

No. 69. An act relating to capital construction and State bonding.

(H.493)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

* * * Legislative Intent * * *

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,376.00 authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00 shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are notified before that action is taken.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:

<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,001,244.00</u>
<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
<u>(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
<u>(5) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:</u>	<u>\$2,750,000.00</u>
<u>(6) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
<u>(7) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>(8) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,725,000.00</u>
<u>(9) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
<u>(10) Newport, courthouse replacement, planning and design:</u>	<u>\$750,000.00</u>
<u>(11) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
<u>(12) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
<u>(13) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>

<u>(14) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
<u>(15) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
<u>(16) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
<u>(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
<u>(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>(6) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,900,000.00</u>
<u>(7) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, planning and construction for the boiler replacement:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>
<u>(8) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,750,000.00</u>
<u>(9) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>
<u>(10) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
<u>(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
<u>(d) For the project described in subdivisions (b)(8) and (c)(6) of this section:</u>	

(1) The Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to expend funds for a water-to-water heat pump system to dehumidify the State House in the summer months.

(2) Beginning on September 15, 2023 and ending on January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly updates on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$23,126,244.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$25,275,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$48,401,244.00

Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the following projects described in this subsection:

(1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system upgrades and replacements at correctional facilities: \$300,000.00

(2) women’s correctional facility and reentry facility, planning and design: \$1,500,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the following projects described in this subsection:

(1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning, design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00

(2) Women’s correctional facility and reentry facility, replacement, planning and design: \$13,000,000.00

(3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design, and construction for upgrades and replacements: \$700,000.00

(c)(1) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) and subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate and develop a design for upgrades and replacement of HVAC systems in all State correctional facilities. To the extent the Department identifies HVAC systems in common areas, break rooms, day rooms, and cafeterias that can be replaced to immediately alleviate heat-related stress for staff and residents at the facility, the Department is authorized to use the funds appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) and subdivision (b)(3) of this section for installation of HVAC systems in those areas.

(2) Beginning on September 15, 2023 and ending on January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly updates on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$16,200,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$18,000,000.00</u>

Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$1,192,000.00</u>

Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 for the Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program:

\$300,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program:

\$300,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:

\$300,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program:

\$300,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human Services):

\$150,000.00

(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):

\$150,000.00

(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$300,000.00

(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:
\$300,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 for the Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program:
\$300,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program:
\$300,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:
\$300,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$300,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human Services): \$150,000.00

(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):
\$150,000.00

(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$300,000.00

(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:
\$300,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$2,100,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$2,100,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$4,200,000.00

Sec. 6. EDUCATION

(a) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Education for funding emergency projects.

(b) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Education for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$50,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$50,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$100,000.00

Sec. 7. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(a) The sum of \$1,600,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the University of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the University of Vermont.

(b) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the University of Vermont for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 7</u>	<u>\$3,100,000.00</u>

Sec. 8. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>

Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

<u>(1) State match, drinking water supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:</u>	<u>\$174,586.00</u>
<u>(2) Dam safety and hydrology projects:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the following projects:

(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects, and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,750,000.00

(2) Open access recreational infrastructure and State forests and recreational access points: \$768,863.00

(c) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,778,632.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

(d) The sum of \$2,207,901.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State's match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the drinking water supply.

(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the following projects:

(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects, and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,250,000.00

(2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads: \$670,000.00

(f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,344,150.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$6,997,081.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$7,497,051.00

Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$14,494,132.00

Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

(a) The sum of \$2,202,019.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the following projects:

(1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match for the Water Pollution Control Fund: \$332,981.00

(2) municipal pollution control grants: \$4,000,000.00

(c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

(d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

(A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

(B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

(2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

(A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215, subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

(B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient's cost-share requirements.

(e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for clean water implementation projects.

(f) On or before December 1, 2023:

(1) The Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water Act implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section.

(2) The Board shall submit a report with the list of programs recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustment report. The report shall include a recommendation on whether there are any other funding sources that may be used for municipal pollution control grants in FY 2025.

(g) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are capital eligible.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$9,885,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 10</u>	<u>\$15,885,000.00</u>

Sec. 11. MILITARY

(a) The sum of \$1,251,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of Military for maintenance, renovations, and ADA compliance at State armories.

(b) The sum of \$1,064,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,251,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,064,000.00</u>

Total Appropriation – Section 11 \$2,315,000.00

Sec. 12. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

(a) The sum of \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the Eastern States Exposition.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the following projects:

(1) Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant,
construction: \$1,500,000.00

(2) Vermont building of the Eastern States Exposition, major
maintenance: \$1,040,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,200,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$2,540,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$3,740,000.00

Sec. 13. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

(a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry hydrant program.

(b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

Sec. 14. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

(a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

(b) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>	<u>\$3,600,000.00</u>

Sec. 15. VETERANS HOME

(a) The sum of \$260,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Veterans' Home for maintenance at the Veterans' Home.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the following projects:

- (1) an emergency generator and boiler plant replacement;

\$4,500,000.00

(2) elevator upgrade: \$1,000,000.00

(3) resident care furnishings and security systems: \$230,000.00

(c) For the amounts appropriated in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(3) of this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the Veterans' Home shall submit a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the status of expended funds and an anticipated timeline of when any remaining funds will be expended.

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$5,990,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 15 \$5,990,000.00

* * * Funding * * *

Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(a) (Veterans' Home, replace nurse call system): \$14,668.72

(2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(b) (Veterans' Home kitchen upgrade): \$13,522.98

(3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(b) (various projects): \$365.00

<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 17</u>	
<u>(Veterans' Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation):</u>	<u>\$21,493.59</u>
<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.</u>	
<u>2(b) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$65,463.17</u>
<u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.</u>	
<u>2(b)(9) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):</u>	<u>\$134,937.34</u>
<u>(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance):</u>	<u>\$93,549.00</u>
<u>(8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
<u>Sec. 9(g) (Roxbury Fish Hatchery):</u>	<u>\$6,175.00</u>
<u>(9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):</u>	<u>\$1,736,256.55</u>
<u>(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>2(c) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$24,363.06</u>
<u>(11) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>6(a)(4) (Recreational Facilities Grant Program):</u>	<u>\$14,833.00</u>
<u>(12) Of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,</u>	
<u>Sec. 16(b) (Veterans' Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation):</u>	
	<u>\$209, 533.90</u>
<u>(13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,</u>	
<u>Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance):</u>	<u>\$32,780.00</u>

(14) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 2(c)(5) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$6,944,999.00

(15) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2(b)(5)(108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$3,100,000.00

(16) of the amount appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 2(c)(18) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$1,940,000.00

(b) Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 2(c)(5) (relocation of greenhouse), the sum of \$26,131.60 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act.

(c) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Education in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 7(a) (emergency projects), the sum of \$34,760.56 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act.

(d) Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10(a)(3) (municipal pollution control grants), the sum of \$64,628.10 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act.

(e) The following sums appropriated to the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act:

(1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10(b) (infrastructure rehabilitation): \$219.08

<u>(2) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>10(f) (infrastructure rehabilitation):</u>	<u>\$1,865.52</u>
<u>(3) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.</u>	
<u>10(b) (infrastructure rehabilitation):</u>	<u>\$33,638.68</u>
<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.</u>	
<u>10(g) (infrastructure rehabilitation):</u>	<u>\$16,043.11</u>
<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.</u>	
<u>11(c)(1) (forestry skidder bridges):</u>	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
<u>(f) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.</u>	
<u>17(a)(2) (committee room chairs), the sum of \$2,006.46 is reallocated to</u>	
<u>defray expenditures authorized in this act.</u>	
<u>(g) The following sums appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home are</u>	
<u>reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act:</u>	
<u>(1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>16(a) (resident care furnishings):</u>	<u>\$88,835.00</u>
<u>(2) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
<u>16(c)(resident care furnishings):</u>	<u>\$49,914.00</u>
<u>(3) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,</u>	
<u>Sec. 11 (security access system):</u>	<u>\$92,794.00</u>
<u>Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16</u>	<u>\$14,767,376.32</u>

Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00

Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (e) of this section.

(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following capital projects are authorized as follows:

(1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$400,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof replacement and brick façade repairs: \$1,700,000.00

(3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$135,000.00 for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(4) Middlesex, Central Services complex, roof replacement: \$1,000,000.00

(5) Montpelier, State House expansion, design documents: \$150,000.00

(6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

(8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for planning for renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(14) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant;

(15) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

(16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$7,500,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;

(17) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$9,800,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

(18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

(19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies;

(20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park; and

(21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive funding from the Fund:

(1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

(2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

(3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

(4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

(5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

(6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

(7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;

(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator replacement at 111 State Street.

(e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

(1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital projects to be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b; and

(2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital projects recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

* * * Policy * * *

* * * Agriculture, Food and Markets * * *

Sec. 19. 26 V.S.A. § 4811 is amended to read:

§ 4811. SAFETY STANDARDS

Minimum safety standards for the conduct of any race covered by this chapter are established as follows:

(1) Each race track shall have a substantial fence of steel wire or plank construction or other barrier not less than three feet high between the track and area designated for spectators. ~~No~~ A grandstand ~~shall~~ may be constructed or spectators allowed on a curved side of a track if the barrier requirements for a straightaway, as provided by rule adopted pursuant to section 4809 of this title, are met. For motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile racing, each track shall have a snow fence or other suitable barrier not less than four feet high between the track and the area designated for spectators. The outside portion of all tracks shall be a reasonable distance from the spectators.

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Sec. 20. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; MOTOR VEHICLE
RACING; REPORT

On or before January 15, 2025, the Office of Professional Regulation, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations with a sunset review on the regulatory structure for

motor vehicle racing in Vermont, including an evaluation of the State's current regulatory structure, approaches to state oversight over motor vehicle racing in jurisdictions outside Vermont and measures to ensure adequate public safety, and any recommendations for legislative action.

* * * Buildings and General Services * * *

Sec. 21. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~ Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent licensed by the State.

(2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by sealed bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted:

(A) by electronic means; or

(B) in at least three public places in the town where the property is located and also published three times in a newspaper having a known circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than 10 days before the

date of sale or opening of the bids. ~~Failing to consummate a sale under the method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to list the sale of this property with a real estate agent licensed by the State of Vermont.~~

(3) This subsection shall not apply to the sale, conveyance, exchange, or lease of lands or interests in lands; to the amendment of deeds, leases, and easements; or to sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES

(a) 110 State Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier. The Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the property.

(1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property on or before October 15, 2023.

(2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City's preferential right to

purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is authorized to sell the property to another party.

(b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the portion of land in the Waterbury State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V as designated on the Town of Waterbury's Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the former Stanley Hall and the adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park Row, and Wasson Hall, located at 64 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of Waterbury.

(1) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the following conditions are met:

(A) the Town of Waterbury's Select Board takes a formal action on or before October 15, 2023 indicating the Town's interest in purchasing or acquiring the properties; and

(B) if the Town elects to purchase or acquire the properties, the Town submits a written offer not later than June 1, 2024;

(2) If the conditions in subdivision (1) of this subsection are not met, then the Commissioner's authority to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the property described in this subsection shall be rescinded.

(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the property.

(1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property on or before October 15, 2023.

(2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a written offer to the Commissioner on or before April 1, 2024. In the event the City fails to submit a written offer on or before April 1, 2024, the City's preferential right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is authorized to sell the property to another party.

Sec. 23. RELOCATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES; DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; CITY OF
BURLINGTON

Prior to the sale of the building located at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall work with the City of Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to relocate State employees who provide client services.

Sec. 24. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

§ 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

(a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget request in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall also propose to the General Assembly:

(1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the following fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

(2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other Essential Investments, established in section 1001b of this title.

(b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the General Assembly.

(c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

(1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years

prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General Assembly and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.

(d)(1) On or before ~~January 15~~, November 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall require each entity to which spending authority has been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative session ~~shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions~~ to submit a report on the current fund balances of each authorized project with unexpended funds. The report shall include plans for the unexpended funds, any projects or contracts the funds are assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for expending the funds.

(2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

(e) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the reports to be made under subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

Sec. 25. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022:

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(8) Newport, courthouse replacement, site acquisition and planning and design: \$500,000.00

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(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023:

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(7) Newport, courthouse replacement, site acquisition and planning and design: \$525,000.00

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* * * Corrections * * *

Sec. 26. 29 V.S.A. § 170a is added to read:

§ 170a. DESIGN OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR WELLNESS ENVIRONMENTS

The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any maintenance, renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to ensure that

evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are incorporated into the design and planning phase of a project.

Sec. 27. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR
BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

(a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec. 3(b)(1) of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was submitted.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion design at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

(1) renovations to the HVAC system;

(2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address employee health and wellness needs;

(3) the use of renewable energy; and

(4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

(a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location proposal for replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating site locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal shall consider both colocating facilities in a campus-style approach for operational efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different locations.

(2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (a).

(b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any women's replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

Sec. 29. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT

WOMEN'S FACILITIES; REPORT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State's long-term goal and vision for justice-involved individuals includes their reentry into the community through a system of supports grounded in restorative justice principles.

(b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Department of Corrections shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the proposed size and scale of replacement women's facilities. The report shall address the following:

- (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and reentry facilities;
- (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and
- (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

* * * Judiciary * * *

Sec. 30. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;

RENOVATIONS

On or before September 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall engage the City of Barre on options for renovating the existing Washington County Superior Courthouse or finding a new site location for the building.

* * * Legislature * * *

Sec. 31. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 20, is further amended to read:

Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF
SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

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(c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second floor of 109 State Street.

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Sec. 32. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with Freeman French Freeman to develop programming options that will be the basis for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The programming options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design in November 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to allow the

Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design development phase of the expansion.

(b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special committee shall consider:

(1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to conduct legislative business;

(2) allows for public access to citizens;

(3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of the proposal; and

(4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

(c) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

Sec. 33. 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 3a, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 24 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 23, is further amended to read:

Sec. 3a. REPEAL

2 V.S.A. chapter 30 (Capitol Complex Security Advisory Committee) is repealed on ~~June 30, 2023~~ June 30, 2024.

* * * Natural Resources * * *

Sec. 34. REPEAL

2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12 (suspension of private loans for clean water projects) is repealed.

* * * Public Safety * * *

Sec. 35. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 12, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 10, is further amended to read:

Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

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(b) ~~The following amounts are~~ sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for the ~~projects described in this subsection:~~

~~(1) Pittsford, Vermont Policy Academy, feasibility study:—\$50,000.00.~~

~~(2) Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction:—\$3,500,000.00~~

(c) The sum of \$3,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the construction of the Williston Public Field Station.

Appropriation – FY 2022	\$6,120,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2023	\$3,550,000.00
Total Appropriation – Section 12	\$9,670,000.00

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 36. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: June 14, 2023