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2 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

3 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, legislative intent, by striking out subsection (a) in its  
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$111,965,288.44  
7 authorized in this act, not more than \$62,314,761.44 shall be appropriated in  
8 the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the  
9 second year.

10 Second: By striking out Sec. 2, State buildings, in its entirety and inserting  
11 in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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

19 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026:

20 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$7,138,401.00

21 (2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,500,000.00

1	<u>(3) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
2	<u>(4) Rutland, Asa Bloomer Building roof repair and sewage system</u>	
3	<u>upgrades:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
4	<u>(5) Rutland, multimodal garage renovation:</u>	<u>\$600,000.00</u>
5	<u>(6) Middlesex, Print and Postal uninterruptable power supply upgrade:</u>	
6		<u>\$58,279.44</u>
7	<u>(7) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roof replacement:</u>	
8		<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
9	<u>(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
10	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:</u>	
11	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
12	<u>(2) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
13	<u>(3) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
14	<u>(4) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance:</u>	<u>\$850,000.00</u>
15	<u>(5) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
16	<u>(6) Montpelier, State House replacement of historic interior finishes:</u>	
17		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
18	<u>(7) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior</u>	
19	<u>renovation:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
20	<u>(8) Middlesex, Vermont State Archives roof replacement, main</u>	
21	<u>building:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

20	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$550,000.00</u>
21	<u>(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>



- 1       (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the  
2       Recreational Facilities Grant Program:                               \$250,000.00
- 3       (5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human  
4       Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program: \$250,000.00
- 5       (6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the  
6       Regional Economic Development Grant Program:                               \$250,000.00
- 7       (7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural  
8       Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:\$300,000.00
- 9       (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 for the Building  
10      Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:
- 11      (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,  
12      Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant  
13      Program:   \$300,000.00
- 14      (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,  
15      Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant  
16      Program:   \$300,000.00
- 17      (3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant  
18      Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made  
19      available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital  
20      funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:  
21   \$300,000.00

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- 7       (7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural  
8       Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:\$300,000.00
- 9       (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the sums appropriated in  
10      subdivisions (a)(5) and (b)(5) of this section be equally allocated between  
11      grants for human services and grants for educational facilities.
- 12      Appropriation – FY 2026   \$1,800,000.00
- 13      Appropriation – FY 2027   \$2,100,000.00
- 14      Total Appropriation – Section 5   \$3,900,000.00
- 15      Fifth: By striking out Sec. 14, judiciary, in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
16      thereof a new Sec. 14 to read as follows:
- 17      Sec. 14. JUDICIARY
- 18      (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Judiciary for the  
19      following projects:
- 20              (1) Woodstock Courthouse, purchase and installation of backup power  
21      system:   \$100,000.00



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18       On or before December 15, 2025, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a  
19       report to the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on  
20       Corrections and Institutions on considerations for use of the Cash Fund for  
21       Capital and Essential Investments under 32 V.S.A. § 1001b that:

1       (1) provides the historical context, including the economic rationale, for  
2       the Cash Fund;

3       (2) compares financial management practices for expenditures made  
4       through cash and through bonded dollars, including long-term financial  
5       impacts;

6       (3) distinguishes between the intended uses of the Capital Infrastructure  
7       subaccount and the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves  
8       subaccount;

9       (4) describes, for each year since the Cash Fund's inception:

10       (A) the sources of funds; and

11       (B) the annual expenditures from the Capital Infrastructure  
12       subaccount; and

13       (5) outlines the current legislative process by which appropriations are  
14       made from the Cash Fund.