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An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

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

\* \* \* Legislative Intent \* \* \*

Sec. 1. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the ~~\$111,965,288.44~~  
\$122,695,774.67 authorized in Secs. 2–16 this act, not more than  
~~\$61,969,761.44~~ \$61,569,761.44 shall be appropriated in the first year of the  
biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

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\* \* \* Bond-Funded Project Authorizations \* \* \*

Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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

\* \* \*

(2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: ~~\$1,500,000.00~~  
\$1,100,000.00

\* \* \*

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:



1 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department of  
2 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
3 following projects:

4 (1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system  
5 upgrades at correctional facilities: ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$9,426,254.21  
6 \* \* \*  
7 Appropriation – FY 2027 ~~\$4,800,000.00~~ \$13,226,254.21  
8 Total Appropriation – Section 3 ~~\$13,025,000.00~~ \$21,451,254.21

9 Sec. 4. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11 \* \* \*

12 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
13 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:

14 \* \* \*  
15 (3) Roadside historic site markers: ~~\$25,000.00~~ \$45,000.00  
16 \* \* \*  
17 Appropriation – FY 2027 ~~\$621,000.00~~ \$641,000.00  
18 Total Appropriation – Section 4 ~~\$1,667,000.00~~ \$1,687,000.00

1 Sec. 5. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 6. VETERANS' HOME

3 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Vermont  
4 Veterans' Home for the following projects:

5 (1) Replacement of air handlers: \$710,000.00

6 (2) Expansion of laundry facilities: \$340,000.00

7 (b) The Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home is  
8 authorized to transfer any unexpended project balances between the amounts  
9 appropriated in subdivisions (a)(1)–(2) of this section and the amount  
10 appropriated in subsection (c) of this section.

11 (c) The sum of \$1,250,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont  
12 Veterans' Home for sewage system and elevator upgrades.

13 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$1,050,000.00

14 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$1,250,000.00

15 Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$1,050,000.00 \$2,300,000.00

16 Sec. 6. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

18 \* \* \*

19 ~~(e) The sum of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency~~  
20 ~~of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for~~  
21 ~~clean water implementation projects. [Repealed.]~~

1 (f) In FY 2026 and FY 2027, any agency that receives funding from this  
2 section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are  
3 capital eligible.

4 (g) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
5 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

6 (h) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
7 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
8 following projects:

9 (1) Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$1,577,600.00

10 (2) Municipal pollution control grants: \$3,922,400.00

11 (i) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
12 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
13 water quality improvements to forest access roads.

14 (j) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont  
15 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

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

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

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 7. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 14. JUDICIARY

21 \* \* \*





1 is ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this  
2 act.

3 (i) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount  
4 of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of  
5 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
6 B.1103(a)(9) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
7 18(d)(10) (111 State Street; renovation of the stack area), \$200,000.00 is  
8 ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

9 \* \* \*

10 (n) Of the amount appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home in 2023  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15(b)(2) (elevator upgrade), \$500,000.00 is  
12 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 6 of this act.

13 (o) Of the amount appropriated to the Enhanced 911 Board in 2017 Acts  
14 and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6(b)(9), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No.  
15 190, Sec. 5 (Enhanced 911 Compliance Grants Program), \$63,413.15 is  
16 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.

17 (p) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for  
18 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in 2019 Acts and Resolves  
19 No. 42, Sec. 11(j), as added by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 7  
20 (State-owned forest and recreational access points), \$0.03 is reallocated to  
21 defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.

1       (q) The following sums appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure  
2       subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the  
3       Department of Buildings and General Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves  
4       No. 78, Sec. B.1105(a) are reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec.  
5       19 of this act:

6               (1) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
7       18(c)(1) (planning, reuse, and contingency):               \$119,114.60

8               (2) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
9       18(c)(6) (120 State Street renovation):               \$1,000,000.00

10              (3) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
11       18(c)(8) (CJTC administration building and West Cottage):       \$450,000.00

12              (4) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
13       18(c)(10) (DCF short-term stabilization facility):               \$372,557.10

14              (5) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
15       18(c)(11) (Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre):   \$750,000.00

16              (6) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
17       18(c)(13) (planning and design of the Rutland Field Station):   \$250,000.00

18              (7) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
19       18(c)(15) (EV charging stations):               \$995,040.00

20       (r) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount  
21       of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of

1 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
2 B.1103(a)(3) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
3 18(d)(3), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 11 (120 State  
4 Street renovation), \$1,500,000.00 is reverted to defray expenditures  
5 authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

6	Bonded Dollars	<del>\$5,074,938.48</del>	<u>\$8,947,268.67</u>
7	Cash	<del>\$1,700,000.00</del>	<u>\$7,136,711.70</u>
8	Total Reallocations, <u>Reversions</u> , and Transfers – Section 17	<del>\$6,774,938.48</del>	
9	<u>\$16,083,980.37</u>		

10 \* \* \* Cash-Funded Project Authorizations \* \* \*

11 Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 19. FY 2026 AND 2027; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2026 AND FY  
13 2027 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ACTS; INTENT;  
14 AUTHORIZATIONS

15 \* \* \*

16 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain  
17 capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but  
18 appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2026 and FY 2027  
19 Appropriations ~~Act~~ Acts. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the  
20 FY 2026 and FY 2027 Appropriations ~~Act~~ appropriate Acts transfer funds to

1 the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in FY 2026 and FY  
2 2027.

3 (c) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2026,  
4 spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital  
5 Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
6 Investments are authorized as follows:

7 \* \* \*

8 (7) to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the design and construction of  
9 the American unit and sprinkler system installation: \$1,500,000.00

10 \* \* \*

11 (f) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2027,  
12 spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital  
13 Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
14 Investments are authorized as follows:

15 (1) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide  
16 major maintenance: \$1,281,173.60

17 (2) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide  
18 physical security enhancements: \$225,000.00

19 (3) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Asa  
20 Bloomer roof replacement: \$3,600,000.00







1           (1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note payable over a term not to  
2 exceed 30 years. Repayment shall commence not later than one year after  
3 completion of the project for which loan funds have been applied.

4           (2) The loan shall be secured with assets as determined by VEDA.  
5 VEDA may also require that the applicant assign all or a portion of the water  
6 system revenues as security for the loan, or may require the establishment of a  
7 reserve fund.

8           (3) The loan recipient shall establish a dedicated source of revenue for  
9 repayment of the loan which may include a pledge of revenue from user  
10 charges, tap fees, development charges, and pledges of accounts receivable and  
11 the proceeds therefrom.

12           (4) The rate of interest charged for loans shall be set by the State  
13 Treasurer, taking into consideration prevailing borrowing rates available to  
14 similarly situated applicants from private lenders and administrative fees to be  
15 charged to applicants. VEDA, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall  
16 periodically recommend interest rates to be set by the State Treasurer ~~which~~  
17 that are the lowest practicable rates consistent with maintaining the long-term  
18 integrity of the Fund. The interest rate set by the State Treasurer may be less  
19 than the prevailing borrowing rates available to similarly situated applicants  
20 from private lenders, but not less than zero percent.

1           (5)(A) Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (1) and (4) of this  
2 subsection (a), a privately owned nonprofit community type system may  
3 qualify for a 40-year loan term at an interest rate, plus administrative fee, to be  
4 established by the Secretary of Natural Resources that shall be not more than  
5 three percent or less than minus three percent, provided that the applicant  
6 system meets the income level and annual household user cost requirements of  
7 a disadvantaged municipality as defined in subdivision 4752(12)(A) of this  
8 title or is an eligible mobile home park water system, and at least 80 percent of  
9 the residential units served by the water system is continuously occupied by  
10 local residents and at least 80 percent of the water produced is for residential  
11 use.

12           (B) [Repealed.]

13           (C) If the Secretary determines that a privately owned nonprofit  
14 community type system qualifies for a loan under this subdivision (5), the  
15 Secretary shall certify the loan term and interest rate to VEDA. ~~In no instance~~  
16 ~~shall the~~ Except as applied to an eligible mobile home park water system, the  
17 Secretary shall not certify an annual interest rate, plus an administrative fee, ~~be~~  
18 pursuant to this subdivision (C) that is less than is necessary to achieve an  
19 annual household user cost equal to one percent of the median household  
20 income of the applicant water system computed in the same manner as  
21 prescribed in subdivision 4763c(b)(2) of this title.

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\* \* \* Division for Historic Preservation \* \* \*

Sec. 12. 22 V.S.A. § 725 is amended to read:

§ 725. ACCEPTANCE AND SOLICITATION OF FUNDS OR GIFTS FOR  
HISTORIC SITES AND VERMONT ARCHAEOLOGY HERITAGE  
CENTER

(a) With Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 1203g and with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, the State Historic Preservation Officer may accept and solicit grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value on behalf of the Division for Historic Preservation for use by the Division for Historic Preservation in establishing and maintaining displays and exhibits at any historic site and at the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, or restoring any historic site maintained and developed under section 723 of this chapter.

(b) In any request for approval of solicitation under this section, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall specify the project and fundraising goal for which the Officer is undertaking fundraising.

\* \* \* Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation \* \* \*

Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;  
LITTLE RIVER STATE PARK LEASE

Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, in fiscal year 2027, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into a long-term lease with

1 Vermont Huts Association Ltd. for the use of a structure at Little River State  
2 Park and the land on which the structure is located, provided that the lease  
3 specifies:

4 (1) the term of 20 years with an option to renew for an additional two  
5 10-year terms at the Commissioner's discretion;

6 (2) the fee or fee formula to be used to compensate the State;

7 (3) conditions on the use of the structure, including the boundaries of the  
8 land and structure to be leased;

9 (4) that Vermont Huts Association Ltd. shall secure insurance and be  
10 subject to an indemnification clause consistent with Attachment C, Standard  
11 State Provisions for Contracts and Grants, approved by the Agency of  
12 Administration in Administrative Bulletin 3.5;

13 (5) provisions for the termination of the lease;

14 (6) requirements for the operation and maintenance of the leased  
15 structure and lands, including responsibility for the costs of maintenance;

16 (7) how any conflict between the parties shall be resolved; and

17 (8) that a contract between the Department and Vermont Huts  
18 Association Ltd., executed in accordance with the Standard State Provisions  
19 for Contracts and Grants set forth in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 of the Agency  
20 of Administration, be required for the relocation and reconstruction of the  
21 Goodell House located at Little River State Park.

1                   \* \* \* Department of Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

2           Sec. 14. SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; PROPERTY  
3                   TRANSFER

4           (a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
5           General Services is authorized to transfer to the Town of Springfield a portion  
6           of the Southern State Correctional Facility property consisting of  
7           approximately 22.93 acres to be used for municipal purposes, including  
8           economic development as an industrial parcel, provided that the Commissioner  
9           may transfer the property only if:

10                   (1) the State obtains any State or local zoning or subdivision approvals  
11                   required for transfer;

12                   (2) the State and the Town negotiate updates to the 1999 Agreement to:

13                           (A) establish responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the  
14                   access road and the water and sewer service lines for the Facility and the  
15                   transferred property; and

16                           (B) mitigate impacts to the Springfield community; and

17                   (3) the transferred property does not include any brownfields.

18           (b) If the Town has not begun developing the transferred property for  
19           purposes of economic development by the end of March 2030, the Town shall  
20           consult with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to examine  
21           alternative uses for the property.

1       Sec. 15. REPEALS

2           (a) 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 23 (Southern State Correctional  
3       Facility; transfer of parcel) is repealed.

4           (b) Sec. 14 of this act (Southern State Correctional Facility; property  
5       transfer) is repealed on July 1, 2030.

6                           \* \* \* Agency of Human Services \* \* \*

7       Sec. 16. HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

8           (a) Monthly from August through December 2026, the Agency of Human  
9       Services, in consultation with the Departments for Children and Families and  
10       of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee  
11       and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on its plan to develop  
12       the Green Mountain Youth Campus, including its progress on a complete,  
13       unambiguous written analysis of the estimated costs of an annual operating  
14       budget for full utilization of the proposed 41-bed high-end system of care  
15       consistent with 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.300.1.

16           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
17       Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services  
18       shall not expend funds for further development of the Green Mountain Youth  
19       Campus in fiscal year 2027 until either:

20                   (1) the Joint Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the  
21       House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee

1 on Institutions, approves the resumption of expenditures for the Green  
2 Mountain Youth Campus upon reviewing one or more of the reports received  
3 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section while the General Assembly is  
4 adjourned sine die; or

5 (2) the General Assembly authorizes resumption of spending by  
6 legislative enactment.

7 \* \* \* Department of Corrections \* \* \*

8 Sec. 17. REPORT; WI-FI INSTALLATION IN STATE CORRECTIONAL  
9 FACILITIES

10 The Commissioner of Corrections and the Chief Information Officer of  
11 Digital Services shall monthly report while the General Assembly is adjourned  
12 sine die in calendar year 2026 to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight  
13 Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on  
14 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, on the  
15 installation of Wi-Fi in State correctional facilities authorized pursuant to 2025  
16 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19(f)(19).

17 \* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

18 Sec. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.