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Introduction

Introduction

This document provides information concerning the FY 2025 budget contained in 2024-H 7225, Substitute A, as passed out of the House Finance Committee on May 31. The sections that follow contain descriptions of the Committee's recommended changes to the Governor and current law. Section I is a short summary of the budget. [Corrections to prior inconsistencies provided on June 4 are in blue ink.](#)

Section II presents the changes to the Governor's recommendations for FY 2025 introduced and referred to House Finance on January 18. It is followed by explanations of the items in the table. The explanations are numbered to correspond to the item numbers shown in the table.

Section III contains State Aid to Cities and Towns, Education Aid, ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds, and brief descriptions of the articles contained in 2024-H 7225, Substitute A.

Section IV contains the changes to the Governor's revised budget which was included as Article 1 of 2024-H 7224, also submitted on January 18, but now incorporated into Article 13 of 2024-H 7225, Substitute A. It is followed by explanations of the items in the table. The explanations are numbered to correspond to the item numbers shown in the table.

Section V contains summary tables of general revenues by source, expenditures by agency, by fund source, and full-time equivalent positions. The expenditure and full-time equivalent positions tables show values for the FY 2024 enacted budget, the final FY 2024 budget as reported by the House Finance Committee, the Governor's FY 2025 recommendations and the House Finance Committee's recommendations.

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Section I

Overview

Summary

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Expenditures by Function*				
General Government	\$ 2,705.2	\$ 2,789.0	\$ 2,221.8	\$ 2,285.9
Human Services	6,021.3	5,902.9	6,181.4	6,250.9
Education	3,481.0	3,517.6	3,442.9	3,483.1
Public Safety	810.6	791.7	860.6	887.8
Natural Resources	133.7	141.9	152.5	149.9
Transportation	859.1	989.5	816.7	889.6
Total	\$ 14,010.8	\$ 14,132.5	\$ 13,676.1	\$ 13,947.1
Expenditures by Category*				
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,099.9	\$ 1,994.8	\$ 2,068.3	\$ 2,107.1
Contracted Services	568.6	591.1	616.0	617.7
Subtotal	\$ 2,668.4	\$ 2,585.9	\$ 2,684.3	\$ 2,724.7
Other State Operations	1,235.2	1,222.3	1,189.8	1,198.3
Aid to Local Units of Government	2,147.2	2,196.3	2,066.4	2,102.5
Assistance, Grants, and Benefits	6,171.6	6,518.4	6,284.1	6,379.6
Capital	762.6	962.5	927.3	1,014.4
Capital Debt Service	328.6	319.4	272.0	271.6
Operating Transfers	697.2	327.6	252.1	255.9
Total	\$ 14,010.8	\$ 14,132.5	\$ 13,676.1	\$ 13,947.1
Sources of Funds*				
General Revenue	\$ 5,425.1	\$ 5,334.9	\$ 5,500.1	\$ 5,593.7
Federal Aid	5,643.0	5,608.3	4,929.2	5,052.4
Restricted Receipts	392.1	435.7	450.9	462.3
Other	2,550.6	2,753.6	2,795.9	2,838.7
Total	\$ 14,010.8	\$ 14,132.5	\$ 13,676.1	\$ 13,947.1
FTE Authorization	15,636.9	15,652.8	15,725.8	15,772.8

**Data in millions*

The Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2025 are contained in 2024-H 7225, introduced on January 18, 2024, which is the day it was due by law. Supporting documents required as part of that submission were made available with the introduction.

The Governor recommends a total FY 2025 budget of \$13,676.1 million. Total expenditures decrease by \$334.8 million from the FY 2024 budget enacted by the 2023 Assembly, or 2.4 percent. His FY 2024 revised budget totals \$14,409.1 million; final FY 2023 expenditures were \$12,899.9 million.

The recommended budget includes \$5,500.1 million of expenditures funded from general revenues, \$74.9 million, or 1.4 percent more than the enacted general revenue funded budget. This is also \$121.1 million more than his revised recommendation.

FY 2025	General Revenue	Federal	Restricted	Other	All Funds
FY 2024 Enacted	\$ 5,425.1	\$ 5,643.0	\$ 392.1	\$ 2,550.6	\$ 14,010.8
Governor	5,500.1	4,929.2	450.9	2,795.9	13,676.1
Change to Enacted	\$ 74.9	\$ (713.8)	\$ 58.7	\$ 245.3	\$ (334.8)
Percent Change	1.4%	-12.6%	15.0%	9.6%	-2.4%
FY 2025 HFC	\$ 5,593.7	\$ 5,052.4	\$ 462.3	\$ 2,838.7	\$ 13,947.1
Change to Enacted	168.6	(590.7)	70.2	288.1	(63.7)
Percent Change	3.1%	-10.5%	17.9%	11.3%	-0.5%
Change to Governor	\$ 93.7	\$ 123.1	\$ 11.5	\$ 42.8	\$ 271.1
Change to FY 2024	\$ 258.8	\$ (556.0)	\$ 26.7	\$ 85.0	\$ (185.4)
Percent Change to FY 2024	4.9%	-9.9%	6.1%	3.1%	-1.3%

\$ in millions

FY 2024 Revised	General Revenue	Federal	Restricted	Other	All Funds
FY 2023 Final	\$ 5,174.2	\$ 5,825.6	\$ 475.9	\$ 2,378.8	\$ 13,854.6
FY 2023 Audited	5,074.9	5,251.6	354.6	2,218.8	12,899.9
Difference	\$ (99.3)	\$ (574.0)	\$ (121.4)	\$ (160.0)	\$ (954.7)
FY 2024 Enacted	\$ 5,425.1	\$ 5,643.0	\$ 392.1	\$ 2,550.6	\$ 14,010.8
Governor's FY 2024 Revised	5,378.9	5,793.7	443.0	2,793.4	14,409.1
Governor's Change to Enacted	\$ (46.2)	\$ 150.7	\$ 50.9	\$ 242.9	\$ 398.2
Percent Change	-0.9%	2.7%	13.0%	9.5%	2.8%
FY 2024 HFC	\$ 5,334.9	\$ 5,608.3	\$ 435.7	\$ 2,753.6	\$ 14,132.5
Change to Enacted	(90.2)	(34.7)	43.5	203.1	121.7
Percent Change	-1.7%	-0.6%	11.1%	8.0%	0.9%
Change to Governor	\$ (44.0)	\$ (185.4)	\$ (7.4)	\$ (39.8)	\$ (276.5)
Change to FY 2024	\$ 260.0	\$ 356.7	\$ 81.1	\$ 534.8	\$ 1,232.6
Percent Change to FY 2024	5.1%	6.8%	22.9%	24.1%	9.6%

\$ in millions

General revenue expenditures recommended by the Committee are \$168.6 million or 3.1 percent more than general revenues appropriated for FY 2024 by the 2023 Assembly. General revenue expenditures are \$258.8 million more than the FY 2024 revised budget also contained in 2024-H 7225, Substitute A.

The Budget Office estimated that there was more than a \$200 million gap between revenues and current services expenditures for FY 2025 when preparing its budget instructions in July. The November consensus revenue estimate is close to the amount anticipated by the Budget Office in its budget gap projections and about \$50 million above the amounts assumed in the House Fiscal Staff's June 2023 estimates.

The Staff's estimated FY 2025 budget gap was only about \$125 million with most of the difference from the subsequent Budget Office estimate being expenditure assumptions for human services and education aid. The Budget Office used considerably higher growth rates for both items in its July estimate than in the out-year projections presented as part of the Governor's budget submission. A review of prior budget cycles shows a pattern of this disconnect in growth rate assumptions.

The FY 2023 preliminary closing as well as the November consensus caseload and revenue estimates for FY 2024 resulted in nearly \$100 million in additional resources, halving the budget gap, though most of that would be considered non-recurring. The consensus revenue forecast for FY 2025 was in line with prior estimates.

On the expenditure side, high vacancy levels in some agencies have contributed to current year savings offsetting overspending in other areas. Further revisions and policy choices contained in the FY 2024 revised recommendation increase available resources and projected ending surplus. The Governor's FY 2025 budget uses most of those one-time surplus general revenues to fund ongoing operating expenses.

The May revenue conference noted a combined revenue increase of \$57.4 million compared to November. The caseload conference reflected a significant reduction in expenditures based on more updated information on the results of the eligibility redetermination process as well as delays in program implementation and utilization. This resulted in about \$130 million more in available resources over the two-year period. Also, information provided through required quarterly reporting and requested amendments from the Governor highlighted other changes needed including significant increases for updated education aid data and contracts with the Department of Children, Youth and Families' service providers. The Committee's recommendation accounts for these items and accelerates the Governor's proposal for implementation of provider rate increases as well as some other targeted rate and benefit adjustments. Much of this spending is accounted for in the Governor's original out year projections. Additionally, the Committee maintained current law regarding the inflation adjustment for core education aid which required a significant increase to the Governor's recommendation for the budget and out years.

The descriptions that follow represent a selection of budget items of interest. Additional items and further information are contained in the sections describing the changes to the Governor's budget, budget article explanations, ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds, and aid reports.

Taxes and Revenues

- ***Cannabis Business Deductions.*** The Governor recommends legislation allowing cannabis businesses to claim ordinary income deductions consistent with those of other businesses. Current law follows federal statutes, which prohibit businesses which deal in controlled substances from claiming these deductions. Several other states, including Connecticut and Massachusetts, permit these deductions. The proposed change is expected to lower FY 2025 revenues by \$0.8 million, annualizing to \$1.7 million for FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Cigarette Per Pack Increase.*** The Governor's FY 2025 budget assumes \$2.4 million in revenues from a proposal to increase the cigarette tax by \$0.25, to \$4.50 per 20-pack, effective September 1, 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Net Operating Loss Carryforward Extension.*** The Governor proposes extending the time period that net operating losses may be carried forward to 20 years effective January 1, 2025. Businesses are allowed to use prior operating losses to offset future profits and reduce tax liabilities; Rhode Island limits the carry-forward period to five years. There would be no fiscal impact until tax year 2031. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Pass-through Entity Member Credit Reduction.*** The Governor proposes reducing the tax credit given to members in pass-through entities that pay taxes under the state's elective pass-through entity tax from 100 percent to 90 percent of the taxes paid. This would make Rhode Island's credit equal to Massachusetts and similar to Connecticut. The recommended budget includes \$8.1 million in additional revenues for FY 2025 that would annualize to \$16.5 million for FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Retirement Exemption to \$50,000.*** The Governor's budget increases the allowable modification of taxable retirement income for qualified taxpayers from certain pension plans and annuities from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Eligibility is the same as the social security exemption which is limited to filers who have reached full retirement age and have incomes below a certain threshold. This is estimated to cost \$3.0 million for FY 2025, annualizing to \$6.2 million for FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Division of Taxation Enhanced Collections.*** The Governor’s budget assumes a total of \$10.4 million in additional revenues from proposed efforts to enhance the Division of Taxation’s collections. This includes \$7.0 million of new revenues from personnel enhancements and \$3.4 million from expanding the existing top 100 tax delinquent list to include those owing at least \$50,000. The recommended budget includes \$0.7 million for implementations costs, bringing the net impact to \$9.7 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Commerce and Housing

- ***Chafee Center at Bryant.*** The Governor’s budget includes the enacted amount of \$476,200 for the Chafee Center at Bryant University. As the state’s designated State International Trade Office, its consultants work with local companies to offer guidance and advice to initiate and/or develop international trade opportunities. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Commerce Corporation - Operations.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$8.5 million from general revenues to support operations of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, \$0.2 million more than enacted. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Destination Marketing.*** The Governor’s budget maintains the approved amount of \$3.0 million from federal State Fiscal Recovery funds to conduct tourism campaigns in destination markets for airline routes to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport. These funds must be matched by an equivalent amount from the Commerce Corporation’s allocation of state hotel tax receipts. The Assembly programmed the funding for FY 2023 and FY 2024 and, as of October 2023, \$1.2 million has been spent. The Governor recommends \$1.4 million from general revenues for FY 2025 to continue the program. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).*** The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$0.9 million for the National Science Foundation’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***First Wave Closing Fund.*** The Governor proposes to extend the sunset for the First Wave Closing Fund one year to December 31, 2025. Prior appropriations to the Fund total \$25.3 million, of which \$5.0 million was rescinded by the 2019 Assembly and \$8.8 million has been awarded to ten recipients, including \$5.7 million to support redevelopment of 111 Westminster Street. As of November 2023, the program has \$11.5 million in reserves from which to draw awards. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***I-195 Redevelopment Fund.*** The Governor’s budget proposes to extend the sunset for the I-195 Redevelopment Fund one year to December 31, 2025. Recent prior budgets included a total of \$30.0 million from general revenues to support the Fund which provides developers and businesses with financing for capital investment, including land acquisition to promote the development of the former highway land administered by the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission. The Commission had active commitments of \$24.7 million as of September 2023. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***I-195 Redevelopment Commission Capital.*** The Governor’s capital budget includes \$0.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds annually for professional, legal, and engineering services related to the maintenance and marketability of the I-195 land, essentially consistent with the approved capital plan. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***I-195 Park Infrastructure.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$7.0 million, including \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$4.0 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters in March 2021, for the development of physical infrastructure at the I-195 Redevelopment District’s parks. This includes facilities for concessions, restrooms, expanded utility services, and trash

receptacles. The recommendation adds \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds based on final cost estimates for a food and beverage service pavilion. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***I-195 Redevelopment Commission.*** The Governor’s budget includes the enacted amount of \$1.2 million from general revenues for operational needs of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission and its 7.0 full-time equivalent positions. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Industrial Site Development.*** The Governor’s budget includes the approved amount of \$40.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved by the voters in March 2021 for an initiative administered by the Quonset Development Corporation to provide small grants for pre-development purposes and competitively fund other projects to acquire industrial sites and develop facilities that create job-producing activities. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Quonset Carrier Pier Project.*** The Governor’s budget adds \$2.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to conduct predevelopment and evaluation work prior to replacement of the carrier pier at Quonset State Airport. Senesco Marine currently leases the pier and 30 acres within Quonset Business Park for use as a shipyard, supporting 365 permanent jobs. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Quonset Infrastructure.*** The Governor’s budget adds \$7.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to modernize and expand Quonset Business Park infrastructure to accommodate new tenants. The Quonset Development Corporation manages infrastructure such as roadways, water supply and distribution systems, Corporation buildings, and a wastewater treatment facility. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Port of Davisville Modernization.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$20.0 million of general obligation bond proceeds approved by the voters in March 2021 for infrastructure improvements at the Port of Davisville for its existing businesses and offshore wind projects. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Port of Davisville Infrastructure.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$20.0 million from new general obligation bond funds to be placed before the voters on the November 2024 ballot for infrastructure projects at the Port of Davisville. Work is intended to prepare the port to accommodate offshore wind developers and includes a new port access road, laydown area improvements, and security upgrades. The House Finance Committee recommends \$15.0 million.

- ***ARPA - Port of Davisville.*** The Governor’s budget includes the enacted amount of \$65.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to support infrastructure at the Port of Davisville. Support expands on existing funding to develop port infrastructure intended to create job opportunities, invest in marine transportation, and make capital improvements to prepare for offshore wind development. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Port of Providence.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$20.0 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters on the November 2016 ballot to increase terminal capacity at the Port of Providence by funding the acquisition of up to 25 acres of land located between Allens Avenue in Providence and the Providence River and associated infrastructure improvements. As of January 2024, \$10.0 million has been spent. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Main Streets Revitalization.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$1.0 million from general revenues to recapitalize the Main Street RI Streetscape Improvement Fund and extends the scheduled sunset date one year to December 31, 2025. The 2015 Assembly authorized the Commerce Corporation to award loans, matching grants and other forms of financing to enhance sidewalks, wayfinding signage, and lighting in

order to create an attractive environment in local business districts. The program has been appropriated \$9.0 million, including \$1.0 million by the 2023 Assembly. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***P-Tech Initiative.*** Recent prior budgets included a total of \$2.3 million to establish partnerships between high schools, higher education institutions, and employers to offer courses towards high school diplomas and associate's degrees. The program is estimated to have \$0.4 million of available resources after administrative costs. The Governor proposes extending the sunset one year to December 31, 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Urban Ventures.*** Consistent with the enacted budget, the Governor's budget includes \$140,000 for Urban Ventures, a 501(c)(3) urban minority business incubator. This is assumed to satisfy the state's responsibility to support a non-profit urban business incubator, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law, Section 42-64-13.1(e). The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Real Jobs RI.*** The Governor recommends \$16.2 million for the Real Jobs Rhode Island program for FY 2025. This includes level funding of \$6.1 million from general revenues, \$6.2 million from Governor's Workforce Board restricted receipts, and \$4.0 million from federal funds. This is \$6.7 million less from federal support than assumed for FY 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***ARPA - Enhanced Real Jobs.*** The Governor's budget includes \$20.4 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for multiyear support for an enhanced version of the Real Jobs RI workforce training program. The 2022 Assembly authorized \$30.0 million; \$9.6 million was spent during FY 2023. Any unused funds from FY 2024 will be reappropriated. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Small Business Development Center.*** The Governor's budget includes the enacted amount of \$700,000 from general revenues for the Small Business Development Center at the University of Rhode Island. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Homelessness Assistance Transfer.*** Consistent with the enacted budget, the Governor assumes revenues of \$4.7 million for the Housing Resources Commission restricted account from a dedicated portion of the Real Estate Conveyance Tax. Funds are used for lead hazard reduction abatement, rental subsidy and shelter operations. The House Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$10.0 million from general revenues to the account to provide additional support for homelessness and diversion services.

- ***Low Income Housing Tax Credit Fund.*** The Governor recommends \$4.0 million from general revenues to prefund commitments under the State Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Up to \$30.0 million of credits annually are competitively awarded for a five-year term to supplement federal credits for affordable housing projects. The 2023 Assembly provided \$28.0 million from general revenues to prefund credits against an award maximum of \$150.0 million based on the current June 30, 2028 sunset date. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Statewide Rental Registry.*** The Governor recommends \$1.3 million from general revenues to fund the newly required statewide publicly accessible online database of rental units but narrows the scope to landlords who have not provided the Department of Health with a lead certificate of conformance for rental units built before 1978. He also proposes extending the registration date requirement, and delays the fee and penalty that would be assessed on those who are not in compliance by one year to October 1, 2025. The House Finance Committee maintains current law and includes recommended funding for the registry.

State Government

- ***Federal Homeland Security Cybersecurity Grant.*** The Governor recommends a total of \$1.4 million from general revenues to provide the state match for a \$6.5 million cybersecurity grant. This is \$0.9 million

more than enacted by shifting more money to FY 2025. The total grant allocated to the state is \$11.0 million and additional state match of \$2.1 million will be required in the out-years to access further funding. The state is required to distribute at least 80 percent of funds to local governments. A cybersecurity planning committee to develop a plan for spending is also required; a 29-member committee has been established. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Disparity Study.** The Governor recommends \$500,000 from general revenues for the recurring statewide disparity study to enhance women-owned and minority-owned businesses in state procurement. The study is required to be conducted every five years, beginning in FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Year Up.** The Governor's budget includes the enacted level of \$200,000 from general revenues for Year Up to provide underserved young adults programming for hands-on skill development, academic coursework, internships, and wraparound support. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Group Home Replacement.** The Governor recommends new expenditures of \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2025 to construct or renovate group homes, for total funding of \$10.0 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Shepard Building.** The Governor's capital budget includes \$22.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for various projects at the Shepard Building. This is \$16.9 million more than the approved plan, which had assumed minimal asset protection and modernization of the elevators in anticipation of the building being sold, which is no longer the plan. The recommendation includes new expenditures for bathroom renovations, cast iron reconstruction and roof replacement. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Chief Data Officer and Data Program.** The Governor recommends \$2.2 million from the Information Technology Restricted Receipt account to support a new data management system, which will connect data systems to provide timely and secure access to data for authorized users. This includes \$0.3 million to support a chief data officer position and \$1.8 million for software expenses. Once implemented, operating expenses are estimated to cost \$0.9 million, annually. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Vehicle Replacement.** The budget adds \$0.3 million for the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to begin replacing its fleet over the next several years to comply with Executive Order 2023-06, which requires the state's light duty fleet to be 25.0 percent zero emission by 2030. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Information Technology Critical Infrastructure.** The budget includes \$4.8 million to be financed through agency charges for hardware replacement and licensing expenses. This includes \$3.0 million to upgrade from Microsoft Windows 10; effective October 2025, this version will not be supported. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Police and Fire Relief Fund.** The Governor's budget includes \$3.5 million for the Police and Fire Relief program for the estimated costs of annuity payments and in-state tuition to eligible spouses, domestic partners, and dependents of certain injured or deceased police officers and firefighters. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Unemployment Benefits.** The Governor's budget assumes \$222.7 million for unemployment benefit payments from employer contributions for FY 2025, which is \$79.9 million more than enacted. It includes \$3.1 million for WorkShare and \$11.3 million for partial unemployment benefits. This is \$10.7 million more than the revised recommendation, including \$0.1 million more for WorkShare and \$0.5 million more for partial unemployment benefits. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Temporary Insurance Payments.*** The Governor’s budget assumes \$262.3 million for benefit payments from employee contributions for FY 2025, which is \$13.8 million more than enacted. It includes \$230.0 million for disability benefits and \$32.3 million for caregiver benefits. This is \$16.3 million above revised estimates, including \$14.0 million for disability and \$2.3 million for caregiver benefits. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Contingency Fund.*** The Governor’s budget includes the enacted amount of \$150,000 for the Governor’s Contingency Fund. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***iGaming.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$2.0 million from lottery funds to support 19.0 full-time equivalent positions to continue the implementation of digital casino gambling for participants age 21 and older located within the state, beginning March 1, 2024. For FY 2024, it includes \$0.6 million and 12 positions. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Convention Center Authority.*** The Governor recommends \$24.5 million from general revenues for both FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the Convention Center Authority to cover debt service requirements. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Historic Tax Credit Trust Fund Debt Service.*** The Governor recommends \$19.4 million for FY 2024 and the current estimated \$9.9 million for FY 2025 from general revenues to fund debt service for historic tax credits. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Fidelity Job Rent Credits.*** The recommended budget includes the enacted amount of \$1.0 million from general revenues for payments under the Fidelity Job Rent Credits agreement. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Industrial-Recreational Building Authority.*** The recommended budget includes \$0.5 million from general revenues for payment of the state’s remaining debt obligation following the 2012 default of Capco on bonds issued in 2009 and backed by the Authority. The total outstanding debt obligation is \$0.9 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Health and Human Services

- ***RIte Share.*** The Governor’s budget assumes savings of \$0.9 million, of which \$0.4 million is from general revenues from proposed measures to increase enrollment in the RIte Share program, which leverages employer sponsored health care. This savings total accounts for administrative expenses. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Graduate Medical Education Payments.*** The Governor’s budget eliminates the \$2.5 million of general revenue payments made to Lifespan, Care New England, and Landmark Hospital to support graduate medical education. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$79.7 million, of which \$29.1 million is from general revenues, to finance the certified community behavioral health clinics rate model in FY 2025. This assumes delaying the statutory start date for a second time to July 1, 2024. The November Caseload Estimating Conference projections assumed the February 1, 2024 current law start and included \$11.4 million for FY 2024 and \$122.6 million for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommendation includes \$76.7 million for FY 2025 for an October 1, 2024 start date and excluded funding for FY 2024, based on May caseload testimony regarding the earliest possible implementation.
- ***Opioid Funds.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$35.6 million for FY 2024 and \$37.6 million for FY 2025 in the Department of Corrections and the health and human services agencies from assessments and

lawsuit settlements related to the opioid epidemic. Expenditures support prevention and treatment programs, recovery housing and new treatment facilities, and outreach and education programs. He requested several amendments to adjust funding. The House Finance Committee recommends \$35.6 million for FY 2024 and \$34.7 million for FY 2025 based on updated implementation plans.

- **Cancer Registry.** The budget includes an additional \$135,012 each for FY 2024 and FY 2025, for a total of \$218,423 from general revenues to support the Rhode Island Cancer Registry Program, a statewide surveillance database related to cancer patient population. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Women's Cancer Screening.** The budget includes 0.2 new positions, bringing staffing to 1.0 full-time equivalent position to support the Women's Cancer Screening Program, which provides resources to 2,600 income-eligible women annually, to receive breast and cervical cancer screening services. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Healthy Eating and Active Living.** The budget adds 1.0 full-time equivalent position in the Department of Health to support the Physical Activity and Nutrition Program, including safe and accessible physical activity, promoting healthy food choices, and breastfeeding support. The Department was awarded \$0.9 million annually for this five-year grant. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Children and Families

- **Training School Staff.** The Governor recommends \$0.9 million from general revenues to add eight new positions at the Training School to address an increased population. In previous years, lower populations allowed the Department to repurpose vacant Training School positions to other programs. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Female Youth Facilities.** The budget includes continued spending from the \$12.0 million authorized from State Fiscal Recovery funds to expand existing in-state capacity at private facilities and for the initial design of a new female youth program facility. The Governor's budget includes \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2025 through FY 2027 to construct the new facility. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Out-of-State Placements.** The Governor recommends adding \$2.2 million for FY 2024 and \$3.9 million for FY 2025 from general revenues to address an issue at the Department of Children, Youth and Families for youth in out-of-state placements that are not registered with the state's Medicaid office. The state may not claim Medicaid match on services from these entities, making the costs general revenues only. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **SNAP Summer Benefit Program.** The Governor's budget includes \$10.2 million from federal funds to provide a monthly \$40 benefit for three months in the summer for each child eligible for free or reduced-price school meals during the school year and \$0.8 million for administrative expenses, half of which is paid from general revenues. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Community Services and Advocacy

- **Veterans' Programs and Services.** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$350,000 from general revenues for grants to organizations that provide veteran, active duty military, and family support services in the community, which includes \$50,000 for Operation Stand Down, \$100,000 to support the Veterans Services Officers Program and \$200,000 for entities to be determined by the Office of Veterans Services. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Rhode Island Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$450,000 for the Boys and Girls Club Project Reach program which provides homework assistance and afterschool activities. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Day One.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$267,000 from general revenues for Day One to provide outreach and supportive service programs relating to sexual assault. The House Finance Committee increases that to \$300,000.
- ***Domestic Violence Prevention Activities.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$400,000 from general revenues for domestic violence prevention activities contracted through the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence and distributed to domestic violence shelters in the state. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Institute for the Practice and Study of Non-Violence.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$250,000 from general revenues to support the Institute's Violence Reduction Strategy program. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Rhode Island Community Food Bank.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$550,000 from general revenues for food collection and distribution through the community food bank. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Community Action Agencies.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$600,000 to support services provided by the state's community action agencies. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Crossroads.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$500,000 from general revenues to support activities provided by Crossroads Rhode Island that address homelessness and other related issues. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Senior Services Support.*** The Governor recommends \$1.4 million from general revenues to support the state's senior centers through a grant process, which is \$0.2 million more than enacted for FY 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Meals on Wheels/Elderly Nutrition Services.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$680,000 from general revenues for elderly nutrition services, which includes \$630,000 for Meals on Wheels. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Respite Care.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$325,000 to support the respite care program through the Diocese of Providence, also known as CareBreaks. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Elder Housing Security.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$85,000 from general revenues to implement security housing measures in elderly housing complexes. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Long Term Care Ombudsman.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$40,000 from general revenues for the long term care ombudsman. The Alliance for Better Long Term Care advocates on behalf of residents of nursing homes, assisted living residences, and certain other facilities, as well as recipients of home care services. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Education and Arts

- **Public Higher Education Tuition and Fees.** The Governor's budget appears to assume tuition and fee increases consistent with the Council's approval of a 3.0 percent tuition increase and \$30 fee increase at Rhode Island College and a 4.2 percent tuition increase and a \$6 fee increase at the Community College. The University's Board of Trustees decided to shift final approval of tuition and mandatory fees for the University to February 2024 and each February thereafter. It did approve a baseline increase of 2.7 percent for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Last Dollar Scholarship.** The Governor recommends \$9.9 million for the Last Dollar Scholarship Program, consistent with the FY 2024 enacted level, but adds \$1.3 million from general revenues to offset federal loan reserve funds that have been exhausted. This would provide a total of \$6.4 million from general revenues. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Dual and Concurrent Enrollment.** The Governor recommends \$2.3 million for the dual and concurrent enrollment initiative, consistent with the FY 2024 enacted level but provides general revenues in lieu of federal loan reserve funds that have been exhausted. This program allows qualified high school students to earn college credit at no cost to the student. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **URI Biomedical Sciences Building.** The Governor recommends \$80.0 million of general obligation bonds be submitted to the voters on the November 2024 ballot for a new biomedical sciences building at the University. The total project cost is \$88.4 million, and the capital budget assumes that \$8.4 million would come from private funding beginning in FY 2026. The House Finance Committee recommends \$87.5 million for the ballot, consistent with the University's request.
- **Public Higher Education Asset Protection.** The Governor recommends \$119.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the institutions of public higher education for the five-year period FY 2025 through FY 2029. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Westerly Higher Education Center Expansion.** The Governor recommends \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2025 for a new project to expand the Westerly Higher Education and Job Skills Center to an annex site. The expansion would allow the Center to create laboratories, additional classrooms, and conference space. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **RIC Infrastructure Modernization.** The Governor recommends \$67.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2029 for current and future infrastructure modernization at Rhode Island College. This is consistent with the approved five-year plan and adds \$5.9 million for an additional year. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **URI Athletics Complex Renewal.** The Governor recommends \$83.1 million from all sources, including \$65.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$17.3 million from University funds, to renovate six athletic facilities including Meade Stadium East Grandstands, Track and Field, Beck Baseball Field, the softball field, Tootell Aquatics Center, and the soccer field. As requested by the University, the recommendation shifts the requirement for private funds to the end of the project and delays completion to FY 2027. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **URI Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal - Phase I.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Governor recommends \$60.1 million for the first phase of a three-phase project to complete a comprehensive renewal of the Narragansett Bay Campus. The first phase includes improvements to the existing pier and marine operations facilities. Funding includes \$45.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018, \$12.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$0.7 million from private funding, and \$2.4

million from third-party financing with expected completion in FY 2027. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **URI Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal - Phase II.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Governor recommends \$129.0 million for the second phase of a three-phase project to complete a comprehensive renewal of the Narragansett Bay Campus from FY 2024 through FY 2027. Funding includes \$100.0 million from general obligation bonds approved in 2022, \$25.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$4.0 million from private sources. The recommendation assumes a completion date of FY 2028, which is one year later than the approved plan, reflecting anticipated delays caused by supply chain issues, specifically mechanical and electrical equipment. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **URI Academic Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Improvements.** The Governor recommends \$17.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a project to make mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements in Fogarty and White halls. Funding is consistent with the approved plan but reflects an updated schedule and completion in FY 2027, two years later than the approved plan. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **URI - Undergraduate Housing.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Governor includes the University of Rhode Island's \$170.6 million project to build a new 500-bed apartment-style residence hall designed similarly to Brookside Hall, which opened in January 2020. Funding includes \$163.1 million from revenue bonds approved by the 2022 Assembly and \$7.5 million from University funds with funding programmed from FY 2023 through FY 2027. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Westerly Education Center Staffing.** The Governor recommends adding \$0.1 million from restricted receipts for a new operations coordinator position at the Westerly Education Center. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program.** The Governor's budget maintains the \$1.8 million from general revenues in Rhode Island College's budget to support the Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program. This appropriation supplements existing federal funds and funding from local education agencies that are billed on a fee-for-service basis. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Higher Education Opportunities for Teachers of Color.** The Governor recommends the FY 2024 enacted level of \$200,000 from general revenues to support access to higher education opportunities for teachers of color at the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Best Buddies.** The Governor recommends the FY 2024 enacted amount of \$75,000 from general revenues for Best Buddies Rhode Island to support programs for children with developmental disabilities. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Special Olympics Rhode Island.** The Governor recommends the FY 2024 enacted level of \$50,000 from general revenues for Special Olympics Rhode Island to support its mission of providing athletic opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Out-of-School Time Education Providers.** The Governor recommends a new commitment of \$3.0 million from general revenues to support the Learn365RI initiative, to be distributed to community organizations to expand access to educational programs. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Student, Community, and Academic Supports would be responsible for distributing the funding. The recommendation also adds \$2.0 million of State Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Department

of Administration to support the operations of the newly approved Community Learning Centers. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **All Course Network.** The Governor's budget includes \$1.1 million from general revenues to support the all course network, \$0.5 million more than enacted. All districts participate in the network, with courses offered by 24 provider organizations in FY 2024. The increased state support replaces some other sources including federal funds formerly used to fund this program. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Child Opportunity Zones.** The Governor's budget includes the FY 2024 enacted level of \$395,000 from general revenues to support child opportunity zones through agreements with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to strengthen education, health and social services for students and their families as a strategy to accelerate student achievement. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **City Year.** The Governor's budget includes the enacted amount of \$130,000 from general revenues to City Year for the Whole School Whole Child Program, which provides individual support to at-risk students. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Waterfire Providence.** The Governor's budget includes the enacted level of \$400,000 from general revenues to support operational costs of Waterfire Providence art installations. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Arts Funds.** The Governor's budget includes the enacted level of \$0.8 million from general revenues for grant awards through the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Council for the Humanities.** The Governor recommends the FY 2024 enacted level of \$100,000 from general revenues for the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, the state's designated National Endowment for the Humanities organization, to provide direct grants to civic and cultural organizations throughout the state. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Public Safety

- **Recidivism Study.** The Governor's budget requires the Department of Corrections to conduct a study to evaluate recidivism trends and existing program outcomes. The study would be due to the Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President by March 1, 2025 and include relevant data and findings as well as recommendations to reduce recidivism. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Behavioral Management Unit.** The Governor recommends \$10.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct a behavioral management unit within High Security to provide psychiatric treatment for individuals who need specialized clinical intervention. The approved plan included \$250,000 for FY 2023 for a feasibility study. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.** The Governor's budget identifies use of \$3.0 million for the development of a centralized computer aided dispatch and records management system to be utilized by the Department of Public Safety and participating state and local agencies. It appears that most of this funding will come from E-911 receipt balances. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Vehicle Cameras.** The Governor's budget includes \$0.4 million from general revenues for the third year of a five-year plan to install vehicle cameras in all State Police patrol vehicles. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- ***Indigent Defense Program.*** The Governor’s budget includes \$6.0 million from general revenues for the Judiciary’s indigent defense program for FY 2024 and FY 2025. This is \$1.0 million more than enacted. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Rhode Island Legal Services.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$90,000 from general revenues for Rhode Island Legal Services to provide housing and eviction defense to indigent individuals. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Court Reporters.*** The Governor’s budget adds \$0.2 million from general revenues and 2.0 new full-time equivalent court reporter positions for Superior Court. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Aviation Readiness Center.*** The capital budget recommendation includes \$49.8 million, including \$46.4 million from federal funds and \$3.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct a National Guard Readiness Center to support training, administrative, and logistical requirements of the 1-126 Aviation Unit of the Rhode Island Army National Guard. The recommendation is \$11.4 million more than the approved plan to account for cost increases, including \$0.6 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Counter Drug Training Facility.*** The Governor recommends \$8.3 million, including \$5.2 million from federal Google asset forfeiture funds and \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct a Counter Drug Training Facility at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich. The facility was originally approved assuming only federal funds. The state support represents the shortfall to the construction bid received on the original design. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Repair Squadron Operations Facility.*** The capital budget recommendation includes \$3.4 million, including \$2.8 million from federal funds and \$0.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, for a new project to renovate and upgrade the Air National Guard’s Repair Squadron Operations Facility at Quonset. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Quonset Airway Runway Reconstruction.*** The capital budget recommendation includes \$58.0 million, including \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to reconstruct and upgrade runway 16-34 at Quonset State Airport to military specifications. The proposal is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.3 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, based on Airport Corporation administrative costs. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Quonset Air National Guard Headquarters Facility.*** The capital budget recommendation includes \$38.0 million, including \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct an operations, training, medical, and dining facility on an empty lot at the Quonset Air National Guard Base. Leadership, medical, and support staff would relocate from the current facility. The proposal is \$11.0 million less from federal funds than the approved plan based on a lower than expected construction bid. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Sun Valley Armory.*** The capital budget recommendation includes \$7.6 million, including \$0.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct additional armory and storage space for sensitive equipment at the Sun Valley Armory. State funds will be used for any unforeseen costs above federal appropriations. The proposal is \$0.6 million less from federal funds than the approved plan based on final project estimates. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Emergency Management Agency.*** The Governor recommends adding \$0.8 million from general revenues to support the Emergency Management Agency’s warehouse and two new staff. This includes an assistant Director of Communications and a warehouse manager. The House Finance Committee concurs.

with the warehouse support and position, but does not concur with the Assistant Director of Communications position.

Environment

- ***Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects.*** The recommended budget includes \$1.9 million for FY 2024 and \$0.8 million for FY 2025 from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funds to support the Council's projects. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to include additional expenses in agency budgets. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.
- ***Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Operating and Maintenance Account.*** The Governor proposes legislation authorizing the Office of Energy Resources to assess fees for use of electric vehicle charging stations on state properties effective on January 1, 2025. Fee revenues would be treated as restricted receipts and would be used to help offset the cost of electricity and maintenance of the charging stations. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.*** The Governor proposes to transfer reserves of \$2.0 million from the Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to state general revenues by June 30, 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Seafood Marketing Collaborative.*** The Governor's budget adds \$100,000 from general revenues to support local fishermen and small businesses and increase public awareness and consumption of local seafood products. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Parks and Recreation Staff.*** The Governor recommends adding 12.0 new full-time equivalent positions to replace seasonal employees that support maintenance, security, and public engagement at state parks and beaches. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Litter Removal.*** The FY 2024 enacted budget includes \$100,000 from general revenues to support a new Litter-Free Rhody initiative to encourage removal of trash and litter from state parks, beaches, and management areas. The Governor recommends \$100,000 for FY 2025 to continue the initiative for another year. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$100,000 from general revenues to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island for a veterinarian at the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Marine Mammal Emergency Response.*** The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$150,000 from general revenues to support rescue and rehabilitation programs for marine mammals that become stranded in Rhode Island waters. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Facilities Asset Protection.*** The Governor recommends \$0.8 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection at parks and recreations facilities, consistent with approved funding levels. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- ***Fish and Wildlife Facilities.*** The Governor recommends \$4.9 million from all sources for repairs and renovations to Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. This includes annual payments of \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds matched with annual payments of \$0.6 million from federal grants from the Department of Interior. The House Finance Committee concurs.

- **Fort Adams.** The Governor recommends increased Rhode Island Capital Plan funding for restoration and renovation of Fort Adams in Newport with annual support growing from \$0.3 million for FY 2024 and FY 2025 to \$0.5 million for FY 2026 through FY 2029. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Natural Resources Office and Visitors Center.** The Governor recommends \$19.0 million for the construction of new office facilities and visitor centers for the Divisions of Forestry and Fish and Wildlife. Funding includes \$14.0 million from federal funds and \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$0.7 million less than previously approved. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Recreational Facility Improvements.** The Governor recommends \$74.4 million from FY 2024 through FY 2029 for ongoing plans to address a variety of major capital development projects at state parks, beaches and campgrounds. Funding includes \$22.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$19.9 million from federal funds, and \$32.4 million from general obligation bonds. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Shoreline Access.** The Governor recommends \$25,000 from general revenues to develop and disseminate signage and informational materials that educate the public on the Shoreline Access Bill enacted in June 2023. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Transportation

- **Statewide Litter Campaign.** The budget authorizes the Department of Transportation to fill 10.0 groundskeeper positions within its existing staffing level for the Statewide Litter Campaign to expand efforts to remove trash from state roads. The recommended budget adds \$0.8 million for FY 2024 and \$1.1 million for FY 2025 for operating expenses, including a media campaign, contracted cleaning services, and materials such as trash bags and safety vests. These expenses are offset by savings from existing positions being replaced. The House Finance Committee concurs.
- **Gas Tax Redistribution.** The Governor proposes to codify the current practice for the treatment of the proceeds from the 1-cent for elderly/disabled transportation services in state law by altering the division of that one cent among the program entities. The Office of Healthy Aging provides 79.0 percent of the proceeds to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to purchase transportation services and retains 21.0 percent of the funds for non-emergency transportation expenses. The House Finance Committee maintains current law and requires the Office to reimburse the Authority no later than 15 days of the Authority submitting a request for payment.

General Revenue Surplus Statement

The following table shows the general revenue balances as recommended by the House Finance Committee. The Committee recommends an ending FY 2025 surplus of \$0.6 million, and an operating deficit of \$271.6 million reflecting use of the FY 2024 surplus. The Governor’s budget recommended an ending surplus of \$0.9 million.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Opening Surplus			
Free Surplus	\$ 209,649,745	\$ 412,262,966	\$ 272,233,698
Reappropriated Surplus	19,442,046	45,152,130	-
Adjustment to Opening Surplus	27,093,395	-	-
Adjustment to Fund Balance	243,669,100	14,717,153	-
Subtotal	\$ 499,854,286	\$ 472,132,249	\$ 272,233,698
Revenues			
Actual/Enacted/Estimated	\$ 5,212,664,935	\$ 5,276,275,288	\$ 5,454,200,000
Governor	-	46,939,153	21,053,452
HFC	-	50,385,559	19,948,986
Revenues	\$ 5,212,664,935	\$ 5,373,600,000	\$ 5,495,202,438
Cash Stabilization Fund	(162,669,440)	(173,575,889)	(173,023,084)
Total Available Resources	\$ 5,549,849,781	\$ 5,672,156,360	\$ 5,594,413,052
Expenditures			
Actual/Enacted/Estimated	\$ 5,074,929,254	\$ 5,425,140,429	\$ 5,495,954,661
Reappropriations	-	45,152,130	-
Governor	-	(91,351,615)	4,134,322
HFC	-	(44,018,282)	93,652,507
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,074,929,254	\$ 5,334,922,662	\$ 5,593,741,490
Total Surplus	\$ 474,920,527	\$ 337,233,698	\$ 671,562
Transfers	(17,505,431)	(65,000,000)	(100,000)
Reappropriations	(45,152,130)	-	-
Free Surplus	\$ 412,262,966	\$ 272,233,698	\$ 571,562
<i>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>(5,491,713)</i>	<i>(89,746,421)</i>	<i>(271,562,136)</i>
Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve	\$ 278,933,475	\$ 271,115,734	\$ 289,293,148
Percent of Revenues	5.4%	5.0%	5.3%

The Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Account, the “rainy day fund” would have ending balances of \$278.9 million in FY 2023, \$271.1 million in FY 2024 and \$289.3 million in FY 2025. The account receives 3.0 percent of general revenues plus free surplus annually. The FY 2024 budget also created a supplemental reserve fund to which it contributed \$55.0 million. It also dedicated half of any unexpected excess revenues at fiscal close; audited data shows that to be \$6.5 million. The Governor proposed repealing the excess transfer provision and recapturing those funds in FY 2024; the House Finance Committee does not recommend the repeal.

Section II

Adjustments to Governor's FY 2025 Budget

	FY 2025 Changes to Governor	Gen. Rev.	Federal	Restricted	Other	Total
	Revenue Changes					
1	May Revenue Estimate	10,642,502	-	-	-	10,642,502
2	Corporate Minimum to Current Law	2,530,900	-	-	-	2,530,900
3	ENDS Regulatory	(3,078,184)	-	-	-	(3,078,184)
4	Eleanor Slater DSH Payment	7,000,000	-	-	-	7,000,000
5	Eleanor Slater Hospital License Fee	2,853,768	-	-	-	2,853,768
6	Group Home Facility Improvement Fund	[-100,000]	-	-	-	[-100,000]
	<i>Other Fund Sources</i>	-	123,122,957	11,482,314	42,806,651	177,411,922
	Total	19,948,986	123,122,957	11,482,314	42,806,651	197,360,908
	Expenditures Changes					
	Statewide					
7	Pension Plan Revisions	20,600,000	3,600,000	1,100,000	2,200,000	27,500,000
	Administration					
8	Artificial Intelligence Cybersecurity Task Force	(150,000)	-	-	-	(150,000)
9	Capital - Cranston Street Armory	-	-	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
10	Capital - DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	-	-	-	4,000,000	4,000,000
11	Capital - Old State House (GBA)	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
12	Capital - Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	-	-	-	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)
13	Capital - Pastore Center Infrastructure	-	-	-	(2,805,000)	(2,805,000)
14	Capital - Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	-	-	-	855,000	855,000
15	Capital - Statewide Facility Master Plan	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
16	DCAMM Project Managers	1,663,950	-	-	-	1,663,950
17	E-Bike Rebates	(250,000)	-	-	-	(250,000)
18	Electric Leaf Blower Rebates	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
19	Electric Vehicles Rebate Program (GBA)	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
20	ERP Maintenance Expenses - Correction (GBA)	-	-	(300,000)	-	(300,000)
21	FEMA Contingency Reserve - From FY 2024	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000
22	Garrahy Garage - Debt	(400,000)	-	-	-	(400,000)
23	Library Aid - Full Funding	380,114	-	-	-	380,114
24	MBE/WBE Certification	(500,000)	-	-	-	(500,000)
25	Wrongful Convictions Shift from FY 2024	561,446	-	-	-	561,446
	Business Regulation					
26	Capital - Fire Academy Expansion	-	-	-	5,115,000	5,115,000
27	Fire Academy Battery Fire Training	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
28	Rate Review Program Changes (GBA)	(386,136)	(96,820)	-	-	(482,956)
29	Turnover Savings	(100,000)	-	-	-	(100,000)
30	Vehicle Error Correction	-	-	(116,280)	-	(116,280)

	FY 2025 Changes to Governor	Gen. Rev.	Federal	Restricted	Other	Total
	Executive Office of Commerce					
31	Medical Primary Care Scholarship - Wavemaker	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
32	Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
33	Polaris	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
34	Small Business Assistance Capitalization	(2,000,000)	-	-	-	(2,000,000)
35	Statewide Coastal Resilience Plan - Infrastructure Bank	750,000	-	-	-	750,000
36	Supply RI Current Service	(250,000)	-	-	-	(250,000)
	Housing					
37	ARPA - Homelessness Assistance Program	-	17,300,000	-	-	17,300,000
38	Housing Resources and Homelessness Fund	-	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
	Labor and Training					
39	Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects (GBA)	-	-	(75,000)	-	(75,000)
40	Workers' Compensation System Study	(200,000)	-	-	-	(200,000)
	Revenue					
41	Capital - Lottery Building Renovations	-	-	-	690,000	690,000
42	Taxation Staffing Capacity	950,000	-	-	-	950,000
43	Warwick Airport Audit	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
	Secretary of State					
44	Capital - RI Archives and History Center	-	-	-	(3,257,444)	(3,257,444)
45	Elections Expenses	140,000	-	-	-	140,000
46	Semiquincentennial Commission	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
	Office of the General Treasurer					
47	Medical Debt Purchase	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
	Board of Elections					
48	Voting Equipment Contract (GBA)	525,658	-	-	-	525,658
	Ethics Commission					
49	Centralized IT Services Correction (GBA)	(64,835)	-	-	-	(64,835)
	Public Utilities Commission					
50	Commission Financial Analyst (1.0 FTE)	-	-	156,248	-	156,248
	Executive Office of Health and Human Services					
51	Adult Dental into MC Plans	(11,460)	1,476,402	-	-	1,464,942
52	Ambulatory Dental Rates	352,080	447,920	-	-	800,000
53	Chiropractic Rates	177,358	380,034	-	-	557,392

	FY 2025 Changes to Governor	Gen. Rev.	Federal	Restricted	Other	Total
54	DSH Payment - ESH	3,058,300	3,941,700	-	-	7,000,000
55	Home and Community Based Services - ARPA (GBA)	-	3,342,432	5,684,904	-	9,027,336
56	Hospital Care Transitions Initiative	250,000	250,000	-	-	500,000
57	Initiative Implementation Support	1,250,000	3,750,000	-	-	5,000,000
58	Ladders to Licensure	750,000	-	-	-	750,000
59	May Caseload Conference - Medicaid	(38,906,939)	(59,781,984)	(200,000)	-	(98,888,923)
60	MMIS - Volume Decline	(1,000,000)	(3,000,000)	-	-	(4,000,000)
61	Nursing Facilities Conversion Assistance	225,000	-	-	-	225,000
62	Nursing Facilities Rate Revisions - Completed	(172,500)	(172,500)	-	-	(345,000)
63	OHIC Rate Increase Full	40,270,920	62,937,080	-	-	103,208,000
64	Opioid Funds (GBA)	-	-	(3,232,558)	-	(3,232,558)
65	School District Medicaid Rate Increases	-	9,450,000	-	-	9,450,000
66	Skilled Home Care Services - Rates	83,000	101,000	-	-	184,000
67	The Work Number Shift from DHS	723,657	2,189,744	-	-	2,913,401
	Children, Youth and Families					
68	Adoption and Foster Care	5,035,000	425,000	-	-	5,460,000
69	ARPA - Provider Workforce Stabilization Payments	-	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
70	Comprehensive Needs Study	200,000	100,000	-	-	300,000
71	Congregate Care Programs and Services	1,600,000	460,000	-	-	2,060,000
72	Home Based Programming Expansion	13,950,000	7,950,000	-	-	21,900,000
73	Rate Setting Consultant	1,000,000	500,000	-	-	1,500,000
74	Turnover Restoration	3,700,000	900,000	-	-	4,600,000
	Health					
75	Capital - New Health Lab Building (GBA)	-	11,148,468	-	(1,000,000)	10,148,468
76	Health Equity Zones	-	-	900,000	-	900,000
77	Opioid Settlement Funds (GBA)	-	-	325,000	-	325,000
78	Primary Care Training Sites	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000
	Human Services					
79	Capital - Veterans Cemetery Asset Protection (GBA)	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
80	Child Care Eligibility Increase to 261%	-	3,287,519	-	-	3,287,519
81	Child Care for Childcare Workers Pilot Extension	-	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000
82	Child Care Rates	-	3,350,000	-	-	3,350,000
83	Day One	33,000	-	-	-	33,000
84	Elderly Transportation Services (GBA)	(14,530)	-	-	(184,769)	(199,299)
85	Hardship Program	(90,000)	-	-	-	(90,000)
86	Higher Ground International	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
87	May Caseload Conference - Cash Assistance	(184,204)	(3,402,311)	-	-	(3,586,515)
88	OHA Medicaid Program Correction (GBA)	1,280,799	1,299,722	-	-	2,580,521

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89	OHA/RIPTA - Gas Tax at Current Law	-	-	-	3,376,207	3,376,207
90	OHIC Rate Increase Full	1,145,090	1,656,840			2,801,930
91	ORS - CNOM Eligibility Expansion	(94,400)	334,400	-	-	240,000
92	OVS - Digitization Project	(250,000)	-	-	-	(250,000)
93	RI Works - Benefits	-	5,400,000	-	-	5,400,000
94	RI Works - Full Family Sanction Elimination	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
95	The Work Number to EOHHS	(1,640,674)	(1,166,853)	-	-	(2,807,527)
96	United Way - 211	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
	BHDDH					
97	Capital - DD Residential Support (GBA)	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
98	CFCM Technology Expenses (GBA)	(122,892)	-	-	-	(122,892)
99	Consent Decree - Independent Facilitators (18 FTE) (GBA)	959,394	959,394	-	-	1,918,788
100	Eleanor Slater Hospital - License Fee	594,232	2,259,536	-	-	2,853,768
101	ESH - Fence Construction from FY 2024 (GBA)	344,000	-	-	-	344,000
102	ESH Vehicles Shift from FY 2024 (GBA)	47,501	59,845	-	-	107,346
103	Group Home Facility Improvement Fund (GBA)	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
104	May Caseload Conference - Private Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	(16,155,892)	(22,116,900)	-	-	(38,272,792)
105	OHIC Rate Increase Full	183,990	206,080	-	-	390,070
106	Out-of-State Facility Contract - Expired	(1,500,000)	-	-	-	(1,500,000)
107	RICLAS Vehicles Shift from FY 2024 (GBA)	152,507	192,141	-	-	344,648
108	RISPH - Equipment	(150,000)	-	-	-	(150,000)
109	Student Assistance Funds Correction (GBA)	-	-	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
	Office of the Child Advocate					
110	Staffing Expansion (3.0 FTE)	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
	Governor's Commission on Disabilities					
111	Holiday Pay Correction (GBA)	1,424	-	-	-	1,424
112	Statewide Independent Living Program (GBA)	-	255,000	-	-	255,000
	Elementary & Secondary Education					
113	Capital - Davies School Health Care Classroom Improvements	-	-	-	6,886,250	6,886,250
114	Capital - Davies School HVAC	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
115	Capital - Davies School Wing Renovation	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
116	Career and Technical Education (1.0 FTE)	2,120,000	-	-	-	2,120,000

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117	Davies Personnel Correction (GBA)	676,360	-	-	-	676,360
118	Early Childhood Support (-1.0 FTE)	(119,529)	-	-	-	(119,529)
119	Education Aid - Core Instruction to Current Law	26,347,523	-	-	-	26,347,523
120	Education Aid - ELL to 20%	(6,557,450)	-	-	-	(6,557,450)
121	Education Aid March Update	13,378,325	-	-	-	13,378,325
122	Educator Preparation Site Visits	(150,000)	-	-	-	(150,000)
123	ESSER Funds Correction	-	5,128,209	-	-	5,128,209
124	Healthy Environments Advance Learning Grant (3.0 FTE)	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
125	Math and English Language Arts Coaches	(10,000,000)	-	-	-	(10,000,000)
126	Recovery High School Closure	(500,000)	-	-	-	(500,000)
127	School for the Deaf Transformation Grants (GBA)	-	-	-	(59,000)	(59,000)
	Higher Education					
128	Affordability Study Correction	(100,000)	-	-	-	(100,000)
129	ARPA - Foster Care Youth Scholarship (GBA)	-	1,021,859	-	-	1,021,859
130	Capital - CCRI Data Cabling and Power Infrastructure	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
131	Capital - RIC Clarke Science Building (GBA)	-	-	-	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
132	CCRI Insurance and Janitorial Rebase	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
133	Institute for Labor Studies and Research	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
134	Onward We Learn	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
135	Promise May Update	(500,000)	-	-	-	(500,000)
136	URI - Operating Support	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
	Attorney General					
137	Health Care Litigation	-	-	200,000	-	200,000
	Judicial					
138	Coalition Against Domestic Violence	270,000	-	-	-	270,000
139	Turnover	(200,000)	-	-	-	(200,000)
	Military Staff					
140	Active Duty Funeral Honors (GBA)	169,665	-	-	-	169,665
	Public Safety					
141	ARPA - Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence from FY 2024	-	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000
142	Body - Worn Camera Project Shift from FY 2024	11,500,000	-	-	-	11,500,000
143	Capital - Asset Protection	-	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000
144	Capital - New Southern Barracks	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
145	Capital - Training Academy Upgrades	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
146	GO Team Support	400,000	-	-	-	400,000

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147	State Police - State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund	(101,066)	-	-	-	(101,066)
148	State Police Training Academy (GBA)	1,187,360	-	-	-	1,187,360
	Public Defender					
149	Legal Staff Enhancement	750,000	-	-	-	750,000
	Emergency Management Agency					
150	Assistant Director Communications (-1.0 FTE)	(194,055)	-	-	-	(194,055)
151	Public Safety Warehouse (GBA)	36,000	-	-	-	36,000
	Environmental Management					
152	Capital - Dam Repair	-	-	-	(4,800,000)	(4,800,000)
153	Capital - Galilee Piers	-	-	-	1,800,000	1,800,000
154	Capital - Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
155	Conservation Districts	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
156	Forestry Staffing (2.0 FTE)	180,416	-	-	-	180,416
157	Local Agriculture and Seafood Base Grant	(200,000)	-	-	-	(200,000)
	Transportation					
158	ARPA - Municipal Roads Grants Program	-	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
159	ARPA - RIPTA Operating Grant	-	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
160	ARPA - Washington Bridge Project (GBA)	-	35,000,000	-	-	35,000,000
161	Capital - Highway Improvement Program	-	-	-	20,000,000	20,000,000
162	DOT - HMA and Gas Tax DOT Yield	-	-	-	14,384,490	14,384,490
163	Gantries - Maintenance and Operations	-	-	-	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
164	Gas Tax – GARVEE Bonds Yield	-	-	-	114,604	114,604
165	Gas Tax - Turnpike and Bridge Authority Yield	-	-	-	200,557	200,557
166	HMA - 5% to General Fund Adjustment	-	-	-	365,636	365,636
167	Lease Expense - 288 Allens Avenue	-	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
168	OHA/RIPTA - Gas Tax at Current Law	-	-	-	(3,330,939)	(3,330,939)
169	RIPTA - Gas Tax Yield and HMA	-	-	-	906,059	906,059
170	RIPTA URI Mobility Hub Technical Correction	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	93,652,507	123,122,957	11,482,314	42,806,651	271,064,429

FY 2025 Changes to Governor

Revenue

1. **May Revenue Estimate.** The May 2024 Revenue Estimating Conference increased the FY 2025 estimate to \$5,463.9 million based on its FY 2024 revisions and the new economic forecast. The estimate is \$9.7 million more than the November estimate and \$10.6 million more than the Governor's recommended level, adjusted for recommended changes that could not be included in the estimate.
2. **Corporate Minimum to Current Law.** The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to reduce the corporate minimum tax from \$400 to \$350 effective January 1, 2025. This was last decreased from \$450 to \$400 effective January 1, 2017, and had been as high as \$500. The FY 2025 revenue loss would be \$2.5 million annualizing to \$4.7 million in FY 2026.
3. **ENDS Tax Structure.** The Governor's budget assumes \$5.3 million in revenues from transferring the regulatory authority for electronic nicotine delivery systems from the Department of Health to the Division of Taxation and subjecting these products to the 80.0 percent of wholesale tax for other tobacco products. The House Finance Committee concurs with the regulatory transfer but recommends a tax system that accounts for both volume and price and assumes a start date of January 1, 2025. This is expected to yield \$3.1 million less for FY 2025.
4. **Eleanor Slater DSH Payment.** The House Finance Committee recommends \$7.0 million in additional revenue from recognizing a payment for uncompensated care expenses at Eleanor Slater Hospital available through excess disproportionate share payments to hospital funds. There are offsetting expenditures matched by Medicaid in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' budget.
5. **Eleanor Slater Hospital License Fee.** The House Finance Committee recommends a FY 2025 hospital license fee for Eleanor Slater Hospital at 5.25 percent of 2023 revenues. This would total \$4.0 million, which is \$2.9 million more than the Governor's recommendation to maintain the same rate and 2022 base year revenues.
6. **Group Home Facility Improvement Fund.** Subsequent to his budget submission, the Governor requested an amendment to transfer \$100,000 from general revenues to the proposed Group Home Facility Improvement Fund by July 15, 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs and adjusts available resources accordingly.

Statewide Discussion

7. **Pension Plan Revisions.** The House Finance Committee recommends a number of changes to the pension plan affecting retirees and active members. These revisions make changes to the cost-of-living adjustment, pension benefit calculation, public safety pensions, and two post-retirement employment provisions. The House Finance Committee recommends repealing the 80 percent target for the return of cost-of-living adjustments for members that retired before July 1, 2012 and decreasing the threshold for return from 80 percent to 75 percent for all others. It recommends changing the calculation for pension benefits from the highest five consecutive years of compensation to highest three consecutive years. It would also provide state public safety employees the same retirement benefits as local public safety and increase the employee contribution from 8.75 percent to 10.0 percent. The proposal would increase the pay that a retired teacher is able to earn without suspension of benefits from \$18,000 to \$25,000. Finally, it would extend the sunset one year to June 20, 2025 on the removal of restrictions in terms of number of days worked or earnings that a retired state employee, teacher or municipal employee may be employed or reemployed by a local educational agency without forfeiting retirement benefits and require the employer to make contributions to the retirement system as if the retiree had been hired as a new employee. All of

these changes would increase required state contributions by \$27.5 million for FY 2025. Of that amount, \$20.6 million would be from general revenues. The unfunded liability would increase by approximately \$400 million. The proposed changes would also increase local costs by \$15.1 million.

Administration

8. Artificial Intelligence Cybersecurity Task Force. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to include new general revenue expenses of \$150,000 to support an Artificial Intelligence Cybersecurity Task Force that would be convened to make recommendations to minimize risks to the public and private sectors.

9. Capital - Cranston Street Armory. The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$7.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2029 for the Cranston Street Armory. No specific project has been identified and only \$0.1 million of the \$2.3 million included for FY 2024 has been spent as of the third quarter. The House Finance Committee recommends \$6.0 million less through FY 2026 pending a plan for use of the funds. This includes reductions of \$2.0 million for FY 2024, \$3.0 million for FY 2025 and \$1.0 million for FY 2026.

10. Capital - DoIT Enterprise Operations Center. The revised budget includes \$4.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, server room upgrades, and asset protection for the Enterprise Operations Center in Warwick. The state purchased the building in 2009, completed a major renovation and moved in November 2011. Based on a project delay, the House Finance Committee shifts \$4.0 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

11. Capital - Old State House (GBA). The capital budget includes a total of \$2.8 million from all sources, including \$1.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.3 million from federal funds that the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission was awarded for accessibility projects at the Old State House. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add an additional \$1.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2025 based on bids received, for total project costs of \$4.2 million.

12. Capital - Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection. The recommended capital budget includes \$12.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2029, including \$10.0 million to address issues that may emerge in the buildings. The Governor subsequently requested two amendments, adding \$0.6 million for FY 2024 for renovation expenses to the Adolph Myer building for patient relocation from the Regan Building, and reducing FY 2025 recommended expenses of \$4.5 million by \$2.1 million. The House Finance Committee concurs with the requested amendments and further reduces recommended expenses in the out-years by \$1.0 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

13. Capital - Pastore Center Infrastructure. The capital budget includes a total of \$123.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds through FY 2029, \$8.5 million more than the approved plan, to make infrastructure improvements to the Pastore Center. This includes \$58.5 million to identify and address deficiencies with respect to water supply and distribution, \$54.0 million for electrical improvements, and \$11.0 million for other expenses. Based on anticipated expenses, the Governor requested amendments to reduce expenses by \$2.4 million for FY 2024 and \$2.8 million for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs and further reduces funding in the outyears by \$5.0 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027, as the project timeline is being developed. It includes a total project cost of \$108.3 million, or \$6.7 million less than the approved plan.

14. Capital - Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection. The Governor's recommended capital plan includes a total of \$44.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$13.0 million for FY 2024 and \$9.6 million for FY 2025 for various projects to non-hospital buildings at

the Pastore Center. He subsequently requested amendments, adding \$0.6 million for FY 2024 and \$0.9 million for FY 2025, reflecting anticipated expenses for the Division of Motor Vehicles inspection garage and chiller and control upgrades in the Center General buildings. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amendments, and reduces expenses in the later years by \$1.4 million annually for FY 2027 through FY 2029, as specific projects have not yet been identified.

15. Capital - Statewide Facility Master Plan. Consistent with the approved plan, the revised budget includes \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 for a statewide deferred maintenance study. Subsequently, the administration indicated that it would not be pursuing the study and projects new expenses of \$0.5 million for other projects, including a security study and facility assessments for group homes. The House Finance Committee includes funding consistent with the Department's revised project costs.

16. DCAMM Project Managers. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to allocate salary and benefit expenses for project managers and architects from general revenues to Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Governor's recommendation assumed these expenses could be absorbed within existing project authorizations. The House Finance Committee restored the general revenue funding and includes \$0.3 million of turnover savings and staffing cost allocation for a net increase of \$1.7 million.

17. E-Bike Rebates. The Governor's recommended budget includes new expenses of \$500,000 from general revenues for FY 2025 for the electric bike rebate program, which provides a rebate of up to \$750 on the purchase of an electric bike and each household is limited to two rebates. The program is currently supported by Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council resources. The House Finance Committee includes \$250,000 from general revenues to supplement resources for the program.

18. Electric Leaf Blower Rebates. The House Finance Committee recommends \$250,000 from general revenues for a new electric leaf blower rebate program, which would be administered by the Office of Energy Resources. The goal is to encourage commercial landscapers to adopt zero-emissions technology which would reduce air and noise pollution and their impacts on residents and workers.

19. Electric Vehicles Rebate Program (GBA). Launched in July 2022, the Electric Vehicles Rebate Program provides a rebate of up to \$2,500 for the purchase or lease of new electric vehicles, \$1,500 for used battery electric vehicles, and up to \$750 for used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. It also provides additional incentives if certain income and residency requirements are met. For FY 2024, the program is being supported with funds from the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$2.0 million from restricted receipts from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank Clean Energy Fund for the program for FY 2025. Funds will also be used for a new electric vehicle charging adapter pilot program for residential electric vehicle charging stations.

20. ERP Maintenance Expenses - Correction (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove \$0.3 million of restricted receipt expenses that were inadvertently budgeted in the Department of Administration for maintenance of the Enterprise Resource Planning System. Expenses to maintain the system are included in user-agency budgets.

21. FEMA Contingency Reserve - From FY 2024. The revised budget includes the required reappropriation of \$5.0 million from general revenues provided as a contingency reserve for COVID-19 related expenses, in the event reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency differ from budgeted assumptions. Since FY 2020, the state has been reimbursed \$640 million; \$8.1 million of expenditures remain under review. The House Finance Committee shifts the reserve funding to FY 2025.

22. Garrahy Garage - Debt. The 2014 Assembly authorized the Convention Center Authority to issue up to \$45.0 million for the construction of the garage and the bonds were issued in March 2018; the garage opened in 2020. The annual debt service is \$3.0 million and operating expenditures for FY 2025 are projected at \$1.1 million, for total expenses of \$4.1 million. The Authority anticipates revenues of \$3.6 million based on occupancy and collections through March, leaving a gap of about \$0.5 million. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$0.9 million from general revenues and the House Finance Committee recommends reducing that by \$0.4 million to reflect the updated revenues.

23. Library Aid - Full Funding. Under current law, the state supports local libraries via grants-in-aid at a level equivalent to 25.0 percent of the amount appropriated and expended from local tax revenues in the second prior fiscal year by the municipalities in which the libraries are located, subject to appropriation. The House Finance Committee recommends \$11.9 million from general revenues for full funding. This is \$0.4 million more than the Governor's recommendation which represents 24.2 percent reimbursement.

24. MBE/WBE Certification. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to include new general revenue expenses of \$500,000 for the Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to expand efforts to register and certify minority-owned and women-owned businesses to increase their participation in state procurements. It appears that some of these efforts are being duplicated. The mandated annual report on the status of achieving participation requirements is due October 1, 2024, and the updated disparity study for which the budget includes a separate \$0.5 million will be conducted in FY 2025.

25. Wrongful Convictions Shift from FY 2024. The revised budget includes \$761,946 from general revenues for FY 2024, including \$511,946 reappropriated from FY 2023 to compensate individuals who were wrongfully convicted of crimes and incarcerated. Through the third quarter, \$200,500 has been spent and no additional expenses will be incurred. The House Finance Committee shifts \$561,446 from FY 2024 to FY 2025, reflecting a delay in settlements.

Business Regulation

26. Capital - Fire Academy Expansion. The Governor recommends \$8.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, consistent with the approved plan, to expand the State Fire Academy in Exeter. Funds are programmed at \$5.7 million for FY 2024, \$1.9 million for FY 2025, and \$0.7 million for FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs but recommends shifting \$5.1 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on updates from the Department.

27. Fire Academy Battery Fire Training. The House Finance Committee recommends \$60,000 from general revenues for FY 2025 for the State Fire Academy to provide additional training associated with battery fires in electric vehicles to firefighters from departments across the state.

28. Rate Review Program Changes (GBA). The Governor requests an amendment to split the biennial comprehensive rate and program review of social and human services programs into four annual reports, expand the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's discretion, and advance some due dates. Consistent with these changes, he recommends \$1.0 million for FY 2025, including \$0.7 million from general revenues and \$0.3 million from federal funds. This is \$0.5 million less than his initial recommendation and also reflects a correction to expected Medicaid matching funds. The House Finance Committee does not recommend the statutory changes but concurs with the amended spending recommendation to do the work required under current law.

29. Turnover Savings. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$0.1 million in general revenue turnover savings, which assumes a portion of the current high vacancy rate persists into FY 2025.

30. Vehicle Error Correction. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.1 million less from restricted receipts for FY 2025 to correct an error in the Department's request and Governor's recommendation regarding one-time vehicle purchases for FY 2024.

Executive Office of Commerce

31. Medical Primary Care Scholarship - Wavemaker. The Governor recommends \$3.6 million from general revenues for the Wavemaker Fellowship program for student loan repayment tax credits. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.5 million more and reserves these additional funds for awards to primary care medical doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

32. Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program. The House Finance Committee recommends providing \$3.0 million from general revenues to fund grants in connection with the municipal infrastructure grant program authorized under Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 42-11.4. This brings total state allocations to this program since FY 2022 to \$6.5 million.

33. Polaris. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.5 million from general revenues, \$50,000 more than enacted and recommended, for the Polaris Manufacturing Extension Partnership to support manufacturers through training and consultation. The Executive Office indicates that increased state support makes the nonprofit a stronger contender to receive additional federal National Institute of Science and Technology funds.

34. Small Business Assistance Capitalization. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to add \$2.0 million from general revenues to capitalize the Small Business Assistance Program. From FY 2022 to FY 2024, the Assembly has appropriated \$3.3 million, including \$2.0 million by the 2023 Assembly. The Corporation indicates that \$3.5 million is still available to make additional loans. The program appears to be sufficiently capitalized.

35. Statewide Coastal Resilience Plan - Infrastructure Bank. The House Finance Committee recommends \$750,000 from general revenues for the Infrastructure Bank to prepare a statewide coastal resilience plan. The plan is intended to improve coordination and prepare a short- and long-term strategy for coastal climate change resilience and adaptation, which will aid in applying for Federal Emergency Management Agency preparedness funding. Work will be conducted with the Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Resource Management Council, and municipalities.

36. Supply RI Current Service. The FY 2024 enacted budget includes \$1.0 million from general revenues, \$0.7 million more than FY 2023, to support the small business promotion program known as Supply RI. The increase reflects one-time upgrades, a study, and expanded programming. The Governor recommends \$1.0 million for FY 2025 to continue this expanded level of support. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.3 million less, consistent with outyear current service estimates.

Housing

37. ARPA - Homelessness Assistance Program (GBA). The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$21.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide housing navigation, stabilization and mental health services for people experiencing homelessness. He subsequently requested an amendment to add \$16.6 million and proposed language to permit the Secretary of Housing to reallocate up to \$2.0 million of funds unspent as of September 30, 2024 from other Department State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs to this or the related \$45.0 million ARPA - Homelessness Infrastructure program. The House Finance Committee does not include the proposed reallocation authority and recommends adding \$17.3 million.

38. Housing Resources and Homelessness Fund. The Governor requested a budget amendment to eliminate the whole unit short-term rental exemption from the 5.0 percent State Hotel Tax effective January 1, 2025 and dedicate those revenues to the current Housing Resources Commission account, changing both allowable uses and oversight. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the tax change but does recommend \$10.0 million from general revenues in FY 2024 to recapitalize the account. The Committee recommends increasing spending for FY 2025 by \$5.0 million from restricted receipts and recommends that oversight be transferred to the Department with consultation from the Commission on December 31, 2024 provided that the Department has submitted a state housing organization plan, including suggested statutory revision.

Labor and Training

39. Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to shift \$75,000 from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative restricted receipt funds from FY 2025 to FY 2024 based on the timing of planned expenditures. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$75,000 in each FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the Governor's Workforce Board to establish a grant program related to environmental education, professional development, and youth apprenticeships or internships.

40. Workers' Compensation System Study. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal for new general revenue expenditures of \$200,000 for FY 2025 for the Department of Labor and Training to produce a study of the components of the state's workers' compensation system. The Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund is supported by an annual assessment on insurance companies, self-insured employers, and municipalities covered under the Workers' Compensation Act. The fund supports workers' compensation administrative, investigatory, and data collections costs; its education unit; and the rehabilitation services provided by the Arrigan Rehabilitation Center; as well as the actuarial analyses and administrative adjudication costs.

Revenue

41. Capital - Lottery Building Renovations. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$690,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for lottery building renovations from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on an updated project schedule. Total funding of \$850,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds is as recommended.

42. Taxation Staffing Capacity. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$24.9 million for salary and benefit costs for 227.0 full-time equivalent positions for the Division of Taxation. This includes \$2.3 million of turnover savings equivalent to 32.4 vacant positions. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$950,000 from general revenues to allow for increased staffing capacity to maintain current service revenue expectations.

43. Warwick Airport Audit. The House Finance Committee recommends \$500,000 from general revenues for the city of Warwick in accordance with Section 1-2-17 of the General Laws that requires such a payment in the event the Federal Aviation Administration disapproves municipal compensation services paid by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. A recently completed audit disallowed certain payments made by the airport to Warwick, thus triggering the statutory \$500,000 payment.

Secretary of State

44. Capital - RI Archives and History Center. The Governor recommends \$101.7 million, including \$60.0 million from new general obligation bond funds to go before the voters in November 2024, \$10.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$31.7 million from unidentified private funding to build

a new State Archives and History center, the site for which is not determined yet. The current archives is in leased space. The House Finance Committee recommends providing \$500,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2025 for further analysis and options including site selection and options for a facility that could be expanded in phases over time. The recommendation also maintains \$4.5 million for FY 2027 pending the outcome of that study.

45. Elections Expenses. The Governor's recommendation for cyclical election expenses is lower than the Secretary of State estimated as required. This was based on prior spending and omitted increases requested for printing, postage and voter outreach. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$140,000 from general revenues to fund the original request.

46. Semiquincentennial Commission. The Governor recommends \$174,410 from general revenues to support staff and programming for the Semiquincentennial Commission created by the 2021 Assembly to prepare celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the country's founding. While this is \$74,410 more than enacted to cover staff support, it is \$400,000 less than requested for additional programming needs of the Commission. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$150,000 to provide a total of \$324,410 for FY 2025. It also recommends increasing the staffing authorization by 1.0 position to accommodate the proper classification of the current staff support.

Office of the General Treasurer

47. Medical Debt Purchase. The House Finance Committee recommends a new one-time appropriation of \$1.0 million from general revenues to discharge certain medical debt for eligible Rhode Islanders. To be eligible, residents would need to have outstanding medical debt that equals 5.0 percent or more of their annual income and more than \$600 or have a household income that is **not** more than 400 percent of federal poverty. The General Treasurer would enter into an agreement with a qualified nonprofit to purchase the medical debt of Rhode Island residents that have gone into collections and are being sold by the original or any subsequent creditor.

Board of Elections

48. Voting Equipment Contract (GBA). The 2023 Assembly enacted legislation requiring the Board of Elections, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit the specifications for new equipment. Subsequent to the Governor's budget recommendation, which reduced enacted expenses, it was reported that the Board had signed a new four-year equipment contract totaling \$2.1 million, of which \$0.3 million is due for FY 2024. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$0.3 million from general revenues for the new contract in FY 2024 and \$0.5 million in FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Ethics Commission

49. Centralized IT Services Correction (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to reduce general revenue funding for the Ethics Commission's case management system by \$64,835 to correct an inadvertent overstatement. The adjusted funding level would be sufficient to complete the full case management system, including financial disclosure and advisory opinions.

Public Utilities Commission

50. Commission Financial Analyst (1.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.2 million from restricted receipts and 1.0 full-time equivalent chief financial analyst position for the Public Utilities Commission to assist in the evaluation and analyses that support the Commissioners' review

of cases. The Commission cited the rapid growth and complexity in the utility cases it reviews as the reason for requesting this position which the Governor did not recommend.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

51. Adult Dental into MC Plans. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.5 million, including \$11,460 less from general revenues, to shift adult dental services to the managed care plans. This change would be effective January 1, 2025 and allow adults access to the same dental package currently provided to children and young adults through the RItE Smiles program.

52. Ambulatory Dental Rates. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.8 million, including \$0.4 million from general revenues, to increase Medicaid reimbursements rates for dental procedures performed in an ambulatory surgical center to 95 percent of the rates included in the Medicare Part B Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System as of January 1, 2024. The reimbursement rates will be annually updated starting January 1, 2025.

53. Chiropractic Rates. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.6 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues, to increase chiropractic rates through the Medicaid program.

54. DSH Payment - ESH. The House Finance Committee recommends \$7.0 million, including \$3.1 million from general revenues, for uncompensated care payments for services provided at Eleanor Slater Hospital. There is an offsetting revenue adjustment.

55. Home and Community Based Services - ARPA (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to adjust expenses to reflect the current plan for projects funded from the time-limited program that allows for the enhanced Medicaid reimbursement on eligible home- and community-based services included in the American Rescue Plan Act to be reinvested to expand services with spending by March 31, 2025. The amendment reduces funding for FY 2024 by \$2.3 million, including \$7.3 million less from restricted receipts and \$5.0 million more from federal funds. For FY 2025, expenses increase by \$9.0 million, including \$5.7 million from [restricted receipts](#) and \$3.3 million from [federal funds](#).

56. Hospital Care Transitions Initiative. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.5 million from all sources, subject to Medicaid approval, for the Hospital Care Transitions for the Rhode Island Parents Information Network to provide certified community health workers to discharge teams at three hospitals: South County, Kent and Rhode Island Hospital. The intent is to prevent Medicaid-financed extended stays in skilled nursing facilities. Funding for the program was through a two-year \$1.0 million federal Money Follows the Person grant through the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

57. Initiative Implementation Support. The House Finance Committee recommends \$5.0 million, including \$1.3 million from general revenues, for expenses such as system changes and contractor support associated with implementing the several budget initiatives recommended for FY 2025.

58. Ladders to Licensure. The House Finance Committee recommends \$750,000 from general revenues for the first year of a three-year Ladders to Licensure grant program totaling \$5.0 million. The program was included in the Executive Office's budget request to support partnerships between healthcare and education providers to develop career ladders that address critical workforce shortages and increase the supply and diversity of the health professional workforce. While not included in the Governor's budget recommendation, it was developed as part of the Rhode Island Health and Human Services Workforce Initiative.

59. May Caseload Conference - Medicaid. The House Finance Committee recommends decreasing medical assistance expenses by \$98.9 million for FY 2025 to reflect the May Caseload Estimating

Conference estimate. This includes updated expenses that reflect rate increases, projected utilization, and delayed initiatives. Accounting for the remaining changes already assumed in the Governor's budget, FY 2025 spending is estimated to be \$59.8 million less from federal funds, \$38.9 million less from general revenues, and \$0.2 million less from restricted receipts.

60. MMIS -Volume Decline. The House Finance Committee recommends savings of \$4.0 million, including \$1.0 million from general revenues, to reflect an anticipated reduction in transactions and claim processing through the Medicaid Management Information System from the public health unwinding. A portion of the billings are linked to volume and this adjustment recognizes the decrease in overall enrollment in the Medicaid program and associated decline in claims processing activity.

61. Nursing Facilities Conversion Assistance. The House Finance Committee recommends \$225,000 from general revenues to support nonprofit nursing facilities that are converting licensed capacity from nursing home beds to assisted living ones.

62. Nursing Facilities Rate Revisions - Completed. The Governor's recommendation retains the one-time amount of \$345,000, including \$172,500 from general revenues, needed in FY 2024 to complete the statutorily required rate revision for nursing facilities. The review was completed and formally submitted in April and the House Finance Committee excludes the funding in FY 2025.

63. OHIC Rate Increase Full. The House Finance Committee recommends fully funding the results of the rate review and adds \$103.2 million, including \$40.3 million from general revenues. This would bring total funding to \$163.4 million, of which \$61.7 million is from general revenues. The Governor's recommendation includes \$57.0 million for the first year of a three-year plan to increase reimbursement rates.

64. Opioid Funds (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendments to reduce restricted receipt expenses from opioid settlement funding by \$3.2 million, for a total of \$22.0 million, to reflect updated payment schedules for state settlements with pharmaceutical companies and planned uses. This includes shifting \$0.3 million to the Department of Health.

65. School District Medicaid Rate Increases. The House Finance Committee recommends \$9.5 million from federal funds to increase rates paid, consistent with the rate review process recommendations, to the local school districts for direct services provided through Individual Education Plans that are reimbursed through the Medicaid program.

66. Skilled Home Care Services - Rates. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.2 million, including \$0.1 million more from general revenues, to increase rates paid to home care providers for skilled professional services, including physical therapy, that were omitted from the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's final rate review report.

67. The Work Number Shift from DHS. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$2.9 million, of which \$0.7 million is from general revenues, related to expenses for the income verification tool known as The Work Number. The Governor's recommendation also included funding in the Department of Human Services; his subsequent amendment removes those and expenses will only appear in the budget of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Children, Youth and Families

68. Adoption and Foster Care. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$5.5 million, including \$5.0 million from general revenues, to provide clinic treatment, therapeutic and other supports

for children in foster and kinship care. This is consistent with updated information regarding provider contract renewals underway.

69. ARPA - Provider Workforce Stabilization Payments. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$1.2 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to continue provider workforce stabilization payments into FY 2025 while the long-delayed contract procurement is completed.

70. Comprehensive Needs Study. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.3 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues, for the Department to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment.

71. Congregate Care Programs and Services. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$2.1 million, including \$1.6 million from general revenues, to expand group home services to prevent an out-of- of state placement and provide other supports so youth can leave a group home setting and reside in a less restrictive setting. The Department will also create specialized group homes and independent living programs for other vulnerable populations. This is consistent with updated information regarding provider contract renewals underway.

72. Home Based Programming Expansion. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$21.9 million, including \$14.0 million from general revenues, to increase funding to stabilize families, support crisis response services to meet a child's need 24/7 and other behavioral healthcare supports to prevent hospitalization or the need for a residential treatment facility. This is consistent with updated information regarding provider contract renewals underway.

73. Rate Setting Consultant. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.5 million, including \$1.0 million from general revenues, for the Department to hire a consultant to assist with establishing rates for Medicaid and non-Medicaid funded programs, including home-based services and congregate care.

74. Turnover Restoration. The House Finance Committee recommends \$4.6 million, including \$3.7 million from general revenues, to maintain funding for staffing at the FY 2024 enacted level. This assumes lower turnover savings than the Governor's recommendation which assumed that some elevated vacancy level would persist into FY 2025.

Health

75. Capital - New Health Lab Building (GBA). The recommended capital budget includes \$97.7 million from all sources through FY 2026, including \$11.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$4.4 million from restricted receipts and \$81.7 million from federal funds awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to construct a new 80,000 square foot facility to house the Health Laboratories Program. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's subsequent amendments to advance \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2025 to FY 2024 for the owner's project manager expenses, and to include federal fund expenses of \$11.1 million for FY 2025.

76. Health Equity Zone. The recommended budget for FY 2025 does not include any funding for the Health Equity Zones, which are geographical areas designed to achieve health equity by eliminating health disparities. There are currently 15 zones, providing services to 26 cities and towns. Subsequently, the Department indicated that it has repurposed existing resources and estimated the shortfall to be \$0.9 million. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.9 million from available indirect cost recovery restricted receipts to fund the shortfall. Currently, receipts from indirect cost surcharges are higher than projected and expenses are less than budgeted.

77. Opioid Settlement Funds (GBA). The Governor’s recommended budget includes \$3.4 million from Opioid Settlement funds for opioid treatment, rescue, recovery, and prevention programs. He subsequently requested an amendment to include an additional \$0.3 million from restricted receipts, reflecting an updated allocation plan, for FY 2025 expenses of \$3.8 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

78. Primary Care Training Sites. The House Finance Committee recommends \$2.7 million from general revenues to support an Office of Primary Care Training within the Department. The Primary Care Training Sites program would be established to provide training for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants; each site would be awarded no more than \$90,000. The Office is tasked with providing oversight of grant recipients and to establish evidence-based standards to measure the success.

Human Services

79. Capital - Veterans Cemetery Asset Protection (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor’s requested amendment to add \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2025 to reflect updated costs for asset protection projects at the Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. This brings funding to \$2.7 million for the FY 2024 through post-FY 2029 period, including \$0.5 million for FY 2025.

80. Child Care Eligibility Increase to 261%. The House Finance Committee recommends \$3.3 million from federal funds to increase eligibility for subsidized child care from 200 percent to 261 percent of poverty. This includes system upgrades and a January 1, 2025 start date to accommodate those changes. The current law income level to exit the program would remain at 300 percent of poverty.

81. Child Care for Childcare Workers Pilot Extension. The House Finance Committee recommends \$2.5 million from federal funds to extend the child care for childcare workers pilot program one year to July 31, 2024. The required report on the pilot is due in November.

82. Child Care Rates. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing payments for center-based child care providers across all age groups and tiers by five percent for a total of \$3.4 million from federal funds for the Department of Human Services.

83. Day One. The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$267,000 from general revenues for Day One to provide outreach and supportive service programs relating to sexual assault. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing that to \$300,000.

84. Elderly Transportation Services (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor’s requested amendment to reduce FY 2025 transportation expenses through the Office of Healthy Aging by \$0.2 million, including \$14,530 from general revenues to correct overfunding in the Governor’s recommended budget. Total funding would be \$5.4 million and supports elderly access to medical appointments and treatment, adult day care, and congregate meal sites, among other essential services.

85. Hardship Program. The House Finance Committee excludes \$90,000 from general revenues for the hardship program reflecting a decrease in utilization for the short-term program. FY 2023 expenses were less than \$400.

86. Higher Ground International. The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$75,000 from general revenues for immigrant and refugee support services through Higher Ground International. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$50,000 to bring total funding to \$125,000.

87. May Caseload Conference - Cash Assistance. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenditures for cash assistance caseloads by \$3.6 million, including \$0.2 million from general

revenues, to reflect the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimates for Rhode Island Works, subsidized child care, supplemental security income, and general public assistance bridge programs.

88. OHA Medicaid Program Correction (GBA). The House Finance concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$2.6 million, including \$1.3 million from general revenues to correct expenses that were inadvertently underfunded. This would bring total funding to \$6.6 million, of which \$2.9 million is from general revenues, for Medicaid-funded home care, adult day care, and case management services.

89. OHA/RIPTA - Gas Tax at Current Law. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to codify the current practice on the treatment of the 1-cent for elderly/disabled transportation services in state law by altering the distribution of that one cent. The current practice is for the Department of Human Services through the Office of Healthy Aging to retain 21.0 percent of the funds for non-emergency transportation expenses, and 79.0 percent is provided to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for some of the services provided. Effectively, expenses of \$3.4 million to the Authority are reflected in the Department of Human Services' budget; it requires that the Authority be reimbursed no later than 15 days after a payment is requested.

90. OHIC Rate Increase Full. The House Finance Committee recommends fully funding the rate review increase and adds \$2.8 million, including \$1.1 million from general revenues for services provided through the Office of Healthy Aging. This would bring total funding to \$4.1 million, of which \$1.7 million is from general revenues. The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.4 million for the first year of a three-year plan to increase reimbursement rates in the Office's programs.

91. ORS - CNOM Eligibility Expansion. The House Finance recommends increasing eligibility from 300 percent to 400 percent of [the social security income limit](#) for three Medicaid funded programs through the Office of Rehabilitation Services, adding \$240,000 for personal care attendants, home modifications and social services for the blind programs. This expansion allows some services currently paid entirely through general revenues to be matched by Medicaid. Federal funds account for most of the adjustment and there is \$0.1 million in savings from general revenues.

92. OVS - Digitization Project. The FY 2024 enacted budget includes a one-time general revenue expense of \$250,000 for a new digitization project to scan, digitize, and store physical documents of military service records and discharge paperwork in a searchable database. The Governor's budget repeats the funding unnecessarily for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommends excluding the funding for FY 2025 and includes language to reappropriate any unspent funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

93. RI Works - Benefits. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing the monthly cash assistance payment made through the Rhode Island Works program by 20 percent and adds \$4.7 million for the payments and \$0.1 million for system changes entirely from federal funds. The current monthly payment of \$825 for a family of four would increase [to](#) \$990 starting July 1, 2024. The Committee also recommends increasing the income disregard from \$300 to \$525 and adds \$600,000 from federal funds.

94. RI Works - Full Family Sanction Elimination. The House Finance Committee recommends eliminating the full family sanction penalty and includes \$0.1 million from federal funds for the change. The penalty occurs when there is non-compliance with required activities, such as following an employment plan, so that the portion of the family benefit that is withheld is only the parent's payment. Payment, or payments, will still be made for any children in the household.

95. The Work Number to EOHHS. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to exclude \$2.8 million, of which \$1.6 million is from general revenues, recommended for the Department's portion of expenses related to the income verification tool known as

The Work Number. Expenses will be shifted to and shown exclusively in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' FY 2025 budget.

96. United Way - 211. The House Finance Committee recommends \$200,000 from general revenues to help support the United Way's 211 free, confidential service to provide information and referrals for food, housing, job training, and other community resources.

BHDDH

97. Capital - DD Residential Support (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$0.1 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 through FY 2029 for the residential support project. This corrects the recommended five-year capital budget which inadvertently shifted the previously approved expenses to general revenues, but excluded them from the operating budget.

98. CFCM Technology Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendments to reduce funding by \$122,892 from general revenues for FY 2024 and FY 2025 for conflict-free case management activities that were overfunded in both years.

99. Consent Decree - Independent Facilitators (18.0 FTE) (GBA). Expenses for conflict-free case management services are budgeted in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services as part of the Medicaid caseload, including those for adults with developmental disabilities receiving services through the Department. There is a related consent decree requirement for that population for which the implementation deadline was FY 2024. Execution of planned contracts for these services has been delayed again and now will be phased-in through FY 2026. To ensure compliance with the consent decree, the Governor requested an amendment to add state staff to serve as independent facilitators in the interim for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommends adding 18 positions and \$1.9 million, including \$1.0 million from general revenues for FY 2025 and \$84,000, including \$42,000 from general revenues for FY 2024.

100. Eleanor Slater Hospital - License Fee. The House Finance Committee recommends \$4.0 million for the FY 2025 hospital license fee payment for Eleanor Slater Hospital. The 5.25 percent fee is based on updated 2023 revenues and is \$2.9 million more than the Governor's recommendation. There is also a corresponding revenue adjustment.

101. ESH - Fence Construction from FY 2024 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$344,000 from general revenues to FY 2025 to account for a delay in the project to install a fence at the state hospital.

102. ESH Vehicles Shift from FY 2024 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$107,346, including \$47,501 from general revenues, to FY 2025 for vehicles ordered for the state hospital that will not be delivered until FY 2025.

103. Group Home Facility Improvement Fund (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$100,000 from restricted receipts for initial capitalization of the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund. Article 2 includes the necessary changes to create the new fund to allow the deposit of any proceeds from the sale of state-owned group homes or community residences licensed by the Department or rents collected from agencies providing services in those homes. The proceeds will be used for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of state-owned facilities at the discretion of the Department.

104. May Caseload Conference - Private Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The House Finance Committee recommends decreasing expenses for community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities by \$38.3 million for FY 2025 to reflect the results of the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimate and adjusted for FY 2024 utilization. Accounting for the remaining changes already assumed in the Governor's budget, FY 2025 spending is estimated to be \$16.2 million less from general revenues and \$22.1 million less from federal funds.

105. OHIC Rate Increase Full. The House Finance Committee recommends fully funding the rate review increase and adds \$0.4 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues for services provided to adults with disabilities. This would bring total funding to \$1.2 million, of which \$0.6 million is from general revenues. The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.4 million for the first year of a three-year plan to increase reimbursement rates in the Department's program.

106. Out-of-State Facility Contract - Expired. The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.5 million from general revenues for an agency in South Carolina to provide services for up to five forensic patients on an as-needed basis. The contract has expired and the House Finance Committee excludes funding accordingly.

107. RICLAS Vehicles Shift from FY 2024 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$0.3 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues, from FY 2024 for vehicles ordered for the state-run residential system that will not be delivered until FY 2025.

108. RISPH - Equipment. The FY 2024 enacted budget includes \$268,000 from general revenues for one-time purchases at the state psychiatric hospital that were delayed from FY 2023. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's recommendation to maintain \$150,000 in FY 2025 for these completed purchases and reduces funding accordingly.

109. Student Assistance Funds Correction (GBA). The Governor's recommendation includes \$60,000 from restricted receipts for student assistance programs; however, the funds are not available. He subsequently requested an amendment to correct this overstatement. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Office of the Child Advocate

110. Staffing Expansion (3.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee recommends \$250,000 from general revenues for three new full-time equivalent positions for the Office of the Child Advocate, which includes an investigator, case manager, and attorney. This assumes the new positions start after September 1, 2024.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

111. Holiday Pay Correction (GBA). The recommended budget inadvertently omitted requested expenses for staff members who work on election days. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$1,424 from general revenues for the expense.

112. Statewide Independent Living Program (GBA). The Governor's original recommendation includes \$85,000 of known federal funds for the Statewide Independent Living program pending notice of awards for the federal FY 2025 through FY 2027 plan. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include an additional \$255,000 from federal funds to account for likely funding that will be available

Elementary & Secondary Education

113. Capital - Davies School Health Care Classroom Improvements. Based on an updated project schedule, the House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$6.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the health career classrooms renovation project at Davies Career and Technical School from FY 2024 to FY 2025. This work is being coordinated with the wing renovation project.

114. Capital - Davies School HVAC. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on a revised project schedule for repairs to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Davies Career and Technical School in order to integrate the remaining work with the wing renovation project.

115. Capital - Davies School Wing Renovation. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on a revised project schedule for the wing renovation project at the Davies Career and Technical School. The school has hired an owner's project manager and is in the process of awarding the construction contract for the work, which is being coordinated with other active projects.

116. Career and Technical Education (1.0 FTE). The Governor recommends \$4.5 million from general revenues for career and technical education aid categorical funding for FY 2025 which is the same level since FY 2017. He also recommends \$150,051 from general revenues and authorization for one new position to support these programs. The funding formula allows the state to provide resources to help meet the initial capital investment needs to transform existing or create new comprehensive career and technical education programs and career pathways in critical and emerging industries and to help offset the higher than average costs associated with facilities, equipment, maintenance, repairs and supplies necessary for maintaining the quality of highly specialized programs. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$2.0 million for the aid category for a total of \$6.5 million and \$0.1 million and authorization for a second new position to work with the Career and Technical Education Board to determine most needed training programs and assist districts with establishment of approved programs.

117. Davies Personnel Correction (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to add \$0.7 million from general revenues to the Davies Career and Technical School for anticipated personnel costs related to its employee contract agreement that were not included in the recommended budget. The House Finance Committee also recommends \$0.5 million in FY 2024 for this purpose.

118. Early Childhood Support (-1.0 FTE). The Governor recommends \$239,058 from general revenues and authorization to convert two temporary, partially federally funded positions to permanent full-time equivalent positions. Prior to FY 2024, these positions were completely funded from federal Preschool Development Grants. The House Finance Committee recommends \$119,529 for one position.

119. Education Aid - Core Instruction to Current Law. The funding formula uses a core instruction amount that is calculated using average expenditure and enrollment data from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire from the National Center for Education Statistics. The Governor's budget includes a proposal to cap the increase in the per-pupil core instruction amount to the average five-year annual percentage change in the consumer price index. For FY 2025, this results in a 3.9 percent increase from the FY 2024 enacted amount of \$11,876. This change sets the core instruction amount to \$12,335 for the Governor's recommended budget compared to \$12,617 under current law. The House Finance Committee does not concur and recommends a general revenue increase of \$26.3 million to maintain the current law core instruction amount.

120. Education Aid - ELL to 20%. The Governor recommends \$36.1 million to support English language learners that are in the most intensive programs, \$16.6 million more than enacted. This reflects the Governor's proposal to increase the weight from 15.0 percent of the core instruction amount to 25.0 percent and uses the core instruction amount of \$12,335. The FY 2024 enacted budget increased that calculation to 15.0 percent from 10.0 percent and removed the allowance for a ratable reduction, requiring full funding. The House Finance Committee recommends using a weight of 20.0 percent which is \$6.6 million less than the Governor's recommendation and \$10.1 million more than enacted. The budget shifts this from categorical into the funding formula. The budget also changes the language from English learner to multilingual learner and clarifies the proficiency levels for which this funding applies.

121. Education Aid March Update. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$13.4 million from general revenues for education aid to districts, charter schools, and state schools based on updated March 2024 enrollment data. This change reflects an increase of 1,147 students from the October 2023 enrollment data used in the Governor's recommendation, including 1,105 students in districts and 42 students in charter and state schools. Additionally, there are 1,539 more students in poverty, including 1,571 more in districts and 32 less in charter and state schools.

122. Educator Preparation Site Visits. The Governor recommends \$150,000 from general revenues to hire a vendor to complete site visits for the Performance Review for the Educator Preparation (PREP-RI) program. The vendor would support the Department in ensuring reliable results during visits to evaluate educator preparation programs at colleges and universities. These programs are reviewed to determine if they meet the department standards for educator preparation. The Department notes that this was previously funded with a private grant and that it has not had that source of funding for a couple of years. The House Finance Committee does not recommend this new expense from general revenues.

123. ESSER Funds Correction. Congress authorized a total of \$190.3 billion for emergency pandemic relief to elementary and secondary schools through three separate acts from which Rhode Island received a total of \$646.3 million. All funds were awarded to states in proportion to the distribution of Title I-A formula grants, of which at least 90 percent must be distributed to local education agencies, including charter and state schools. The Governor's budget exceeds available resources by \$21.9 million, based on the Department's request which overstated the FY 2024 total by \$28.8 million and understated its FY 2025 request by \$5.1 million. The House Finance Committee recommends correcting the errors in both years consistent with the Department's intent.

124. Healthy Environments Advance Learning Grant (3.0 FTE). The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received a new federal Healthy Environments Advance Learning Program grant to support school infrastructure improvements. The focus of this five-year grant is to provide support to Central Falls, Providence, Pawtucket, West Warwick, and Woonsocket. These local education agencies were identified by the Department as having the highest needs based on academic outcomes, health outcomes, and status of school facilities. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$1.0 million from federal funds [for state staff through the School Building Authority](#) and consulting services and direct support for district facilities directors.

125. Math and English Language Arts Coaches. The Governor recommends a new one-time commitment of \$15.0 million from general revenues for FY 2025 to provide coaching services to local education agencies. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been unable to provide additional information about current utilization of coaches. The House Finance Committee recommends providing \$5.0 million for a smaller scale initiative.

126. Recovery High School Closure. The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.5 million from general revenues for FY 2025 for recovery high school support. The state's only recovery high school,

Anchor Learning Academy, closed on August 1, 2023. The House Finance Committee recommends removing the funding for FY 2025 as there has been no update on the future status of the program.

127. School for the Deaf Transformation Grants (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to reduce Permanent School funds by \$59,000 for the School for the Deaf as requested by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. In its FY 2025 request, the Department eliminated funding from the permanent school fund as it no longer has sufficient funding. The Governor's budget included \$59,000 more from general revenues to cover the loss of this fund source. This amendment would eliminate this source of funding as initially requested.

Higher Education

128. Affordability Study Correction. The Governor's FY 2025 recommendation includes the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner's request to maintain the enacted amount of \$0.2 million from general revenues for its higher education affordability study, expected to be a one-time expense. The work involves contracted research services to examine affordability and provide recommendations on state-funded scholarship programs, and begin to develop a predictable funding policy for consideration by the Assembly. This budget would provide a total of \$0.4 million over FY 2024 and FY 2025, but the Office has indicated that the work will cost \$0.3 million. Based on that, the House Finance Committee recommends removing \$0.1 million from FY 2025.

129. ARPA - Foster Care Youth Scholarship (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$1.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds in the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for a last dollar scholarship program for foster care youth exiting the Department's care to attend Rhode Island College. Recipients would receive tuition, room and board and/or support services, including during summer months. Funding would be distributed through the Rhode Island College Foundation.

130. Capital - CCRI Data Cabling and Power Infrastructure. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Community College's data, cabling and power infrastructure project based on updated plans. This includes removing \$2.8 million from FY 2024 and adding \$0.5 million to each FY 2025, FY 2026, and FY 2027, and \$1.3 million to FY 2028. Total funding of \$18.0 million is as recommended.

131. Capital - RIC Clarke Science Building (GBA). The approved capital plan totals \$53.0 million, including \$15.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to modernize and rehabilitate Clarke Science building. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to remove \$5.0 million inadvertently added in his budget. This would be consistent with the approved plan which provides \$10.0 million for FY 2024 and \$5.0 million for FY 2025.

132. CCRI Insurance and Janitorial Rebase. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$1.0 million from general revenues for increased insurance and janitorial costs for the Community College of Rhode Island. The Community College reports that its general revenue supported insurance costs have increased \$1.0 million between FY 2019 and FY 2024. Additionally, state law requiring prevailing wage rates paid for workers performing work on state or municipal funded projects became effective as of July 1, 2023. This led to an increase in the college's janitorial contract.

133. Institute for Labor Studies and Research. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$25,000 from general revenues to provide a total of \$125,000 to the Institute for Labor Studies and Research. The Institute for Labor Studies and Research is a nonprofit educational institution that provides education and training to Rhode Islanders. The 2022 Assembly provided support to the institute for the first time since FY 2016.

134. Onward We Learn. The House Finance Committee recommends a total of \$4.8 million for FY 2025 to support the operations and scholarship programs offered by Onward We Learn, formerly named the College Crusade, including \$455,000 from general revenues and \$4.3 million from the GEAR-UP federal grant. This is \$100,000 more from general revenues than enacted. GEAR-UP provides grants to states and partnerships for support and commitment to eligible low-income students including students with disabilities, to help the students obtain a secondary school diploma and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Onward We Learn and the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner recently submitted the federal application for the next round of seven-year funding.

135. Promise May Update. Based on historical spending, the House Finance Committee recommends \$7.4 million from general revenues to support the Promise Scholarship program in FY 2025. While this is \$0.5 million less than the Governor recommended, it would provide six percent growth over FY 2024 to account for increased tuition rates and more student participation. It should be noted that funding in FY 2024 was adjusted downward twice to account for more accurate data.

136. URI - Operating Support. The Governor recommends \$142.2 million in general revenue operating support for the University of Rhode Island for FY 2025. This is \$3.4 million more than enacted and \$28.9 million less than requested. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$2.0 million more from general revenues. This would provide \$144.2 million for FY 2025, which represents a 4 percent increase over the enacted level. The House Finance Committee also recommends authorization for 20.0 new full-time equivalent positions based on University hiring over the past year.

Attorney General

137. Health Care Litigation. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.2 million from non-multistate initiative restricted receipts for costs associated with healthcare experts needed for litigation within the Civil Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

Judicial

138. Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Governor's budget includes the enacted amount of \$230,000 from general revenues for the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the domestic abuse court advocacy project as identified in Article 1 of the appropriations act. At its House Finance Subcommittee budget hearing, the Judiciary advocated for the state to provide a total of \$500,000 to the Coalition because of an expected decrease in federal support. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$270,000 from general revenues for the Coalition.

139. Turnover. The Governor's budget includes \$1.8 million of turnover savings, which is equivalent to 19.2 vacancies. As of the beginning of May, the Judiciary had 24.1 vacancies. The House Finance Committee recommends additional general revenue turnover savings of \$200,000, which is equivalent to 1.4 positions.

Military Staff

140. Active Duty Funeral Honors (GBA). The Military Staff's FY 2025 budget request added \$169,665 from general revenues for costs associated with putting two members of the guard on permanent funeral honors duty. The Governor did not include this in his budget, but subsequently requested an amendment to add the funding. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Public Safety

141. ARPA - Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence from FY 2024. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect projected spending. The 2022 Assembly provided a total of \$10.5 million to provide awards to nonprofits to provide housing, clinical, and mental health services to victims of domestic violence and assault. The Governor recommends the entire \$10.5 million for FY 2024. Through the end of March, the Department has obligated \$10.2 million and only spent \$15,314.

142. Body - Worn Camera Project Shift from FY 2024. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$11.5 million from general revenues to purchase body cameras for the State Police and municipalities from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect an updated spending plan. The enacted budget includes \$13.5 million from general revenues to purchase body-worn cameras for the State Police and municipalities. While the enacted budget provides that any unspent funds will be reappropriated, this adjustment recognizes most of the likely shift.

143. Capital - Asset Protection. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects based on updated construction plans for the Department's administration and radio buildings. This includes shifting \$1.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025; total funding is as recommended.

144. Capital - New Southern Barracks. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$3.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to FY 2026 for the design and construction of a new Southern Barracks in West Greenwich. Total project costs would be \$41.4 million, including \$39.8 million for the FY 2024 through FY 2026 period. This is based on updated design estimates that were unavailable at the time of the Department's budget submission. The amendment also shifts \$1.0 million of funding from FY 2024 to FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation and shifts an additional \$1.5 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect more recent updates.

145. Capital - Training Academy Upgrades. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for training academy upgrades based on the Department's updated schedule. This includes shifting \$0.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 primarily to reflect delays for the project's two feasibility studies. Total funding is as recommended.

146. GO Team Support. The House Finance Committee recommends \$0.4 million from general revenues to support the Family Service of Rhode Island's GO Team. These are trauma experts who are able to co-respond on the scene with Rhode Island State Police to support children who are victims of violence and other traumas. Funding will address a gap in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula grants that historically support these efforts.

147. State Police - State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund. The Governor recommends \$0.8 million from general revenues for repayments to the State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund for State Police vehicles. This includes \$0.6 million for the third annual payment for 36 vehicles acquired in FY 2022. It also reflects \$0.2 million for the first annual payment for 5 vehicles acquired in FY 2024. The Department projects that the payment for vehicles acquired in FY 2024 will be \$0.1 million less than recommended. The Governor subsequently requested a budget amendment to reduce general revenues accordingly. The House Finance Committee concurs.

148. State Police Training Academy (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to [add \\$1.2 million to fund](#) a FY 2025 State Police Training Academy class of 20 candidates. Recent academy classes have been every two years with 30 to 40 trainees. As of early May, the Department's FY 2024 training academy has 29 trainees, 11 fewer than anticipated.

Public Defender

149. Legal Staff Enhancement. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$750,000 from general revenues to assist the Office of the Public Defender with competitive wages to ensure adequate staffing. These increases will help the Office with retention by reducing the difference in compensation for its attorneys compared to the Office of the Attorney General.

Emergency Management Agency

150. Assistant Director Communications (-1.0 FTE). The Governor recommends \$0.2 million from general revenues and 1.0 new full-time equivalent position for an assistant director of communications to work in the Emergency Management Agency's public information branch. The new position would be a senior staff member who would supervise the two current public information staff at the agency. This would provide 3.0 communications positions for a staff of 39.0. The House Finance Committee does not recommend the position.

151. Public Safety Warehouse (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to add \$36,000 from general revenues for the Emergency Management Agency public safety warehouse. This corrects an inadvertent reduction in the Governor's original recommendation and would provide \$579,448 for FY 2025.

Environmental Management

152. Capital - Dam Repair. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for dam repair projects based on updated design plans for Curran Lower. This includes shifting \$4.8 million from FY 2025 to FY 2026 based on an updated schedule. Total funding is as recommended.

153. Capital - Galilee Piers. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Galilee Piers project based on an updated schedule, primarily for utility upgrades at the port. This includes shifting \$1.8 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025. Total funding is as recommended.

154. Capital - Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development. The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the redevelopment of Chase Marina in Tiverton. This includes the creation of Port Sakonnet that will support infrastructure for commercial harvesters and shellfish farmers. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$0.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based the Department's updated schedule. Total funding is as recommended.

155. Conservation Districts. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$80,000 from general revenues to the \$100,000 in the enacted budget for regional conservation districts, which were formally established under Rhode Island General Law, Chapters 2-4, as amended in 1990. Funding supports the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Rhode Island Conservation Districts that assist landowners and municipalities on issues concerning land and water. The Districts are quasi-public subdivisions of state government, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from the communities. Increasing funding would leverage additional federal funds that support municipal resiliency initiatives, particularly in chronically flooded areas.

156. Forestry Staffing (2.0 FTE). The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.2 million from general revenues and 2.0 full-time equivalent forest ranger positions to support efforts in woodlands, forests, and forestry projects. Rhode Island's forests have become vulnerable to brush fires, as demonstrated by the

2023 Exeter fire. The Department reports it does not currently have adequate staff to support preventative measures, such as controlled burning. Additional positions would help maintain the health of the forest, coordinate responses to forest fires, and improve the stewardship of state management areas.

157. Local Agriculture and Seafood Base Grant. The House Finance Committee recommends \$200,000 less from general revenues for the Local Agriculture and Seafood Act grant program to provide annual ongoing support of \$500,000. The 2022 Assembly provided \$700,000 for FY 2023, which included \$200,000 of annual ongoing support and an additional \$500,000 in one-time funding for FY 2023, meant to address a backlog in the program. The FY 2024 enacted budget included an additional \$500,000 for another year. The Governor's FY 2025 recommendation includes \$700,000 for a third year. This program provides grants to local agriculture and food businesses to support the growth, development, and marketing of local food and seafood in the state. It is funded from general revenues and private contributions from the van Beuren Charitable Foundation, the Henry P. Kendall Foundation, and the Rhode Island Foundation.

Transportation

158. ARPA - Municipal Roads Grants Program. The recommended budget includes \$5.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2025 for the Municipal Roads Grant Program for the construction and maintenance of roads, sidewalks and bridges. A municipal match of 67.0 percent is required. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$2.0 million for a total of \$7.0 million. Funds will be distributed equally and each municipality will receive \$179,487.

159. ARPA - RIPTA Operating Grant. The Governor recommends \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to assist the Authority with its projected operating deficit of \$18.1 million for FY 2025. The recommendation requires the Authority review all operations, including ridership and administration to identify efficiencies. The study must summarize the findings and include recommendations for sustainable and effective transit operations. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$5.0 million for a total of \$15.0 million.

160. ARPA - Washington Bridge Project (GBA). The Governor requested amendments to provide \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2025 as partial state match for the Washington Bridge Project. The total project cost is \$455.2 million; with a state share of \$83.6 million. He also proposed legislation authorizing \$334.6 million of new debt through the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) and \$40.0 million through Motor Fuel Revenue bonds for the project. His proposal leaves a source for \$23.6 million unidentified. The House Finance Committee provides pay-go funding for the state share, including \$35.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds and \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

161. Capital - Highway Improvement Program. Subsequent to his budget submission, the Governor requested an amendment authorizing new debt issuance of \$40.0 million through Motor Fuel Revenue bonds for partial state match for the Washington Bridge Project. The House Finance Committee does not concur and includes pay-go funding, including \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$20.0 million for FY 2025 and \$25.0 million for FY 2026.

162. DOT - HMA and Gas Tax DOT Yield. Based on an upward revision to the gas tax yield and updated estimates to highway maintenance funds, the Department will receive an additional \$14.4 million over FY 2024 and FY 2025, compared to the Governor's recommended budgets. The House Finance Committee recognizes the additional resources to fill a projected funding gap for the Washington Bridge for which the Governor's proposal leaves a source for \$23.6 million unidentified.

163. Gantries - Maintenance and Operations. The recommended budget includes the enacted amount of \$1.5 million supported from toll revenues; however, no expenses were anticipated for FY 2025. The

House Finance Committee removes these expenses and concurs with the Governor's recommendation to include a total of \$5.2 million for FY 2024 for a settlement with the tolling vendor for outstanding payments for work and claims related expenses.

164. Gas Tax - GARVEE Bonds Yield. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing expenditures for existing GARVEE bonds debt service, which is paid for with the equivalent of two cents of the gasoline tax, by \$114,604 to reflect an upward revision of the gasoline tax yield estimate.

165. Gas Tax - Turnpike and Bridge Authority Yield. The House Finance Committee recommends adjusting available gasoline tax in the Department of Transportation based on an increased transfer to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority of \$0.2 million to reflect an upward revision to the gasoline tax yield estimate. The FY 2025 enacted budget would include \$15.0 million to the Authority.

166. HMA - 5% to General Fund Adjustment. Currently, 5.0 percent of fees from highway maintenance funds are retained to offset the cost of collections at the Division of Motor Vehicles. Based on updated estimates, the House Finance Committee adjusts the value by \$0.4 million, for a total of \$5.6 million.

167. Lease Expense - 288 Allens Avenue. The Governor's recommended budget for FY 2025 inadvertently retained \$300,000 from gasoline tax proceeds for lease expenses associated with 288 Allens Avenue. The sale of the property to the Department occurred in August 2023. The House Finance Committee excludes this unnecessary expense.

168. OHA/RIPTA - Gas Tax at Current Law. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the Governor's proposal to codify the current practice on the treatment of the 1-cent for elderly/disabled transportation services in state law by altering the distribution of that one cent. The current practice is for the Department of Human Services through the Office of Healthy Aging to retain 21.0 percent of the funds for non-emergency transportation expenses, and 79.0 percent is provided to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for some of the services provided. Effectively, expenses of \$3.3 million to the Authority are reflected in the Department of Human Services' budget; it requires that the Authority be reimbursed no later than 15 days after a payment is requested.

169. RIPTA - Gas Tax Yield and HMA. The House Finance Committee recommends a transfer of \$52.0 million from gasoline tax proceeds and highway maintenance funds to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This is \$0.9 million more than the recommended budget, including \$0.6 million more to reflect an upward revision to the gasoline tax yield estimate and \$0.3 million for the Authority's share of the highway maintenance account based on updated estimates.

170. RIPTA URI Mobility Hub Technical Correction. The approved capital plan included \$0.5 million in FY 2023 from the Department of Transportation's share of highway maintenance funds toward a \$9.1 million project for the construction of a new bus hub at the University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus. The funds were not expended because of delays and are assumed in the Governor's recommended capital budget for the Authority; however, they were excluded from the operating budget. The House Finance Committee includes \$0.5 million, consistent with the recommended capital budget for the Authority and reduces the Department's share of the funds by a like amount.

Section III

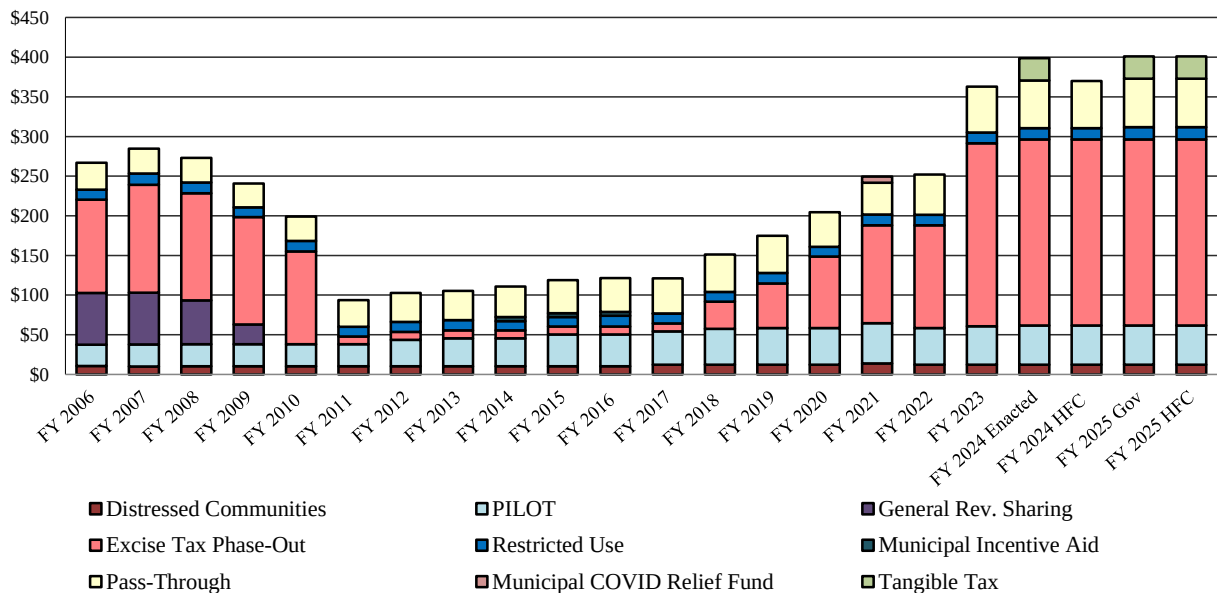
Special Reports

State Aid to Local Governments

Introduction

The House Finance Committee recommends state aid to cities and towns totaling \$310.6 million for FY 2024 and \$340.3 million for FY 2025. Funding for general aid programs is \$324.3 million for FY 2025, consistent with the enacted budget; for FY 2024, it is \$296.3 million which reflects shifting funding for tangible tax exemptions from the enacted budget to FY 2025, when the reimbursements will be paid. The recommendation for restricted use programs includes \$16.0 million for FY 2025, which is \$1.7 million more than enacted; FY 2024 is unchanged. Local governments also receive revenues from other local taxes, which the state collects and passes through to the communities. This is estimated to be \$59.5 million for FY 2024 and \$61.0 million for FY 2025. The FY 2024 enacted assumption was \$60.1 million.

The following graph shows historical funding data, in millions, and includes the allocation by program from FY 2006 through the House Finance Committee recommendation for FY 2025.



The major changes included in the aid proposal are discussed on the following pages, followed by tables that show the recommended distribution of general aid and restricted aid programs by community. Though not a state aid program, there are also tables for the public service corporation, and local 1.0 percent meals and beverage and hotel tax collections, which are collected at the state level for efficiency purposes and returned to local governments.

General. The House Finance Committee recommendation for general state aid programs to local governments includes \$324.3 million for FY 2025, and the Governor’s revised level of \$296.3 million for FY 2024.

- **Distressed Communities Relief Fund.** For FY 2025, the House Finance Committee recommends the FY 2024 enacted level of \$12.4 million for the Distressed Communities Relief Fund. Communities’ aid distribution is based on updated qualifying tax levies. For both the first year of a community’s qualification as a distressed community and the year that a community no longer qualifies, it receives a transition payment of half its proportional share; there is a redistribution of funding among qualifying communities based on the recommended total. No community is newly qualified for FY 2025.

- **Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program.** The House Finance Committee recommends the FY 2024 enacted level of \$49.2 million for FY 2025 for the payment in lieu of taxes program that reimburses municipalities for property taxes that would have been due on certain real property exempted from taxation by state law. This includes property owned by private nonprofit higher educational institutions, nonprofit hospitals, or any state-owned hospital, veterans' residential facility, or correctional facility. Municipalities may be reimbursed up to 27.0 percent of the tax that would have been collected if the property had been taxable, subject to appropriation. If the appropriation is less than the necessary amount, the reimbursements are ratably reduced. The FY 2024 enacted budget fully funds the program at 27.0 percent; the FY 2025 recommendation represents 26.7 percent and is \$0.6 million less than full funding.

Fiscal Year	2024 Enacted	2024 Gov. Rev.	Revised Change	2024 HFC	HFC to Gov. Rev.	2025 Governor	Gov. Chg. to Enacted	2025 HFC	HFC to Gov.
General Aid									
Distressed Communities	\$ 12.4	\$ 12.4	\$ -	\$ 12.4	\$ -	\$ 12.4	\$ -	\$ 12.4	\$ -
PILOT	49.2	49.2	-	49.2	-	49.2	-	49.2	-
Excise Tax Phase-Out	234.7	234.7	-	234.7	-	234.7	-	234.7	-
Tangible Tax Exemption	28.0	-	(28.0)	-	-	28.0	-	28.0	-
Subtotal	\$324.3	\$ 296.3	\$(28.0)	\$296.3	\$ -	\$ 324.3	\$ -	\$324.3	\$ -
Restricted Use Aid									
Library Resource Aid	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.5	\$ -	\$ 11.5	\$ -	\$ 11.5	\$ -	\$ 11.9	\$ 0.4
Library Const. Aid	1.9	1.9	-	1.9	-	2.2	0.3	2.2	-
Prop. Val. Reimb.	0.9	0.9	-	0.9	-	1.9	1.0	1.9	-
Subtotal	\$ 14.3	\$ 14.3	\$ -	\$ 14.3	\$ -	\$ 15.6	\$ 1.3	\$ 16.0	\$ 0.4
Total Appropriated Aid	\$338.6	\$ 310.6	\$(28.0)	\$310.6	\$ -	\$ 339.9	\$ 1.3	\$340.3	\$ 0.4
Other Aid - Pass-Through									
Public Service Corp.	\$ 13.1	\$ 14.5	\$ 1.4	\$ 14.5	\$ -	\$ 14.5	\$ 1.4	\$ 14.5	\$ -
Meals and Beverage Tax	40.2	38.5	(1.6)	38.5	-	40.0	(0.2)	40.0	-
Local Hotel Tax	6.9	6.4	(0.4)	6.4	-	6.6	(0.3)	6.6	-
Total Other Aid	\$ 60.1	\$ 59.5	\$ (0.7)	\$ 59.5	\$ -	\$ 61.0	\$ 0.9	\$ 61.0	\$ -

\$ in millions

- **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Phase-Out.** The House Finance Committee recommends funding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Phase-Out program at \$234.7 million for both years and assumes the same community distributions. This is consistent with the FY 2024 enacted budget and statutory assumption for FY 2025, as enacted by the 2017 Assembly. The 2022 Assembly accelerated the motor vehicle phase-out by one year by advancing the reimbursement amounts, effectively ending the tax collection as of each local government's FY 2024. Under current law, the second fiscal year following the phase-out, FY 2026, the distribution to local governments will be proportional to the sales tax revenue change compared to the prior year. The Governor's budget repeals that provision; the House Finance Committee does not concur with that repeal.

- **Tangible Tax Exemption.** The House Finance Committee recommends shifting the enacted \$28.0 million for a new general state aid program authorized by the 2023 Assembly to FY 2025, when the payments will be made. This program establishes a statewide exemption of \$50,000 from the tangible taxes levied by municipalities and fire districts, except the public service corporation and renewable energy resources and equipment taxes. The exemption applies as of the December 31, 2023 assessment date, or effectively for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Municipalities and fire districts will be reimbursed for all foregone revenues and the value of all uniformly applied exemptions; however, individualized exemptions are not eligible for reimbursement. Each community is required to send its certified tax rolls to the Division of Municipal Finance by August 15 annually. The initial reimbursement will be September 30, 2024, with subsequent reimbursements annually thereafter.

The budget also modifies the 2023 statute establishing the exemption to ensure that municipalities are reimbursed for the actual exemption loss, not just the net loss that produces a lower levy than 2022. It also provides alternate certification for those municipalities that did not collect data to redo the levy. As the data is not yet available, the community distributions are not reflected, though the amount is included in the aid tables.

- **Library Resource Sharing Aid.** The House Finance Committee recommends \$11.9 million to fully fund library aid for FY 2025. Current law allows 25.0 percent reimbursement of second prior year expenditures, subject to appropriation. This is \$0.4 million more than the Governor's recommendation, which represents a 24.2 percent reimbursement.
- **Library Construction Aid.** The House Finance Committee recommends \$2.2 million to fully fund library construction aid requirements, this is \$0.3 million more than the FY 2024 enacted and revised amounts of \$1.9 million. The state reimburses libraries up to half of the total costs for eligible projects on an installment basis, for a period of up to 20 years. The payments do not begin until the state fiscal year following the completion, acceptance, and audit of the project.
- **Property Valuation Reimbursement.** The House Finance Committee recommends the current law level of \$0.9 million for FY 2024 and \$1.9 million for FY 2025 to reimburse communities conducting property valuation updates.
- **Public Service Corporation Tax.** The FY 2025 budget assumes the state will collect and distribute \$14.5 million each year from property tax revenues from public service corporations on behalf of municipalities and pass that back to them. Companies are required to declare the assessed property values to the Division of Taxation annually by March 1; payments are made in July. A final figure will be provided when the actual payments are made.
- **Meals and Beverage Tax.** The FY 2025 budget assumes the state will collect and distribute an estimated \$38.5 million and \$40.0 million from local meals and beverage taxes for FY 2024 and FY 2025, respectively. This reflects the December 2023 revisions to the May 2023 Office of Revenue Analysis forecast.
- **Local Hotel Tax.** The FY 2025 budget assumes the state will collect and distribute an estimated \$6.4 million and \$6.6 million for FY 2024 and FY 2025, respectively, from the 1.0 percent local hotel tax. This reflects the December 2023 revisions to the May 2023 Office of Revenue Analysis forecast.

General Aid Total
Includes Distressed Communities, PILOT, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, & Tangible Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted ¹</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev. ²</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC ¹</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ 5,913,428	\$ 5,913,428	\$ -	\$ 5,913,428	\$ -
Bristol	4,211,775	4,211,775	-	4,211,775	-
Burrillville	5,113,416	5,113,416	-	5,113,416	-
Central Falls	2,341,921	2,341,921	-	2,341,921	-
Charlestown	1,020,877	1,020,877	-	1,020,877	-
Coventry	5,872,396	5,872,396	-	5,872,396	-
Cranston	26,341,875	26,341,875	-	26,341,875	-
Cumberland	6,073,469	6,073,469	-	6,073,469	-
East Greenwich	3,221,763	3,221,763	-	3,221,763	-
East Providence	11,720,187	11,720,187	-	11,720,187	-
Exeter	2,241,381	2,241,381	-	2,241,381	-
Foster	1,652,251	1,652,251	-	1,652,251	-
Glocester	2,381,941	2,381,941	-	2,381,941	-
Hopkinton	1,629,259	1,629,259	-	1,629,259	-
Jamestown	622,793	622,793	-	622,793	-
Johnston	10,382,785	10,382,785	-	10,382,785	-
Lincoln	5,683,015	5,683,015	-	5,683,015	-
Little Compton	366,775	366,775	-	366,775	-
Middletown	1,976,448	1,976,448	-	1,976,448	-
Narragansett	1,831,251	1,831,251	-	1,831,251	-
Newport	3,963,337	3,963,337	-	3,963,337	-
New Shoreham	163,298	163,298	-	163,298	-
North Kingstown	5,378,868	5,378,867	-	5,378,867	-
North Providence	10,787,734	10,787,734	-	10,787,734	-
North Smithfield	4,398,531	4,398,531	-	4,398,531	-
Pawtucket	18,297,672	18,297,672	-	18,297,672	-
Portsmouth	2,414,242	2,414,242	-	2,414,242	-
Providence	78,715,534	78,715,534	-	78,715,534	-
Richmond	1,448,455	1,448,455	-	1,448,455	-
Scituate	1,977,127	1,977,127	-	1,977,127	-
Smithfield	8,268,735	8,268,735	-	8,268,735	-
South Kingstown	4,117,506	4,117,506	-	4,117,506	-
Tiverton	1,748,175	1,748,175	-	1,748,175	-
Warren	2,090,911	2,090,911	-	2,090,911	-
Warwick	26,824,689	26,824,689	-	26,824,689	-
Westerly	5,917,553	5,917,553	-	5,917,553	-
West Greenwich	1,331,725	1,331,725	-	1,331,725	-
West Warwick	6,841,233	6,841,233	-	6,841,233	-
Woonsocket	10,592,573	10,592,573	-	10,592,573	-
Subtotal	\$ 295,876,905	\$ 295,876,905	\$ -	\$ 295,876,905	\$ -
MV Phase Out - Fire Districts	421,271	421,271	-	421,271	-
Tangible Tax	28,000,000	-	(28,000,000)	-	-
<i>Rounding adjust.</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Enhanced Total	\$ 324,298,177	\$ 296,298,176	\$ (28,000,000)	\$ 296,298,176	\$ -
<i>FY 2021 CRF Enhancement</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 324,298,177	\$ 296,298,176	\$ (28,000,000)	\$ 296,298,176	\$ -

¹ Tangible Tax funding was provided in the enacted budget with the intent of reappropriating unspent funding to FY 2025 when payments are made.

² Distributional data will not be available until certified tax rolls are submitted by August 15.

General Aid Total
Includes Distressed Communities, PILOT, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, & Tangible Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted ¹</i>	<i>Change to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC ²</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 5,913,428	\$ -	\$ 369	\$ 5,913,798	\$ -
Bristol	4,211,775	-	18,980	4,230,755	-
Burrillville	5,113,416	-	1,254	5,114,670	-
Central Falls	2,341,921	-	4,189	2,346,110	-
Charlestown	1,020,877	-	-	1,020,877	-
Coventry	5,872,396	-	-	5,872,396	-
Cranston	26,341,875	-	7,553	26,349,428	-
Cumberland	6,073,469	-	-	6,073,469	-
East Greenwich	3,221,763	-	15,009	3,236,772	-
East Providence	11,720,187	-	10,260	11,730,446	-
Exeter	2,241,381	-	-	2,241,381	-
Foster	1,652,251	-	-	1,652,251	-
Glocester	2,381,941	-	-	2,381,941	-
Hopkinton	1,629,259	-	-	1,629,259	-
Jamestown	622,793	-	-	622,793	-
Johnston	10,382,785	-	-	10,382,785	-
Lincoln	5,683,015	-	-	5,683,015	-
Little Compton	366,775	-	-	366,775	-
Middletown	1,976,448	-	-	1,976,448	-
Narragansett	1,831,251	-	-	1,831,251	-
Newport	3,963,337	-	33,752	3,997,089	-
New Shoreham	163,298	-	-	163,298	-
North Kingstown	5,378,868	(0)	-	5,378,868	-
North Providence	10,787,734	-	(27,671)	10,760,062	-
North Smithfield	4,398,531	-	-	4,398,531	-
Pawtucket	18,297,672	-	9,454	18,307,126	-
Portsmouth	2,414,242	-	-	2,414,242	-
Providence	78,715,534	-	(202,886)	78,512,647	-
Richmond	1,448,455	-	-	1,448,455	-
Scituate	1,977,127	-	-	1,977,127	-
Smithfield	8,268,735	-	47,411	8,316,146	-
South Kingstown	4,117,506	-	(708)	4,116,797	-
Tiverton	1,748,175	-	-	1,748,175	-
Warren	2,090,911	-	-	2,090,911	-
Warwick	26,824,689	-	112,608	26,937,297	-
Westerly	5,917,553	-	(1,005)	5,916,549	-
West Greenwich	1,331,725	-	-	1,331,725	-
West Warwick	6,841,233	-	(10,112)	6,831,122	-
Woonsocket	10,592,573	-	(18,456)	10,574,117	-
Subtotal	\$ 295,876,905	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 295,876,905	\$ -
MV Phase Out - Fire Districts	421,271	-	-	421,271	-
Tangible Tax	28,000,000	-	-	28,000,000	-
<i>Rounding adjust.</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Enhanced Total	\$ 324,298,177	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 324,298,176	\$ -
<i>FY 2021 CRF Enhancement</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 324,298,177	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 324,298,176	\$ -

¹ Tangible Tax funding was provided in the enacted budget with the intent of reappropriating unspent funding to FY 2025 when payments are made.

² Distributional data will not be available until certified tax rolls are submitted by August 15.

Distressed Communities Relief

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev.</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2023 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bristol	-	-	-	-	-
Burrillville	-	-	-	-	-
Central Falls	263,947	263,947	-	263,947	-
Charlestown	-	-	-	-	-
Coventry	-	-	-	-	-
Cranston	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	-	-	-	-	-
East Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
East Providence	-	-	-	-	-
Exeter	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkinton	-	-	-	-	-
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-
Johnston	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-
Little Compton	-	-	-	-	-
Middletown	-	-	-	-	-
Narragansett	-	-	-	-	-
Newport	-	-	-	-	-
New Shoreham	-	-	-	-	-
North Kingstown	-	-	-	-	-
North Providence	1,168,448	1,168,448	-	1,168,448	-
North Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
Pawtucket	1,799,105	1,799,105	-	1,799,105	-
Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	7,069,428	7,069,428	-	7,069,428	-
Richmond	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	-	-	-	-	-
Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
South Kingstown	-	-	-	-	-
Tiverton	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	-	-	-	-	-
Westerly	-	-	-	-	-
West Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
West Warwick	1,167,490	1,167,490	-	1,167,490	-
Woonsocket	916,041	916,041	-	916,041	-
Total	\$ 12,384,458	\$ 12,384,458	\$ -	\$ 12,384,458	\$ -

Distressed Communities Relief

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 Governor</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bristol	-	-	-	-	-
Burrillville	-	-	-	-	-
Central Falls	263,947	268,136	4,189	268,136	-
Charlestown	-	-	-	-	-
Coventry	-	-	-	-	-
Cranston	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	-	-	-	-	-
East Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
East Providence	-	-	-	-	-
Exeter	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkinton	-	-	-	-	-
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-
Johnston	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-
Little Compton	-	-	-	-	-
Middletown	-	-	-	-	-
Narragansett	-	-	-	-	-
Newport	-	-	-	-	-
New Shoreham	-	-	-	-	-
North Kingstown	-	-	-	-	-
North Providence	1,168,448	1,140,776	(27,671)	1,140,776	-
North Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
Pawtucket	1,799,105	1,808,532	9,427	1,808,532	-
Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	7,069,428	7,107,546	38,118	7,107,546	-
Richmond	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	-	-	-	-	-
Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
South Kingstown	-	-	-	-	-
Tiverton	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	-	-	-	-	-
Westerly	-	-	-	-	-
West Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
West Warwick	1,167,490	1,157,378	(10,112)	1,157,378	-
Woonsocket	916,041	902,090	(13,951)	902,090	-
Total	\$ 12,384,458	\$ 12,384,458	\$ -	\$ 12,384,458	\$ -

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev.</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ 18,606	\$ 18,606	\$ -	\$ 18,606	\$ -
Bristol	1,305,958	1,305,958	-	1,305,958	-
Burrillville	59,483	59,483	-	59,483	-
Central Falls	-	-	-	-	-
Charlestown	-	-	-	-	-
Coventry	-	-	-	-	-
Cranston	4,029,628	4,029,628	-	4,029,628	-
Cumberland	-	-	-	-	-
East Greenwich	804,431	804,431	-	804,431	-
East Providence	286,708	286,708	-	286,708	-
Exeter	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkinton	-	-	-	-	-
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-
Johnston	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-
Little Compton	-	-	-	-	-
Middletown	-	-	-	-	-
Narragansett	-	-	-	-	-
Newport	1,739,666	1,739,666	-	1,739,666	-
New Shoreham	-	-	-	-	-
North Kingstown	50	50	-	50	-
North Providence	-	-	-	-	-
North Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
Pawtucket	3,061	3,061	-	3,061	-
Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	37,514,510	37,514,510	-	37,514,510	-
Richmond	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	-	-	-	-	-
Smithfield	1,170,041	1,170,041	-	1,170,041	-
South Kingstown	187,050	187,050	-	187,050	-
Tiverton	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	1,578,435	1,578,435	-	1,578,435	-
Westerly	152,031	152,031	-	152,031	-
West Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
West Warwick	-	-	-	-	-
Woonsocket	351,755	351,755	-	351,755	-
Total	\$ 49,201,412	\$ 49,201,412	\$ -	\$ 49,201,412	\$ -

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 Governor</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 18,606	\$ 18,976	\$ 369	\$ 18,976	\$ -
Bristol	1,305,958	1,324,937	18,980	1,324,937	-
Burrillville	59,483	60,737	1,254	60,737	-
Central Falls	-	-	-	-	-
Charlestown	-	-	-	-	-
Coventry	-	-	-	-	-
Cranston	4,029,628	4,037,181	7,553	4,037,181	-
Cumberland	-	-	-	-	-
East Greenwich	804,431	819,440	15,009	819,440	-
East Providence	286,708	296,967	10,260	296,967	-
Exeter	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkinton	-	-	-	-	-
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-
Johnston	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-
Little Compton	-	-	-	-	-
Middletown	-	-	-	-	-
Narragansett	-	-	-	-	-
Newport	1,739,666	1,773,418	33,752	1,773,418	-
New Shoreham	-	-	-	-	-
North Kingstown	50	50	-	50	-
North Providence	-	-	-	-	-
North Smithfield	-	-	-	-	-
Pawtucket	3,061	3,087	26	3,087	-
Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	37,514,510	37,273,505	(241,005)	37,273,505	-
Richmond	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	-	-	-	-	-
Smithfield	1,170,041	1,217,452	47,411	1,217,452	-
South Kingstown	187,050	186,342	(708)	186,342	-
Tiverton	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Warwick	1,578,435	1,691,043	112,608	1,691,043	-
Westerly	152,031	151,026	(1,005)	151,026	-
West Greenwich	-	-	-	-	-
West Warwick	-	-	-	-	-
Woonsocket	351,755	347,251	(4,504)	347,251	-
Total	\$ 49,201,412	\$ 49,201,412	\$ -	\$ 49,201,412	\$ -

Motor Vehicle Excise Phase-Out

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev.</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ 5,894,822	\$ 5,894,822	\$ -	\$ 5,894,822	\$ -
Bristol	2,905,818	2,905,818	-	2,905,818	-
Burrillville	5,053,933	5,053,933	-	5,053,933	-
Central Falls	2,077,974	2,077,974	-	2,077,974	-
Charlestown	1,020,877	1,020,877	-	1,020,877	-
Coventry	5,872,396	5,872,396	-	5,872,396	-
Cranston	22,312,247	22,312,247	-	22,312,247	-
Cumberland	6,073,469	6,073,469	-	6,073,469	-
East Greenwich	2,417,332	2,417,332	-	2,417,332	-
East Providence	11,433,479	11,433,479	-	11,433,479	-
Exeter	2,241,381	2,241,381	-	2,241,381	-
Foster	1,652,251	1,652,251	-	1,652,251	-
Glocester	2,381,941	2,381,941	-	2,381,941	-
Hopkinton	1,629,259	1,629,259	-	1,629,259	-
Jamestown	622,793	622,793	-	622,793	-
Johnston	10,382,785	10,382,785	-	10,382,785	-
Lincoln	5,683,015	5,683,015	-	5,683,015	-
Little Compton	366,775	366,775	-	366,775	-
Middletown	1,976,448	1,976,448	-	1,976,448	-
Narragansett	1,831,251	1,831,251	-	1,831,251	-
Newport	2,223,671	2,223,671	-	2,223,671	-
New Shoreham	163,298	163,298	-	163,298	-
North Kingstown	5,378,818	5,378,818	-	5,378,818	-
North Providence	9,619,286	9,619,286	-	9,619,286	-
North Smithfield	4,398,531	4,398,531	-	4,398,531	-
Pawtucket	16,495,506	16,495,506	-	16,495,506	-
Portsmouth	2,414,242	2,414,242	-	2,414,242	-
Providence	34,131,596	34,131,596	-	34,131,596	-
Richmond	1,448,455	1,448,455	-	1,448,455	-
Scituate	1,977,127	1,977,127	-	1,977,127	-
Smithfield	7,098,694	7,098,694	-	7,098,694	-
South Kingstown	3,930,455	3,930,455	-	3,930,455	-
Tiverton	1,748,175	1,748,175	-	1,748,175	-
Warren	2,090,911	2,090,911	-	2,090,911	-
Warwick	25,246,254	25,246,254	-	25,246,254	-
Westerly	5,765,523	5,765,523	-	5,765,523	-
West Greenwich	1,331,725	1,331,725	-	1,331,725	-
West Warwick	5,673,744	5,673,744	-	5,673,744	-
Woonsocket	9,324,776	9,324,776	-	9,324,776	-
Subtotal	\$ 234,291,035	\$ 234,291,035	\$ -	\$ 234,291,035	\$ -
MV Phase Out - Fire Districts	421,271	421,271	-	421,271	-
Total	\$ 234,712,307	\$ 234,712,307	\$ -	\$ 234,712,307	\$ -

Motor Vehicle Excise Phase-Out

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 Governor</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 5,894,822	\$ 5,894,822	\$ -	\$ 5,894,822	\$ -
Bristol	2,905,818	2,905,818	-	2,905,818	-
Burrillville	5,053,933	5,053,933	-	5,053,933	-
Central Falls	2,077,974	2,077,974	-	2,077,974	-
Charlestown	1,020,877	1,020,877	-	1,020,877	-
Coventry	5,872,396	5,872,396	-	5,872,396	-
Cranston	22,312,247	22,312,247	-	22,312,247	-
Cumberland	6,073,469	6,073,469	-	6,073,469	-
East Greenwich	2,417,332	2,417,332	-	2,417,332	-
East Providence	11,433,479	11,433,479	-	11,433,479	-
Exeter	2,241,381	2,241,381	-	2,241,381	-
Foster	1,652,251	1,652,251	-	1,652,251	-
Glocester	2,381,941	2,381,941	-	2,381,941	-
Hopkinton	1,629,259	1,629,259	-	1,629,259	-
Jamestown	622,793	622,793	-	622,793	-
Johnston	10,382,785	10,382,785	-	10,382,785	-
Lincoln	5,683,015	5,683,015	-	5,683,015	-
Little Compton	366,775	366,775	-	366,775	-
Middletown	1,976,448	1,976,448	-	1,976,448	-
Narragansett	1,831,251	1,831,251	-	1,831,251	-
Newport	2,223,671	2,223,671	-	2,223,671	-
New Shoreham	163,298	163,298	-	163,298	-
North Kingstown	5,378,818	5,378,818	-	5,378,818	-
North Providence	9,619,286	9,619,286	-	9,619,286	-
North Smithfield	4,398,531	4,398,531	-	4,398,531	-
Pawtucket	16,495,506	16,495,506	-	16,495,506	-
Portsmouth	2,414,242	2,414,242	-	2,414,242	-
Providence	34,131,596	34,131,596	-	34,131,596	-
Richmond	1,448,455	1,448,455	-	1,448,455	-
Scituate	1,977,127	1,977,127	-	1,977,127	-
Smithfield	7,098,694	7,098,694	-	7,098,694	-
South Kingstown	3,930,455	3,930,455	-	3,930,455	-
Tiverton	1,748,175	1,748,175	-	1,748,175	-
Warren	2,090,911	2,090,911	-	2,090,911	-
Warwick	25,246,254	25,246,254	-	25,246,254	-
Westerly	5,765,523	5,765,523	-	5,765,523	-
West Greenwich	1,331,725	1,331,725	-	1,331,725	-
West Warwick	5,673,744	5,673,744	-	5,673,744	-
Woonsocket	9,324,776	9,324,776	-	9,324,776	-
Subtotal	\$ 234,291,035	\$ 234,291,035	\$ -	\$ 234,291,035	\$ -
MV Phase Out - Fire Districts	421,271	421,271	-	421,271	-
Total	\$ 234,712,307	\$ 234,712,307	\$ -	\$ 234,712,307	\$ -

Library Aid

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev.</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ 379,347	\$ 379,347	\$ -	\$ 379,347	\$ -
Bristol	206,100	206,100	-	206,100	-
Burrillville	224,266	224,266	-	224,266	-
Central Falls	36,917	36,917	-	36,917	-
Charlestown	64,266	64,266	-	64,266	-
Coventry	251,550	251,550	-	251,550	-
Cranston	797,557	797,557	-	797,557	-
Cumberland	353,926	353,926	-	353,926	-
East Greenwich	149,839	149,839	-	149,839	-
East Providence	445,181	445,181	-	445,181	-
Exeter	56,782	56,782	-	56,782	-
Foster	41,835	41,835	-	41,835	-
Glocester	95,338	95,338	-	95,338	-
Hopkinton	44,300	44,300	-	44,300	-
Jamestown	120,781	120,781	-	120,781	-
Johnston	133,453	133,453	-	133,453	-
Lincoln	259,616	259,616	-	259,616	-
Little Compton	42,594	42,594	-	42,594	-
Middletown	180,903	180,903	-	180,903	-
Narragansett	210,276	210,276	-	210,276	-
Newport	486,394	486,394	-	486,394	-
New Shoreham	108,269	108,269	-	108,269	-
North Kingstown	353,799	353,799	-	353,799	-
North Providence	246,714	246,714	-	246,714	-
North Smithfield	95,325	95,325	-	95,325	-
Pawtucket	474,735	474,735	-	474,735	-
Portsmouth	134,841	134,841	-	134,841	-
Providence*	2,674,644	2,674,644	-	2,674,644	-
Richmond	32,206	32,206	-	32,206	-
Scituate	133,807	133,807	-	133,807	-
Smithfield	363,925	363,925	-	363,925	-
South Kingstown	258,400	258,400	-	258,400	-
Tiverton	147,750	147,750	-	147,750	-
Warren	73,963	73,963	-	73,963	-
Warwick	778,781	778,781	-	778,781	-
Westerly	441,250	441,250	-	441,250	-
West Greenwich	61,668	61,668	-	61,668	-
West Warwick	201,979	201,979	-	201,979	-
Woonsocket	240,870	240,870	-	240,870	-
Subtotal	\$ 11,404,142	\$ 11,404,142	\$ -	\$ 11,404,142	\$ -
Institutional Libraries	71,172	71,172	-	71,172	-
Total	\$ 11,475,314	\$ 11,475,314	\$ -	\$ 11,475,314	\$ -

*Includes the Statewide Reference Library Resource Grant.

Library Aid

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 Governor</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 379,347	\$ 362,172	\$ (17,175)	\$ 374,472	\$ 12,300
Bristol	206,100	211,491	5,391	218,673	7,182
Burrillville	224,266	229,627	5,361	237,425	7,798
Central Falls	36,917	36,071	(846)	37,296	1,225
Charlestown	64,266	65,942	1,676	68,182	2,239
Coventry	251,550	260,779	9,229	269,635	8,856
Cranston	797,557	775,345	(22,212)	801,676	26,331
Cumberland	353,926	350,311	(3,615)	362,208	11,897
East Greenwich	149,839	148,306	(1,533)	153,342	5,037
East Providence	445,181	442,208	(2,972)	457,226	15,018
Exeter	56,782	63,102	6,320	65,245	2,143
Foster	41,835	41,577	(258)	42,989	1,412
Glocester	95,338	95,764	425	99,016	3,252
Hopkinton	44,300	42,845	(1,455)	44,300	1,455
Jamestown	120,781	117,542	(3,240)	121,534	3,992
Johnston	133,453	126,016	(7,437)	130,296	4,280
Lincoln	259,616	264,981	5,365	273,980	8,999
Little Compton	42,594	43,095	501	44,558	1,464
Middletown	180,903	174,961	(5,942)	180,903	5,942
Narragansett	210,276	238,073	27,797	246,158	8,085
Newport	486,394	483,931	(2,463)	500,366	16,435
New Shoreham	108,269	114,693	6,424	118,589	3,896
North Kingstown	353,799	314,881	(38,918)	325,575	10,694
North Providence	246,714	235,168	(11,546)	243,155	7,987
North Smithfield	95,325	95,061	(264)	98,289	3,228
Pawtucket	474,735	496,695	21,960	513,563	16,868
Portsmouth	134,841	134,682	(158)	139,256	4,574
Providence*	2,674,644	2,601,194	(73,450)	2,673,853	72,659
Richmond	32,206	31,533	(673)	32,604	1,071
Scituate	133,807	133,165	(642)	137,687	4,522
Smithfield	363,925	363,357	(568)	375,697	12,340
South Kingstown	258,400	253,819	(4,581)	262,439	8,620
Tiverton	147,750	145,799	(1,951)	150,750	4,951
Warren	73,963	75,623	1,660	78,191	2,568
Warwick	778,781	895,063	116,282	925,461	30,397
Westerly	441,250	438,351	(2,899)	453,238	14,887
West Greenwich	61,668	69,063	7,395	71,408	2,345
West Warwick	201,979	203,898	1,920	210,823	6,925
Woonsocket	240,870	227,959	(12,910)	235,701	7,741
Subtotal	\$ 11,404,142	\$ 11,404,142	\$ -	\$ 11,775,757	\$ 371,615
Institutional Libraries	71,172	71,172	-	79,671	8,499
Total	\$ 11,475,314	\$ 11,475,314	\$ -	\$ 11,855,428	\$ 380,114

*Includes the Statewide Reference Library Resource Grant.

Public Service Corporation Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted ¹</i>	<i>FY 2024 Gov. Rev. ¹</i>	<i>Revised Difference</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2024 HFC to Gov. Rev.</i>
Barrington	\$ 199,439	\$ 227,971	\$ 28,531	\$ 227,971	\$ -
Bristol	273,410	295,616	22,206	295,616	-
Burrillville	206,687	214,519	7,832	214,519	-
Central Falls	240,792	294,118	53,326	294,118	-
Charlestown	97,025	106,186	9,160	106,186	-
Coventry	430,457	468,983	38,526	468,983	-
Cranston	1,006,575	1,095,441	88,866	1,095,441	-
Cumberland	433,343	479,585	46,242	479,585	-
East Greenwich	162,262	185,149	22,887	185,149	-
East Providence	587,726	625,173	37,447	625,173	-
Exeter	83,138	90,891	7,753	90,891	-
Foster	58,498	59,706	1,209	59,706	-
Glocester	126,386	132,626	6,241	132,626	-
Hopkinton	100,469	111,474	11,005	111,474	-
Jamestown	68,061	73,304	5,243	73,304	-
Johnston	363,300	391,636	28,336	391,636	-
Lincoln	269,979	297,074	27,095	297,074	-
Little Compton	43,310	47,712	4,402	47,712	-
Middletown	197,990	225,081	27,091	225,081	-
Narragansett	191,412	195,606	4,194	195,606	-
Newport	305,954	335,601	29,647	335,601	-
New Shoreham	10,790	13,346	2,556	13,346	-
North Kingstown	325,676	367,064	41,388	367,064	-
North Providence	403,017	449,752	46,735	449,752	-
North Smithfield	154,581	166,157	11,576	166,157	-
Pawtucket	889,741	996,651	106,910	996,651	-
Portsmouth	214,714	235,936	21,222	235,936	-
Providence	2,223,355	2,502,389	279,034	2,502,389	-
Richmond	95,675	106,875	11,200	106,875	-
Scituate	132,171	138,140	5,969	138,140	-
Smithfield	269,260	289,652	20,392	289,652	-
South Kingstown	379,714	418,487	38,773	418,487	-
Tiverton	194,868	215,857	20,989	215,857	-
Warren	129,780	147,987	18,207	147,987	-
Warwick	1,003,986	1,095,600	91,614	1,095,600	-
Westerly	278,749	309,492	30,742	309,492	-
West Greenwich	78,009	86,147	8,137	86,147	-
West Warwick	358,481	408,508	50,027	408,508	-
Woonsocket	515,552	570,477	54,925	570,477	-
Total	\$ 13,104,333	\$ 14,471,968	\$ 1,367,635	\$ 14,471,968	\$ -

¹ Enacted based on 2022 actual payments; Revised reflects actual 2023 payments.

Public Service Corporation Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2024 Enacted ¹</i>	<i>FY 2025 Governor ²</i>	<i>FY 2025 Gov. to Enacted</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC</i>	<i>FY 2025 HFC to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 199,439	\$ 227,971	\$ 28,531	\$ 227,971	\$ -
Bristol	273,410	295,616	22,206	295,616	-
Burrillville	206,687	214,519	7,832	214,519	-
Central Falls	240,792	294,118	53,326	294,118	-
Charlestown	97,025	106,186	9,160	106,186	-
Coventry	430,457	468,983	38,526	468,983	-
Cranston	1,006,575	1,095,441	88,866	1,095,441	-
Cumberland	433,343	479,585	46,242	479,585	-
East Greenwich	162,262	185,149	22,887	185,149	-
East Providence	587,726	625,173	37,447	625,173	-
Exeter	83,138	90,891	7,753	90,891	-
Foster	58,498	59,706	1,209	59,706	-
Glocester	126,386	132,626	6,241	132,626	-
Hopkinton	100,469	111,474	11,005	111,474	-
Jamestown	68,061	73,304	5,243	73,304	-
Johnston	363,300	391,636	28,336	391,636	-
Lincoln	269,979	297,074	27,095	297,074	-
Little Compton	43,310	47,712	4,402	47,712	-
Middletown	197,990	225,081	27,091	225,081	-
Narragansett	191,412	195,606	4,194	195,606	-
Newport	305,954	335,601	29,647	335,601	-
New Shoreham	10,790	13,346	2,556	13,346	-
North Kingstown	325,676	367,064	41,388	367,064	-
North Providence	403,017	449,752	46,735	449,752	-
North Smithfield	154,581	166,157	11,576	166,157	-
Pawtucket	889,741	996,651	106,910	996,651	-
Portsmouth	214,714	235,936	21,222	235,936	-
Providence	2,223,355	2,502,389	279,034	2,502,389	-
Richmond	95,675	106,875	11,200	106,875	-
Scituate	132,171	138,140	5,969	138,140	-
Smithfield	269,260	289,652	20,392	289,652	-
South Kingstown	379,714	418,487	38,773	418,487	-
Tiverton	194,868	215,857	20,989	215,857	-
Warren	129,780	147,987	18,207	147,987	-
Warwick	1,003,986	1,095,600	91,614	1,095,600	-
Westerly	278,749	309,492	30,742	309,492	-
West Greenwich	78,009	86,147	8,137	86,147	-
West Warwick	358,481	408,508	50,027	408,508	-
Woonsocket	515,552	570,477	54,925	570,477	-
Total	\$ 13,104,333	\$ 14,471,968	\$ 1,367,635	\$ 14,471,968	\$ -

¹ Enacted based on 2022 actual payments; Revised reflects actual 2023 payments.

² FY 2025 estimated based on 2023 payment; actuals not yet available.

Meals and Beverage Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024*</i>	<i>FY 2025*</i>
Barrington	\$ 138,323	\$ 31,140	\$ 208,231	\$ 189,537	\$ 196,716
Bristol	504,007	590,782	688,838	682,903	708,768
Burrillville	173,127	221,419	242,125	269,016	279,205
Central Falls	152,992	221,276	249,793	223,255	231,710
Charlestown	133,874	187,929	210,220	224,049	232,535
Coventry	448,221	506,241	534,109	612,532	635,731
Cranston	1,973,740	2,221,497	2,636,740	2,753,980	2,858,284
Cumberland	478,716	623,172	645,745	711,776	738,734
East Greenwich	663,808	878,305	1,080,419	1,000,329	1,038,215
East Providence	1,007,986	1,075,238	1,356,423	1,422,371	1,476,242
Exeter	106,758	132,434	162,610	160,576	166,658
Foster	16,695	22,773	26,336	26,421	27,422
Glocester	79,222	91,894	108,909	112,215	116,465
Hopkinton	48,787	57,936	58,057	69,988	72,639
Jamestown	61,145	80,995	152,444	112,427	116,686
Johnston	690,602	892,690	991,264	1,028,804	1,067,769
Lincoln	567,389	798,570	953,065	981,729	1,018,912
Little Compton	41,731	47,837	48,651	64,033	66,458
Middletown	704,614	844,296	1,100,676	1,075,594	1,116,332
Narragansett	647,984	801,490	901,253	939,771	975,364
Newport	2,055,545	3,008,008	3,414,298	3,358,890	3,486,105
New Shoreham	375,627	511,516	537,580	560,381	581,605
North Kingstown	594,086	769,378	835,069	873,992	907,093
North Providence	474,308	523,939	624,707	627,864	651,644
North Smithfield	337,246	394,780	403,227	453,522	470,699
Pawtucket	998,076	1,123,138	1,175,628	1,340,146	1,390,903
Portsmouth	274,764	364,059	431,430	414,287	429,978
Providence	4,884,912	6,761,100	7,839,228	7,732,176	8,025,026
Richmond	160,791	165,834	192,249	205,377	213,156
Scituate	71,894	82,569	97,275	96,736	100,400
Smithfield	815,360	989,822	1,093,115	1,175,049	1,219,553
South Kingstown	877,632	981,754	1,182,444	1,256,632	1,304,226
Tiverton	310,989	366,104	416,158	429,267	445,525
Warren	379,211	438,503	533,600	493,492	512,182
Warwick	2,744,154	3,337,675	3,759,384	4,020,540	4,172,815
Westerly	885,572	1,119,560	1,203,418	1,298,323	1,347,496
West Greenwich	121,169	148,555	160,659	173,990	180,580
West Warwick	410,010	446,257	510,671	565,468	586,885
Woonsocket	594,333	655,816	732,610	805,266	835,765
Total	\$ 26,005,401	\$ 32,516,283	\$ 37,498,657	\$ 38,542,704	\$ 40,002,480

**Projections from Office of Revenue Analysis updated December 2023.*

Local Hotel Tax

<i>City or Town</i>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024*</i>	<i>FY 2025*</i>
Barrington	\$ 1,547	\$ 956	\$ 1,656	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,649
Bristol	21,358	39,734	42,417	41,783	42,511
Burrillville	67	35	115	128	131
Central Falls	78	93	529	405	415
Charlestown	56,542	78,806	79,663	80,730	82,520
Coventry	25,422	48,317	44,854	48,264	49,058
Cranston	9,750	13,342	15,753	21,847	22,225
Cumberland	198	365	721	476	487
East Greenwich	1,153	1,329	1,575	1,857	1,897
East Providence	26,036	27,904	24,557	36,958	37,588
Exeter	143	374	289	237	242
Foster	1,624	152	185	830	844
Glocester	1,140	1,329	955	1,753	1,783
Hopkinton	1,062	1,173	742	1,070	1,091
Jamestown	30,825	35,957	52,998	45,756	46,772
Johnston	5,119	5,947	8,051	6,600	6,710
Lincoln	29,852	75,846	106,945	78,001	79,272
Little Compton	22,521	23,786	26,304	29,093	29,713
Middletown	367,157	594,725	652,414	640,784	651,627
Narragansett	193,292	218,526	244,814	265,093	270,604
Newport	1,133,861	1,712,257	1,776,123	1,713,719	1,743,403
New Shoreham	396,332	420,852	444,767	524,427	534,869
North Kingstown	45,471	52,934	53,118	63,482	64,622
North Providence	928	1,612	1,529	1,952	1,996
North Smithfield	1,348	1,760	2,413	2,229	2,267
Pawtucket	26,316	40,143	41,378	49,562	50,389
Portsmouth	10,034	15,840	18,334	17,888	18,258
Providence	362,364	992,454	1,266,448	1,127,548	1,146,493
Richmond	6,914	26,722	36,277	20,717	21,137
Scituate	3,077	2,263	5,710	4,580	4,657
Smithfield	49,640	89,883	107,842	96,584	98,164
South Kingstown	85,890	162,175	177,887	158,025	160,916
Tiverton	3,296	5,185	4,392	9,792	9,989
Warren	527	1,294	1,983	1,262	1,290
Warwick	268,815	493,595	587,468	590,167	599,978
Westerly	462,882	536,537	530,461	588,257	598,505
West Greenwich	38,361	52,670	49,815	63,811	64,854
West Warwick	41,837	54,833	69,239	70,414	71,568
Woonsocket	16,864	24,548	28,370	31,441	31,964
Total	\$ 3,749,642	\$ 5,856,253	\$ 6,509,093	\$ 6,440,113	\$ 6,553,459

**Projections from Office of Revenue Analysis updated December 2023.*

FY 2025 Education Aid

The House Finance Committee recommends \$1,540.5 million for FY 2025 in total aid for local school districts. Funding includes \$1,238.1 million in direct distributions to local school districts, \$62.6 million in categorical funding, \$1.3 million in other aid for distribution by the Department, \$132.3 million for the state's contribution to teacher retirement, and \$106.2 million for school construction costs.

Education Aid	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor	Change to Enacted	FY 2025 HFC	Change to Enacted	Change to Governor
Operating Aid						
Local Districts	\$ 888,211,414	\$ 889,757,298	\$ 1,545,884	\$ 947,937,345	\$ 59,725,931	\$ 58,180,047
Central Falls	48,762,048	46,691,524	(2,070,524)	53,634,575	4,872,527	6,943,051
Met School	10,610,928	10,741,033	130,105	11,131,142	520,214	390,109
Davies Career & Tech	15,721,293	17,562,853	1,841,560	18,131,389	2,410,096	568,536
Charter Schools	153,888,559	171,217,305	17,328,746	180,634,645	26,746,086	9,417,340
UCAP	1,840,097	1,897,226	57,129	2,111,614	271,517	214,388
Youth Build Academy	1,892,543	2,317,942	425,399	2,137,890	245,347	(180,052)
Group Home Funding	1,840,396	1,765,638	(74,758)	1,716,407	(123,989)	(49,231)
Subtotal	\$ 1,122,767,279	\$ 1,141,950,820	\$ 19,183,541	\$ 1,217,435,007	\$ 94,667,729	\$ 75,484,188
Other Adjustments						
Enrollment Transition	\$ 19,950,838	\$ 25,043,140	\$ 5,092,302	\$ 19,461,431	\$ (489,407)	\$ (5,581,709)
Poverty Loss						
Stabilization	5,498,796	1,220,238	(4,278,558)	1,249,847	(4,248,949)	29,609
Adjusted Subtotal	\$ 1,148,216,913	\$ 1,168,214,198	\$ 19,997,285	\$ 1,238,146,285	\$ 89,929,373	\$ 69,932,088
Categorical Funding						
High Cost Special Ed.	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
Career and Technical	4,500,000	4,500,000	-	6,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Early Childhood	22,850,081	30,004,097	7,154,016	29,884,568	7,034,487	(119,529)
Non-Public						
Transportation	3,476,076	3,931,589	455,513	3,931,589	455,513	-
Regional District						
Transportation	7,154,527	7,295,110	140,583	7,295,110	140,583	-
English Language Learner	19,437,941	36,087,328	16,649,387	-	(19,437,941)	(36,087,328)
Subtotal	\$ 72,418,625	\$ 96,818,124	\$ 24,399,499	\$ 62,611,267	\$ (9,807,358)	\$ (34,206,857)
Set-Aside Funds						
Textbook Loans	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ -
School Breakfast	270,000	270,000	-	270,000	-	-
Reduced-Price Meal						
Subsidy	-	812,952	812,952	812,952	812,952	-
Recovery High School	500,000	500,000	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)
Subtotal	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,822,952	\$ 812,952	\$ 1,322,952	\$ 312,952	\$ (500,000)
Total	\$ 1,221,645,538	\$ 1,266,855,274	\$ 45,209,736	\$ 1,302,080,504	\$ 80,434,967	\$ 35,225,229
Other Aid						
Teacher Retirement	\$ 132,744,129	\$ 132,268,922	\$ (475,207)	\$ 132,268,922	\$ (475,207)	\$ -
Construction Aid	104,162,946	106,198,555	2,035,609	106,198,555	2,035,609	-
Statewide Total	\$ 1,458,552,612	\$ 1,505,322,752	\$ 46,770,140	\$ 1,540,547,981	\$ 81,995,369	\$ 35,225,229

Core Instruction Amount. The funding formula uses a core instruction amount that is calculated using average expenditure and enrollment data from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire from the National Center for Education Statistics. The Governor's budget includes a proposal to cap the increase in the per pupil core instruction amount to the average five-year annual percentage change in the consumer price index which would have set the core instruction amount to \$12,335 compared to \$12,617 under current law. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the proposed cap and maintains current law core instruction amount of \$12,617 for FY 2025 education aid.

Multilingual (English language) Learners. The House Finance Committee recommends increasing the weight to support multilingual learners from 15.0 percent of the core instruction amount to 20.0 percent of that amount and shifting this aid from a categorical fund to being included in the funding formula calculation. The budget includes \$7.4 million more than current law for this change. The budget also changes the name from English learner to multilingual learner and clarifies that the funding applies to students in the lowest three proficiency levels, consistent with current practice.

Career and Technical Education. The recommendation includes an increase of \$2.0 million for career and technical education categorical funding which has remained level-funded at \$4.5 million since FY 2017.

School Meals. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's proposal to make federally reimbursable school meals free to students from families that qualify for reduced-price meals. The state would provide funds to public schools equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for free breakfast and lunch meals and the reimbursement received for students eligible for reduced-price meals. The budget includes \$0.8 million based on approximately 6,500 students who qualify for reduced-price meals.

Recovery High School. The recommendation excludes the \$0.5 million for recovery high school support as the state's only recovery high school, Anchor Learning Academy closed in August 2023. The Governor's budget only adjusts the FY 2024 funding.

Total Funding to Districts

A. Column **A** reflects the formula aid calculation. It is based on March 15, 2024 student enrollment data adjusted for charter school growth and uses the current law core instruction amount of \$12,617. It also includes the recommended changes to move multilingual learner support into the funding formula.

B. Column **B** shows the total funding for multilingual or English learners using a weight of 20.0 percent of the core instruction amount. This aid was a categorical from FY 2017 until FY 2024. The House Finance Committee recommends moving this into the funding formula starting in FY 2025. This column is provided for reference only as it is already reflected in the Column **A** total.

C. Column **C** shows the enrollment transition fund. This fund provides two years of support to districts experiencing enrollment losses. Districts receive 40.0 percent of the state per-pupil funding lost in the first year and 25.0 percent in the second year.

D. Column **D** shows the poverty loss stabilization fund. The fund provides 50.0 percent of the difference that the formula aid calculation produces under the prior year's share ratio compared to the current year's share ratio if the foundation formula aid calculation produces less than it would using the prior year's state share ratio and the decrease in the state share ratio is greater than 2.0 percent.

E. Column **E** shows the amount of group home aid for FY 2025. Group home aid is paid through the funding formula pursuant to current law.

F. Column **F** shows the amount of high cost special education funding. The funding formula allows for additional funding from the state for high cost special education students when those costs exceed four times the district's combined per pupil core instruction and student success factor amounts. Funds available for distribution are prorated if the total costs exceed the appropriation; this represents 77.0 percent of allowable expenses.

G. The funding formula allows the state to provide resources to mitigate the excess costs associated with transporting students to out-of-district non-public schools. The state assumes the costs of non-public out-of-district transportation for those districts participating in the statewide transportation system. This distribution is shown in Column **G** and fully funded for FY 2025.

H. The funding formula allows the state to provide resources to mitigate the excess costs associated with transporting students within regional school districts. The state and regional school districts equally share the student transportation cost net any federal sources of revenue for these expenditures. This distribution is shown in Column **H**.

I. Column **I** shows the amount of discretionary stabilization funds included to support the Central Falls School District until the city can begin paying its local share.

J. Column **J** shows the total amount of education aid recommended by the House Finance Committee for FY 2025.

K. Column **K** is the difference between the House Finance Committee's FY 2025 recommendation shown in Column **J** and the FY 2024 enacted budget.

L. Column **L** is the difference between the House Finance Committee's FY 2025 recommendation shown in Column **J** and the Governor's original recommended budget, which was also based on earlier data.

Total Funding to Districts

<i>District</i>	<i>A</i> <i>Current Law</i> <i>Core w/ MLL @</i> <i>20%</i>	<i>B</i> <i>MLL Funding</i> <i>(in formula)</i>	<i>C</i> <i>Enrollment</i> <i>Transition</i> <i>Fund</i>	<i>D</i> <i>Poverty Loss</i> <i>Stabilization</i> <i>Fund</i>	<i>E</i> <i>Group Home</i> <i>Aid</i>	<i>F</i> <i>High Cost</i> <i>Special</i> <i>Education</i>
Barrington	\$ 11,418,578	\$[28,396]	\$ 149,032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333,033
Burrillville	13,266,956	[13,106]	320,071	-	-	337,996
Charlestown	1,514,709	-	33,365	-	-	-
Coventry	26,569,935	[16,296]	593,384	-	70,815	596,694
Cranston	77,102,194	[1,111,439]	808,944	-	-	845,525
Cumberland	26,341,736	[159,888]	-	-	-	175,101
East Greenwich	6,243,354	[11,596]	52,230	-	-	643,760
East Providence	37,431,252	[228,194]	137,198	-	449,114	905,937
Foster	1,178,178	[1,959]	18,524	22,977	-	72,276
Glocester	2,902,861	-	52,683	-	-	125,921
Hopkinton	6,709,736	[3,405]	77,790	-	-	-
Jamestown	297,632	[102]	12,534	16,747	-	382,985
Johnston	23,368,076	[256,699]	82,269	-	-	1,083,578
Lincoln	18,481,613	[66,106]	-	-	78,157	224,165
Little Compton	326,439	-	17,214	-	-	-
Middletown	6,722,115	[61,190]	196,347	295,311	-	183,224
Narragansett	1,757,494	[671]	119,404	124,828	-	204,621
Newport	14,971,701	[384,127]	620,064	-	72,064	61,873
New Shoreham	74,570	[1,370]	4,540	11,774	-	-
North Kingstown	13,120,180	[45,951]	231,399	-	-	143,213
North Providence	29,606,271	[462,899]	30,261	-	108,452	567,609
North Smithfield	7,857,620	[12,599]	46,957	-	-	85,308
Pawtucket	107,328,506	[2,750,731]	2,696,952	-	38,736	1,245,797
Portsmouth	2,830,867	[3,697]	92,248	-	272,726	393,002
Providence	284,752,093	[14,329,422]	7,513,349	-	109,622	1,341,441
Richmond	6,228,750	[6,525]	141,616	-	-	-
Scituate	3,357,790	[1,099]	81,607	111,518	-	102,303
Smithfield	9,812,560	[17,742]	60,335	-	69,601	130,856
South Kingstown	4,997,562	[15,274]	294,496	-	-	575,789
Tiverton	5,361,007	[4,985]	177,001	108,928	-	203,845
Warwick	44,822,207	[143,360]	963,369	-	249,560	711,914
Westerly	7,912,662	[26,854]	407,204	82,745	-	382,697
West Warwick	39,595,027	[182,116]	298,198	-	-	160,354
Woonsocket	82,151,150	[1,765,984]	2,057,614	-	-	860,554
Bristol-Warren	10,538,060	[31,135]	431,035	365,645	96,083	787,751
Chariho	-	-	-	-	-	274,915
Exeter-West Greenwich	5,395,150	[7,447]	96,020	76,163	101,477	368,566
Foster-Glocester	5,590,751	[1,984]	138,861	33,211	-	94,872
Central Falls	42,508,401	[2,736,897]	407,315	-	-	249,977
Total	\$ 990,445,746	\$[29,529,878]	\$ 19,461,431	\$ 1,249,847	\$ 1,716,407	\$ 14,857,452
<i>Adjusted Chariho</i>	<i>14,453,195</i>	<i>[9,929]</i>	<i>252,771</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>274,915</i>

*Includes an \$11.1 million stabilization fund payment to Central Falls.

Total Funding to Districts

	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>L</i>
					<i>FY 2025</i>	
<i>District</i>	<i>Non-Public Transportation</i>	<i>Regional Transportation</i>	<i>Stabilization*</i>	<i>HFC Total</i>	<i>HFC Change to Enacted</i>	<i>HFC Chg. to Governor</i>
Barrington	\$ 211,913	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,112,556	\$ 1,011,310	\$ 282,127
Burrillville	30,041	-	-	13,955,064	(169,557)	264,782
Charlestown	-	-	-	1,548,074	175,233	38,944
Coventry	51,892	-	-	27,882,721	1,506,670	663,811
Cranston	788,882	-	-	79,545,544	5,123,292	1,756,165
Cumberland	20,358	-	-	26,537,195	2,178,028	660,562
East Greenwich	133,871	-	-	7,073,215	988,201	193,984
East Providence	-	-	-	38,923,502	(263,056)	345,337
Foster	13,442	-	-	1,305,398	83,034	35,343
Glocester	29,899	-	-	3,111,364	220,860	103,396
Hopkinton	-	-	-	6,787,526	444,211	122,145
Jamestown	-	-	-	709,899	(85,019)	41,278
Johnston	217,006	-	-	24,750,928	2,322,194	669,971
Lincoln	-	-	-	18,783,935	1,062,412	223,305
Little Compton	-	-	-	343,653	(18,673)	8,853
Middletown	-	-	-	7,396,997	(500,257)	118,472
Narragansett	-	-	-	2,206,347	(49,788)	13,875
Newport	-	-	-	15,725,702	513,593	482,616
New Shoreham	-	-	-	90,884	(61,107)	1,459
North Kingstown	-	-	-	13,494,792	1,573,432	180,992
North Providence	139,093	-	-	30,451,686	1,405,630	467,143
North Smithfield	44,530	-	-	8,034,416	427,782	65,829
Pawtucket	253,264	-	-	111,563,255	4,389,116	3,117,275
Portsmouth	-	-	-	3,588,844	(4,844)	91,636
Providence	600,029	-	-	294,316,534	11,450,201	11,749,123
Richmond	-	-	-	6,370,367	595,496	171,246
Scituate	37,086	-	-	3,690,304	(27,293)	76,369
Smithfield	52,818	-	-	10,126,170	1,199,296	264,274
South Kingstown	140,673	-	-	6,008,520	85,515	159,791
Tiverton	-	-	-	5,850,781	(1,110,572)	147,535
Warwick	40,108	-	-	46,787,158	888,688	407,503
Westerly	-	-	-	8,785,308	4,211	238,122
West Warwick	51,359	-	-	40,104,938	2,121,288	844,665
Woonsocket	13,308	-	-	85,082,626	2,209,877	2,160,074
Bristol-Warren	513,493	2,100,784	-	14,832,850	213,398	281,748
Chariho	474,896	2,705,632	-	3,455,443	277,347	23,191
Exeter-West Greenwich	-	1,636,275	-	7,673,651	403,989	157,247
Foster-Glocester	-	852,419	-	6,710,115	50,858	89,167
Central Falls	73,628	-	11,126,174	54,365,495	2,722,146	2,385,008
Total	\$ 3,931,589	\$ 7,295,110	\$ 11,126,174	\$ 1,050,083,756	\$ 43,357,140	\$ 29,104,365
<i>Adjusted Chariho</i>	<i>474,896</i>	<i>2,705,632</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>18,161,409</i>	<i>1,492,286</i>	<i>355,527</i>

*Includes an \$11.1 million stabilization fund payment to Central Falls.

Total Funding to Charter and State Schools

A. Column **A** reflects the formula aid calculation. It is based on March 15, 2024 student enrollment data adjusted for charter school growth and uses the current law core instruction amount of \$12,617. It also includes the recommended changes to move multilingual learner support into the funding formula.

B. Column **B** shows the total funding for multilingual or English learners using a weight of 20.0 percent of the core instruction amount. This aid was a categorical from FY 2017 until FY 2024. The House Finance Committee recommends moving this into the funding formula starting in FY 2025. This column is provided for reference only as it is already reflected in the Column **A** total.

C. Column **C** shows the stabilization funding for the state schools. The 2016 Assembly enacted a stabilization fund for the state schools in order to mitigate some of the losses in funding from the implementation of the funding formula and recognize the additional costs associated with running a stand-alone school that offers both academic and career and technical education.

D. Column **D** shows the amount of high cost special education funding. The funding formula allows for additional funding from the state for high cost special education students when those costs exceed four times the district's combined per pupil core instruction and student success factor amounts. Funds available for distribution are prorated if the total costs exceed the appropriation; this represents 77.0 percent of allowable expenses.

E. Column **E** shows the total aid recommended by the House Finance Committee.

F. Column **F** shows the total FY 2024 enacted aid including stabilization and categorical funding.

G. Column **G** is the difference between the House Finance Committee's FY 2025 recommendation shown in Column **E** and the FY 2024 enacted aid shown in Column **F**.

H. Column **H** shows the Governor's original recommended budget.

I. Column **I** is the difference between the House Finance Committee's FY 2025 recommendation shown in Column **E** and the Governor's recommended budget shown in Column **H**, which was also based on earlier data.

Total Funding to Charter and State Schools

<i>School</i>	<i>A</i> <i>FY 2025 HFC</i> <i>Formula Aid</i>	<i>B</i> <i>MLL</i> <i>Funding (in</i> <i>formula)</i>	<i>C</i> <i>Stabilization</i>	<i>D</i> <i>High Cost</i> <i>Special Ed.</i> <i>Categorical</i>	<i>E</i> <i>FY 2025 HFC</i> <i>Total Aid*</i>
Achievement First	\$ 43,546,953	\$[1,186,441]	\$ -	\$ 10,663	\$ 43,557,616
Apprenticeship Exploration (New England Laborers)	1,810,414	[38,250]	-	-	1,810,414
Beacon	4,661,107	[32,990]	-	-	4,661,107
Blackstone	4,722,778	[72,627]	-	-	4,722,778
Charette	2,439,857	[51,692]	-	-	2,439,857
Compass	848,585	-	-	-	848,585
Excel Academy	4,314,759	[44,262]	-	-	4,314,759
Greene School	1,631,523	[6,048]	-	9,000	1,640,523
Highlander	7,983,567	[232,629]	-	-	7,983,567
Hope Academy	4,452,503	[140,766]	-	2,461	4,454,964
International	4,557,483	[208,085]	-	-	4,557,483
Kingston Hill	1,151,989	[686]	-	-	1,151,989
Learning Community	9,009,693	[526,345]	-	-	9,009,693
Nowell	2,311,758	[104,255]	-	-	2,311,758
Nuestro Mundo	5,393,618	[148,614]	-	-	5,393,618
Nurses Institute	6,688,041	[121,127]	-	-	6,688,041
Paul Cuffee	11,316,647	[245,536]	-	76,070	11,392,717
Providence Preparatory	3,304,404	[43,077]	-	-	3,304,404
RI Mayoral Academies Blackstone Prep.	26,950,437	[555,918]	-	44,354	26,994,791
RISE Mayoral Academy	8,175,911	[49,995]	-	-	8,175,911
Segue Institute	7,131,892	[220,520]	-	-	7,131,892
Southside Elementary	2,047,860	[32,307]	-	-	2,047,860
Times2 Academy	9,675,429	[170,152]	-	-	9,675,429
Trinity	3,636,955	[71,076]	-	-	3,636,955
Village Green	2,870,482	[40,974]	-	-	2,870,482
Charter Schools Subtotal	\$180,634,645	\$[4,398,373]	\$ -	\$ 142,548	\$180,777,193
Davies Career and Tech	10,117,360	[55,461]	8,014,029	-	18,131,389
Met School	9,080,898	[146,188]	2,050,244	-	11,131,142
Urban Collaborative	2,111,614	[17,076]	-	-	2,111,614
Youth Build Academy	2,137,890	[21,538]	-	-	2,137,890
Total	\$204,082,407	\$[4,638,636]	\$10,064,273	\$ 142,548	\$214,289,228

*Includes state schools stabilization payments of \$6.5 million & \$8.0 million to Davies and \$2.1 million to the Met for FY 2024 & FY 2025.

Total Funding to Charter and State Schools

<i>School</i>	<i>F</i> <i>FY 2024 Enacted</i> <i>Total Aid*</i>	<i>G</i> <i>Change to</i> <i>Enacted</i>	<i>H</i> <i>FY 2025 Gov.</i> <i>Recommended</i> <i>Total Aid</i>	<i>I</i> <i>Chg. to Gov.</i> <i>Original</i>
Achievement First	\$ 36,357,731	\$ 7,199,885	\$ 42,561,431	\$ 996,185
Apprenticeship Exploration (New England Laborers)	1,532,159	278,255	1,860,911	(50,497)
Beacon	4,235,274	425,833	4,600,866	60,241
Blackstone	4,520,601	202,177	4,681,914	40,864
Charette	2,285,796	154,061	2,503,665	(63,808)
Compass	722,594	125,991	813,187	35,398
Excel Academy	2,690,484	1,624,275	4,452,359	(137,600)
Greene School	1,597,564	42,959	1,623,945	16,578
Highlander	7,386,125	597,442	7,795,239	188,328
Hope Academy	4,131,197	323,767	4,452,129	2,835
International	4,165,037	392,446	4,330,180	227,303
Kingston Hill	1,065,720	86,269	1,121,605	30,384
Learning Community	8,384,590	625,103	8,917,090	92,603
Nowell	2,080,171	231,587	2,319,822	(8,064)
Nuestro Mundo	3,484,855	1,908,763	5,309,390	84,228
Nurses Institute	5,641,954	1,046,087	6,608,902	79,139
Paul Cuffee	10,649,839	742,878	11,255,942	136,775
Providence Preparatory	3,530,888	(226,484)	3,176,221	128,183
RI Mayoral Academies Blackstone Prep.	25,010,765	1,984,026	26,685,806	308,985
RISE Mayoral Academy	5,623,651	2,552,260	7,668,718	507,193
Segue Institute	5,205,867	1,926,025	7,046,075	85,817
Southside Elementary	1,945,095	102,765	1,940,919	106,941
Times2 Academy	8,902,902	772,527	9,168,064	507,365
Trinity	2,714,212	922,743	2,868,054	768,901
Village Green	2,743,504	126,978	2,907,733	(37,251)
Charter Schools Subtotal	\$ 156,608,572	\$ 24,168,621	\$ 176,670,167	\$ 4,107,026
Davies Career and Tech	15,740,409	2,390,980	17,630,630	500,759
Met School	10,682,968	448,174	10,919,684	211,458
Urban Collaborative	1,864,702	246,912	1,984,086	127,528
Youth Build Academy	1,892,543	245,347	2,344,263	(206,373)
Total	\$ 186,789,194	\$ 27,500,034	\$ 209,548,830	\$ 4,740,398

*Includes state schools stabilization payments of \$6.5 million & \$8.0 million to Davies and \$2.1 million to the Met for FY 2024 & FY 2025.

ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 included significant support for states and local governments to cover certain expenses and revenue losses related to the coronavirus pandemic until December 31, 2026. Resources from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the Act must be obligated by December 31, 2024, which is the first half of FY 2025. Obligated funds are available for use through December 31, 2026, or FY 2027. Rhode Island received \$1.8 billion for state and local use. The state received \$112.3 million from the Capital Projects Fund and \$1,131.1 million from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund designated for state use; local governments received \$536.8 million. Funds are intended to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, negative economic impacts, and infrastructure supports for water, sewer, or broadband systems.

The 2021 Assembly preserved the full value of the American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds for a more robust public process on the proposed uses. On October 7, 2021, Governor McKee requested authority to use \$113.0 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, roughly 10 percent of the state's allocation. On January 4, 2022, the Assembly authorized \$119.0 million. The FY 2023 enacted budget allocated the remaining funds as well as the Capital Projects Fund for use over several years. The 2023 Assembly advanced all funding programmed for later years to FY 2024 to ensure the state meets federal deadlines for formally obligating the funds; actual spending can still occur over a longer time horizon.

The Governor's budget recommendation includes \$1,243.4 million from the State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds, with minor changes to reflect accounting of prior year expenses. Compared to the enacted budget, the recommendation includes two new projects, excludes one, adds \$5.4 million from general revenues to continue operating funding for four projects, and provides \$20.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in lieu of State Fiscal Recovery funds for one project. For most approved projects, total funding is unchanged; however, the Governor makes timing changes primarily to shift unspent FY 2023 funding to FY 2024 consistent with the enacted reappropriation authority. He subsequently requested amendments to adjust program authorizing language, add two new programs, exclude two, and shift \$62.8 million among programs, including a new \$24.0 million for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The House Finance Committee does not concur with the new Unemployment Trust Fund contribution and makes adjustments based on updated needs and priorities. The totals by category as originally recommended by the Governor and House Finance Committee are shown in the table below.

Category	State Fiscal Recovery Funds				
	Governor Original	Change to Enacted	HFC	HFC Change to Governor	
Housing	\$ 321,500,002	\$ 2	\$ 332,200,002	\$ 10,700,000	
Economic and Workforce Development	90,000,000	-	90,000,000	-	
Small Business & Impacted Industry	164,000,003	1	165,300,003	1,300,000	
Public Health	150,711,357	(13,499,998)	129,489,498	(21,221,859)	
Children, Families and Education	135,420,772	(19,874,994)	137,642,631	2,221,859	
Behavioral Health	59,299,365	1,874,365	59,299,365	-	
Public Infrastructure & Technology	36,500,000	5,000,000	73,500,000	37,000,000	
Climate	128,250,000	-	93,250,000	(35,000,000)	
Operating Shortfall	30,000,000	30,000,000	35,000,000	5,000,000	
Administration	15,372,515	(3,506,419)	15,372,515	-	
Uncommitted	7,043	7,043	7,043	-	
Subtotal	\$1,131,061,057	\$ -	\$1,131,061,057	\$ -	
Capital Projects Fund	112,300,434	9,244	112,300,434	-	
Grand Total	\$1,243,361,491	\$ 9,244	\$1,243,361,491	\$ -	

The Pandemic Recovery Office within the Department of Administration is responsible for ensuring compliance with rules, regulations, and other guidance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and submission of all required reports for the State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects Fund. As required by the Assembly, it produces spending and programmatic reports, which are publicly available on its website. Federal guidance on uses of the fiscal recovery funds was issued in May 2021, updated in July, finalized in January 2022, modified by the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act in December 2022, and updated again in November 2023. Compared to the original guidance, it provides increased flexibility for obligations and expenditures and creates an additional allowable use for certain specified infrastructure projects. Funds obligated under the new allowable uses must be expended by September 30, 2026, three months earlier than those obligated under the pre-existing use categories. For the capital fund, guidance was issued in September 2021 and a one-year application window opened later that month.

Eligibility categories consistent with federal legislation are shown in the following table alongside the corresponding abbreviations used in Pandemic Recovery Office documents. The Office has issued category designations that may differ from enacted assumptions. The table at the end of the report notes the Office's determinations and the fiscal staff's estimate of the applicable designation for new items; some projects may also have components that fit into a different category.

U.S. Treasury Eligibility Categories	PRO Abbreviation
Respond to the Public Health Emergency & its Economic Impacts	
Support public health	PH
Address negative economic impacts & services to disproportionally impacted communities	NEI
Premium Pay	PP
Revenue Replacement	RR
Infrastructure - Water, Sewer, Broadband; 2022 Expansion*	INF
Administration	A

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Each item on the pages that follow includes the Governor's original and amended proposals as well as the House Finance Committee's recommendations, status updates for every previously approved project, and if the recommendation makes one-time programs permanent or otherwise replaces State Fiscal Recovery funds with other fund sources, such as general revenues. Descriptions of projects from the Capital Projects Fund follows a table showing the recommended projects from State Fiscal Recovery funds at the end of this report. The funding recommended for FY 2024 is contained in Article 13, Section 1 of 2024-H 7225, substitute A; FY 2025 funding is contained in Article 1, Section 1. Section 5 and Section 17 of each article, respectively, contain a description of each of the projects for which any appropriation is made. Consistent with previous years, the recommendation includes language to reappropriate any unspent funds for the same purpose.

Housing

Development of Affordable Housing. The Governor maintains the enacted amount of \$100.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide an enhanced level of gap financing for affordable housing developments. Of these funds, \$90.0 million supports additional direct subsidies as a match to multiple sources of financing and \$10.0 million supports a pilot program for low income public housing vouchers and financing. As of the end of FY 2023, \$85.3 million remains unspent. As of December, all pilot funds are obligated; only \$18.0 million remains unobligated and is currently subject to a request for proposals issued in November. The recommended budget also removes language added by the 2023 Assembly explicitly permitting the pilot to include creation of a revolving fund. The Governor's budget also proposes a \$100.0 million general obligation bond to continue support for affordable housing programs. He

subsequently requested an amendment expanding allowable uses to site acquisition and predevelopment expenses to ensure all funds are obligated by the federal deadline. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation and also includes a \$120.0 million general obligation bond, of which \$90.0 million would continue support for affordable housing programs. Of these funds, up to \$10.0 million may be used to support public housing development.

Site Acquisition. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$25.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to continue a site acquisition program administered by RI Housing. The program subsidizes developers to acquire property to develop into long-term affordable and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. As of the end of FY 2023, \$10.0 million remains unspent. As of December 2023, the Department of Housing indicates that it is finalizing awards for all remaining funds. The House Finance Committee concurs and includes a \$120.0 million general obligation bond, of which \$5.0 million would continue support for site acquisition.

Down Payment Assistance. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$30.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide down payment assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers. Funds are used to provide grants to promote homeownership up to a \$20,000 limit established by the 2023 Assembly. As of November, the Department of Housing indicates that 1,661 applications were received, all funds have been obligated, and \$25.8 million has been spent; the program is closed to new applications. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Workforce Housing. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to increase the supply of housing for Rhode Island families earning up to 120 percent of area median income. Nearly all remaining funds were included in the award round announced in May. Remaining funds are expected to be awarded in the summer. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Affordable Housing Predevelopment. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to reduce pre-construction barriers to housing development. Funds support predevelopment, including prerequisite environmental studies and legal work, to build a pipeline of new projects and affordable housing developer capacity. As of the end of FY 2023, only \$16,593 has been spent. The Department of Housing indicates that \$6.9 million has been committed to 31 projects as of December and remaining funds are expected to be committed by the end of March 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Home Repair and Community Revitalization. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$24.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to support RI Housing's acquisition and revitalization program initially supported from 2016 general obligation bonds. Of these funds, \$20.0 million finances acquisition and redevelopment of blighted properties in disadvantaged communities and \$4.5 million is for critical home repairs within the same communities. As of the end of FY 2023, no funds have been spent. The Department of Housing indicates that \$16.4 million has been obligated and \$3.6 million is currently subject to a request for proposals issued in November. The House Finance Committee concurs and includes a \$120.0 million general obligation bond, of which \$10.0 million would continue support for community revitalization.

Predevelopment and Capacity Building. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$1.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for consultants to provide administrative support to the Department of Housing. Funding is intended to assist with managing the increased resources for federal and other housing related programs and address lack of administrative capacity as a barrier to implementing affordable housing initiatives. The Assembly appropriated funding from FY 2022 to FY 2024 and included a requirement to provide monthly progress reports regarding achievement of these efforts. The Department of Housing hired its first consultants in March 2022 and submitted its first report in March 2023 and has not submitted a report since July 2023. As of the end of FY 2023, only \$0.6 million has been spent. In

December, the Department indicated that it expects to obligate all remaining funds before the end of FY 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Homelessness Assistance Program. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$21.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide housing navigation, stabilization and mental health services for people experiencing homelessness. The Assembly appropriated funding from FY 2022 to FY 2024 and included a requirement to provide monthly progress reports regarding achievement of these efforts. The Department of Housing submitted its first report in March 2023 and has not submitted a report since July 2023. As of December 2023, the Department reports that all funds have been obligated and \$12.4 million remains unspent. The Governor's budget also removes language requiring that a portion of funds be used for operating subsidies for extremely low-income housing units. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to add \$16.6 million and proposed language to permit the Secretary of Housing to reallocate up to \$2.0 million of funds unspent as of September 30, 2024 from other departmental State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs to this or the related ARPA - Homelessness Infrastructure program. The House Finance Committee does not include the proposed reallocation authority and recommends adding \$17.3 million.

Homelessness Infrastructure. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$45.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to increase facility capacity, prevention, and stabilization programs for individuals experiencing homelessness. Of this amount, \$10.0 million supports Crossroads Rhode Island sponsored housing developments. The Assembly appropriated funding for FY 2023 and FY 2024. As of December 2023, the Department of Housing reports that all funds have been obligated and \$35.3 million remains unspent. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment including proposed language to permit the Secretary of Housing to reallocate up to \$2.0 million of funds unspent as of September 30, 2024 from other departmental State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs to this or the related ARPA - Homelessness Assistance Program. The House Finance Committee does not include the proposed reallocation authority and provides funding as recommended.

Statewide Housing Plan. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$2.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to develop a statewide comprehensive housing plan to assess current and future housing needs, consider barriers to home ownership and affordability, and identify services needed for increased investments toward disproportionately impacted individuals and communities. These funds also support municipal planning efforts. As of the end of FY 2023, no funds have been spent. The Department of Housing indicates that it has contracted with a vendor to produce this plan by December 2024. The Pandemic Recovery Office has flagged this project as at risk of not meeting the federal obligation and spending deadlines. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Targeted Housing Development. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$31.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly for a program that allows the Secretary of Housing discretion to target projects for funding. Of this amount, \$4.0 million supports development near public transit and \$27.0 million supports priority projects, defined as permanent supportive housing, housing dedicated to vulnerable populations, individuals transitioning out of state care, and extremely low-income Rhode Islanders. As of December, the Department of Housing indicates that all funds were included in the November application round and are expected to be awarded before the end of FY 2024. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to reallocate \$5.0 million from priority projects to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Housing Related Infrastructure. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$4.3 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly for the Infrastructure Bank to support municipal infrastructure associated with affordable housing development, such as road and utility connections. The program provides additional resources to municipalities for pre-development and development work associated with adjusting or expanding infrastructure to accommodate additional

affordable housing. The Infrastructure Bank is expected to issue a request for proposals before the end of FY 2024. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to reallocate \$1.3 million to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation and includes a \$120.0 million general obligation bond, of which \$4.0 million would continue support for housing related infrastructure.

Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$2.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly to award grants to municipalities to help pay for community services that support homeless individuals. Municipalities hosting shelters bear a financial burden on municipal services, which this program is intended to partially offset. The Department of Housing began accepting applications from municipalities in October 2023, that will remain open until March 1, 2024 or until all funds have been obligated. As of December, it reports that the first three applications from municipalities have been received. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to reallocate \$0.3 million to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Municipal Planning. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$2.3 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly for grants and technical assistance to municipalities to reduce barriers to development caused by a lack of staff time and expertise. Of this amount, \$1.3 million supports a municipal fellowship program and \$1.0 million supports grants to study and implement zoning changes that encourage development near public transit. The Department of Housing expects both programs to open applications in spring 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs and includes a \$120.0 million general obligation bond, of which \$1.0 million would continue municipal planning support.

Proactive Housing Development. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$1.4 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly to create a proactive development subsidiary of RI Housing. Other states, such as Massachusetts, have a quasi-public agency to help developers with land acquisition, to assemble financing, and navigate regulatory and legal processes. These funds are intended to provide initial staffing and setup costs for a similar organization to reduce these barriers to housing production. The subsidiary is expected to be established formally in January 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Preservation of Affordable Units. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$0.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly to preserve affordable housing units at risk of foreclosure or blight. The Department of Housing has issued a request for proposals for an organization to manage a revolving loan fund, which it anticipated awarding in the third quarter of FY 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Economic and Workforce Development

Enhanced Real Jobs. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$30.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2022 Assembly, including \$20.4 million for FY 2024, for an enhanced version of the Real Jobs RI workforce training program. FY 2023 spending was \$9.6 million. The program's functions are to place employees in job openings, advance skills of employed people, and create a talent pipeline for businesses. Funds support job partnerships to connect employers adversely impacted by the pandemic to workforce training program enrollees. As of the end of the first quarter of FY 2024, the Pandemic Recovery Office reports \$13.0 million has been spent, with 3,875 people enrolling in programs and 2,358 participants completing programs. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Bioscience Investments. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$45.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to finance one or more wetlab facilities and capitalize a new fund to promote bioscience business and workforce development. The 2023 Assembly provided these funds for the creation

of the Rhode Island Life Science Hub. This replaced a prior initiative intended as a match for a federal grant application that was unsuccessful. In October 2023, the Governor nominated the chair of the Hub's board. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Rhode Island Reconnect. The Governor's revised budget includes the enacted amount of \$8.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to establish the Rhode Island Reconnect program and fund it for two years. Funding will be used on direct supports, such as targeted coaching and wraparound supports, for those 16 and older to continue their education. A portion of these funds must be used to address barriers to the attainment of teacher certification as a Second Language Education Teacher, Grades PK-12, and as an All Grades Special Education Teacher. The Office of Postsecondary Commissioner is currently in the process of establishing agreements with partners. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Cybersecurity Center. The Governor's revised budget maintains the enacted allocation of \$2.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to support the establishment of the Institute for Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies at Rhode Island College. Funding will support three years of program development and operating costs. The College launched the Center in November. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Fresh Start Scholarship. The Governor's revised budget maintains the enacted allocation of \$5.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for a new adult scholarship program that targets adult students with some college credits, but no degree, with a focus on students who dropped out of the Community College. Funding the first semester back will allow students to regain federal financial aid eligibility. Funding represents two years of scholarships. The Community College has begun marketing the program and working toward identifying potential students. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Foster Care Youth Scholarships. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$1.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds in the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for a last dollar scholarship program for foster care youth exiting the Department's care to attend Rhode Island College. Recipients would receive tuition, room and board and/or support services, including during summer months. Funding would be distributed through the Rhode Island College Foundation. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Small Business & Impacted Industry

Aid to the Convention Center. The 2022 Assembly provided the Convention Center Authority \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for operating expenses for FY 2022 and FY 2023. Due to timing of the budget enactment, the FY 2022 expense did not occur and funds were reappropriated to FY 2023. The plan called for \$5.0 million to upgrade technology at the venues, \$3.2 million to replace seats in the north end of the Civic Center, \$0.8 million to upgrade the marquee and \$1.0 million for operating expenses. On September 15, the Pandemic Recovery Office submitted its final report of the project.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The 2022 Assembly provided \$100.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to deposit into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to prevent an unemployment tax rate increase for 2023. The deposit was made on September 26, 2022. The Governor's budget also proposes to give him authority to reallocate to the trust fund any allocations from other programs at risk for not meeting federal spending deadlines as of October 1, 2024. There is a related proposal to extend the deadline to establish the tax year 2025 unemployment insurance rate schedule from September 30 to December 31, 2024, to provide flexibility in the event a deposit of excess State Fiscal Recovery funds occurs and would alter the tax schedule. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to transfer an additional \$24.0 million to the trust fund prior to determining the experience rate for each eligible employer for calendar year 2025. The House Finance Committee includes the deadline extension and recommended authority but requires that proposed reallocations be referred to the Assembly by November 10 to go into effect within

30 days unless rejected by joint action of the House and Senate. It does not concur with the amended request for \$24.0 million.

Small Business and Technical Assistance. The Assembly authorized \$32.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide grants and technical assistance to businesses impacted by the pandemic. Expenditures were \$18.4 million in FY 2022 and \$11.0 million in FY 2023; \$2.6 million remains unspent. The Pandemic Recovery Office has flagged this project as at risk of not meeting the federal obligation and spending deadlines. The Governor recommends \$2.0 million less. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to allow \$1.3 million of remaining funds to be used to alleviate the impacts caused by the partial closure of the Washington Bridge. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.3 million more than the amended recommendation to provide a total of \$2.6 million for Washington Bridge related business support, including \$1.2 million for East Providence, \$0.8 million for Providence, and \$0.6 million for the Executive Office of Commerce.

Assistance to Impacted Industries. The Assembly authorized \$13.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to address the negative impacts of the pandemic to the tourism, hospitality, and events industries, consistent with the Governor's intent. All funds were appropriated to the Commerce Corporation and, as of October, only \$0.3 million remains unspent. The Governor recommends adding \$2.0 million for FY 2025 for public space improvements and event programming, for total funding of \$15.0 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Destination Marketing. The 2022 Assembly provided \$3.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to conduct tourism campaigns in destination markets for airline routes to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport. It also required an equivalent match from the Commerce Corporation's allocation of State Hotel Tax receipts. The Assembly programmed funding for FY 2023 and FY 2024, and, as of October 2023, \$1.2 million has been spent. The Governor recommends \$1.4 million from general revenues for FY 2025 to continue the program. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Minority Business Accelerator. The Assembly provided \$6.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to establish a minority business accelerator program in coordination with minority small business associations to provide technical assistance, loans, and programming space. Of these funds, the 2022 Assembly allocated \$0.5 million to support the Rhode Island Black Business Association and \$0.3 million to the Roger Williams University Business Start-Up Clinic. As of the end of FY 2023, \$1.0 million has been spent. The Pandemic Recovery Office has flagged this project as at risk of not meeting the federal obligation and spending deadlines. The Governor recommends \$0.5 million from general revenues for FY 2025 to continue grants and technical assistance. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Public Health

Ongoing COVID-19 Response. The Governor's revised budget includes \$21.2 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 in the Department of Administration to help the state continue its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is \$20.6 million less than enacted and there have been no expenses yet in FY 2024. Unspent funds will automatically be reappropriated. The Governor subsequently requested two amendments to exclude all funding. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Public Health Response Warehouse Support. The Assembly provided \$3.4 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for lease expenses to store COVID-19 supplies. FY 2023 spending was \$0.4 million. The recommended budget includes \$3.0 million for FY 2024 and adds \$0.8 million for FY 2025 for total funding of \$4.2 million. It also adds \$0.5 million from general revenues for FY 2025 for operating costs. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Auto-Enrollment Program. The Assembly authorized a total of \$2.6 million split between FY 2023 and FY 2024 from State Fiscal Recovery funds for HealthSource RI to automatically enroll qualified individuals who are transitioning off Medicaid at the end of the COVID-19 emergency into a qualified health plan. Only \$0.3 million was spent in FY 2023. The Governor's revised budget retains \$1.3 million, and excludes the \$1.0 million unspent from FY 2023 based on updated enrollment and costs projections. The Governor requested an amendment, authorizing the extension of this program through calendar year 2025. HealthSource would pay for an eligible individual's first month premium expenses, using these funds if any are left over. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Health Care Facilities. The FY 2023 final budget included \$77.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to address the ongoing staffing needs of hospitals, nursing facilities and community health centers related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This includes \$45.0 million allocated to hospitals, or systems if hospitals are members of one, to include a base payment equivalent to \$1.0 million per hospital with the remaining based on a hospital's pro rata share of operating expenses from the 2021 cost reports and \$2.5 million distributed to the community health centers through the Rhode Island Health Center Association to support direct care staffing needs. That budget also included \$30.0 million for distribution to nursing facilities based on the number of Medicaid bed days from the 2020 facility cost reports, provided that at least 80 percent was dedicated to direct care workers. The Governor recommends an additional \$10.0 million to be disbursed in the first three months of FY 2025 to assist nursing facilities until the October 1, 2024 rate changes take effect. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Public Health Clinics. The 2023 Assembly provided \$4.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2023 to two entities, with each receiving \$2.0 million. The Rhode Island Free Clinic received \$0.3 million in FY 2023, leaving \$1.7 million for its allocation to improve statewide access and quality of primary care for uninsured adults; to increase access to dental care for uninsured adults integrated into medical care at the clinic; and to build infrastructure for telehealth and electronic medical records. Open Door Health is expanding services and efforts to address issues for people who are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Open Door Health is required to return any funds allocated for land acquisition that is not used by June 30, 2024. Any other expenses that are not obligated by December 31, 2026 must be returned by January 31, 2027. The Governor's FY 2024 revised budget includes the unspent \$3.7 million from FY 2023. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Children, Families, and Education

Nonprofit Assistance. The Assembly provided \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2023 for the Rhode Island Foundation to distribute to nonprofit organizations to address needs that have been exacerbated by COVID-19, including housing and food insecurity and behavioral health issues. All funds have been spent, and the program is awaiting a final report from the Pandemic Recovery Office. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Pediatric Recovery. The Governor recommends \$3.7 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 to provide financial support to pediatric providers and incentives based on increased developmental and psychosocial behavioral screenings. FY 2022 expenses were \$6.0 million and FY 2023 expenses were \$5.3 million for a total of \$15.0 million, consistent with Assembly authorization. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Early Intervention Recovery. The Governor recommends \$1.5 million for FY 2024 from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide financial support to early intervention providers and performance bonuses for providers when meeting certain targets, such as reducing staff turnover and restoring the number of families receiving services to pre-pandemic levels. The nine early intervention providers received \$4.1 million in FY 2022 and \$5.5 million in FY 2023 for total funding \$11.0 million, consistent with the Assembly authorization. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Provider Workforce Stabilization. The Governor's revised FY 2024 recommendation includes \$8.3 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to continue the workforce stabilization payments for providers contracted by the Department of Children, Youth and Families for payments totaling \$22.9 million over three fiscal years. The funding was in response to providers reporting a high number of vacancies and staff recruitment issues, which resulted in a capped or reduced capacity. These funds were distributed to provider employees earning less than \$75,000 annually. There are 37 provider organizations employing up to 1,500 workers who were eligible to receive enhanced wage rates, which equates to \$694.50 per month per eligible staff member. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to add \$1.2 million for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety. The Assembly previously authorized a total of \$1.9 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for lead remediation and fire suppression upgrades for foster homes. The project has experienced repeated delays and there has been no spending to date; the Governor's budget excludes the funds. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Child Care Support. The Governor's budget includes a total of \$42.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, primarily to provide retention bonuses for direct care staff at child care centers and licensed family-based care providers. In FY 2022, child care retention bonuses of \$1,500 were distributed to eligible applicants on a semi-annual basis. For FY 2023, retention bonuses were disbursed at least quarterly and totaled \$3,000 per eligible applicant. Funds will also be used to waive any fees for new family child care providers, including application fees and background checks, and for quality improvements, creating a workforce registry, and education opportunities for direct care staff. Payments totaling \$12.7 million were made in FY 2022, \$9.8 million in FY 2023 and the revised budget includes \$19.5 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence. The 2022 Assembly provided a total of \$10.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide awards to nonprofits to provide housing, clinical, and mental health services to victims of domestic violence and assault for two years starting in FY 2023, after which federal grants are expected to return to historic levels. No funding was spent in FY 2023 and the Governor's revised budget includes the entire authorization of \$10.5 million. The Department of Public Safety has received 14 proposals which, as of December, it was evaluating with the assistance of the Department of Housing. The Department plans to issue awards by January 2024. The House Finance Committee delays \$10.0 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect projected spending.

Adult Education Providers. The 2022 Assembly provided an allocation from State Fiscal Recovery funds for adult education providers totaling \$5.0 million. This includes \$2.0 million for FY 2023 and \$1.5 million for both FY 2024 and FY 2025. The FY 2024 enacted budget consolidated the future funding into FY 2024. Grants are used to fund local adult education programs and literacy services, including workplace literacy services, family literacy services, English literacy, and civics education programs. No expenses were incurred in FY 2023 and the Governor recommends \$4.9 million for FY 2024 and \$0.1 million for FY 2025. The project experienced delays in hiring a project manager, but \$2.6 million of the \$4.2 million in mini-grants to providers has been obligated with the remainder to be obligated by April 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Out of School Time Education Providers. The Governor's recommendation includes the enacted \$4.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 to be distributed to community organizations to expand access to out-of-school educational programs. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Student, Community, and Academic Supports would be responsible for distributing the funding. His recommendation includes continuing the program for FY 2025 with \$3.0 million of general revenues that will be distributed through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and \$2.0 million of additional State Fiscal Recovery funds to be distributed directly to municipalities through Community Learning Center Programming Support grants. Eligible recipients must have approved

projects through the Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program, noted later in this report. The House Finance Committee concurs.

URI - PFAS Water Treatment. The enacted budget allocated \$20.0 million from federal State Fiscal Recovery funds for the University of Rhode Island to implement a permanent water filtration solution to reduce PFAS concentrations and be compliant with 2022 legislation regarding allowable contamination levels. The project did not progress as quickly as expected. The Governor recommends providing \$20.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in lieu of State Fiscal Recovery funds and programs it at \$0.5 million for FY 2024, \$1.0 million for FY 2025, \$14.1 million for FY 2026, and \$4.4 million for FY 2027. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Rhode Island Community Food Bank. The Governor maintains the enacted amount of \$3.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank to assist households in need, including those that received enhanced nutrition benefits during the public health emergency. The food bank was awarded \$1.5 million in late December 2023. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Behavioral Health

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The Governor recommends \$25.1 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' budget to transition to the new certified community behavioral health clinics federal model. Funding supports the infrastructure needed to expand the number of clinics and assist with the rate reimbursement structure tied to the federal model. FY 2023 expenses were \$4.9 million for total funding of \$30.0 million, consistent with Assembly authorization. The House Finance Committee concurs.

988 Hotline. The Governor recommends \$3.2 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds in the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals' budget for FY 2024 for the 988 hotline to maintain compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 and Federal Communications Commission-adopted rules to ensure a consistent level of service. The hotline is operated by Horizon Health Partners, which used its BH Link program to provide the necessary staffing and operations to meet the federal requirements. The Department spent \$0.2 million in FY 2023 and the Governor adds \$1.9 million for use in FY 2025 which brings total funding to \$5.4 million. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility/Female Youth Facility. The Governor maintains the authorization for \$12.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to expand existing in-state capacity at private facilities and for the initial design of a new female youth program facility. Of that total, \$11.0 million is to renovate a private facility to expand female youth placements expected to be complete during FY 2025. The remaining \$1.0 million will be used to design the new female youth facility. FY 2023 spending was \$2.4 million. The recommendation also maintains the \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds over FY 2024 through FY 2026 provided by the Assembly to construct the new facility. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Crisis Intervention Trainings. The Governor recommends \$2.2 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 to provide training for law enforcement and offer technical assistance for strategies and protocols to respond to increased mental health related calls to local police departments. The Assembly authorized \$550,000 for FY 2023 and \$1.7 million for FY 2024 but there was a delay in implementing the program and no funds were expended in FY 2023. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit. The Governor recommends \$7.4 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 for the new short term stay unit. Butler Hospital, a member of the Care New England Health Care System, is a psychiatric hospital for adults and adolescents. The intent is to alleviate

overcrowding in emergency departments for adults and adolescents by providing immediate access to inpatient behavioral health care services, crisis intervention, and other related services. FY 2023 expenses totaled \$0.6 million to bring total funding to \$8.0 million, consistent with the Assembly authorization. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Turnpike and Bridge Authority - Safety Barriers Study. The Governor's revised budget includes \$1.6 million, including \$0.9 million from FY 2023 unspent State Fiscal Recovery funds in FY 2024 for the Turnpike and Bridge Authority to conduct a study to identify and evaluate the options to prevent and address the risk of suicide on bridges under its purview. The cost of study for the four main bridges is now estimated at \$1.9 million, \$136,000 more than appropriated. The Authority will pay this from its sources and noted that it is due because all four main bridges were not originally part of the project scope. Of the \$1.0 million provided for FY 2023, \$0.1 million was spent. The study is underway; Mount Hope and Jamestown Bridges will be completed in April/May 2024 and Newport and Sakonnet bridges will be completed in January 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Public Infrastructure & Technology

Broadband Planning and Mapping. The Governor excludes \$0.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for broadband infrastructure planning work. Funds supported a needs assessment, statewide mapping of broadband access and cost, and one Broadband Director position at the Commerce Corporation. All funds have been spent and this program has ended. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure. The revised budget includes the enacted amount of \$11.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 to provide a pool of matching funds to provide matching support to cities and towns to make significant public safety facilities infrastructure improvements, including new construction. Funding priority shall be based on project readiness and limited to those for which the total costs exceed \$1.0 million. Matching funds to any municipality will be limited to \$5.0 million for projects that serve a regional purpose and \$1.0 million for others. The state released an application for funding in December with a deadline of January 26, 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Municipal Roads Grant Program. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 for the Municipal Roads Grant Program, which will be administered by the Department of Transportation. Funds will be made available to cities and towns for the construction and maintenance of roads, sidewalks and bridges. A municipal match of 67.0 percent is required. Additionally, \$5.0 million of the funds will be distributed equally and the remaining \$15.0 million will be distributed proportionally based on non-federal lane miles of roads in each community. The Department of Transportation is authorized to retain any of these funds that are not obligated by June 30, 2024, for statewide paving projects. The Governor recommends an additional \$5.0 million for FY 2025, to be distributed equally. This brings total funding to \$25.0 million. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$2.0 million, for FY 2025 funding of \$7.0 million.

Washington Bridge Project. The Governor requests amendments to provide \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2025 as partial state match for the Washington Bridge Project. The total project cost is \$455.2 million; with a state share of \$83.6 million. He also proposes legislation authorizing \$334.6 million of new debt through the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) and \$40.0 million through Motor Fuel Revenue bonds for the project. His proposal leaves a source for \$23.6 million unidentified. The House Finance Committee provides pay-go funding for the state share, including \$35.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds and \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

Climate

Electric Heat Pump Grant Program. The revised budget assumes spending the entire \$25.0 million in FY 2024, including \$5.0 million carried forward from FY 2023, from State Fiscal Recovery funds to support low- and moderate-income households and community organizations to purchase and install energy efficient electric heat pumps. The Office of Energy Resources issued two requests for proposals; in September 2022 and January 2023. It had anticipated the program starting in June, but a further delay meant it did not incur any expenses. The Office started taking applications for the program on September 5, 2023, and through the second quarter, \$4.0 million has been spent. The recommendation also retains the annual reporting requirement for the program due by April 1 of each year to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President. The report must include the number of grants issued, the amount of each grant, the average grant amount, and the expected cumulative carbon emissions reductions associated with the grants awarded. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Port of Davisville. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$65.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to support infrastructure at the Port of Davisville. Support expands on existing funding to develop port infrastructure intended to create job opportunities, invest in marine transportation, and make capital improvements to prepare for offshore wind development. FY 2023 spending was \$6.0 million, \$59.0 million remains to be disbursed, and the recommendation assumes all remaining funds will be transferred to the Corporation in FY 2024. The Governor's budget also proposes \$20.0 million from new general obligation bond funds for infrastructure projects at the Port of Davisville. The House Finance Committee provides State Fiscal Recovery funds as recommended and includes \$15.0 million from new general obligation bond proceeds.

South Quay Marine Terminal. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$35.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to create a new South Quay Marine Terminal in East Providence. The 2023 Assembly conditioned funding on the commitment of sufficient matching funds by February 1, 2024. The project is intended to support a shipping hub, including specialization for offshore wind developers. The facilities will be managed by a public-private partnership on land leased from Rhode Island Waterfront Enterprises. In October 2023, the Corporation announced a \$35.0 million private sector commitment and a ground lease was signed. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to remove all funding. The Executive Office of Commerce testified that the proposed project timeline would have exceeded the federal spending deadline. The House Finance Committee excludes all funding, consistent with the amended recommendation.

R-Line - Free Service Pilot. The Governor recommends the enacted amount of \$750,000 from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2024 to support a free fare bus route service pilot program along the R-Line; \$2.5 million was spent in FY 2023, for total funding of \$3.3 million. This one-year pilot program started on September 1, 2022 and was set to end on September 30; however, the Authority's board of directors extended the program an additional month. The Authority tracked ridership data and must submit a report to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Governor on March 1, 2024. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Operating Shortfall

RI Public Transit Authority - Operating Grant. The Authority is projecting an operating deficit of about \$18 million for FY 2025. The Governor recommends \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to partially defray that gap and requires the Authority to review all operations, including ridership and administration to identify efficiencies by January 1, 2025. The study must summarize the findings and include recommendations for sustainable and effective transit operations. The House Finance Committee recommends an additional \$5.0 million for a total of \$15.0 million and requires the report to be submitted by March 1, 2025.

DOC - Budget Shortfall. The Governor’s revised recommendation for FY 2024 includes use of \$20.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for operating budget expenses for the Department of Corrections. The Department has a current year deficit in part from not returning its housing modules to pre-pandemic densities as assumed in the enacted budget. The one-time federal funds do not cover the full shortfall and its effect on FY 2025; the Governor adds general revenues to cover the rest. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Administration

The Governor’s plan includes \$4.1 million and \$1.3 million in FY 2024 and FY 2025, respectively, to support the Pandemic Recovery Office within the Department of Administration. The Office oversees all programs financed by State Fiscal Recovery or Capital Projects funds. The Office is responsible for ensuring compliance with all rules, regulations and guidance and submission of all required reports. Through FY 2023, \$10.0 million has been spent. This brings total funding to \$15.4 million, \$3.5 million less than previously assumed. The House Finance Committee concurs.

The following table summarizes the funding by project. Those with changes from the enacted budget other than reappropriation of unspent prior year funds are shaded in gray.

State Fiscal Recovery Funds						
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total	Eligibility Category
Housing						
Development of Affordable Housing	\$ 14,740,825	\$ -	\$ 85,259,175	\$ -	\$ 100,000,000	NEI
Site Acquisition	6,000,000	9,000,000	10,000,000	-	25,000,000	NEI
Down Payment Assistance	-	10,000,000	20,000,000	-	30,000,000	RR
Workforce Housing	-	-	20,000,000	-	20,000,000	RR
Affordable Housing Predevelopment	-	2,500,000	7,500,000	-	10,000,000	NEI
Home Repair & Community Revitalization	-	-	24,500,000	-	24,500,000	RR
Predevelopment & Capacity Building	78,609	531,660	889,731	-	1,500,000	RR
Homelessness Assistance Program	-	5,557,605	15,942,397	17,300,000	38,800,002	NEI
Homelessness Infrastructure	-	3,714,912	41,285,088	-	45,000,000	NEI
Statewide Housing Plan	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	RR
Targeted Housing Development	-	-	26,000,000	-	26,000,000	NEI
Housing Related Infrastructure	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	RR
Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative	-	-	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	NEI
Municipal Planning	-	-	2,300,000	-	2,300,000	RR
Proactive Housing Development	-	-	1,400,000	-	1,400,000	RR
Preservation of Affordable Units	-	-	500,000	-	500,000	RR
Subtotal Housing	\$ 20,819,434	\$ 31,304,177	\$ 262,776,391	\$ 17,300,000	\$ 332,200,002	
Economic & Workforce Development						
Enhanced Real Jobs	\$ -	\$ 9,605,558	\$ 20,394,442	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000	NEI
Bioscience Investments	-	-	45,000,000	-	45,000,000	RR
Rhode Island Reconnect	-	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	NEI
Cybersecurity Center	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	RR
Fresh Start Scholarship	-	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	RR
Subtotal Economic & Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ 9,605,558	\$ 80,394,442	\$ -	\$ 90,000,000	
Small Business & Impacted Industry						
Aid to the Convention Center	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	RR
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund	-	100,000,000	-	-	100,000,000	NEI
Small Business & Technical Assistance	18,414,433	10,997,715	1,887,852	-	31,300,000	NEI
Assistance to Impacted Industries	8,199,001	4,801,001	-	2,000,000	15,000,002	PH/NEI/RR
Destination Marketing	-	899,632	2,100,368	-	3,000,000	RR
Minority Business Accelerator	-	1,000,061	4,999,940	-	6,000,001	NEI/RR
Subtotal Small Business & Impacted Industry	\$ 26,613,434	\$ 127,698,409	\$ 8,988,160	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 165,300,003	
Public Health						
Ongoing COVID-19 Response	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PH
COVID-19 Operational Support	-	-	32,197,083	-	32,197,083	PH
Public Health Response						
Warehouse Support	-	380,993	3,019,007	778,347	4,178,347	RR
Auto-Enrollment Program	-	337,478	1,276,590	-	1,614,068	NEI
Health Care Facilities	-	77,500,000	-	10,000,000	87,500,000	NEI/RR
Public Health Clinics	-	279,882	3,720,118	-	4,000,000	NEI/RR
Subtotal Public Health	\$ -	\$ 78,498,353	\$ 40,212,798	\$ 10,778,347	\$ 129,489,498	

State Fiscal Recovery Funds						
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total	Eligibility Category
Children, Families, & Education						
Nonprofit Assistance	\$ -	\$ 20,000,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,001	NEI
Pediatric Recovery	5,965,100	5,336,892	3,698,010	-	15,000,002	PH
Early Intervention Recovery	4,051,215	5,498,785	1,450,000	-	11,000,000	PH
Provider Workforce						
Stabilization	6,827,797	7,814,660	8,278,311	1,200,000	24,120,768	NEI
Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety	-	-	-	-	-	NEI
Child Care Support	12,669,244	9,804,337	19,526,420	-	42,000,001	NEI/RR
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	-	-	500,000	10,000,000	10,500,000	PH
Adult Education Providers	-	-	4,872,178	127,822	5,000,000	RR
Out of School Time Education Providers	-	-	4,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000	NEI
URI - PFAS Water Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	INF
Foster Care Youth Scholarships	-	-	-	1,021,859	1,021,859	RR
RI Community Food Bank	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	NEI
Subtotal Children, Families & Education	\$ 29,513,356	\$ 48,454,675	\$ 45,324,919	\$ 14,349,681	\$ 137,642,631	
Behavioral Health						
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	\$ -	\$ 4,903,959	\$ 25,095,405	\$ -	29,999,364	PH
988 Hotline	-	238,584	3,236,417	1,875,000	5,350,001	PH
Psychiatric Residential Facility/ Female Youth Facility	-	2,425,447	9,574,553	-	12,000,000	RR
Crisis Intervention Trainings	-	-	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	RR
Butler Short Stay Unit	-	600,180	7,399,820	-	8,000,000	PH
RITBA Safety Barrier Study	-	134,808	1,615,192	-	1,750,000	RR
Subtotal Behavioral Health	\$ -	\$ 8,302,978	\$ 49,121,387	\$ 1,875,000	\$ 59,299,365	
Public Infrastructure & Technology						
Broadband Planning & Mapping	\$ 269,200	\$ 230,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	RR
Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure	-	-	11,000,000	-	\$ 11,000,000	RR
Municipal Roads Grant Program	-	-	20,000,000	7,000,000	27,000,000	RR
Washington Bridge Project	-	-	-	35,000,000	35,000,000	RR
& Technology	\$ 269,200	\$ 230,800	\$ 31,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 73,500,000	
Climate						
Electric Heat Pump Grant Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	RR
Port of Davisville	-	6,000,000	59,000,000	-	65,000,000	RR
South Quay Marine Terminal	-	-	-	-	-	RR
RIPTA - R Line Free Service Pilot	-	2,500,000	750,000	-	3,250,000	RR
Subtotal Climate	\$ -	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 84,750,000	\$ -	\$ 93,250,000	
Operating Shortfall						
RIPTA Operating Grant	-	-	-	15,000,000	15,000,000	RR
DOC Budget Shortfall	-	-	20,000,000	-	20,000,000	RR
Subtotal Operating Shortfall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 35,000,000	
Administration	\$ 6,093,604	\$ 3,800,862	\$ 4,132,051	\$ 1,345,998	\$ 15,372,515	A
Grand Total	\$ 83,309,028	\$ 316,395,812	\$ 626,700,148	\$ 104,649,026	\$ 1,131,054,014	

Capital Projects Fund

The Governor’s recommendation reflects the full value of \$112.3 million from the Capital Projects Fund, including \$32,687 of unspent FY 2022 funds that were unallocated in the enacted budget. He subsequently requested an amendment to authorizing language for one project. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Capital Projects Fund				
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
CPF Administration	\$303,042	\$ 4,836,613	\$484,149	\$ 5,623,804
Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program	-	81,720,130	-	81,720,130
Last-Mile Broadband	-	24,956,500	-	24,956,500
Total	\$303,042	\$ 111,513,243	\$484,149	\$ 112,300,434

These projects are contained in Article 13 and Article 1 of 2024-H 7225, Substitute A, Section 5 and Section 17, respectively, contain a description of each of the projects for which any appropriation is made in Section 1. These descriptions are in the paragraphs below.

CPF Administration. The Governor recommends a total of \$5.6 million, or 5.0 percent for administrative costs, of the \$112.3 million from the Capital Projects Fund. This assumes use of \$4.8 million in FY 2024 and \$0.5 million in FY 2025 in the Department of Administration; \$0.3 million was spent in FY 2023. Capital Projects funds are exempt from the assessment on federal stimulus awards. The recommendation is \$32,687 more, which reflects unspent FY 2022 funds that were not allocated in the enacted budget. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program. The revised budget assumes use of the entire \$81.7 million in FY 2024 for matching grants to cities and towns seeking to renovate or build community learning centers that comply with work, education, and health monitoring requirements set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Preliminary grant allocations by city and town was announced on August 15 and detailed applications were due on October 13. The Pandemic Recovery Office is reviewing applications. The recommended budget also changes the initiative’s name from “Municipal and Higher Ed. Matching Grant Program.” The House Finance Committee concurs.

Last-Mile Broadband. The Governor’s budget includes the enacted amount of \$25.0 million from Capital Projects funds to expand reliable, high-speed internet. The initiative provides municipalities, public housing authorities, businesses, and internet service providers with funding to expand middle and last-mile broadband infrastructure for underserved communities. Funds provide a state match and additional support for projects applying for at least \$108.7 million in federal broadband funds that Rhode Island is eligible for under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. As of the end of FY 2023, no funds have been expended. As of March 2024, the federal government has not yet announced how Digital Equity Act funds will be awarded. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to change eligibility definitions to more closely reflect federal guidelines. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Articles of 2024-H 7225, Substitute A

Article 1

Section 1. Appropriations. This section of Article 1 contains the appropriations for FY 2025.

Section 2. Line Item Appropriations. This section establishes that each line in Section 1 of Article 1 constitutes an appropriation.

Section 3. Transfer of Functions. This section authorizes the Governor to transfer appropriations and full-time equivalent position authorizations associated with transfers of functions.

Section 4. Contingency Fund. This section allows for expenditures from the contingency account located within the Office of the Governor's budget for unexpected expenditures or for those departments and agencies where appropriations are insufficient. The Governor must approve all expenditures and transfers from this account.

Section 5. Internal Service Funds. This section authorizes the establishment of limited and specific internal service accounts to implement the cases in which state agencies provide services to other state agencies, institutions and other governmental units on a cost reimbursement basis.

Section 6. State Fleet Operations. This section authorizes the director of the Department of Administration to centralize state fleet operations under its purview for light and medium duty vehicles.

Section 7. Legislative Intent. This section authorizes the chairpersons of the finance committees of the two chambers to provide a "statement of legislative intent" for specifying the purpose of the appropriations contained in Section 1 of this article.

Section 8. Temporary Disability Insurance Funds. This section appropriates all funds required for benefit payments from the Temporary Disability Insurance Fund and the Temporary Disability Insurance Reserve Fund.

Section 9. Employment Security Funds. This section appropriates all funds required for benefit payments to unemployed individuals from the Employment Security Fund.

Section 10. Lottery. This section appropriates to the Lottery Division any funds required for the payment of prizes and commissions.

Section 11. Appropriation of CollegeBound Saver Funds. This section appropriates the funds received by the Office of the General Treasurer from the CollegeBound Saver program for transfer to the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner to support student financial aid for FY 2025. The budget includes \$3.5 million from these sources for state grant programs.

Section 12. Full-Time Equivalent Positions. This section limits the maximum number of full-time equivalent positions authorized for the departments and agencies during any payroll period in FY 2025. In addition, this section provides that the Governor or designee, Speaker of the House or designee, and President of the Senate or designee, may jointly adjust the authorization. It limits appointments for state employees supported through non-state funds to the availability of those fund sources.

This section also prevents departments from employing contracted employees to work under state supervisors or replace work done by state employees without determination of need by the Director of Administration. Total staffing is 15,772.8 full-time equivalent positions, 135.9 positions more than the

enacted budget. This includes 519.8 higher education positions supported by third-party funds, consistent with the enacted budget.

Section 13. Multi-Year Appropriations. This section makes multi-year appropriations for a number of capital projects included in the FY 2026 through FY 2029 Capital Budget that are funded from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The FY 2025 and multi-year appropriations supersede appropriations made for capital projects in Section 12 of Article 1 of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act.

Section 14. Reappropriation - RICAP. This section provides that any unexpended and unencumbered funds for Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund projects shall be reappropriated to the next year. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the General Assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act. Unexpended funds of less than \$500 can be reappropriated at the discretion of the State Budget Officer.

Section 15. Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation. This section requires that the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation provide from its resources an appropriate amount to support the Neighborhood Opportunities Program. The Corporation is also required to provide to the director of the Department of Administration, the chair of the Housing Resources Commission and both chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees a report detailing the amount of funding and information such as the number of housing units provided.

Section 16. Pawtucket Downtown Redevelopment. This section contains the necessary mechanism to allow for taxes collected pursuant to the tax incentive financing statute under Rhode Island General Law, Chapter 45-33.4 to be appropriated to the Downtown Pawtucket Redevelopment Economic Activity Fund to finance development projects in the existing economic development district, in accordance with the law passed in 2019.

Section 17. State Fiscal Recovery Funds. This section clarifies that appropriations of federal funds in section one shall not be construed to mean State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds enacted as part of the American Rescue Plan Act unless specifically designated as such. It contains a description of each of the projects for which any appropriation is made.

Section 18. Reappropriation - State Fiscal Recovery Funds. This section provides that any unexpended and unencumbered funds from the State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds shall be reappropriated to the following year. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the General Assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act. This is similar to the treatment of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

Section 19. State Fiscal Recovery Funds Reporting and Compliance. This section requires the Pandemic Recovery Office to monitor programs funded with State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds. It requires the Office to report on a quarterly basis to the Speaker of the House and Senate President, with copies to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance Committees, identifying programs that are at risk of significant underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements. The report, at a minimum, must include an assessment of how programs that are at risk can be remedied. It repeats the changes in the revised budget to make the last report due on October 31, 2026, and allows the Governor to propose to reallocate any at risk funding to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Proposed reallocations must be referred to the Assembly by November 10 and will go into effect within 30 days unless rejected by joint action of the House and Senate.

Section 20. Transfer to the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund. This section requires the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from general revenues to the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund by July 15, 2024.

Section 21. Effective Date. This section establishes the article is effective as of July 1, 2024 except as otherwise provided within the article.

Article 2. State Funds

Section 1. Medical Debt Relief Program. This section would create a medical debt relief program to be administered by the General Treasurer to discharge certain medical debt for eligible Rhode Islanders. To be eligible, residents would need to have outstanding medical debt that equals 5.0 percent or more of their annual income and more than \$600 or have a household income that is **not** more than 400 percent of federal poverty. The General Treasurer would enter into an agreement with a qualified nonprofit to purchase the medical debt of Rhode Island residents that have gone into collections and are being sold by the original or any subsequent creditor.

Section 2. Indirect Cost Recovery. This section exempts three newly created restricted receipt accounts in this article from the state's ten percent indirect cost recovery: Commodity Supplemental Food Program Claims, Group Home Facility Improvement Fund, and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Operating and Maintenance Account. Pertaining to housing, it changes the name of an account and exempts the existing Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Fund.

Sections 3, 4 and 6. Group Homes. Section 3 creates the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund and transfers into the fund proceeds from the sale of state-owned group homes, or community residences, that are licensed by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals or rents collected from agencies providing services in those homes. The proceeds will be used for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of state-owned facilities at the discretion of the Department and exempts the fund from the ten percent indirect cost recovery. Sections 4 and 6 exempt the proceeds from being transferred to the information technology restricted receipt account.

Section 5. Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council. This section authorizes the State Budget Officer to create restricted receipt sub-accounts in any department or agency that the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council allocates funding to for its projects. The budget includes expenses in the Departments of Administration, Health, Labor and Training, and Environmental Management, and the Public Utilities Commission.

Section 7. Commodity Supplemental Food Program Claims. This section creates a restricted receipt account in the Office of Healthy Aging to deal with a potential federal audit finding regarding claims for food losses and other related activities.

Section 8. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. This section authorizes the Office of Energy Resources to charge a fee to use electric vehicle charging stations on state properties. The fee will be determined through the rules and regulations process; it would be posted on the Office's website for public comment for 30 days. The fee would take effect on January 1, 2025. The revenues would be deposited as restricted receipts and would be used to help offset the cost of electricity and maintenance of the charging stations.

There are currently 68 charging stations located on state properties and with additional federal funds authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Office anticipates adding more charging stations. Currently, state employees and the public use these stations, and the cost to the state was \$0.1 million in FY 2022 and \$0.2 million in FY 2023.

Article 3. Government Reform and Reorganization

Sections 1 and 2. Correctional Industries. These sections would require any entities that place orders with correctional industries to pay 50 percent of the quoted material costs once the items have been ordered.

Currently payment is not received until the project or furniture is delivered. These sections would also allow the Department of Corrections to accept orders from nonprofits.

Sections 3, 7, and 8. Reporting Date Changes. These sections amend the dates for three currently required reports from the Department of Health and are to align with federal and other dates: private well water contamination, free mammography screening, and home visiting.

Sections 4 through 6, 9 through 11, 13 and 17 through 19. Reporting Repeals. These sections delete ten reporting requirements for the Departments of Administration, Business Regulation, Health and Environmental Management. A majority of the due dates have passed and some of the programs have expired.

Section 12. State Fire Marshal. This section requires towns and fire districts to notify the Office of the State Fire Marshal within ten days if they lack an assistant deputy state fire marshal appointed by the Office. It permits the Office to assess fees for failure to comply and to assign deputy state fire marshals to fill vacancies temporarily; any associated costs would be reimbursed by the town or fire district.

Section 14. Healthcare Workforce Data. The Department of Health currently licenses approximately 150,000 healthcare professionals. This section authorizes it to collect workforce data from licensed healthcare professionals upon the licensure and/or renewal process. Healthcare professionals may voluntarily provide demographic information, such as race, ethnicity or languages spoken; additional years planning to practice or anticipated retirement year, and other data defined by the Department. The legislation prohibits the Department from making an individual's information public. The data would be used for healthcare planning and workforce analysis.

Sections 15 and 16. State Purchases. Current law requires that no vendor, parent corporation, or other entities, may bid on a request for proposal if the entity has or had any contractual, financial, business, or beneficial interest with the state or with any official in charge of the request or if they participated or were consulted with respect to the requirements, or any other part of the formation and promulgation of the request for proposals. Section 15 makes an exception for requests for information, feasibility studies and preliminary evaluations if the purchasing agent certifies in writing to the Director of the Department of Administration that there were no responsive bids. The Division is also required to public disclose prior feasibility studies or completed evaluation reports. Section 16 repeals the minimum \$25 annual bidder registration fee that the chief purchasing officer is allowed to charge.

Article 4. Public Debt Management Act

The Public Corporation Debt Management Act requires that all new non-general obligation debt authorizations be approved by the Assembly, except in certain circumstances. Section 2 contains a \$9.2 million authorization for the Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase III project at the University of Rhode Island. Annual debt service would not exceed \$0.8 million supported by general revenues and tuition and fees.

Section 3 authorizes the issuance of up to \$334.6 million through Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles for the replacement of the Washington Bridge. The amount to be issued would be less if federal discretionary grant funds for which the Department has applied are secured. The budget provides pay-funding for the state share, including \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$35.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, and \$3.6 million from Department of Transportation sources. Assuming issuance of \$334.6 million, an interest rate of 5.0 percent and 15-year term, the debt service is estimated at \$16.7 million for the first seven years, increasing to \$62.2 million in later years when older debt is defeased to have overall payment be more level.

Article 5. Capital Development Program

Article 5 places \$343.5 million of new general obligation bond authorizations on the November 2024 ballot for voter approval through four separate questions as shown in the following table.

Annual debt service for the entire \$343.5 million, supported by general revenues, would be \$28.4 million assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term.

November 2024 Bond Referenda	Amount
Question 1	
URI Biomedical Sciences Building	\$ 87,500,000
RIC Cybersecurity Building (Whipple Hall)	73,000,000
Higher Education Subtotal	\$ 160,500,000
Question 2	
Affordable Housing	\$ 90,000,000
Acquisition and Revitalization	10,000,000
Homeownership	10,000,000
Site Acquisition	5,000,000
Housing Related Infrastructure	4,000,000
Municipal Planning	1,000,000
Housing and Community Opportunity Subtotal	\$ 120,000,000
Question 3	
Port of Davisville Infrastructure at Quonset	\$ 15,000,000
Climate Resiliency	2,000,000
Brownfields Remediation & Economic Development	5,000,000
Local Recreation Matching Grants	5,000,000
Municipal Resiliency	10,000,000
Newport Cliff Walk	3,000,000
Agriculture Land Preservation	5,000,000
State Open Space	3,000,000
Forests and Habitat Management	5,000,000
Green Economy Subtotal	\$ 53,000,000
Question 4	
Tomaquag Museum	\$ 2,000,000
Newport Contemporary Ballet	2,000,000
Trinity Repertory Company	2,000,000
RISCA Cultural Arts and Economy Grant Program	4,000,000
Cultural Economy Initiatives Subtotal	\$ 10,000,000
Total New Referenda	\$ 343,500,000

Article 6. Taxes

Section 1. Liquor Manufacturer Duplicate Fee. This section eliminates the license fee for a currently licensed liquor manufacturer to obtain an additional type of manufacturing license to expand operations at its existing location. The budget assumes a revenue loss of \$6,000 from this change.

Section 2. Real Estate Transfer Fee. This section eliminates the \$25 fee for a real estate agent or broker to transfer to another brokerage. The budget assumes a revenue loss of \$20,000 from this change.

Sections 3 through 5 and 15 through 19. Electronic Nicotine-Delivery System Products. These sections effectuate the transfer of statutory and regulatory authority of electronic nicotine delivery systems from the Department of Health to the Department of Revenue, and subject those products to the current law requirements for cigarettes and other tobacco taxes. A safe harbor provision is established for currently licensed entities, through the expiration of the Department of Health-issued licenses and electronic nicotine delivery systems become subject to a tax system that accounts for both volume and price and assumes a start date of January 1, 2025. This is expected to yield \$2.2 million in FY 2025 and \$3.9 million in FY 2026.

These sections prohibit engaging in business with unlicensed firms, including manufacturers and importers, consistent with other tobacco and nicotine product requirements, and require firms to file initial returns by October 16, 2024. There is a provision that excludes cigars from this requirement. The Tax Administrator must establish a single application and renewal process for all tobacco and nicotine product entities as of the effective date. Section 17 codifies most of the current regulations prohibiting flavored products, excluding menthol and cannabis products without nicotine. Section 19 clarifies that purchasers of electronic nicotine delivery systems must at least be 21 years old.

Section 6. Vital Records. The chief of the Office of Vital Records in the Department of Health is authorized to assess surcharges for certified records, with the receipts being deposited into the Information Technology Restricted Receipt account to support the Vital Records system. The project is complete and now entering the maintenance phase. This section requires the funds to be deposited as general revenues; annually \$0.4 million was collected.

Sections 7 and 8. Tent Fees. These sections exempt tents and similar structures from recurring state construction permitting fees and instead require an annual certification to be administered by the State Building Code Commissioner and the State Fire Marshal. The budget assumes a revenue loss of \$9,375 from this change.

Section 9. Tax Delinquent Public Disclosure. This section expands the current public disclosure of the top 100 delinquent individual and business taxpayers to include those taxpayers with at least \$50,000 of outstanding liabilities. It would be effective upon passage, and the budget assumes \$3.4 million of new revenues for FY 2025.

Section 10. Tangible Tax Exemption. Section 10 amends the exemption adopted in the 2023 session to ensure that municipalities are reimbursed for the actual exemption loss, not just the net loss that produces a lower levy than 2022. It also provides alternate certification for those municipalities that did not collect data to redo the levy.

Section 11. Pass-Through Entity Tax Credit. This section would reduce the tax credit given to members in pass-through entities who pay taxes under the state's elective pass-through entity tax from 100 percent to 90 percent of the taxes paid. The budget includes \$8.1 million in additional revenues for FY 2025 that would annualize to \$16.5 million for FY 2026.

Section 11. Net Operating Loss Carryforward. This section would extend the time period that net operating losses may be carried forward to 20 years, effective January 1, 2025. Businesses are allowed to use prior operating losses to offset future profits and reduce tax liabilities; current Rhode Island law limits the carry-forward period to five years. There would be no fiscal impact until tax year 2031.

Sections 11 and 21. Cannabis Business Deductions. These sections permit cannabis businesses to claim ordinary income deductions consistent with those of other businesses, effective January 1, 2025. Current law follows federal rules, which prohibit businesses that deal in controlled substances from claiming these deductions. Several other states, including Connecticut and Massachusetts, permit these deductions. The budget assumes a revenue loss of \$0.8 million for FY 2025, which annualizes to \$1.7 million beginning in FY 2026.

Section 12. Sales and Use Tax Exemption Filing Fee. This section would eliminate the \$25 filing fee for a certificate of exemption from sale and use taxes, as of January 1, 2025. The budget assumes a revenue loss of \$7,000 for FY 2025, which annualizes to \$14,000 beginning FY 2026. The application and four-year expiration date provisions remain unchanged.

Sections 13 and 14. Cigarette Tax. These sections increase the cigarette tax by \$0.25 to \$4.50 per pack, including a floor tax adjustment effective September 1, 2024. The budget assumes \$2.4 million in additional revenues.

Section 20. Estate Tax Filing Fee. This section would eliminate the \$50 estate tax filing fee for decedents on or after January 1, 2025. Based on the effective date and nine month filing window, the budget assumes no revenue loss for FY 2025. The estimated loss is \$230,000 for FY 2026.

Section 21. Retirement Exemption. This section would increase the existing retirement income exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Eligibility is the same as the social security exemption which is limited to filers who have reached full retirement age and have incomes below a certain threshold. This is estimated to reduce revenues by \$3.0 million for FY 2025; that loss would annualize to \$6.2 million for FY 2026.

Section 22. Vessel Discharge Decals. This section would eliminate the requirement for vessels to obtain a “no discharge certificate” decal effective January 1, 2025. Instead it requires that owners be provided with educational materials at the time of registration that describe their responsibility to secure marine sanitation devices and prevent overboard discharges. The budget accounts for the estimated loss of \$2,000 in revenues from decal and associated inspection fees.

Article 7. Economic Development and Housing

Section 1. Employment Security Contribution. This section proposes to extend the deadline to establish the tax year 2025 unemployment insurance rate schedule from September 30, 2024 to December 31, 2024, subject to the Labor and Training Director’s discretion. This is intended to provide flexibility for determining the rate in the event a deposit of excess State Fiscal Recovery funds as proposed in Article 1 occurs and would alter the tax schedule.

Section 2. Commerce Report. This section extends the deadline for the Commerce Corporation’s program accountability report from 30 days after the close of each quarter to 45 days.

Section 3. Small Business Innovation Research. This section makes several changes to a grant program to support early-stage, high-risk technology research and development administered by the Science and Technology Advisory Council, a subsidiary of the Commerce Corporation. Grants are awarded to business receiving Phase I and II federal grants for three activities: to offset application costs, match federal awards, and support internships. This section expands allowable uses to include awards of up to \$500,000 for businesses receiving Phase III federal grants for commercialization. For Phase I and II grants, it increases the value of matching awards from \$150,000 to \$300,000. This section also increases the value of internship grants from \$3,000 to \$6,500 per intern and increases reimbursement rates from \$12.00 per hour to instead

match the state's minimum wage. The budget includes the FY 2024 enacted amount of \$1.0 million to support this program.

Sections 4 and 18. Housing Reports. These sections delay the due date of the annual Integrated Housing Report from December 31 to April 15 to provide time for the Department of Housing to include applicable federal data typically published in December. They change several measures to provide greater clarity and align more closely with available data, including requiring a study in 2026 and every three years thereafter to determine the accessibility of the state housing stock and the number of units required to meet estimated growth. Municipalities will be required to provide relevant data requested by the Department on or before February 15. Additionally, on December 31, 2024, the Department is required to provide a new version of the housing organizational plan previously submitted in November 2022, including proposed statutory revisions. These sections also relocate housing-related statutory language from chapters related to commerce.

Section 5. Rebuild Rhode Island. This section provides that interest earned on funds appropriated to the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Fund be allocated to the program, which is expected to generate \$7.1 million through FY 2025. It also extends the sunset provision from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Sections 6 through 10, 12, 14, 15 and 24. Sunset Extensions. These sections extend the sunset provisions for the Tax Increment Financing, Tax Stabilization Incentive, First Wave Closing Fund, I-195 Redevelopment Fund, Small Business Assistance Program, Main Street Streetscape, High School, College, and Employer Partnerships, and the Qualified Jobs Tax Credit from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025. They also extend the Air Service Development sunset provision from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027.

Section 11. Wavemaker. This section adds a definition for primary care services to the Wavemaker Fellowship program and extends the sunset from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025. The budget includes \$4.1 million for future awards, including \$0.5 million for primary care medical doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Section 13. Innovation Initiative. This section expands network matching grant eligibility to employee-owned or transitioning businesses and establishes a new \$5,000 grant program to defray patent application costs. Network matching grants are available for specified industries for technical assistance or access to capital. This section also extends the sunset date by one year to December 31, 2025. The budget includes \$1.0 million from general revenues to support this and the Innovation Voucher Program, which makes awards out of the same fund.

Sections 16 and 17. Small Business Development Fund. These sections reduce the maximum allowable certifiable capital investment amount from \$65.0 million to \$40.0 million and establish a June 30, 2024 sunset provision, effectively ending the program's ability to certify new funds.

Sections 19 and 20. Housing Restricted Funds. These sections transfer authority over the Housing Resources Commission restricted account from the Commission to the Department of Housing and rename it the Housing Resources and Homelessness account. The Commission will retain a consultative role. This change will become effective on December 31, 2024 or after submission of the new housing organizational plan, whichever comes later.

Sections 21 and 22. Motion Picture and Theatrical Production Tax Credits. These sections extend the Motion Picture and Theatrical Production sunset provisions from July 1, 2027 to July 1, 2029.

Section 23. Historical Preservation Tax Credit. This section extends the sunset provision for the Historical Preservation Tax Credits 2013 program from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Article 8. Education

Section 1. Funding Formula Aid. This section changes the weight for the English language learner categorical from 15 percent of the per-pupil core instruction amount to 20 percent and shifts this category of aid from categorical funding into the funding formula. The FY 2024 enacted budget increased this weight from 10 percent to 15 percent and required full funding. The budget includes \$7.4 million more than current law for this change. This section also changes the language from English learner to multilingual learner and clarifies that the funding applies to students in the lowest three proficiency levels, consistent with current practice.

Section 2. East Providence Education Aid Payments. This section makes the payment of the state's share of education aid to the city of East Providence 12 monthly installments to make it consistent with all other communities, as opposed to being paid in two installments in April and October.

Section 3. Reduced-Price Meals. This section would make reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals free to students from families that qualify for free or reduced-price meals. It also requires the state to provide funds to public schools equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for free breakfast and lunch meals and the reimbursement received for students eligible for reduced-price meals. The budget adds \$0.8 million to account for this change.

Sections 4 and 5. Onward We Learn. These sections would make revisions to state law to change the name of College Crusade to Onward We Learn.

Section 6. Hope Scholarship Pilot Program. The 2023 Assembly established a new Rhode Island Hope Scholarship program to provide the final two years of free tuition and mandatory fees at Rhode Island College for qualifying Rhode Island students, implemented for four cohorts of students beginning in the fall of 2023. This section extends the program two years to include the last cohort entering in the fall of 2029 to allow for better evaluation of the program's impact on enrollment and timely graduation. It also modifies the reporting requirements to be like those for the Promise Scholarship program at the Community College.

Sections 7 through 9. Higher Education Incentive Grants. The current law Higher Education Incentive Grant is provided to former foster care youth who choose to attend the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, or the Community College of Rhode Island. In order to qualify for these grants, a youth must have been in foster care on or after their 16th birthday, spent at least two years in foster care, and be no older than 23 years old when enrolled.

These sections modify several aspects of the program including requiring earlier notifications to eligible children and qualifying more children by reducing the threshold for time spent in care to six months on or after their 14th birthday. They also extend coverage to part-time attendance and specified workforce development programs and adds a requirement to fill out applicable financial aid forms. They establish reporting requirements for the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Current law requires an annual appropriation of \$200,000 from general revenues which the budget includes.

Article 9. Medical and Health

Section 1. Hospital License Fee. This section extends the FY 2025 hospital license fee for Eleanor Slater Hospital at a 5.25 percent rate based on 2023 revenues. The budget assumes \$4.0 million in revenues with \$1.8 million of that paid from general revenues. The FY 2024 fee was applicable for one year and also 5.25 percent but based on 2022 hospital revenues.

Section 2. Caseload Monthly Reporting. This section changes the reporting date requirement for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals' caseload information from the 15th to the 25th of each month.

Section 3. Nursing Facilities. This section adds that the reimbursement review process to revise the nursing home rates will include other direct care costs in addition to direct care rates adjusted for acuity and an indirect care rate comprised of a base per diem for all facilities.

Section 4. Hospital Uncompensated Care Payments. This section includes uncompensated care payments to the community hospitals for FY 2025 that does not exceed \$34.7 million. This is \$20.0 million more than enacted to allow for Eleanor Slater Hospital to access some of the funds. It also delays the deadline for the state payment for FY 2024 from June 15 to June 30, and establishes a FY 2025 payment deadline of June 30, 2025. The FY 2025 budget includes \$21.7 million, of which \$9.4 million is from general revenues, for the \$14.7 million payment to community hospitals and \$7.0 million for Eleanor Slater Hospital. The increased limit reflects available funding to the state for allowable payments. The section also clarifies that the calculation of uncompensated care costs is offset by state directed payments.

Section 5. Medicaid Resolution. This section includes the resolution language for Assembly approval for the Executive Office to apply for certain changes to the Medicaid program. This includes increasing provider reimbursement rates consistent with the results of the rate review as recommended by the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner effective October 1, 2024 and adjusted for the expanded applicability identified by the Executive Office in its budget submission. The FY 2025 budget includes a total of \$163.4 million, of which \$62.4 million is from general revenues, to fund the rate increases.

The resolution also authorizes the Executive Office and HealthSource RI to automatically enroll qualified individuals who are transitioning off Medicaid into a qualified health plan, effective July 1, 2024. It authorizes HealthSource RI to pay for an eligible individual's first month of premium expenses using available funds.

The resolution also includes the necessary language to increase rates for skilled professional services provided by home care agencies, chiropractic services, and ambulatory dental care. It also moves adult dental services into the managed care plans and increases eligibility for three Medicaid programs in the Department of Human Services' Office of Rehabilitation Services. The resolution also empowers the Executive Office to seek a state plan amendment to address reimbursements for the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly and federal approval for a Medicaid match for the Hospital Care Transitions Initiative. Finally, the Executive Office shall also seek the necessary changes to implement federally required coverage for eligible individuals formerly under the care of the Department of Children, Youth and Families who are incarcerated 30 days prior to release. This section also includes the necessary language to make technical corrections affecting nursing home rate reimbursement calculations and uncompensated care payments.

Article 10. State Leases

This article would authorize a long-term lease renewal for the Department of Corrections' Pawtucket community corrections office. The FY 2025 budget includes \$0.1 million from general revenues to fund the cost of the lease. Legislative approval is required for lease agreements for terms of five years or longer and exceeding \$500,000 in value.

The article also repeals an obsolete report that had required the Department of Administration to prepare a report by October 31, 2014, to include all current property owned or leased by state or quasi agencies. The 2021 Assembly adopted legislation requiring an annual state properties and leases report; the article

maintains this report to also include master facility plans, and changes the date from December 15 to February 15.

Article 11. Human Services

Section 1. Primary Care Training Sites Program. This section establishes the Primary Care Training Sites Program within the Department of Health, to provide training for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants; each site would be awarded no more than \$90,000. It also establishes an office, which is tasked with providing oversight of grant recipients and to establish evidence-based standards to measure the success. The budget includes \$2.7 million from general revenues for support; unspent funds will automatically be reappropriated.

Section 2. Rhode Island Works. This section increases the monthly cash assistance payments for Rhode Island Works participants, eliminates the full family sanction and increases the income disregard from \$300 to \$525, effective July 1, 2024. The budget includes \$5.6 million from federal funds for all three changes, along with the necessary system changes.

Section 3. Child Care Assistance Eligibility. This section increases eligibility from 200 percent to 261 percent of poverty starting January 1, 2025 and extends the sunset date for the child care for childcare workers pilot program for one year through July 31, 2025. The FY 2025 budget includes \$3.3 million for the eligibility increase and \$2.5 million for the pilot program along with \$0.1 million for necessary system changes.

Section 4. Child Care Rates. This section increases subsidized child care rates for licensed child care centers by five percent starting July 1, 2024. The FY 2025 budget includes \$3.3 million for the change.

Section 5. Ladder to Licensure. The section authorizes the Ladder to Licensure program which is a public-private partnership grant program to increase the number of licensed health professionals, provide support to working adults to obtain degrees and licenses, and establish necessary policies to reduce barriers to participation. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services will collaborate with the Department of Labor and Training and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner with the development, implementation, and oversight of the program. The FY 2025 budget includes \$750,000 to support the partnerships and requires quarterly reporting from the Executive Office to the Speaker of the House and Senate President on the progress of program.

Article 12. Pensions

This article makes changes to the pension plan affecting retirees and active members including the cost-of-living adjustment, pension benefit calculation, public safety pensions, and post-retirement employment.

It repeals the 80 percent funding target for the return of cost-of-living adjustments for members that retired before July 1, 2012 and decreases the threshold to 75 percent for all others. It changes the calculation for pension benefits from the highest five consecutive years of compensation to highest three consecutive years. It also converts benefits for state public safety employees to the same retirement benefits as local public safety employees and increase their employee contribution from 8.75 percent to 10.0 percent. All of these changes are expected to increase the unfunded liability by approximately \$400 million. This requires an increase to annual employer contributions by \$42.6 million. Of that, \$27.5 million is included in the state budget for FY 2025 with \$20.6 million from general revenues. The remaining \$15.1 million would be borne at the local level, primarily for teachers.

Additionally, Article 12 would increase the pay that a retired teacher is able to earn without suspension of benefits from \$18,000 to \$25,000 and extend for one year to June 20, 2025 the allowance for retirees to

work more than 90 days at local educational agency without forfeiting retirement benefits. The extension of this provision does come with the requirement that the employer make contributions to the retirement system as if the retiree exceeding this limit had been hired as a new employee.

Article 13. Revised Appropriations

Section 1. Appropriations. This section contains the revised appropriations for FY 2024.

Section 2. Line Item Appropriations. This section establishes that each line in Section 1 of Article 13 constitutes an appropriation.

Section 3. Internal Service Funds. This section authorizes the establishment of limited and specific internal service accounts to implement the cases in which state agencies provide services to other state agencies, institutions and other governmental units on a cost reimbursement basis.

Section 4. Full-Time Equivalent Positions. This section limits the maximum number of full-time equivalent positions authorized for the departments and agencies during any payroll period in FY 2024. In addition, this section provides that the Governor or designee, Speaker of the House or designee, and President of the Senate or designee may jointly adjust the authorization. It also limits appointments for state employees supported through non-state funds to the availability of those fund sources. Total staffing is 15,652.8 full-time equivalent positions, 15.9 more positions than enacted. It includes 519.8 higher education positions supported by third-party funds, consistent with the enacted budget.

Section 5. State Fiscal Recovery Funds. This section maintains the enacted language that clarifies that appropriations of federal funds in section one shall not be construed to mean State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds enacted as part of the American Rescue Plan Act unless specifically designated as such. It also removes the inapplicable reference to the multi-year expenses that were consolidated into FY 2024 to ensure timely obligation of funding to comply with federal requirements. The section also contains a description of each of the projects for which any appropriation is made. It is revised to add projects carried forward from prior years, and reflect changes to proposed uses of authorized funding including new and deleted projects.

Section 6. State Fiscal Recovery Funds Reporting and Compliance. This section requires the Pandemic Recovery Office to monitor programs funded with State Fiscal Recovery and Capital Projects funds. It requires the Office to report on a quarterly basis to the Speaker of the House and Senate President, with copies to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance Committees, identifying programs that are at risk of significant underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements. The report, at a minimum, must include an assessment of how programs that are at risk can be remedied. The section is revised to make the last report due on October 31, 2026, and allow the Governor to propose to reallocate any at risk funding to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Proposed reallocations must be referred to the Assembly by November 10 and will go into effect within 30 days unless rejected by joint action of the House and Senate.

Section 7. Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Transfer. This section requires the transfer of \$2.0 million from the Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to state general revenues by June 30, 2024.

Section 8. Municipal Infrastructure Matching Grant Pool Transfer. This section requires the transfer of \$5.5 million of general revenues previously provided for the Infrastructure Bank's Municipal Infrastructure Matching Grant Pool back to state general revenues by June 30, 2024.

Section 9. Housing Resources and Homelessness Transfer. This section requires the transfer of \$10.0 million from general revenues to the Housing Resources and Homelessness restricted receipt account by June 30, 2024.

Section 10. Effective Date. This section provides that the article shall take effect upon passage.

Article 14. Effective Date

Article 14 provides that the act shall take effect on July 1, 2024, except where a provision within an article specifies a retroactive or prospective effective date.

Section IV

Adjustments to Governor's Revised Budget

	FY 2024 Changes to Governor	Gen. Rev.	Federal	Restricted	Other	Total
	Revenue Changes					
1	May Revenue Estimate	47,252,366	-	-	-	47,252,366
2	Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool Recapture	3,133,193	-	-	-	3,133,193
3	Homelessness Assistance Transfer from GR	[-10,000,000]	-	-	-	[-10,000,000]
4	Supplemental Rainy Day Fund to Current Law	[-6,530,494]	-	-	-	[-6,530,494]
	<i>Other Fund Sources</i>		(185,350,151)	(7,380,996)	(39,789,294)	(232,520,441)
	Total	50,385,559	(185,350,151)	(7,380,996)	(39,789,294)	(182,134,882)
	Administration					
5	ARPA - Ongoing COVID-19 Response (GBA)	-	(21,221,859)	-	-	(21,221,859)
6	Capital - Communities Facilities Asset Protection	-	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
7	Capital - Cranston Street Armory	-	-	-	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
8	Capital - DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	-	-	-	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)
9	Capital - Medical Examiners - New Facility (GBA)	-	-	-	150,000	150,000
10	Capital - Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	-	-	-	622,985	622,985
11	Capital - Pastore Center Infrastructure	-	-	-	(2,372,985)	(2,372,985)
12	Capital - Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	-	-	-	600,000	600,000
13	Capital - State House Renovations	-	-	-	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
14	Capital - Statewide Facility Master Plan	-	-	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
15	Capital - William Powers Building	-	-	-	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
16	FEMA Contingency Reserve	(5,000,000)	-	-	-	(5,000,000)
17	Garrahy Garage - Debt	(400,000)	-	-	-	(400,000)
18	HSRI - Operating (Q3)	(358,000)	-	-	-	(358,000)
19	Turnover (Q3)	(1,300,000)	-	-	-	(1,300,000)
20	Wrongful Convictions Shift to FY 2025	(561,446)	-	-	-	(561,446)
	Business Regulation					
21	Capital - Fire Academy Expansion	-	-	-	(5,115,000)	(5,115,000)
22	Rate Review Expense Update (GBA)	(615,000)	125,000	-	-	(490,000)
	Executive Office of Commerce					
23	ARPA - Small Business and Technical Assistance	-	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000
24	ARPA - South Quay Marine Terminal (GBA)	-	(35,000,000)	-	-	(35,000,000)

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	Housing					
25	ARPA - Housing Related Infrastructure (GBA)	-	(1,300,000)	-	-	(1,300,000)
26	ARPA - Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative (GBA)	-	(300,000)	-	-	(300,000)
27	ARPA - Targeted Housing Development (GBA)	-	(5,000,000)	-	-	(5,000,000)
	Labor and Training					
28	Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects (GBA)	-	-	75,000	-	75,000
	Department of Revenue					
29	Capital - Lottery Building Renovations	-	-	-	(690,000)	(690,000)
	Board of Elections					
30	Voting Equipment Contract (GBA)	335,662	-	-	-	335,662
	Executive Office of Health and Human Services					
31	CurrentCare/Opt-Out Implementation (Q3)	(548,166)	(4,933,494)	-	-	(5,481,660)
32	Home and Community Based Services - ARPA (GBA)	-	5,007,524	(7,294,996)	-	(2,287,472)
33	May Caseload Conference - Medicaid	(6,170,404)	(49,629,596)	-	-	(55,800,000)
34	The Work Number	(85,974)	(318,847)	-	-	(404,821)
35	UHIP Expenses	(325,826)	(3,472,153)	-	-	(3,797,979)
	Health					
36	Capital - New Health Lab Building (GBA)	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Human Services					
37	Elderly Transportation Services (GBA)	(33,526)	-	-	-	(33,526)
38	May Caseload Conference - Cash Assistance	37,412	(6,746,511)	-	-	(6,709,099)
39	The Work Number	(129,601)	(91,538)	-	-	(221,139)
40	Turnover	(800,000)	-	-	-	(800,000)
41	UHIP Expenses	(175,784)	(862,062)	-	-	(1,037,846)
	BHDDH					
42	Capital - DD Residential Support (GBA)	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
43	CFCM Technology Expenses (GBA)	(122,892)	-	-	-	(122,892)
44	Consent Decree - Independent Facilitators	42,000	42,000	-	-	84,000
45	ESH - Fence Construction to FY 2025 (GBA)	(344,000)	-	-	-	(344,000)

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46	ESH Vehicles Shift to FY 2025 (GBA)	(47,501)	(59,845)	-	-	(107,346)
47	May Caseload Conference - Private Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	(16,754,373)	(22,880,214)	-	-	(39,634,587)
48	Out-of-State Facility Contract - Expired	(1,500,000)	-	-	-	(1,500,000)
49	Prior Year Medicaid Overbilling	6,500,000	-	-	-	6,500,000
50	RICLAS Vehicles Shift to FY 2025 (GBA)	(152,507)	(192,141)	-	-	(344,648)
51	Student Assistance Funds Correction (GBA)	-	-	(161,000)	-	(161,000)
	Elementary and Secondary Education					
52	Capital - Davies School Health Care Classroom Improvements	-	-	-	(6,886,250)	(6,886,250)
53	Capital - Davies School HVAC	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
54	Capital - Davies School Wing Renovation	-	-	-	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
55	Early Childhood (Q3)	(153,418)	-	-	-	(153,418)
56	ESSER Funds Correction	-	(28,831,898)	-	-	(28,831,898)
57	Mid-Year Charter Adjustment	200,647	-	-	-	200,647
58	Turnover	(100,000)	-	-	-	(100,000)
	Higher Education					
59	Power Infrastructure	-	-	-	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)
60	Capital - CCRI Renovation and Modernization Phase I	-	-	-	(5,700,000)	(5,700,000)
61	Capital - Flanagan Campus Renewal	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
62	Promise May Update	(605,585)	-	-	-	(605,585)
	Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission					
63	Turnover (Q3)	(350,000)	-	-	-	(350,000)
	Corrections					
64	CO Class Delay	(1,300,000)	-	-	-	(1,300,000)
	Military Staff					
65	Counter Drug Correction (GBA)	-	(5,253,814)	-	-	(5,253,814)
	Public Safety					
66	ARPA - Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence to FY 2025	-	(10,000,000)	-	-	(10,000,000)
67	Body - Worn Camera Project Shift to FY 2025	(11,500,000)	-	-	-	(11,500,000)
68	Capital - Asset Protection	-	-	-	(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)
69	Capital - New Southern Barracks	-	-	-	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)

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70	Capital - Training Academy Upgrades	-	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
71	Security Services Turnover (Q3)	(1,500,000)	-	-	-	(1,500,000)
	Public Defender					
72	Turnover (Q3)	(200,000)	-	-	-	(200,000)
	Environmental Management					
73	Capital - Galilee Piers	-	-	-	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)
74	Capital - Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development	-	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
	Transportation					
75	HMA & Gas Tax Yield Adjustments	-	-	-	451,956	451,956
76	Stimulus - Highway Infrastructure Funds	-	4,269,297	-	-	4,269,297
77	Tolling Vendor Settlement (GBA)	-	-	-	3,650,000	3,650,000
	Total	(44,018,282)	(185,350,151)	(7,380,996)	(39,789,294)	(276,538,723)

FY 2024 Revised Changes to Governor

Revenue Changes

- 1. May Revenue Estimate.** The Revenue Estimating Conference concluded May 10 and revised the FY 2024 estimate to \$5,336.1 million based on collection trends through April, audited FY 2023 closing results, and the revised economic forecast. The estimate is \$47.7 million more than the November estimate and \$47.3 million more than the Governor's budget revised for his changes included in the estimate.
- 2. Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool Recapture.** Consistent with the Governor's recommendation, the 2023 Assembly provided \$5.5 million to the Infrastructure Bank in FY 2023 for municipalities to use as match for federal funds. The Governor's budget proposed transferring \$2.4 million of it back to the state for other uses citing limited demand. The House Finance Committee recommends recapturing the full \$5.5 million, \$3.1 million more as there has been no interest in the program.
- 3. Homelessness Assistance Transfer from GR.** The House Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$10.0 million from general revenues to the Housing Resources Commission restricted account to increase available resources for homelessness and diversion services.
- 4. Supplemental Rainy Day Fund to Current Law.** The 2023 Assembly created a Supplemental Budget Reserve account and required that 50.0 percent of all general revenues received in the completed fiscal year in excess of adopted estimates for that year be transferred to the account. The Governor proposes legislation retroactively repealing the transfer provision and recaptures the \$6.5 million associated with the excess revenues in FY 2023 for FY 2024. The House Finance Committee does not concur with the repeal and maintains current law.

Administration

- 5. ARPA - Ongoing COVID-19 Response (GBA).** The revised budget includes \$21.2 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to help the state continue its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been no expenses in FY 2024 and none are expected. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendments to remove these budgeted expenses and allocate the funds to other projects.
- 6. Capital - Communities Facilities Asset Protection.** The Department anticipates spending only \$0.3 million of the \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds budgeted for FY 2024 for the Communities Facilities Asset Protection project. Accordingly, the House Finance Committee recommends reducing the budget by \$0.1 million.
- 7. Capital - Cranston Street Armory.** The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$7.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2029 for the Cranston Street Armory. No specific project has been identified and only \$0.1 million of the \$2.3 million included for FY 2024 has been spent as of the third quarter. The House Finance Committee recommends \$6.0 million less through FY 2026 pending a plan for use of the funds. This includes reductions of \$2.0 million for FY 2024, \$3.0 million for FY 2025 and \$1.0 million for FY 2026.
- 8. Capital - DoIT Enterprise Operations Center.** The revised budget includes \$4.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, server room upgrades, and asset protection for the Enterprise Operations Center in Warwick. The state purchased the building in 2009, completed a major renovation and moved in November 2011. Based on a project delay, the House Finance Committee shifts \$4.0 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

9. Capital - Medical Examiners - New Facility (GBA). After submitting his budget, the Governor requested an amendment to add \$150,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds reflecting anticipated expenditures for renovations to the new Medical Examiners facility in Cumberland. This brings total FY 2024 funding to \$5.3 million. Phase I, which included additional decedent capacity to address the COVID-19 surge, was completed and some personnel from the office moved in December 2020. Phase II will include interior renovations to accommodate the relocation of the entire Medical Examiners' staff from Chapin to the new facility. The House Finance Committee concurs.

10. Capital - Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection. The recommended capital budget includes \$12.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2029, including \$10.0 million to address issues that may emerge in the buildings. The Governor subsequently requested two amendments, adding \$0.6 million for FY 2024 for renovation expenses to the Adolph Meyer building for patient relocation from the Regan Building, and reducing FY 2025 recommended expenses of \$4.5 million by \$2.1 million. The House Finance Committee concurs with the requested amendments and further reduces recommended expenses in the out-years by \$1.0 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

11. Capital - Pastore Center Infrastructure. The capital budget includes a total of \$123.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds through FY 2029, \$8.5 million more than the approved plan, to make infrastructure improvements to the Pastore Center. This includes \$58.5 million to identify and address deficiencies with respect to water supply and distribution, \$54.0 million for electrical improvements, and \$11.0 million for other expenses. Based on anticipated expenses, the Governor requested amendments to reduce expenses by \$2.4 million for FY 2024 and \$2.8 million for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs and further reduces funding in the outyears by \$5.0 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027, as the project timeline is being developed. It includes a total project cost of \$108.3 million, or \$6.7 million less than the approved plan.

12. Capital - Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection. The Governor's recommended capital plan includes a total of \$44.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$13.0 million for FY 2024 and \$9.6 million for FY 2025 for various projects to non-hospital buildings at the Pastore Center. He subsequently requested amendments, adding \$0.6 million for FY 2024 and \$0.9 million for FY 2025, reflecting anticipated expenses for the Division of Motor Vehicles inspection garage and chiller and control upgrades in the Center General buildings. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amendments, and reduces expenses in the later years by \$1.4 million annually for FY 2027 through FY 2029, as specific projects have not yet been identified.

13. Capital - State House Renovations. Consistent with the approved plan, the FY 2024 revised budget includes \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as part of the State House Renovations project for costs associated with the state's name change, as approved by the voters in November 2020. The House Finance Committee recommends \$2.0 million less, reflecting anticipated expenses.

14. Capital - Statewide Facility Master Plan. Consistent with the approved plan, the revised budget includes \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 for a statewide deferred maintenance study. Subsequently, the administration indicated that it would not be pursuing the study and projects new expenses of \$0.5 million for other projects, including a security study and facility assessments for group homes. The House Finance Committee includes funding consistent with the Department's revised project costs.

15. Capital - William Powers Building. The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$7.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$6.0 million for FY 2024 and \$1.5 million for FY 2025 for window replacement and exterior masonry repairs to the William Powers Building. The project is currently underway and based on actual project costs, the House Finance Committee recommends \$1.5 million less for FY 2024.

16. FEMA Contingency Reserve. The revised budget includes the required reappropriation of \$5.0 million from general revenues provided as a contingency reserve for COVID-19 related expenses, in the event reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency differ from budgeted assumptions. Since FY 2020, the state has been reimbursed \$640 million; \$8.1 million of expenditures remain under review. The House Finance Committee shifts the reserve funding to FY 2025.

17. Garrahy Garage - Debt. The 2014 Assembly authorized the Convention Center Authority to issue up to \$45.0 million for the construction of the garage and the bonds were issued in March 2018; the garage opened in 2020. The annual debt service is \$3.0 million and operating expenditures for FY 2024 are projected at \$0.9 million, for total expenses of \$3.9 million. The Authority anticipates revenues of \$3.6 million based on occupancy and collections through March, leaving a gap of about \$0.4 million. The Governor's revised budget reduces the \$1.3 million of enacted general revenue support to \$0.9 million. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing it further by \$0.4 million based on the updated projections.

18. HSRI - Operating (Q3). The House Finance Committee includes \$0.4 million in general revenue savings, consistent with HealthSource RI's projection for FY 2024 operating expenses.

19. Turnover (Q3). The House Finance Committee includes additional turnover savings of \$1.3 million from general revenues from the Office of Accounts and Control, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Statewide Planning and the Division Capital Asset Management and Maintenance primarily reflecting ongoing vacancies above revised budget assumptions.

20. Wrongful Convictions Shift to FY 2025. The revised budget includes \$761,946 from general revenues for FY 2024, including \$511,946 reappropriated from FY 2023 to compensate individuals who were wrongfully convicted of crimes and incarcerated. Through the third quarter, \$200,500 has been spent and no additional expenses will be incurred. The House Finance Committee shifts \$561,446 from FY 2024 to FY 2025, reflecting a delay in settlements.

Business Regulation

21. Capital - Fire Academy Expansion. The Governor recommends \$8.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, consistent with the approved plan, to expand the State Fire Academy in Exeter. Funds are programmed at \$5.7 million for FY 2024, \$1.9 million for FY 2025, and \$0.7 million for FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs but recommends shifting \$5.1 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on updates from the Department.

22. Rate Review Expense Update (GBA). The Governor recommends \$1.4 million, \$0.8 million more than enacted, for off year funding for the biennial comprehensive rate and program review, including \$0.3 million from carryover general revenues and \$0.5 million from newly acquired federal Medicaid matching funds. He subsequently requested an amendment for \$0.5 million less, including \$0.6 million less from general revenues and \$0.1 million more from federal funds, to correct overstated prior year carryforward and the correct proportion of expected Medicaid matching funds. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Executive Office of Commerce

23. ARPA - Small Business and Technical Assistance. The Governor's budget includes \$30.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$2.0 million less than enacted, to provide grants and technical assistance to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2023 Assembly expanded allowable uses to energy efficiency improvements. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to allow \$1.3 million of remaining funds to be used to alleviate the impacts caused by the partial closure of the Washington Bridge. The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.3 million more than the amended

recommendation to provide a total of \$2.6 million for Washington Bridge related business support, including \$1.2 million for East Providence, \$0.8 million for Providence, and \$0.6 million for the Executive Office of Commerce.

24. ARPA - South Quay Marine Terminal (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to exclude all \$35.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for the South Quay Marine Terminal. The Executive Office of Commerce testified that the proposed project timeline would have exceeded the federal spending deadline.

Housing

25. ARPA - Housing Related Infrastructure (GBA). The Governor's budget maintains the enacted amount of \$4.3 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly for the Infrastructure Bank to support municipal infrastructure associated with affordable housing development, such as road and utility connections. The program provides additional resources to municipalities for pre-development and development work associated with adjusting or expanding infrastructure to accommodate additional affordable housing. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to reallocate \$1.3 million to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program.

26. ARPA - Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative (GBA). The Governor's budget maintains the enacted amount of \$2.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly to award grants to municipalities to help pay for community services that support homeless individuals. Municipalities hosting shelters bear a financial burden on municipal services, which this program is intended to partially offset. The Department of Housing began accepting applications from municipalities in October 2023, that will remain open until March 1, 2024 or until all funds have been obligated. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to reallocate \$0.3 million to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program.

27. ARPA - Targeted Housing Development (GBA). The Governor's budget maintains the enacted amount of \$31.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds authorized by the 2023 Assembly for a program that allows the Secretary of Housing discretion to target projects for funding. Of this amount, \$4.0 million supports development near public transit and \$27.0 million supports priority projects, defined as permanent supportive housing, housing dedicated to vulnerable populations, individuals transitioning out of state care, and extremely low-income Rhode Islanders. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's subsequent amendment request to reallocate \$5.0 million from priority projects to FY 2025 for the Homelessness Support Program.

Labor and Training

28. Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested budget amendment to shift \$75,000 from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative restricted receipt funds from FY 2025 to FY 2024 based on the timing of planned expenditures. The Governor's recommended budget includes \$75,000 in each FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the Governor's Workforce Board to establish a grant program related to environmental education, professional development, and youth apprenticeships or internships.

Department of Revenue

29. Capital - Lottery Building Renovations. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$690,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for lottery building renovations from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on an updated project schedule. Total funding of \$850,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds is as recommended.

Board of Elections

30. Voting Equipment Contract (GBA). The 2023 Assembly enacted legislation requiring the Board of Elections, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit the specifications for new equipment. Subsequent to the Governor's budget recommendation, which reduced enacted expenses, it was reported that the Board had signed a new four-year equipment contract totaling \$2.1 million, of which \$0.3 million is due for FY 2024. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$0.3 million from general revenues for the new contract for FY 2024 and \$0.5 million for FY 2025. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

31. CurrentCare/Opt-Out Implementation (Q3). The Governor recommends \$5.5 million, including \$0.5 million from general revenues, to change the enrollment process in CurrentCare, the state's Health Information Exchange, from an opt-in process to an opt-out one to comply with a statutory change made by the 2021 Assembly. This was delayed from last year and as of the third quarter report, the project has not begun. With the start delayed another year to FY 2025, the House Finance Committee recommends excluding the FY 2024 funding.

32. Home and Community Based Services - ARPA (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to adjust expenses to reflect the current plan for projects funded from the time limited program that allows for the enhanced Medicaid reimbursement on eligible home and community-based services included in the American Rescue Plan Act to be reinvested to expand services with spending by March 31, 2025. The amendment reduces funding for FY 2024 by \$2.3 million, including \$7.3 million less from restricted receipts and \$5.0 million more from federal funds. For FY 2025, expenses increase by \$9.0 million, including \$5.7 million from [restricted receipts](#) and \$3.3 million from [federal funds](#).

33. May Caseload Conference - Medicaid. The House Finance Committee recommends decreasing medical assistance expenses by \$55.8 million for FY 2024 to reflect the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimate. This includes \$6.2 million less from general revenues and \$49.6 million less from federal funds and incorporates updated expenditure data and the reported delay in implementing the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics initiative to October 1, 2024.

34. The Work Number. The Governor's revised budget recommends \$0.4 million, including \$0.1 million for the Executive Office's portion of expenses related to the income verification tool known as The Work Number. The third quarter report projects spending \$25,200, including \$6,300 from general revenues, and the House Finance Committee reduces funding accordingly.

35. UHIP Expenses. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenses related to the Unified Health Infrastructure Project, known as RI Bridges, by \$3.8 million, including \$0.3 million from general revenues, to reflect the Executive Office's third quarter report projections.

Health

36. Capital - New Health Lab Building (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2025 to FY 2024 for owner's project manager expenses relating to the new health laboratory facility. A project developer was selected in October 2022, and construction is currently ongoing.

Human Services

37. Elderly Transportation Services (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to reduce FY 2024 transportation expenses through the Office of Healthy Aging by \$33,526 from general revenues to correct overfunding in the Governor's recommended budget.

38. May Caseload Conference - Cash Assistance. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenditures for cash assistance caseloads by \$3.7 million, including \$37,412 more from general revenues, to reflect the May Caseload Estimating Conference estimates for Rhode Island Works, subsidized child care, supplemental security income and general public assistance bridge programs. There is also a \$3.0 million correction for overstatement of federal funds included in the recommendation.

39. The Work Number. The Governor's revised recommendation is \$0.2 million, including \$0.1 million for the Department's portion of expenses related to the income verification tool known as The Work Number. The third quarter report does not include any expenses, and the House Finance Committee reduces funding accordingly.

40. Turnover. Based on the third quarter report, the House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenditures from general revenues by \$0.8 million to recognize more turnover savings in FY 2024.

41. UHIP Expenses. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenses related to the Unified Health Infrastructure Project known as RI Bridges by \$1.0 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues, to reflect spending in the Department's third quarter report.

BHDDH

42. Capital - DD Residential Support (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to add \$0.1 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 through FY 2029 for the residential support project. This corrects the recommended five-year capital budget which inadvertently shifted the previously approved expenses to general revenues, but excluded them from the operating budget.

43. CFCM Technology Expenses (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendments to reduce funding by \$122,892 from general revenues for FY 2024 and FY 2025 for conflict-free case management activities that were overfunded in both years.

44. Consent Decree - Independent Facilitators. Expenses for conflict-free case management services are budgeted in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services as part of the Medicaid caseload, including those for adults with developmental disabilities receiving services through the Department. There is a related consent decree requirement for that population for which the implementation deadline was FY 2024. Execution of planned contracts for these services has been delayed again and now will be phased-in through FY 2026. To ensure compliance with the consent decree, the Governor requested an amendment to add state staff to serve as independent facilitators in the interim for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommends adding 18 positions and \$1.9 million, including \$1.0 million from general revenues for FY 2025 and \$84,000, including \$42,000 from general revenues for FY 2024.

45. ESH - Fence Construction to FY 2025 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$344,000 from general revenues to FY 2025 to account for a delay in the project to install a fence at the state hospital.

46. ESH Vehicles Shift to FY 2025 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$107,346, including \$47,501 from general revenues, to FY 2025 for vehicles ordered for the state hospital that will not be delivered until FY 2025.

47. May Caseload Conference - Private Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The House Finance Committee recommends decreasing community-based service expenses for individuals with developmental disabilities by \$39.6 million for FY 2024 to reflect the results of the May Caseload Estimating Conference. This includes reductions of \$16.8 million from general revenues and \$22.9 million from federal funds and reflects current utilization trends.

48. Out-of-State Facility Contract - Expired. The FY 2024 enacted budget includes \$1.5 million from general revenues for an agency in South Carolina to provide services for up to five forensic patients on an as-needed basis. The contract has expired and no expenses have been incurred, and the House Finance Committee reduces funding accordingly.

49. Prior Year Medicaid Overbilling. Based on the Department's third quarter report, the House Finance Committee recommends adding \$6.5 million from general revenues to address Medicaid billing issues for administrative expenses in the Division of Developmental Disabilities. This adjustment corrects for the overbilling of federal funds from FY 2020 through FY 2023.

50. RICLAS Vehicles Shift to FY 2025 (GBA). The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to shift \$0.3 million, including \$0.2 million from general revenues, to FY 2025 for vehicles ordered for the state-run residential system that will not be delivered before FY 2024 ends.

51. Student Assistance Funds Correction (GBA). The Governor's revised recommendation inadvertently includes \$161,000 from restricted receipts for student assistance programs which are not available. He subsequently requested an amendment to correct this overstatement. The House Finance Committee concurs.

Elementary and Secondary Education

52. Capital - Davies School Health Care Classroom Improvements. Based on an updated project schedule, the House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$6.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the health career classrooms renovation project at Davies Career and Technical School from FY 2024 to FY 2025. This work is being coordinated with the wing renovation project.

53. Capital - Davies School HVAC. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on a revised project schedule for repairs to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system at the Davies Career and Technical School in order to integrate the remaining work with the wing renovation project.

54. Capital - Davies School Wing Renovation. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based on a revised project schedule for the wing renovation project at the Davies Career and Technical School. The school has hired an owner's project manager and is in the process of awarding the construction contract for the work, which is being coordinated with other active projects.

55. Early Childhood (Q3). The Department's third quarter report identified administrative cost savings of \$153,418 from general revenues supporting Early Childhood Categorical funding after the final federal Preschool Development Grant funds were spent. The House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenses accordingly.

56. ESSER Funds Correction. Congress authorized a total of \$190.3 billion for emergency pandemic relief to elementary and secondary schools through three separate acts from which Rhode Island received a total of \$646.3 million. All funds were awarded to states in proportion to the distribution of Title I-A formula grants, of which at least 90 percent must be distributed to local education agencies, including charter and state schools. The Governor's budget exceeds available resources by \$21.9 million, based on the Department's request which overstated the FY 2024 total by \$28.8 million and understated its FY 2025 request by \$5.1 million. The House Finance Committee recommends correcting the errors in both years consistent with the Department's intent.

57. Mid-Year Charter Adjustment. The House Finance Committee recommends adding \$0.2 million from general revenues to comply with the statutory requirement for a mid-year aid adjustment if a charter school's October enrollment data in the current fiscal year shows a 10 percent or greater change from the prior enrollment used in the funding formula. The enrollment at Apprenticeship Exploration School, formerly New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools Construction and Career Academy grew by 10.7 percent which requires a mid-year adjustment that was not included in the Governor's revised FY 2024 budget.

58. Turnover. The Department's third quarter report identified \$0.1 million in general revenue turnover savings among all programs, and the House Finance Committee recommends the reduction. Administrative turnover resulted from using vacancies to support federal grant funded projects leaving state funded positions unfilled. These savings offset the shortfall at the Davies Career and Technical School which had costs related to its updated employee contract agreement that were omitted from the Governor's revised budget. The School for the Deaf experienced about \$0.1 million in additional turnover savings.

Higher Education

59. Capital - CCRI Data Cabling and Power Infrastructure. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Community College's data, cabling and power infrastructure project based on updated plans. This includes removing \$2.8 million from FY 2024 and adding \$0.5 million to each FY 2025, FY 2026, and FY 2027, and \$1.3 million to FY 2028. Total funding of \$18.0 million is as recommended.

60. Capital - CCRI Renovation and Modernization Phase I. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Community College's renovation and modernization phase I project based on updated plans. This includes removing \$5.7 million from FY 2024 and adding \$1.7 million to FY 2027 and \$4.0 million to FY 2028. Total funding of \$46.1 million is as recommended.

61. Capital - Flanagan Campus Renewal. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Community College's Flanagan Campus Renewal project based on updated plans. This includes shifting \$1.0 million from FY 2024 to FY 2027. Total funding of \$12.4 million is as recommended.

62. Promise May Update. Based on the May update for the Community College of Rhode Island Promise scholarships for FY 2024, the House Finance Committee recommends \$7.0 million or \$0.6 million less from general revenues than the Governor's revised recommendation.

Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

63. Turnover (Q3). Consistent with the Commission's third quarter report, the House Finance Committee recommends \$0.4 million less from general revenues to reflect turnover savings. The

Commission has averaged 4.8 vacancies throughout FY 2024 most of which were funded in the Governor's revised budget.

Corrections

64. CO Class Delay. Based on the Department's decision to delay holding class 89 to FY 2025, the House Finance Committee recommends reducing the \$1.3 million from general revenues budgeted for that expense in the current fiscal year. It should be noted that the Department did make changes to its physical agility test, which is expected to increase qualified applicants. The FY 2025 budget does assume two classes of 50 recruits each.

Military Staff

65. Counter Drug Correction (GBA). The Governor's recommendation inadvertently includes \$5.3 million from federal funds for both FY 2024 and FY 2025 to construct a new counter drug facility at Camp Fogarty. He subsequently requested an amendment to exclude the duplicated funding from FY 2024 to correct the error. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation.

Public Safety

66. ARPA - Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence to FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$10.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect projected spending. The 2022 Assembly provided a total of \$10.5 million to provide awards to nonprofits to provide housing, clinical, and mental health services to victims of domestic violence and assault. The Governor recommends the entire \$10.5 million for FY 2024. Through the end of March, the Department has obligated \$10.2 million and only spent \$15,314.

67. Body - Worn Camera Project Shift to FY 2025. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$11.5 million from general revenues to purchase body cameras for the State Police and municipalities from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect an updated spending plan. The enacted budget includes \$13.5 million from general revenues to purchase body-worn cameras for the State Police and municipalities. While the enacted budget provides that any unspent funds will be reappropriated, this adjustment recognizes most of the likely shift.

68. Capital - Asset Protection. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects based on updated construction plans for the Department's administration and radio buildings. This includes shifting \$1.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025; total funding is as recommended.

69. Capital - New Southern Barracks. The Governor requested an amendment to add \$3.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to FY 2026 for the design and construction of a new Southern Barracks in West Greenwich. Total project costs would be \$41.4 million, including \$39.8 million for the FY 2024 through FY 2026 period. This is based on updated design estimates that were unavailable at the time of the Department's budget submission. The amendment also shifts \$1.0 million of funding from FY 2024 to FY 2026. The House Finance Committee concurs with the amended recommendation and shifts an additional \$1.5 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to reflect more recent updates.

70. Capital - Training Academy Upgrades. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for training academy upgrades based on the Department's updated schedule. This includes shifting \$0.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 primarily to reflect delays for the project's two feasibility studies. Total funding is as recommended.

71. Security Services Turnover (Q3). The House Finance Committee recommends \$1.5 million in additional general revenue turnover savings based on the Department's third quarter report, which showed more than twice the vacancy levels for Capitol Police and Sheriffs positions than the Governor's revised budget anticipated.

Public Defender

72. Turnover (Q3). Based on the third quarter report, the House Finance Committee recommends reducing expenses by \$0.2 million from general revenues to reflect additional turnover savings that were not anticipated in the Governor's revised budget.

Environmental Management

73. Capital - Galilee Piers. The House Finance Committee recommends revising the programming of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Galilee Piers project based on an updated schedule, primarily for utility upgrades at the port. This includes shifting \$1.8 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025. Total funding is as recommended.

74. Capital - Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development. The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the redevelopment of Chase Marina in Tiverton. This includes the creation of Port Sakonnet that will support infrastructure for commercial harvesters and shellfish farmers. The House Finance Committee recommends shifting \$0.3 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025 based the Department's updated schedule. Total funding is as recommended.

Transportation

75. HMA & Gas Tax Yield Adjustments. Based on updated estimates to the gas tax yield and an upward revision to the highway maintenance funds, the House Finance Committee recommends increasing expenditures by \$0.5 million to reflect anticipated resources. This includes \$0.3 million for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's share of the funds.

76. Stimulus - Highway Infrastructure Funds. The Department received \$54.3 million from federal stimulus funds, of which \$50.0 million was spent on preventative maintenance projects through FY 2023. The remaining \$4.3 million was spent in FY 2024; however, the expense was omitted from the Governor's recommended budget. The House Finance Committee recommends adding the \$4.3 million to show the expenses incurred.

77. Tolling Vendor Settlement (GBA). The revised budget includes the enacted amount of \$1.5 million supported from toll revenues; however, no expenses were anticipated for FY 2024. Subsequently, the Department entered into a settlement with the tolling vendor for outstanding payments for work and claims related expenses of \$5.2 million. The House Finance Committee concurs with the Governor's requested amendment to include \$3.7 million, for total expenses of \$5.2 million for the settlement payment.

Section V

Summary Tables

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Expenditures from All Funds

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	\$ 717,766,683	\$ 669,693,353	\$ 519,398,065	\$ 554,103,575
Business Regulation	42,322,903	36,767,623	39,644,775	44,120,539
Executive Office of Commerce	241,627,641	225,228,267	68,652,163	70,702,163
Housing	251,655,943	317,219,873	36,035,416	58,335,416
Labor and Training	527,634,032	602,303,928	594,346,262	594,071,262
Revenue	800,033,280	807,669,367	832,465,599	834,605,599
Legislature	53,088,776	59,877,264	55,789,931	55,789,931
Lieutenant Governor	1,411,331	1,414,391	1,447,015	1,447,015
Secretary of State	14,424,078	13,312,726	18,280,239	15,312,795
General Treasurer	24,035,465	23,536,040	22,886,874	23,886,874
Board of Elections	3,981,728	5,014,680	5,156,957	5,682,615
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	2,137,059	2,162,654	2,299,337	2,234,502
Governor's Office	8,406,547	8,287,243	8,471,265	8,471,265
Human Rights	2,368,347	2,489,651	2,505,726	2,505,726
Public Utilities Commission	14,261,300	13,986,745	14,451,272	14,607,520
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 2,705,155,113	\$ 2,788,963,805	\$ 2,221,830,896	\$ 2,285,876,797
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	\$ 3,815,013,758	\$ 3,640,503,250	\$ 3,968,779,983	\$ 4,003,393,573
Children, Youth and Families	366,362,408	361,082,767	361,735,263	398,755,263
Health	327,596,035	386,527,690	342,181,505	356,254,973
Human Services	833,996,366	830,242,543	797,155,718	814,391,554
BHDDH	672,848,681	678,551,684	706,308,616	672,361,552
Child Advocate	1,649,914	1,637,931	1,641,426	1,891,426
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	868,675	893,222	914,184	914,184
Commission on Disabilities	1,983,720	2,571,463	1,680,507	1,936,931
Mental Health Advocate	976,078	921,117	981,608	981,608
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 6,021,295,635	\$ 5,902,931,667	\$ 6,181,378,810	\$ 6,250,881,064
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 2,022,346,822	\$ 2,090,896,367	\$ 1,961,849,047	\$ 2,002,999,735
Higher Education	1,449,655,656	1,418,030,924	1,471,790,624	1,470,837,483
Arts Council	3,869,758	3,877,350	3,976,337	3,976,337
Atomic Energy	1,578,744	1,586,827	1,593,911	1,593,911
Historical Preservation	3,581,831	3,175,379	3,727,660	3,727,660
Subtotal - Education	\$ 3,481,032,811	\$ 3,517,566,847	\$ 3,442,937,579	\$ 3,483,135,126

Expenditures from All Funds

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 43,227,795	\$ 46,620,396	\$ 45,456,627	\$ 45,656,627
Corrections	288,763,824	315,315,485	328,179,090	328,179,090
Judicial	146,897,430	148,207,008	147,898,237	147,968,237
Military Staff	75,907,305	48,481,916	101,453,180	101,622,845
Emergency Management	50,260,712	43,511,993	36,678,483	36,520,428
Public Safety	189,704,336	174,414,401	185,051,911	211,138,205
Public Defender	15,794,785	15,145,229	15,920,594	16,670,594
Subtotal-Public Safety	\$ 810,556,187	\$ 791,696,428	\$ 860,638,122	\$ 887,756,026
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 127,810,075	\$ 134,914,680	\$ 146,372,168	\$ 143,732,584
CRMC	5,910,769	6,967,108	6,176,963	6,176,963
Subtotal-Natural Resources	\$ 133,720,844	\$ 141,881,788	\$ 152,549,131	\$ 149,909,547
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 859,089,110	\$ 989,508,890	\$ 816,719,830	\$ 889,560,237
Subtotal-Transportation	\$ 859,089,110	\$ 989,508,890	\$ 816,719,830	\$ 889,560,237
Total	\$ 14,010,849,700	\$ 14,132,549,425	\$ 13,676,054,368	\$ 13,947,118,797

Expenditures from General Revenues

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	\$ 293,843,692	\$ 284,738,415	\$ 227,870,824	\$ 255,026,334
Business Regulation	24,371,468	23,821,087	24,517,764	24,091,628
Executive Office of Commerce	66,421,142	66,319,788	38,255,983	40,305,983
Housing	32,997,895	31,494,506	9,840,596	9,840,596
Labor and Training	17,697,227	22,190,882	17,990,653	17,790,653
Revenue	397,716,359	374,366,590	399,021,730	400,471,730
Legislature	50,998,683	57,472,017	53,358,280	53,358,280
Lieutenant Governor	1,411,331	1,414,391	1,447,015	1,447,015
Secretary of State	11,839,843	10,902,244	12,112,241	12,402,241
General Treasurer	3,995,808	3,980,018	3,915,333	4,915,333
Board of Elections	3,981,728	5,014,680	5,156,957	5,682,615
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	2,137,059	2,162,654	2,299,337	2,234,502
Governor's Office	8,406,547	8,287,243	8,471,265	8,471,265
Human Rights	2,009,246	2,071,702	2,055,616	2,055,616
Public Utilities Commission	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 917,828,028	\$ 894,236,217	\$ 806,313,594	\$ 838,093,791
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	\$ 1,314,146,804	\$ 1,273,468,844	\$ 1,408,896,492	\$ 1,415,945,908
Children, Youth and Families	217,262,746	209,135,694	235,873,200	261,358,200
Health	35,655,172	34,558,400	37,353,947	40,053,947
Human Services	155,552,694	151,005,252	142,005,719	142,440,800
BHDDH	310,886,337	310,325,197	321,342,155	305,694,995
Child Advocate	1,649,914	1,625,931	1,641,426	1,891,426
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	764,208	766,497	782,651	782,651
Commission on Disabilities	1,542,951	2,148,870	1,528,968	1,530,392
Mental Health Advocate	976,078	921,117	981,608	981,608
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 2,038,436,904	\$ 1,983,955,802	\$ 2,150,406,166	\$ 2,170,679,927
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 1,496,382,952	\$ 1,496,684,924	\$ 1,563,472,718	\$ 1,588,667,947
Higher Education	304,808,336	310,511,333	311,989,386	314,514,386
Arts Council	2,292,758	2,303,238	2,395,211	2,395,211
Atomic Energy	1,158,737	1,173,765	1,180,419	1,180,419
Historical Preservation	1,905,557	1,385,012	1,898,100	1,898,100
Subtotal - Education	\$ 1,806,548,340	\$ 1,812,058,272	\$ 1,880,935,834	\$ 1,908,656,063

Expenditures from General Revenues

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 34,862,891	\$ 35,381,472	\$ 35,103,418	\$ 35,103,418
Corrections	281,010,856	276,061,279	293,746,087	293,746,087
Judicial	121,387,370	122,770,901	124,266,261	124,336,261
Military Staff	3,650,802	3,574,619	3,106,655	3,276,320
Emergency Management	6,632,962	6,838,583	7,165,529	7,007,474
Public Safety	137,013,201	123,595,944	122,424,040	135,410,334
Public Defender	15,694,120	15,040,194	15,835,559	16,585,559
Subtotal-Public Safety	\$ 600,252,202	\$ 583,262,992	\$ 601,647,549	\$ 615,465,453
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 58,678,560	\$ 57,925,657	\$ 57,178,456	\$ 57,238,872
CRMC	3,396,395	3,483,722	3,607,384	3,607,384
Subtotal-Natural Resources	\$ 62,074,955	\$ 61,409,379	\$ 60,785,840	\$ 60,846,256
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal-Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 5,425,140,429	\$ 5,334,922,662	\$ 5,500,088,983	\$ 5,593,741,490

Expenditures from Federal Grants

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	\$ 212,681,251	\$ 162,771,603	\$ 75,120,050	78,720,050
Business Regulation	641,503	1,357,597	845,863	749,043
Executive Office of Commerce	174,401,499	157,944,660	22,000,000	22,000,000
Housing	210,993,898	278,061,217	18,530,670	35,830,670
Labor and Training	74,703,378	74,768,385	42,711,594	42,711,594
Revenue	825,339	794,957	805,667	805,667
Legislature	-	-	-	-
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	2,001,207	2,001,207	2,001,207	2,001,207
General Treasurer	766,369	763,919	763,030	763,030
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	-	-	-	-
Human Rights	359,101	417,949	450,110	450,110
Public Utilities Commission	593,775	702,387	711,984	711,984
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 677,967,320	\$ 679,583,881	\$ 163,940,175	\$ 184,743,355
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	\$ 2,448,794,456	\$ 2,313,720,528	\$ 2,504,657,492	\$ 2,529,969,320
Children, Youth and Families	132,358,539	136,031,263	109,908,506	121,443,506
Health	225,090,085	262,579,394	193,961,061	205,109,529
Human Services	666,947,828	665,979,083	646,350,116	659,709,433
BHDDH	349,233,547	352,755,999	371,599,345	353,159,441
Child Advocate	-	12,000	-	-
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	-	-	-	-
Commission on Disabilities	378,638	377,937	85,000	340,000
Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 3,822,803,093	\$ 3,731,456,204	\$ 3,826,561,520	\$ 3,869,731,229
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 464,842,075	\$ 538,971,065	\$ 312,330,554	\$ 318,458,763
Higher Education	43,456,833	23,435,115	4,960,773	5,982,632
Arts Council	987,000	986,151	996,126	996,126
Atomic Energy	-	-	-	-
Historical Preservation	1,143,147	1,223,734	1,267,431	1,267,431
Subtotal - Education	\$ 510,429,055	\$ 564,616,065	\$ 319,554,884	\$ 326,704,952

Expenditures from Federal Grants

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 2,909,219	\$ 3,213,191	\$ 3,265,105	\$ 3,265,105
Corrections	2,219,859	23,417,738	1,819,835	1,819,835
Judicial	4,972,193	4,637,314	4,417,956	4,417,956
Military Staff	64,747,657	41,030,388	86,857,534	86,857,534
Emergency Management	38,504,601	30,536,190	28,880,583	28,880,583
Public Safety	24,157,221	33,543,813	22,744,693	32,744,693
Public Defender	100,665	105,035	85,035	85,035
Subtotal-Public Safety	\$ 137,611,415	\$ 136,483,669	\$ 148,070,741	\$ 158,070,741
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 31,088,283	\$ 38,313,152	\$ 36,020,076	\$ 36,020,076
CRMC	2,264,374	3,133,386	2,319,579	2,319,579
Subtotal-Natural Resources	\$ 33,352,657	\$ 41,446,538	\$ 38,339,655	\$ 38,339,655
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 460,859,663	\$ 454,739,354	\$ 432,772,781	\$ 474,772,781
Subtotal-Transportation	\$ 460,859,663	\$ 454,739,354	\$ 432,772,781	\$ 474,772,781
Total	\$ 5,643,023,203	\$ 5,608,325,711	\$ 4,929,239,756	\$ 5,052,362,713

Expenditures from Restricted Receipts

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	\$ 48,486,518	\$ 59,415,067	\$ 47,189,447	\$ 49,989,447
Business Regulation	11,523,017	10,923,958	12,272,848	12,156,568
Executive Office of Commerce	-	-	-	-
Housing	7,664,150	7,664,150	7,664,150	12,664,150
Labor and Training	30,280,568	31,288,509	32,037,084	31,962,084
Revenue	9,556,818	9,469,077	9,481,272	9,481,272
Legislature	2,090,093	2,405,247	2,431,651	2,431,651
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	583,028	409,275	409,347	409,347
General Treasurer	18,578,032	18,197,154	17,607,485	17,607,485
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	-	-	-	-
Human Rights	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities Commission	13,667,525	13,284,358	13,739,288	13,895,536
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 142,429,749	\$ 153,056,795	\$ 142,832,572	\$ 150,597,540
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	\$ 52,072,498	\$ 53,313,878	\$ 55,225,999	\$ 57,478,345
Children, Youth and Families	1,491,123	665,810	703,557	703,557
Health	66,450,778	88,380,907	106,844,735	108,069,735
Human Services	5,933,660	7,433,917	6,243,767	6,243,767
BHDDH	12,328,797	14,900,944	12,867,116	12,907,116
Child Advocate	-	-	-	-
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	104,467	126,725	131,533	131,533
Commission on Disabilities	62,131	44,656	66,539	66,539
Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 138,443,454	\$ 164,866,837	\$ 182,083,246	\$ 185,600,592
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 47,345,545	\$ 50,597,914	\$ 53,019,127	\$ 53,019,127
Higher Education	6,732,644	6,743,784	8,669,141	8,669,141
Arts Council	5,000	2,961	-	-
Atomic Energy	25,036	25,036	25,036	25,036
Historical Preservation	422,800	422,800	419,300	419,300
Subtotal - Education	\$ 54,531,025	\$ 57,792,495	\$ 62,132,604	\$ 62,132,604

Expenditures from Restricted Receipts

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 5,305,685	\$ 5,985,733	\$ 6,938,104	\$ 7,138,104
Corrections	1,433,109	2,031,875	1,386,843	1,386,843
Judicial	14,912,867	14,772,671	14,839,020	14,839,020
Military Staff	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Emergency Management	406,774	408,572	412,371	412,371
Public Safety	10,350,524	9,262,884	12,509,218	12,509,218
Public Defender	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Public Safety	\$ 32,463,959	\$ 32,516,735	\$ 36,140,556	\$ 36,340,556
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 17,806,478	\$ 21,065,302	\$ 21,304,790	\$ 21,304,790
CRMC	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Subtotal-Natural Resources	\$ 18,056,478	\$ 21,315,302	\$ 21,554,790	\$ 21,554,790
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 6,210,256	\$ 6,116,460	\$ 6,116,969	\$ 6,116,969
Subtotal-Transportation	\$ 6,210,256	\$ 6,116,460	\$ 6,116,969	\$ 6,116,969
Total	\$ 392,134,921	\$ 435,664,624	\$ 450,860,737	\$ 462,343,051

Expenditures from Other Funds

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	\$ 162,755,222	\$ 162,768,268	\$ 169,217,744	\$ 170,367,744
Business Regulation	5,786,915	664,981	2,008,300	7,123,300
Executive Office of Commerce	805,000	963,819	8,396,180	8,396,180
Housing	-	-	-	-
Labor and Training	404,952,859	474,056,152	501,606,931	501,606,931
Revenue	391,934,764	423,038,743	423,156,930	423,846,930
Legislature	-	-	-	-
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	-	-	3,757,444	500,000
General Treasurer	695,256	594,949	601,026	601,026
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	-	-	-	-
Human Rights	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities Commission	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 966,930,016	\$ 1,062,086,912	\$ 1,108,744,555	\$ 1,112,442,111
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Children, Youth and Families	15,250,000	15,250,000	15,250,000	15,250,000
Health	400,000	1,008,989	4,021,762	3,021,762
Human Services	5,562,184	5,824,291	2,556,116	5,997,554
BHDDH	400,000	569,544	500,000	600,000
Child Advocate	-	-	-	-
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	-	-	-	-
Commission on Disabilities	-	-	-	-
Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 21,612,184	\$ 22,652,824	\$ 22,327,878	\$ 24,869,316
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 13,776,250	\$ 4,642,464	\$ 33,026,648	\$ 42,853,898
Higher Education	1,094,657,843	1,077,340,692	1,146,171,324	1,141,671,324
Arts Council	585,000	585,000	585,000	585,000
Atomic Energy	394,971	388,026	388,456	388,456
Historical Preservation	110,327	143,833	142,829	142,829
Subtotal - Education	\$ 1,109,524,391	\$ 1,083,100,015	\$ 1,180,314,257	\$ 1,185,641,507

Expenditures from Other Funds

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Corrections	4,100,000	13,804,593	31,226,325	31,226,325
Judicial	5,625,000	6,026,122	4,375,000	4,375,000
Military Staff	7,453,846	3,821,909	11,433,991	11,433,991
Emergency Management	4,716,375	5,728,648	220,000	220,000
Public Safety	18,183,390	8,011,760	27,373,960	30,473,960
Public Defender	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Public Safety	\$ 40,228,611	\$ 39,433,032	\$ 74,779,276	\$ 77,879,276
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 20,236,754	\$ 17,610,569	\$ 31,868,846	\$ 29,168,846
CRMC	-	100,000	-	-
Subtotal-Natural Resources	\$ 20,236,754	\$ 17,710,569	\$ 31,868,846	\$ 29,168,846
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 392,019,191	\$ 528,653,076	\$ 377,830,080	\$ 408,670,487
Subtotal-Transportation	\$ 392,019,191	\$ 528,653,076	\$ 377,830,080	\$ 408,670,487
Total	\$ 2,550,551,147	\$ 2,753,636,428	\$ 2,795,864,892	\$ 2,838,671,543

Full-Time Equivalent Positions

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
General Government				
Administration	674.7	674.6	683.6	683.6
Business Regulation	181.0	181.0	181.0	181.0
Executive Office of Commerce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Housing	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0
Labor and Training	461.7	461.7	461.7	461.7
Revenue	575.5	587.5	599.5	599.5
Legislature	298.5	298.5	298.5	298.5
Lieutenant Governor	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Secretary of State	61.0	61.0	61.0	62.0
General Treasurer	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0
Board of Elections	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Governor's Office	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Human Rights	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Public Utilities Commission	54.0	54.0	56.0	57.0
Subtotal - General Government	2,533.4	2,545.3	2,568.3	2,570.3
Human Services				
Health and Human Services	218.0	218.0	233.0	233.0
Children, Youth and Families	705.5	705.5	714.5	714.5
Health	574.4	575.6	572.6	572.6
Human Services	1,070.0	1,070.0	1,079.0	1,079.0
BHDDH	1,202.4	1,204.4	1,203.4	1,221.4
Child Advocate	10.0	10.0	10.0	13.0
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Commission on Disabilities	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Mental Health Advocate	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Subtotal - Human Services	3,795.3	3,798.5	3,827.5	3,848.5
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	334.1	334.1	337.1	340.1
Higher Education	4,394.3	4,394.3	4,395.3	4,415.3
Arts Council	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Atomic Energy	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Historical Preservation	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Subtotal - Education	4,762.6	4,762.6	4,766.6	4,789.6

Full-Time Equivalent Positions

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 Committee	FY 2025 Recommended	FY 2025 Committee
Public Safety				
Attorney General	264.1	264.1	264.1	264.1
Corrections	1,460.0	1,461.0	1,461.0	1,461.0
Judicial	743.3	743.3	745.3	745.3
Military Staff	93.0	93.0	93.0	93.0
Emergency Management	37.0	37.0	39.0	38.0
Public Safety	632.2	632.0	633.0	633.0
Public Defender	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0
Subtotal-Public Safety	3,333.6	3,334.4	3,339.4	3,338.4
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	425.0	425.0	437.0	439.0
CRMC	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
Subtotal-Natural Resources	457.0	457.0	469.0	471.0
Transportation				
Transportation	755.0	755.0	755.0	755.0
Subtotal-Transportation	755.0	755.0	755.0	755.0
Total Positions	15,636.9	15,652.8	15,725.8	15,772.8

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