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

1	(9) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roo	of replacement:
2		\$2,000,000.00
3	(10) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:	
4		\$250,000.00
5	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$14,371,680.44
6	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$15,225,000.00
7	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	\$29,596,680.44
8	Third: By striking out Sec. 4, commerce and community	development, in
9	its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read	as follows:
10	Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPME	NT
11	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the	ne Agency of
12	Commerce and Community Development for the following p	projects:
13	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:	\$550,000.00
14	(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:	\$46,000.00
15	(3) Roadside historic site markers:	\$25,000.00
16	(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, maintenance of saf	fety fencing,
17	restoration, planning, and design:	\$425,000.00
18	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the	ne Agency of
19	Commerce and Community Development for the following	projects:
20	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:	<u>\$550,000.00</u>
21	(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:	\$46,000.00

## 2025 Page 4 of 10 1 (3) Roadside historic site markers: \$25,000.00 2 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$1,046,000.00 3 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$621,000.00 4 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u> \$1,667,000.00 5 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 5, grant programs, in its entirety and inserting 6 in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows: 7 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS 8 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 for the Building 9 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137: 10 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant 11 12 Program: \$250,000.00 13 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant 14 15 Program: \$250,000.00 16 (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

funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:

available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital

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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	<u>Program:</u> \$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	<u>Program:</u> \$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

1	(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the	
2	Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$300,000.	<u>00</u>
3	(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Hun	<u>nan</u>
4	Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program: \$300,000.	<u>00</u>
5	(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the	
6	Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$300,000.	<u>00</u>
7	(7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agriculture	ıral
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	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u> \$1,800,000	.00
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u> \$2,100,000	.00
14	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u> \$3,900,000	.00
15	Fifth: By striking out Sec. 14, judiciary, in its entirety and inserting in lie	eu
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	<u>er</u>
21	system: \$100,000.	00

1	(2) Essex County Courthouse, connector and security upgrades:
2	<u>\$3,685,910.0</u>
3	(3) Lamoille County Courthouse, purchase and installation of backup
4	power system: \$190,000.0
5	(b) The sum of \$1,100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2026 to the
6	Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for
7	renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in White River Junction.
8	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u> \$5,075,910.0
9	Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$5,075,910.0
10	Sixth: In Sec. 19, FY 2026 and 2027; capital projects; FY 2026
11	appropriations act; intent; authorizations, by striking out subsection (c) and
12	inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:
13	(c) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2026,
14	spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital
15	Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
16	Investments are authorized as follows:
17	(1) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide
18	major maintenance: \$861,599.0
19	(2) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide
20	planning, reuse, and contingency: \$250,000.0

1	(3) to the Department of Buildings and General Services f	For statewide
2	physical security enhancements:	\$250,000.00
3	(4) to the Department of Buildings and General Services f	For State House
4	repointing:	\$219,500.00
5	(5) to the Department of Buildings and General Services f	<u>Cor an</u>
6	uninterruptable power supply system for the Middlesex print and	<u>l postal</u>
7	facility:	\$250,000.00
8	(6) to the Department of Buildings and General Services f	for the
9	Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in V	White River
10	Junction:	\$6,900,000.00
11	(7) to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the design and con	nstruction of
12	the American unit:	\$1,500,000.00
13	(8) to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the	e Bennington
14	Veterans Incubator Farm at the Vermont Veterans' Home:	\$45,000.00
15	(9) to the Department of Housing and Community Develo	pment for
16	Bennington, high school redevelopment housing infrastructure:	\$1,100,000.00
17	(10) to the Department of Housing and Community Devel	lopment for
18	Barre, Prospect Heights housing infrastructure:	\$1,000,000.00
19	(11) to the Department of Housing and Community Devel	lopment for
20	Brattleboro, Winston Prouty Center housing infrastructure:	\$1,000,000.00

1	(12) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a
2	grant to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to support a site
3	study focused on economic development, parking, housing, and flood
4	mitigation for the 1.6-acre parcel at 87 State Street and parcels at 89 State
5	Street and 42 Court Street: \$100,000.00
6	(13) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for
7	Hope Grove Recovery to establish a new recovery residence in St. Albans:
8	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
9	(14) to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purchase
10	of a fire apparatus: \$275,000.00
11	(15) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Lake Champlain
12	Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing,
13	restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00
14	(16) to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire
15	Protection Task Force for the dry hydrant program: \$35,000.00
16	Seventh: By adding a new section to be Sec. 22a to read as follows:
17	Sec. 22a. CASH FUND; JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; REPORT
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.