

Let's Make a List: One-time and Contingent Appropriations Workshop

Good news! You have enough General Fund revenue this year to make one-time appropriations! The only issue is, there are a lot of requests and you don't have enough money to fund everything. You know for a fact that you have \$50 million in available revenue to appropriate. The Department of Finance and Management anticipates that there may be up to \$25 million beyond that but won't know for sure until the current fiscal year closes – so you don't know how much (if any) of that \$25 million will actually be available.

With this information, look at the funding requests below. Then, make a list of one-time appropriations you know you want to make with the available \$50 million, and a list of contingent appropriations you would like to make should the \$25 million be available. The contingent appropriations will be made in the order you put them – to the extent that funds are available. Again, there's no guarantee any of that \$25 million will materialize.

Funding Requests

\$3,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for EV chargers. This funding will provide incentives for installing EV charging that will increase Vermonters' access to charging at workplaces, multiunit homes, and community attractions.

\$2,000,000 to VSAC for scholarship grants. This funding will open doors for CCV students pursuing an associate degree or transfer to a four-year degree by expanding and helping to strengthen enrollment, retention and graduation rates.

\$1,000,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for workforce incentives for licensed nursing assistants (training programs). Aims to address healthcare workforce shortages by supporting training programs for nursing assistants.

\$1,000,000 to the Treasurer for financial modeling. To build financial models for new or expanded programs aimed at boosting Vermont's economy and helping residents build wealth.

\$50,000,000 to transfer to the Education Fund for property tax relief. Will help reduce the property tax burden on Vermont homeowners by supplementing education funding.

\$3,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). Will modernize state government's financial, administrative and payroll software systems.

\$15,000,000 to VHCB to support the construction of affordable housing. This will increase the availability of affordable homes across the state.

\$10,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for VHFA's First Generation Homebuyer Program. Helps first-time homebuyers overcome barriers to homeownership through the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.

\$6,000,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources for Brownfields remediation. Provides clean-up funding for contaminated properties to make them safe for redevelopment and community use.

\$10,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for PCB testing in schools. Funds will help identify and address toxic PCB contamination in Vermont school buildings to protect student health.

\$2,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank. This grant will support food security efforts and help provide meals to Vermont families facing hunger.

\$10,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program. This funding will provide additional emergency shelter and housing assistance to vulnerable Vermont residents.

\$1,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for recovery residencies. These funds are intended to be used to address the need of transitional housing for people recovering from substance use disorder in the State.

\$1,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety for portable radio equipment. This funding will replace and upgrade communication equipment for emergency responders and public safety personnel.

Worksheet: One-time and Contingent Appropriations Lists

Make your one-time and contingent appropriations lists. Remember, you have \$50 million available for one-time appropriations and up to \$25 million may be available for contingent appropriations. Finally, bear in mind that you don't have to fund every request at the level requested. Good luck!

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