermont's health care system to ensure sustainability and health care access and to support delivery system transformation that reduces inefficiencies, lowers costs, and improves population health outcomes, and which shall include a review of newly emerging models of care.

(B) \$1,400,000 to develop a methodology and proposed rules for establishing aligned, fixed payments to hospitals for hospital services, including ensuring that the fixed payments are predictable, sustainable, aligned across multiple payers, and consistent with the principles set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9371.

(C) \$600,000 to support the Board and the Agency of Human Services in developing and negotiating a potential agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, which may include engaging consulting and analytic support in order to include Medicare in Vermont's payment and delivery system transformation initiatives.

(b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to be held in reserve until released or reverted pursuant the provisions of Sec. E.209.1(g) of this act.

(c) The following General Fund appropriations are to provide transition funding in fiscal year 2023 for changes to State Employees and Teachers Pensions systems and prefunding of other post-employment benefits.

(1) State Employees fiscal year 2023 transitional employer contribution: \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration for distribution as needed to departments and agencies if approved by the Commissioner of Finance and Management to fund the fiscal year 2023 payroll assessment necessary to meet the State-employees' pension and other post-employment benefits resulting from any changes to these programs enacted in the 2022 legislative session. The Commissioner shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2022 meeting on the status of this appropriation.

(2) Teachers other post-employment benefits: \$5,500,000 is appropriated to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944b to meet the fiscal year 2023 Actuarial Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) consistent with system prefunding changes enacted in the 2022 legislative session.