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Capital Budget

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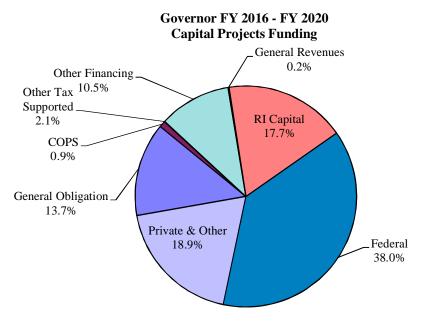
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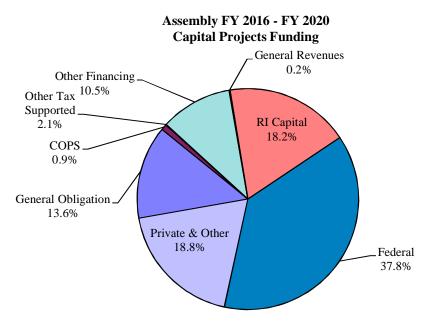
## **Capital Budget**

#### **Summary**

The Governor's five-year capital recommendations for FY 2016 through FY 2020 call for total outlays of \$3,381.5 million for the period. Financing the plan requires \$852.2 million of debt issuances and \$2,529.3 million from current revenue streams.



The Assembly's adopted plan includes capital outlays of \$3,400.7 million for the period. Financing the plan requires \$852.2 million of debt issuances and \$2,529.3 million from current revenue streams.



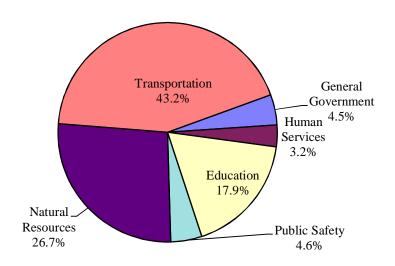
• *Outlays and Funding*. The FY 2016 through FY 2020 recommended plan includes \$3,400.7 million of outlays on \$9,202.0 million of project estimates. Average outlays would be \$708.7 million per year for the five-year period with \$338.7 million required at the end of the period to complete the projects.

- *Debt Restructuring*. The Assembly concurred with the Governor's proposal to restructure general obligation bond debt, where principal payments are deferred and/or shortened to provide additional savings in particular years. Although the specific debts and amounts have not been identified, the budget includes savings of \$64.5 million in FY 2016, with anticipated FY 2017 savings of \$19.4 million. Capital general revenue funded debt service would increase in FY 2018, remain flat in FY 2019 and then increase by approximately \$15.0 million per year from FY 2020 to FY 2025 as compared to the current debt structure. In total, an additional \$90.0 million of long term debt will be incurred to save the projected \$83.9 million during the next two fiscal years. However, net present value savings will be positive.
- *General Obligation Bonds Referenda*. Financing the five-year plan is based on \$463.9 million of general obligation bond debt issuances, including \$243.0 million approved by voters in November 2014 and \$73.0 million from new general obligation bonds to be presented to the voters on the November 2016 ballot.
- Other Debt Approvals. The plan also requires \$5.1 million approved by the 2015 Assembly under the Public Debt Management Act for fraternity infrastructure improvements at the University of Rhode Island. The Assembly also authorized the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to issue \$65.0 million from revenue bonds for repairs to the four bridges under its control. It should be noted that Turnpike and Bridge Authority debt does not appear in the state's budget.
- *Financing*. Paying for the five-year outlays includes \$852.2 million from debt financing and \$2,548.6 million from current or pay-go sources. Pay-go represents 74.9 percent with debt funding being 25.1 percent.
- *Debt Levels.* Total net tax supported debt decreases during the period through FY 2020 by \$357.9 million from \$1,864.5 million to \$1,506.6 million. However, past practice indicates that debt levels will be significantly higher as more projects are added within the five-year period of this capital budget.
- **Debt Ratios.** Net tax supported debt would decrease from 3.6 percent of personal income reported for FY 2014 to 3.4 percent into FY 2015 before dropping gradually back to 2.3 percent in FY 2020 assuming that the capital budget is not increased. However, as with debt levels, past practice indicates it is likely to be higher than projected.
- *Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.* The plan relies heavily on the use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, an important source of pay-go funds designed to reduce the need for borrowing. Total outlays for the five-year period are \$618.7 million.

In order to support the maintenance, repair and construction of infrastructure throughout Rhode Island, the state has utilized both funding and financing for infrastructure. Funding can be considered as "paygo", which means that annual budgets include sufficient appropriations for projects to continue on schedule, without incurring long term debt. For Rhode Island, this is accomplished primarily through the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, which is described in greater detail elsewhere in this report.

The advantage of this approach is that it does not limit future resources by incurring long term debt service payments; however, it does limit the extent of what can be accomplished to currently available sources. Because of this, short-term projects for relatively smaller amounts of money, such as asset protection projects, are better suited for pay-go funding, while long term and large scale infrastructure projects, such as the relocation of Interstate 195, are better suited for financing.

FY 2016 - FY 2020 Capital Projects by Function



**Outlays and Funding** 

Financing capital projects includes borrowing, usually in the form of long term debt such as general obligation or revenue bonds. General obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state, with annual debt service appropriated from general revenues. This type of borrowing is more closely related to state agencies, and the authorizations for this debt appear as referenda on election year ballots. Revenue bonds are not backed by the full faith and credit of the state, and debt service is paid from a defined revenue stream, such as a user fee. This type of debt has historically been used by quasi-state agencies to fund long-term infrastructure projects. For example, the Turnpike and Bridge Authority uses toll revenue to fund the maintenance of the Newport Pell Bridge. Compared to pay-go funding, financing does not require large up-front investments in order to complete large projects; however, by the time the financing has been completed, issuance and interest costs can significantly add to a project's total cost, and may also require payments long after a facility has been constructed.

The total five-year outlays of \$3,381.5 million are supported by a mix of pay-as-you-go funding and financing. Almost three-quarters, 74.8 percent of outlays, are supported by current revenues, or pay-go, with the remaining 25.2 percent from financing.

**Pay-Go.** The pay-go sources include \$1,285.1 million from federal sources, \$618.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$5.0 million from general revenues, and \$639.8 million from private and other sources. Federal funds remain the largest source of capital funding, providing 37.8 percent of all funding, and 50.4 percent of pay-go funding.

A primary source of state pay-go funding is the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. These revenues are derived from the amounts exceeding 2.0 to 5.0 percent of revenues in the state's Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve Account, or "rainy day fund." The rainy day fund received 2.0 percent of all revenues and opening surpluses in FY 2008, increasing by 0.2 percent per year until reaching 3.0 percent in FY 2013. It was capped at 3.0 percent in FY 2008, increasing by 0.4 percent per year until reaching a 5.0 percent cap in FY 2013. Resources above the cap are transferred to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.

The fund was used nearly exclusively for debt service in the early 1990s. Governor Almond began moving debt service back to general revenues as the economy improved in the latter half of that decade, reserving the capital fund for pay-go capital projects so as not to use any for debt service by FY 2002.

However, the economic slowdown caused that to reverse beginning in FY 2002, with significant amounts again used for debt service. The 2006 Assembly noted that the Governor's budget was increasingly relying on these funds for debt service, while increasing the amounts being financed. It submitted a constitutional amendment to limit the use of the fund to capital projects beginning in FY 2008, which the voters approved.

## \$180 \$160 \$140 \$120 \$100 \$80 \$60 \$40 \$20 \$0 FY 2002 FY 2004 FY 2006 FY 2008 FY 2010 FY 2012 FY 2014 FY 2016 FY 2018 FY 2020 ■ Projects ■ Debt Service

## **Use of Rhode Island Capital Fund**

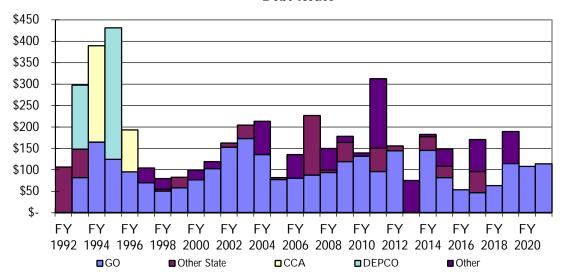
With the transition to the 5.0 percent cap complete, resources in the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund have grown and begun to fulfill the purpose of lowering borrowing needs. An example of this is the annual \$23.2 million that is being used in lieu of borrowing to match federal transportation funds. Approximately \$100 million is transferred to this fund annually and programmed for use through the fiveyear capital plan. In addition to the transportation uses noted above, another primary use of the fund is for asset protection and other projects at the state's public higher education institutions. These account for about one half of the use of the fund. The remaining half is used for the asset protection and improvements for state buildings, including courts, prisons, hospitals and other state facilities such as dams, piers, parks and office buildings. Many of these ongoing investments are designed to extend the life of facilities and prevent the need for costly replacements.

It should be noted the Assembly did not concur with the Governor's budget recommendation to increase general revenues in FY 2016 by not making the transfer of \$13.0 million of Division of Motor Vehicles fees to the Department of Transportation. In lieu of this transfer, her recommendation included a onetime payment of \$20.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to the Department. In order to make this amount of capital funding available, many projects across state government were reduced or delayed. The Assembly removed \$13.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and added a like amount in transferred transportation related fees, freeing up Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for other capital projects.

**Debt Financing.** Proceeds from financing, \$852.1 million, constitute 25.2 percent of the funds available for outlays during the period. Tax supported financing comprises \$496.1 million, including \$463.9 million from general obligation bonds and \$30.0 million from Certificates of Participation. Outlays from tax supported financing are 58.2 percent of the financed outlays and 14.7 percent of all outlays.

Other non-tax supported financing supports \$356.0 million of outlays, or 10.5 percent. It includes debt such as \$105.8 million issued by the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation for higher education projects supported by University and College funds.

#### **Debt Issues**



The term net tax supported debt refers to all debt for which an appropriation is or may be required. That includes not only general obligation bonds and direct state issuance, but also debt issued by other entities for which the state is pledged to an annual lease payment or to make an appropriation in the event of a default. Debt that is an obligation of the state for which a non-state entity makes the debt service payments is not generally considered as net tax supported debt. An example is the bonds issued for the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission for which the Commission pays the debt service from user charges.

Debt issued by the colleges and university through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation is also not included. This five-year budget includes expenditures of \$105.8 million from these bonds. It should be noted that it is the total charges to students that are used in tuition and fee comparisons to other institutions. Any tuition and fees used for debt service are not available for general operating expenses. This forms the context for general revenue requests by the Board of Education. Further, in the event of insufficient University and College revenues, it is likely that the state would intervene with appropriations rather than allow bondholders to take over assets financed.

The next table shows debt service for Higher Education, funded from general revenues and tuition and fees from FY 2008 through the FY 2016 enacted budget. General obligation debt is funded solely from general revenues. For debt issued for projects funded through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation, debt service is paid from both general revenues and tuition and fees. As the table shows, debt service costs more than doubled in the period from FY 2008 and the FY 2016 enacted budget.

Unrestricted Debt Service									
	URI	RIC	CCRI	Total					
FY 2008	10,437,786	3,192,316	1,381,264	15,011,366					
FY 2009	12,590,080	3,278,968	1,504,159	17,373,207					
FY 2010	16,969,110	2,024,109	1,414,364	20,407,583					
FY 2011	15,006,727	3,552,373	1,585,869	20,144,969					
FY 2012	19,334,834	4,656,198	2,233,761	26,224,793					
FY 2013	25,321,543	5,679,879	3,248,295	34,249,717					
FY 2014	25,800,709	6,024,206	2,645,586	34,470,501					
FY 2015 Final	24,809,983	6,075,051	2,720,254	33,605,288					
FY 2016 Enacted	24,305,236	7,994,530	2,484,946	34,784,712					

**38 Studios.** In 2010, the Economic Development Corporation backed a \$75.0 million loan to 38 Studios through the Job Creation Guaranty Program. Of the loan amount, \$12.7 million was held in a capital reserve account and \$10.6 million was held on a capitalized interest account; 38 Studios defaulted on the loan after paying \$1.125 million of guaranty fees. The Corporation used the \$10.6 million to cover interest-only debt service from FY 2011 through FY 2013. The FY 2015 final budget includes a payment of \$8.6 million from general revenues budgeted in the Department of Administration. This is \$3.9 million less than previously budgeted due to the inclusion of funds remaining in the debt service reserve account and settlement proceeds.

The debt service payments are accounted for in the Capital Budget along with all other debt obligations. Debt service payments for 38 Studios are due through FY 2021 for a total amount of \$82.9 million, as summarized in the table below.

			Reserve Funds			General
	T	Total Owed	& Settlement			Revenues
FY 2015	\$	12,511,463	\$	(3,876,463)	\$	8,635,000
FY 2016		12,499,113		-		12,499,113
FY 2017		12,449,288		-		12,449,288
FY 2018		12,378,881		-		12,378,881
FY 2019		12,352,638		-		12,352,638
FY 2020		12,322,300		-		12,322,300
FY 2021		12,288,413		-		12,288,413
Total	\$	86,802,096	\$	(3,876,463)	\$	82,925,633

#### **New Debt Authorizations**

The adopted plan includes \$100.8 million of new debt authority that require approval by the General Assembly. Of this amount, \$95.7 million would be derived from general obligation bonds that would be placed on the November 2016 ballot for voter approval, and \$5.1 million that was approved by the 2015 Assembly under the Public Debt Management Act.

The Public Debt Management Act requires that all new debt authorizations be approved by the Assembly unless the Governor certifies that federal funds will be available to make all of the payments which the state is or could be obligated to make under the financing lease or guarantee; or the General Assembly has adjourned for the year with the expectation that it will not meet again until the following year and the Governor certifies that action is necessary, because of events occurring after the General Assembly has adjourned, to protect the physical integrity of an essential public facility, to ensure the continued delivery of essential public services, or to maintain the credit worthiness of the state in the financial markets. Select quasi-public agencies are exempt. The 2009 Assembly rescinded the exception previously granted to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

The Assembly authorized the issuance of debt for the URI Fraternity Circle project and bridge repairs through the Turnpike and Bridge Authority and took no action on the other recommended projects. The table is followed by descriptions of all projects.

New Debt Authority	Amount			Debt Service
Bond Referenda		Ai	nnual Est.*	Source
Higher Education				
URI Fine Arts Center	\$ 70,200,000	\$	5,633,030	Gen. Rev.
URI Engineering Phase II	25,500,000		2,046,186	Gen. Rev.
Total New Referenda	\$ 95,700,000	\$	7,679,216	
Other Debt Instruments				
Revenue Bonds				
URI Fraternity Circle (Article 2)	\$ 5,100,000	\$	409,237	Tuition, Gen. Rev.
URI Repaving, Hardscape and Landscape	10,000,000		802,426	Parking Fees, Tuition, Gen. Rev.
URI Combined Health and Counseling Center	17,800,000		1,428,318	Auxiliary Funds
URI Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase I**	6,500,000		521,577	Tuition, Gen. Rev.
URI Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II	18,382,500		1,475,509	Tuition, Gen. Rev.
URI Facilities Services Sector Upgrade	9,900,000		794,402	Tuition, Gen. Rev.
Turnpike and Bridge Authority Bridge Repairs***	65,000,000		5,075,000	Tolls and other Authority funds
Subtotal	\$ 132,682,500	\$	10,506,469	
<b>Total New Debt Authorization Recommended</b>	\$ 228,382,500	\$	18,185,685	

<sup>\*</sup>Debt service based on 20 years and 5.0 percent interest.

**General Obligation Bond Referenda.** The adopted plan includes \$95.7 million in new referenda to be presented to the voters in November 2016. Section 35-3-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws provides that bond referenda only be presented during election years absent special circumstances. Debt service on these bonds is paid from state general revenues. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and 20 year amortization, annual debt service is estimated to be \$7.7 million. These individual projects are described in greater detail below.

*URI Fine Arts Center.* The plan includes \$70.2 million from new general obligation bonds to complete the renovation and enhancement of the 120,720 square foot fine arts center on the Kingston Campus, which serves the University's program in the musical, theatrical, visual and graphic arts. Annual debt service, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term would be \$5.6 million.

*URI Engineering Phase II.* The plan includes \$25.5 million of new general obligation bonds for a second phase of the engineering building renovation project programmed to begin in FY 2018 and placed on the November 2016 ballot. Annual debt service, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term would be \$2.0 million. The second phase would include the renovation and an addition to Bliss Hall.

**Public Corporation Debt Management Act Debt Issues.** The adopted plan also includes \$67.7 million of new authorization for debt that would not require voter approval, but does require Assembly approval pursuant to the Public Corporation Debt Management Act. It should be noted the budget includes authorization for only \$5.1 million of the proposed new debt. The projects are described below.

Fraternity Circle. The Assembly authorized \$5.1 million from revenue bonds for improvements to water distribution and storm water management systems, gas, electric, roadways, walkways and parking lots for the University of Rhode Island's fraternity circle. Annual debt service would be \$0.4 million supported by general revenues, tuition and fees; total debt service payments would be \$8.1 million.

Repaving, Hardscape and Landscape. The Governor's budget includes \$10.0 million from revenue bonds for the fifth phase of the University's efforts to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways. Debt service would be supported by parking fees for the parking lot portions of the project and general revenues, tuition and fees for the roads and walkways portion. Annual

<sup>\*\*</sup>Legislation would be required as expenditures are programmed to begin in FY 2016; no action was taken

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Debt service based on 30 years and 6.75 percent interest.

debt service, assuming 5.0 percent interest and 20 years would be \$0.8 million with a total cost of \$16.0 million. The Assembly took no action.

Combined Health and Counseling Center. The Governor's budget includes \$17.8 million from revenue bonds for a new project to begin in FY 2019 to combine health services and the counseling center into a single facility. The existing, physically separate facilities require duplications in support staff and medical record keeping. The University reports that the capacity of both facilities is insufficient to meet the growing demand for health and counseling services. Debt service would be supported by auxiliary funds. Annual debt service, assuming 5.0 percent interest and 20 years would be \$1.4 million with a total cost of \$29.1 million. The Assembly took no action.

*Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase I.* The Governor's budget includes \$6.5 million from revenue bonds programmed over FY 2016 and FY 2017 for Phase I of a utility infrastructure project. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution, water distribution, electrical distribution, sanitary sewer and storm water management systems. Debt service would be supported by general revenues and tuition and fees. Annual debt service, assuming 5.0 percent interest and 20 years would be \$0.5 million with a total cost of \$10.6 million. The Assembly took no action.

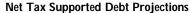
Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II. The Governor's budget includes \$18.4 million from revenue bonds backed by general revenues and tuition and fees for the second phase of utility infrastructure upgrades programmed over FY 2018 through FY 2020. Debt service would be supported by general revenues, tuition and fees. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution system, water distribution system, electrical distribution system and the sanitary sewer system. The total cost of Phase II, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term is \$29.4 million with annual debt service of \$1.5 million. The Assembly took no action.

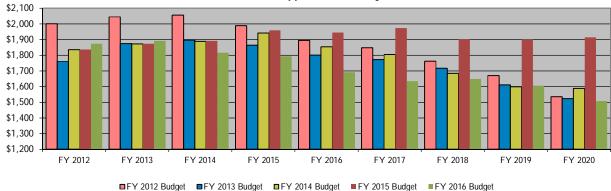
Facilities Services Sector Upgrade. The Governor's budget includes \$9.9 million from new revenue bonds to make improvements to the service sector area that houses the operations and maintenance functions, and stores equipment, furniture and supplies. The plan calls for the demolition of select buildings. New buildings will accommodate equipment and furniture storage and any workshops necessary in the facilities compound while largely hiding the operations from public view. Assuming 20 years and 5.0 percent interest, annual debt service payments would be \$0.8 million for a total cost of \$15.9 million. The debt will be paid from the University's unrestricted budget; this includes general revenues, tuition, and fees. The Assembly took no action.

Turnpike and Bridge Authority Bridge Repairs. The Assembly authorized the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to issue \$65.0 million from revenue bonds in order to renovate, repair, upgrade and make improvements to the Pell, Jamestown Verrazzano, Sakonnet River and Mount Hope Bridges. Annual debt service is estimated to be up to \$5.1 million; total debt service payments would be up to \$152.3 million.

#### **Debt Levels**

Total net tax supported debt decreases during the period through FY 2020 by \$357.9 million from \$1,864.5 million to \$1,506.6 million. Net tax supported debt had dropped to \$1,280.9 million in FY 2003 after the state used \$247.6 million of special revenue bonds backed by the state's tobacco master settlement agreement to defease general obligation bond debt in FY 2002.





Past practice indicates that debt levels will be significantly higher as more projects are added within the five-year period of this capital budget. The above chart shows projected debt levels for FY 2012 through FY 2020 in the past five budgets. The FY 2017 debt projection presented in the FY 2015 capital budget is \$216.6 million more than the FY 2017 projection in the FY 2014 capital budget, and \$184.2 million more than presented in the FY 2013 budget.

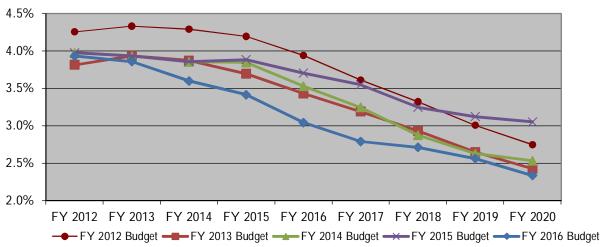
Debt is often expressed as a percent of state personal income as a measure to compare across jurisdictions; state personal income is a rough measure of the state's wealth, and therefore its potential ability to service its debt. Net tax supported debt would decrease from 3.6 percent of personal income reported for FY 2014 to 3.4 percent in FY 2015 before dropping gradually back to 2.3 percent in FY 2019 assuming that the capital budget is not increased.

Debt ratios began increasing significantly in FY 1988, reaching a peak in FY 1994 as the Depositors Economic Protection Corporation and Convention Center debt was added. In FY 1994, net tax supported debt reached 8.4 percent of personal income. The current and prior administrations have expressed the reduction of that ratio as a major capital policy goal. The FY 2004 level of 3.7 percent is the lowest amount since Staff began keeping track in FY 1991 due to use of the tobacco master settlement agreement revenues securitization.

However, as with debt levels, past practices indicate it is likely to be higher than projected. The following chart shows projected debt as percent of personal income for FY 2012 through FY 2020 in the past five budgets. The FY 2013 budget projected FY 2017 debt at 2.8 percent of personal income, which is the same as projected in the FY 2014 budget and 30 basis points lower than the 3.1 percent projected in the FY 2015 budget. The projections assume that the debt levels do not increase in subsequent budgets.

The budget includes a restructuring of general obligation bond debt, where principal payments are deferred and/or shortened to provide additional savings in particular years. Although the specific debts and amounts have not been identified, the budget includes savings of \$64.5 million in FY 2016, with anticipated FY 2017 savings of \$19.4 million. The state's general revenue funded debt service would increase in FY 2018, remain flat in FY 2019 and then increase by approximately \$15.0 million per year from FY 2020 to FY 2025 as compared to the current debt structure. In total, an additional \$90.0 million of long term debt will be incurred to save the projected \$83.9 million during the next two fiscal years. However, net present value savings will be positive.

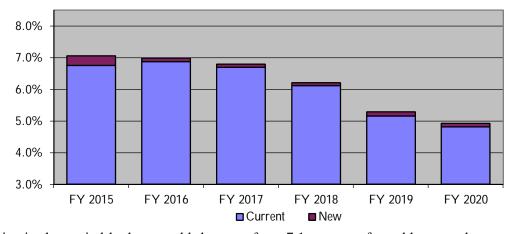
#### **Debt as Percent of Personal Income**



#### **Debt Service**

Useable general revenues are estimated collections net of the transfers to the Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve account. These transfers ultimately become Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and cannot be used for debt service. The term net tax supported debt refers to all debt for which an appropriation is or may be required. That includes not only general obligation bonds and direct state issuance, but also debt issued by other entities for which the state is pledged to an annual lease payment or to make an appropriation in the event of a default. The proportion of net tax supported debt to useable general revenues provides a snapshot of how the state is leveraging its debt compared to available resources eligible to pay off that debt. For FY 2012 and FY 2013, debt service as a percent of general revenues was 6.1 percent and 6.0 percent, respectively.

Net Debt Service as Percent of Useable General Revenues



Debt service in the capital budget would decrease from 7.1 percent of useable general revenues in FY 2015 to 4.9 percent in FY 2020, a 2.2 percent decrease. Some of that drop off is related to prior efforts to shift capital to pay-go funding. If the proposed debt restructuring is included, debt service will begin to increase by \$15.0 million each year beginning in FY 2020 and continuing through FY 2025. This will raise the debt service levels and increase the amount of debt service as a percent of useable general revenues in the post-FY 2020 period.

## **Department of Administration**

Projects	5 Year Total		Project Total		
Pastore Center	\$	47,471,993	\$	103,385,915	
Other State Facilities		53,796,501		122,655,837	
Other Projects		27,060,597		153,638,811	
Total	\$	128,329,091	\$	379,680,563	
Sources of Funds					
Certificates of Participation	\$	-	\$	83,058,771	
Federal Funds		-		300,000	
General Obligation Bonds		23,840,597		93,500,000	
Restricted Receipts		50,000		50,000	
Rhode Island Capital Funds		104,438,494		202,771,792	
Total	\$	128,329,091	\$	379,680,563	

**Summary.** The Department of Administration requested total capital expenditures of \$424.8 million, of which \$191.5 million will be spent in the five-year period for 41 projects; four of which are new. Funding in the five-year plan includes \$70.7 million from Certificates of Participation, which will require Assembly approval, \$20.6 million from new general obligation bonds to be submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot, \$13.6 million from approved general obligation bond proceeds and \$86.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The request is \$108.4 million more than the approved plan, including \$84.7 million for the new projects, three of which the Department previously requested funding for; however, funding was not authorized.

The request from Rhode Island Capital Funds is \$21.5 million or 11.4 percent more than the approved plan. Staff from the Division of Facilities Management conducted reviews of several state facilities to determine what the needs are. There appears to be great emphases on window replacement and upgrading heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems. Numerous projects were substantially revised and additional phases were included. Additionally, previous estimates of approved projects appear to have been understated.

The Governor recommended expenditures totaling \$375.2 million for 39 projects. This assumes use of \$121.8 million in the five-year period; including \$97.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$23.8 million from approved general obligation bonds, and \$50,000 from restricted receipts. The recommendation is \$49.6 million less than requested to reflect the exclusion of funding for new projects. The Governor subsequently requested several amendments revising the projects to reflect delays or savings.

The Assembly provided funding essentially consistent with the Governor's recommendation and included total project costs of \$379.7 million, of which \$128.3 million will be used in the five-year period. This is \$4.5 million more than the original recommendation, to primarily reflect funding for requested amendments.

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Project Total		
Pastore Center						
Pastore Center Buildings Demolition	Revised	\$	1,700,000	\$	5,882,044	
Pastore Center Cottages Rehabilitation	Revised		-		2,118,375	
Pastore Center Harrington Hall	Revised		1,679,493		3,600,603	
Pastore Center Mathias Building	Revised		3,920,000		5,243,764	
Pastore Center Parking	Revised		2,000,000		4,370,000	
Pastore Center Rehabilitation	Revised		17,828,000		24,541,610	
Pastore Center Utilities Upgrade	Revised		5,224,500		8,467,762	
Pastore Center Utilities Water Tanks and Pipes	Revised		1,120,000		1,864,576	
Pastore Center Virks Building Renovation	Ongoing		13,000,000		13,993,587	
Pastore Central Power Plant	Ongoing		1,000,000		33,303,594	
Total		\$	47,471,993	\$	103,385,915	

**Pastore Center Buildings Demolition.** The Department requested \$5.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used through FY 2018 to remove asbestos and demolish buildings in the Pastore Center. The Department has already demolished several buildings, including A and D, and in FY 2014, the demolition of buildings 79, 80 and Varley started. The request includes a total of \$1.0 million in FY 2015 to finish demolition that started in FY 2014 and \$1.7 million in FY 2017 and FY 2018 to demolish the Welcome Arnold building and three maintenance facility shops.

The total project cost is \$2.0 million less than the approved plan to primarily reflect the removal of funding for the Pinel building due to delay in the hospital consolidation project, and the Eastman House, which the Department indicated is being reviewed by the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. The Governor recommended total project costs as requested; however, shifted \$750,000 from FY 2018 to FY 2019. The Assembly concurred with the total project costs but advanced \$1.7 million of projects to FY 2016 to reflect the Department's revised timeline.

**Pastore Center Cottages Rehabilitation.** The Department requested project costs of \$2.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to renovate three four-bedroom cottages at the Pastore Center for office space. The Department noted that an agreement with the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission requires that the cottages be preserved for their historic significance. One of the cottages is currently occupied by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and the remaining two cottages will be occupied by the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The total project cost is \$0.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect additional costs for accessibility upgrades, which the Department indicated might be partially funded by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. The scope of the project was also revised to remove all of the cottages from the current steam system to their own mechanical systems.

The request assumes that all of the \$0.6 million appropriation in FY 2014 was spent. It appears that \$48,464 was spent, resulting in a surplus balance \$573,864. The Department indicated that it did not have all the final expenditures for the project while developing the capital budget. Accounting for the reappropriation, the total project increase would be \$0.3 million. The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$2.1 million, including \$2.0 million in FY 2015. The recommendation is \$0.3 million less than requested and is \$0.6 million more than the approved plan to reflect anticipated project costs. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Pastore Center Harrington Hall.** The Department requested Rhode Island Capital Fund expenditures of \$3.9 million to renovate Harrington Hall. The renovations will include updating the heating, ventilation

and air conditioning system, painting and a new kitchen. The building was built in 1936, has a total square footage of 22,071 and is used as a homeless shelter for men. The shelter occupies a former gymnasium and has an 88-bed capacity with two bathrooms and three showers. Construction is slated to start in the fall.

The total project cost is \$1.3 million more than the approved plan to address Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, which the Department indicated might be partially funded by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. The project cost increase is also attributed to equipment that will be needed for the kitchen and additional restrooms. It appears that \$0.2 million is available in carry forward funds from FY 2014 unexpended funds.

The Governor recommended total capital expenditures of \$3.4 million, of which \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million will be used in FY 2015 and FY 2016, respectively. The recommendation is \$0.5 million less than requested and is \$0.8 million more than the approved plan. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$225,000 in FY 2015 to reflect actual project costs. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Pastore Center Mathias Building Renovations. The Department requested a total project cost of \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$1.1 million and \$0.3 million will be used in FY 2015 and FY 2016, respectively, to renovate the Mathias building. Renovations will include roof repairs, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and telecommunication improvements. The building is being renovated to enable tenants from the Varley building to occupy the facility. The Varley building is in the process of being demolished to provide space for the hospital consolidation project. The request is \$0.6 million more than the approved plan to reflect new expenditures for design and construction costs of additional space in the Mathias building to relocate The Providence Center from the Zambarano Campus. The Administration indicated that the current building that houses The Providence Center in Burrillville requires extensive work.

Information obtained from the state's accounting system shows that \$1.0 million was spent, resulting in a surplus balance of \$246,031 from FY 2014 unexpended balances. The request assumes that all of the appropriation was spent. The Department indicated that while developing the capital budget, it did not have all the final expenditures for the project. Subsequent to its budget submission, the Department indicated that the roof started leaking. The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$5.9 million, \$3.2 million more than requested to reflect funding to replace the roof and a cooling tower. She subsequently requested an amendment to recognize \$0.7 million in savings in the current year. The Assembly concurred.

**Pastore Center Parking.** The Department requested capital expenditures of \$6.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct additional parking spaces in the Pastore Center. A parking needs assessment was completed in 2002 and since then several state agencies including the Department of Business Regulation, the Traffic Tribunal and the Division of Motor Vehicles have relocated to the Pastore Center. The Department indicated that during winter conditions, overflow parking has made it difficult for emergency vehicles to get by.

The request is \$2.1 million more than the approved plan. This includes \$0.7 million for architectural and engineering services as well as construction of additional parking for the Virks building, to coincide with the completion of the building's renovation, \$0.9 million more for rehabilitation costs for parking across from the Minimum Security building along Howard Avenue and entrance parking from West Road to the rear of the Regan Hospital. Pre-FY 2015 expenditures appear to be overstated by \$0.5 million.

The Governor recommended \$4.3 million, \$1.8 million less than requested to reflect the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The recommendation is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan. The Assembly advanced \$1.1 million of project costs budgeted in FY 2018 and FY 2019 to FY 2016

and FY 2017 to reflect the Department's revised project schedule. It also included a saving of \$80,000 based on FY 2015 projected expenditures.

**Pastore Center Rehabilitation.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$22.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$13.5 million will be used in the five-year period to fund major maintenance and capital repairs for 4 of its 14 buildings at the Pastore Center, now under the responsibility of the Division of Facilities Management. Work will focus on the Benjamin Rush, Louis Pasteur and the Hazard buildings and will address various code and structural deficiencies.

The total project cost is \$12.7 million more than the approved plan and has been revised to include new expenditures of \$1.3 million to improve the entrance of the Campus from Pontiac Avenue, \$1.1 million to build a new trade shop for the Division of Facilities Management, \$1.0 million to address storm water issues, \$6.3 million for new windows, roof drains, and masonry for the Adolph Meyer and Hazard buildings. It also includes additional costs for heating, ventilation and air conditioning for the Louis Pasteur building. The Governor recommended project costs of \$23.8 million, which is \$1.4 million more than requested to primarily reflect expenditures for pipe replacement at Regan Hospital. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$0.7 million in FY 2016 to reflect anticipated expenditures. The Assembly concurred.

**Pastore Center Utilities Upgrade.** The Department requested \$9.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$3.2 million will be used in the five-year period to repair and make improvements to the electrical distribution system in the Pastore Center. The Department noted that some of the underground wiring is over 40 years old, and has exceeded its useful life. An engineering survey was conducted in 2001 and concluded that the existing system is undersized and would possibly not support major future construction projects like the Reintegration Center, the new training school and others.

The request is \$1.6 million more than the approved plan. This includes \$0.8 million more to install a generator in the Forand building, occupied by the Division of Motor Vehicles, for which the approved plan included \$0.2 million. The Department indicated that the previous generator it looked at would not be able to carry the full load of the building. The project was also revised to include \$150,000 for a storm water study and \$0.8 million to replace steam condensate pumps that the Department indicated are failing. The request assumes that all of the FY 2014 appropriation was spent; however, information obtained from the state's accounting system showed a surplus balance of \$0.9 million. The Governor recommended \$8.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$5.2 million will be used in the five-year period. The recommendation is \$1.1 million more than the approved plan; however, shifts \$2.7 million from the current year to FY 2016 and FY 2017 based on project delays. The Assembly concurred.

Pastore Center Water Tanks and Pipes. The Department requested project costs of \$2.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$1.2 million will be used through FY 2019 to identify and address deficiencies at the Pastore Center with respect to water supply and distribution. The total project cost is \$1.3 million more than approved, including \$0.1 million more in FY 2015 to install hydrants in various sections in the Campus and \$1.2 million programmed in FY 2016 through FY 2019 for additional installation of water pipes to increase capability for fire protection. According to the Department, in 1997, an analysis completed indicated that 80 out of 99 fire hydrants on the Campus could not supply sufficient water for firefighting. The Governor recommended \$0.2 million less than requested primarily to reflect an adjustment to reported expenditures. The Assembly concurred, with the exception of providing \$50,000 less in FY 2015 to reflect the Department's projected savings.

**Pastore Center Virks Building Renovation.** The Department requested project costs of \$13.8 million, including \$11.8 million from new Certificates of Participation and \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to renovate the Virks building in the Pastore Center to be occupied by the Office of Health and Human Services. The project consists of interior renovations, including the electrical system,

the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, and roof replacement. Once renovated, the building could accommodate 200 to 225 employees.

The approved plan included \$14.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds instead of debt and assumed that the state will recover a portion of the cost through Medicaid. The request appears to have funded the architectural and engineering services and the roof replacement with Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and assumed that the construction costs will be funded with Certificates of Participation.

The total project cost is \$0.2 million less than the approved plan. It appears that \$119,475 is available from FY 2014, while the Department's request assumes that the all of the FY 2014 appropriation was spent. The Governor recommended \$14.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, consistent with the approved plan. The Assembly concurred.

**Pastore Central Power Plant.** The Department requested \$33.4 million from approved Certificates of Participation and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to continue work on the Central Power Plant in the Pastore Center to bring one of the boilers to a high state of reliability. Consistent with the approved plan, the request assumes use of \$0.2 million in FY 2015 and \$0.5 million each in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to upgrade the control panels, condensate and steam piping. The total project cost is \$0.2 million less than the approved plan to primarily reflect the exclusion of the automatic reappropriation. *The Governor recommended \$0.1 million less than requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	<b>Project Total</b>		
Other State Facilities					_	
Accessibility - Facility Renovations	New	\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000	
State House Energy Management Improvement	New		346,000		823,000	
Cannon Building	Revised		2,815,000		4,648,081	
Chapin Health Laboratory	Revised		3,125,000		3,270,399	
Convention Center Facility Renovations	Revised		5,000,000		7,346,000	
Dunkin Donuts Center	Revised		9,725,000		10,637,500	
Francis Street Parking Improvement	Revised		250,000		4,212,000	
IT Enterprise Operations Center	Revised		2,499,000		12,389,579	
McCoy Stadium Repairs	Revised		750,000		2,672,609	
Old Colony House	Revised		945,000		2,256,209	
Old State House	Revised		2,125,000		3,897,337	
State Office Building	Revised		6,698,000		9,286,456	
State House Renovations	Revised		1,590,000		6,587,078	
Veterans Memorial Auditorium Repairs	Revised		1,250,000		17,775,422	
Washington County Government Center	Revised		3,075,000		5,860,126	
William Powers Building	Revised		2,925,000		8,473,578	
Zambarano Buildings and Utilities	Revised		4,095,000		8,619,949	
Big River Management Area	Ongoing		600,000		1,350,731	
Cranston Street Armory	Ongoing		983,501		4,000,000	
Ladd Center Buildings Demolition	Ongoing		-		2,799,783	
Zambarano Wood Chip Boiler	Ongoing		-		750,000	
Total		\$	53,796,501	\$	122,655,837	

Accessibility – Facility Renovations. The FY 2015 through FY 2019 approved capital plan includes \$7.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the Governor's Commission on Disabilities for renovations of state-owned long term care and community based facilities, health centers, group homes, fire safety improvements, accessibility renovations to state administrative and higher education

institutions and other renovations to buildings throughout the state where open meetings are held, such as senior citizen centers. Projects are prioritized based on the results of a statewide accessibility survey that the Commission completed in FY 2012.

The Governor recommended transferring the oversight of the accessibility project to the Department of Administration's budget beginning in FY 2016. She recommended total funding of \$5.0 million, \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in each year for FY 2016 through FY 2020. The Commission would continue to be responsible for project prioritization. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State House Energy Management Improvement.** The Department requested \$48.1 million, including \$2.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$46.0 million from new Certificates of Participation to renovate the heating and cooling systems throughout the State House. The projected annual debt service would be \$4.4 million over 15 years, assuming an interest rate of 5.0 percent. The approved plan includes \$13.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as part of the State House Renovations project for a new central heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The scope of the project has been increased to address mechanical, electrical, fire protection and a new server room. The request reflects a shift of \$2.1 million from the State House Renovation project to begin the design of the project.

The Governor recommended \$420,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2015 to complete the design and architectural work, which will guide future funding decisions. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$57,000 in FY 2015 and \$346,000 in FY 2016 to reflect anticipated costs of engineering and architectural services. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Cannon Building.** The Department requested \$5.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.7 million will be used in the five-year period for ongoing repairs and renovations to the Cannon building. The Department also plans to renovate the restrooms, and improve the exterior sidewalk and the delivery area to allow large trucks access to load and unload materials.

The request is \$2.3 million more than the approved plan to primarily reflect new expenditures for a cooling tower, replacement of exterior windows and masonry, and includes a revised cost estimate to renovate the bathrooms. The project cost increase consists of \$2.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.2 million from restricted receipts derived from the Insurance Recovery Fund from a claim settlement for electrical work.

The Governor recommended \$4.4 million, of which \$2.6 million will be used in the five-year plan. The recommendation is \$1.4 million more than the approved plan and is \$0.8 million less than requested, including \$150,000 from insurance recovery funds. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$225,000 in FY 2016 to reflect costs associated with replacing the cooling tower. The Assembly concurred.

**Chapin Health Laboratory.** The Department requested \$4.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$3.7 million will be used in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to renovate the Chapin Health Laboratory. Infrastructure updates will include laboratory exhaust retrofit, new decomposition room ventilation, a new boiler system and HVAC upgrade. The current lighting system will also be replaced throughout the building. The project cost is \$0.8 million more in FY 2016 than the approved plan to reflect revised costs for the replacement of the mechanical and electrical systems. The Department is currently evaluating a proposal it received from Siemens.

The request assumes that all of the \$0.3 million provided in FY 2014 was spent. Based on information obtained from the state's accounting system, it appears that \$254,601 is available in carry forward funding. The Governor recommended \$3.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This is

\$45,399 more than the approved plan; however, the recommendation shifts a total of \$1.5 million from FY 2015 and FY 2016 to FY 2017 to reflect a project delay. She subsequently requested an amendment to further delay \$1.1 million of project costs from FY 2015 and FY 2016 to FY 2018. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Convention Center Facility. The Department requested \$9.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$7.2 million will be used in the five-year period for improvements to the Convention Center Facility. The Authority indicated that as the facility continues to age, preventive maintenance is required in order to maintain the venue to attract as well as to keep customers. The state must pay Convention Center debt service that is not covered by operating revenue. To the extent the Authority sets aside resources for upkeep, its operating deficit grows, increasing the state's debt service costs. The request is \$3.2 million or 33.2 percent more than the approved plan to reflect new expenditures of \$1.6 million in FY 2019 to replace the roof and \$1.7 million in FY 2020 to replace elevators in the North Garage and to continue renovation of the parking garage. The Governor recommended a project cost of \$7.3 million, \$1.0 million more than the approved plan to reflect new funding in FY 2020. The Assembly concurred.

**Dunkin Donuts Center.** The Department requested \$10.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renewal and replacement expenses for the Dunkin Donuts Center. The Center was purchased by the Convention Center Authority with revenue bonds and leased back to the state. Rental payments from the Center lease are applied to the debt service payments on the revenue bonds. Bond covenants from the 2006 purchase and renovation financing funds must be set aside each year to maintain the facility. The request is \$1.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect new expenditures budgeted in FY 2020 to upgrade and replace arena seating. The Governor concurred with the total project costs and provided an additional \$0.5 million in FY 2018 for total funding of \$1.9 million for refurbishment of the exhibit hall, and upgrades to the restaurant and surrounding areas. She subsequently requested an amendment to shift \$1.4 million from FY 2015 to FY 2017 to reflect a delay of the roof project. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Francis Street Parking Improvement.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$0.8 million will be used in FY 2015 to make improvements to the land adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Auditorium to be used as a parking lot. Once the area is paved, the Department will secure the site with fencing. The request appears to have inadvertently overstated FY 2014 expenditures by \$0.2 million. *The Governor recommended total funding consistent with the approved plan. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$250,000 in FY 2016 for costs associated with environmental remediation.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

IT Enterprise Operations Center. The Department requested \$12.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.4 million will be used in the five-year period for various projects including refinishing the surface parking lot, fencing the property, replacing the chiller and boiler, and improving the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The Department purchased the building off Jefferson Boulevard in 2009, completed a major renovation and moved in November 2011. The request is \$0.6 million or 4.9 percent more than the approved plan, including \$0.1 million in new expenditures for FY 2020 to fence the property and \$0.5 million to reflect revised costs for a new unisex handicap bathroom and updates to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The Governor recommended \$12.1 million, of which \$2.2 million will be used in the five-year plan. This is \$0.2 million less than requested. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$319,000 in FY 2016 to purchase a generator. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**McCoy Stadium Repairs.** The Department requested \$3.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide asset protection at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. The project includes a new concourse drainage system, paving of the outfield parking areas, repairs to expansion joints to prevent water damage to the gift shop, offices and corporate boxes, and other miscellaneous repairs to protect the facility, in which the state made a major investment.

In FY 2015, the Department will perform a building study to develop a long term asset management plan for the facility. The request includes \$1.8 million in FY 2019, \$0.6 million more than the approved plan to address asset protection projects as they are identified as a result of the study. The Department noted that once the long term plan is complete, the total amount of \$1.8 million budgeted in FY 2019 will need to be spread over FY 2016 through FY 2020. Consistent with the approved plan, there are no programmed expenditures in FY 2016 through FY 2018.

The Governor recommended \$2.7 million, of which \$750,000 will be used in FY 2016 and FY 2017. The Governor's recommendation is \$0.5 million less than the approved plan and noted that future use of the facility will determine if state funding continues. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Old Colony House.** The Department requested \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.8 million will be used in the five-year period to repair and renovate the Old Colony House, specifically repointing the exterior of the building. Funds have been used to mitigate structural issues, including the clock tower that the Department has recently uncovered, electrical rewiring as well as painting the second floor.

The project is \$2.5 million or 60.0 percent more than the approved plan and has been revised to include an additional phase for which the request includes \$0.6 million to renovate the bathrooms, \$0.8 million to replace windows, \$0.4 million to replace the gutters and downspouts, and \$0.6 million to refurbish wood benches, railings and floors. The request includes the enacted amount of \$0.1 million in FY 2015 for masonry. The Governor recommended \$2.3 million in total project costs. This is \$1.9 million less than requested to reflect the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Assembly concurred.

**Old State House.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$4.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.4 million will be used in the five-year period for renovations at the Old State House, including repaying the parking lot, replacing carpets, brick repairs and a new boiler.

Staff from the Division of Facilities Management conducted a review to determine what the facility currently needs. Based on this, it submitted a request that is \$0.9 million more than the approved plan. This includes \$0.4 million to replace windows, in conjunction with the new boiler in order to make the building more energy efficient. It includes \$0.1 million for the automation of a system that will control mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, \$0.1 million each for sidewalk, curb improvements and repairing the fence. It also includes \$125,000 for fire code compliance, which would have been budgeted under the Fire Code Compliance Project; however, the current request eliminates that project and allocates costs for fire code compliance to individual projects.

The Governor recommended \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.1 million will be used in the five-year period. The recommendation is \$0.7 million less than the request; however, it is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan. The Assembly concurred.

**State Office Building.** The Department requested \$9.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$5.0 million will be used in the five-year period for renovations at the State Office Building. The project includes upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, elevator repairs, fire code compliance, refurbishing the parking lot and general repairs.

The total project cost is \$2.0 million or 20.8 percent more than the approved plan including new expenditures of \$1.1 million programmed in FY 2018 and FY 2019. The project has been revised to reflect updated costs for upgrading the electrical and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The project includes new expenditures of \$0.3 million to purchase and install a backup generator, \$0.2 million to demolish and renovate the lab material testing area, \$0.3 million to conduct a campus wide parking study and \$0.4 million for fire code compliance, which would have been budgeted under the Fire Code Compliance Project; however, the current request eliminates that project and allocates costs for fire code compliance to individual projects. Subsequently, the Administration said that the \$0.3 million requested for the parking study should be removed.

The Governor recommended capital expenditures of \$8.9 million; \$6.3 million would be used in the five-year period. This is \$0.6 million less than requested, \$0.3 million of which is from excluding the parking study. The Department subsequently indicated that \$350,000 would be needed in FY 2016 for interior renovations, to include additional office space. The Assembly concurred and adjusted expenditures accordingly. It also shifted \$0.4 million from FY 2018 to FY 2019.

**State House Renovations.** The Department requested \$6.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$1.5 million will be used in the five-year period for exterior lighting improvements, grounds and walkway repairs. Interior work will focus on painting and ceiling construction. The request is \$11.5 million less than the approved plan, to reflect removal of funding previously budgeted for the central heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, which is now requested as a stand-alone project. The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$6.6 million, of which \$1.6 million will be used in the five-year plan. The total recommendation is \$21,187 less than requested; however, expenditures were reprogrammed to reflect a revised project schedule. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Veterans Memorial Auditorium Repairs.** The Department requested \$21.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.3 million from federal funds that the Department indicated was granted by the Office of Energy Resources to make the facility more energy efficient. The request includes \$5.0 million of new expenditures to be used in the five-year period for continued renovation of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The project has been revised to include \$3.0 million for the construction of a bridge that would connect the Providence Place Mall to the Auditorium, \$1.0 million for roof replacement and \$1.0 million for various costs, including a new phone system, dressing room carpet replacement, refinish the stage floor and installing Wi-Fi throughout the venue. The Convention Center Authority indicated that some of the funding is requested to address issues that were discovered during the renovations.

Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$1.4 million in FY 2015 to renovate floors four through six, paint and carpet the entire auditorium, install a new concession stand, and upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. It should be noted that the Department overspent its FY 2014 appropriation by \$142,975. Available funds in FY 2015 will be reduced by a like amount.

The Governor recommended \$17.8 million; this is \$1.3 million more than the approved plan to reflect asset protection funding of \$250,000 in each year through FY 2020. Funding of \$1.2 million in the current year will be used to finalize renovations. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Washington County Government Center. The Department requested \$7.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$3.6 million will be used in the five-year period for ongoing renovations at the Washington County Government Center. The Department indicated that the building does not meet current requirements for energy efficiency, adequate and controllable heating and ventilation, and air conditioning. The request is \$2.8 million more than the approved plan to include expenditures for replacing windows and upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system and is consistent with past requests. The request includes \$0.6 million in the current year, \$0.4 million more than approved for the construction of the new entrance.

The Governor recommended \$5.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$1.7 million less than requested to reflect the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The recommendation includes \$110,000 in the current year for the Coastal Resources Management Council's secure facility area project. The Assembly concurred and provided an additional \$0.6 million in FY 2016 for exterior renovations.

William Powers Building. The Department requested a total project cost of \$11.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$4.4 million will be used in the five-year period for ongoing repairs and renovations, such as window replacement and cooling tower upgrades at the William Powers Building. General renovations include bathroom repairs, security upgrades, painting, and replacing some of the equipment in the kitchen. Funds will also be used for site improvements, elevator repairs and the replacement of the skylights and cooling tower.

The request is \$3.2 million more than the approved plan to primarily reflect new expenditures of \$2.3 million to improve the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in order to reduce energy consumption and new expenditures to remove the playground in front of the building to construct additional handicap accessible parking and some electrical work in the garage.

The Governor recommended \$8.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This is \$3.1 million less than requested; however, total funding is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan. Expenditures were also reprogrammed to reflect a revised project schedule. Subsequently, the Department indicated that an additional \$250,000 would be needed in FY 2016 for parking lot improvement as well as pothole repairs. The Assembly advanced \$250,000 previously programmed in FY 2017 through FY 2020 to FY 2016 to reflect the revised project costs.

Zambarano Building and Utilities. The Department requested a total project cost of \$11.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$5.7 million will be used in the five-year period for capital repairs to various buildings and equipment at the Zambarano Campus of the Eleanor Slater Hospital in Burrillville. The Zambarano Campus includes buildings totaling 308,000 square feet on 460 acres of land. The request includes a total of \$1.4 million for the wastewater treatment plant in order to meet new discharge limits set by the Department of Environmental Management, \$1.3 million for an absorption chiller for the Eleanor Slater Hospital, and various expenses for a campus-wide water distribution study and upgrades and a study to identify breaks and blockages of the sewer system.

It should be noted that the approved plan included \$1.5 million to replace windows and repoint the Wallum Lake house in the Department of Administration's budget. It appears that the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals included \$1.5 million for the windows and repointing the building in its capital budget request. Accounting for this, the request is \$6.5 million more than the approved plan to reflect inclusion of \$2.0 million for demolition of various buildings, \$0.9 million to identify and repair deteriorating pipes, breaks and blockages and \$0.9 million to repair sidewalks and curbs throughout the campus and revised expenditures for various projects including installing a drop ceiling in one floor of the Hospital. It appears that this expense and several other projects are also included in the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals' budget.

The Governor recommended \$7.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.9 million will be used in the five-year period. This is \$4.2 million less than requested to reflect the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$1.4 million, including \$0.1 million in FY 2015 and \$1.2 million in FY 2016 to address environmental remediation issues, and to replace the roof on the Eleanor Slater Hospital. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Big River Management Area. The Department requested total project costs of \$2.9 million, of which

\$0.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds will be used in the five-year period for infrastructure repairs and improvements at the Big River Management Area. This project includes funding for security, litter/dumping enforcement and demolition of vacant homes. The Big River Management Area must be protected for future development as a source of potable water. The request is \$1.6 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.4 million in FY 2016 and \$1.1 million programmed in the out-years for remediation costs of dump site and bridge maintenance. This is consistent with past requests. The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$1.4 million, \$45,256 more than the approved plan. The recommendation reflects use of \$120,000 in each year through FY 2020. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Cranston Street Armory.** The Department requested total project costs of \$4.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.0 million will be used in FY 2015 to stabilize the exterior of the building and board up all windows above the ground level. The request also includes \$0.2 million for a feasibility assessment study to determine a use plan for the facility. The study is expected to be complete in December 2014. The request is \$0.8 million more than the approved plan to primarily reflect overstated pre-FY 2015 expenditures. *The Governor recommended funding consistent with the approved plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Ladd Center Buildings Demolition.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$3.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to demolish 12 buildings at the former Ladd school properties in Exeter. The goal of the project is to demolish structures and backfill all foundations, landscape and provide for additional open space. These buildings were constructed in the mid-1900s and have been vacant for many years. Four buildings were demolished in FY 2013: Higgins, Green, Riverfield, and Howe. The request includes \$1.3 million in FY 2015 for the continuation of phase II, which includes the demolition of seven buildings that started in FY 2014. The total project cost is \$77,900 less than the approved plan to reflect anticipated expenditures. The Governor recommended \$2.8 million, \$1.1 million less than requested in FY 2015 to reflect anticipated expenditures. She subsequently requested an amendment to provide an additional \$40,000 in FY 2015 to reflect the Department's projected project costs. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Zambarano Wood Chip Boiler.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$750,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace the boiler at the Zambarano Campus to comply with federal Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Management requirements. The boiler was purchased and installed. The request includes a carry forward balance of \$32,838 to be paid upon final testing of the boiler. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Projects	Status	5	5 Year Total		roject Total
Other Projects					
Bristol County Water Treatment Facilities	Revised	\$	3,221,033	\$	5,500,000
Replacement of Fueling Tanks	Revised		2,220,000		4,191,200
I-195 Commission	Ongoing		-		805,073
Affordable Housing	Ongoing		12,500,000		75,000,000
Energy Conservation Pastore/Zambarano	Ongoing		-		53,099,701
Environmental Compliance	Ongoing		1,000,000		2,042,837
Statewide Emergency Water Interconnect Projects	Ongoing		1,800,000		5,000,000
South County Groundwater Protection/Acquisition	Ongoing		6,319,564		8,000,000
Total		\$	27,060,597	\$	153,638,811

**Bristol County Water Treatment Facilities.** The request includes a total project cost of \$1.3 million from authorized general obligation bond proceeds, of which \$750,000 will be used in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to repair reservoir facilities located mainly in Massachusetts. The request is \$5.6 million less than

the approved plan, primarily for the exclusion of \$5.0 million of general obligation bonds approved by the voters on the November 2004 ballot for the Shad Factory Pipeline, as part of the Emergency Interconnect project. It appears that these funds have been issued but not used. The Board indicated that the Town of Rehoboth has refused to issue the permit required to conduct work on municipal roads. The language on the bond restricts the use of the funds to just the Shad Factory Pipeline improvements. Since this phase cannot proceed in the absence of a permit, the plan is to perform required maintenance. *The Governor included the \$5.5 million from approved general obligation bonds.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Replacement of Fueling Tanks.** The Department requested \$4.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.1 million will be used in the five-year period to replace failing tanks at five of the 15 state-owned and operated fueling stations for state vehicles. In FY 2015 and FY 2016, the Department plans to install new tanks in Charlestown, Smithfield, Portsmouth, and the University of Rhode Island. The Department also plans to remove tanks from the old Lincoln facility.

The total project cost is \$1.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.3 million in new expenditures for FY 2020 to replace tanks on Pontiac Avenue and \$0.7 million to reflect additional funding to replace all the tanks within the next six years. The Governor recommended total expenditures of \$3.6 million, \$54,321 less than the approved plan. This is \$1.1 million less than requested to reflect historical spending patterns. Subsequently, the Department indicated that within the next six years, all the tanks will be 30 years old. The Assembly provided an additional \$0.6 million in total project costs, including \$0.3 million in FY 2016 to reflect the Department's updated project schedule.

Affordable Housing. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$25.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in November 2012 to promote affordable housing through redevelopment of existing structures or new construction. The request assumes use of \$7.5 million in FY 2015 and \$5.0 million in FY 2016. The Department indicated that the first half of the funds have been obligated to construct 370 units, with 73 of those serving special needs populations, such as the homeless. This program funds rental units for households up to 80 percent of family median income and homeownership of households up to 100 percent of family median income. Funding caps depend upon the number of bedrooms, which ranges from \$40,000 for 2-bedroom units to \$65,000 for 3-bedroom units. The Governor recommended \$75.0 million, \$50.0 million more than requested to reflect prior expenditures from previously approved general obligation bonds that the voters approved in 2006. The Assembly concurred.

**Energy Conservation Pastore/Zambarano.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$53.1 million in capital expenditures for a new energy service contract whereby an initial investment in new equipment and other energy saving improvements would be paid back over a period of time from the resulting savings in energy costs. The 2008 Assembly authorized up to \$53.1 million in energy equipment replacement contracts, including \$45.5 million for the Pastore Center and \$7.6 million for the Zambarano Campus. The electrical infrastructure and new steam lines were also upgraded in order to accommodate the new hospital consolidation project. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Environmental Compliance. The Department requested a total project cost of \$2.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$1.0 million will be used in the five-year period for projects that assist state agencies in maintaining compliance with all state and federal environmental rules and regulations. Funds will also be used to support the costs of mitigating asbestos and other environmental issues for buildings on the Pastore Campus under the Department's jurisdiction. The request is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan to reflect new expenditures programmed in FY 2020. The Governor recommended \$0.1 million less than requested to reflect an adjustment to reported expenditures. The Assembly concurred.

**I-195 Commission.** The Department requested total project costs of \$1.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including new expenditures of \$0.3 million in FY 2016 for architectural and engineering services relating to the I-195 Redevelopment project. The Governor recommended total project costs of \$1.1 million; however, funding in FY 2016 is reflected in the Executive Office of Commerce's budget. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**South County Groundwater Protection/Acquisition.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$7.6 million from approved general obligation bond proceeds for the Groundwater Protection/Acquisition Program, of which \$6.6 million would be used in the five-year period to purchase water development rights from private landowners for well sites identified as high capacity. This project is funded from \$9.3 million from bond proceeds, of which \$1.3 million was authorized by the voters in 2000 and \$8.0 million in 2004. The total project cost is \$0.4 million less than the FY 2015 approved plan to reflect the exclusion of prior year expenditures. *The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$8.0 million, consistent with the approved plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Statewide Emergency Water Interconnect Projects.** The request includes \$5.7 million from previously approved general obligation bonds to continue a project to establish statewide emergency water interconnections between the state's 32 largest water supply systems. A system of interconnections will enable the movement of water from one source or system to another during any emergency, such as pipe breaks or water source contamination. The interconnections are funded from \$15.0 million from bond proceeds, of which \$10.0 million was authorized by the voters in 1987 and \$5.0 million in 2004.

The request assumes use of \$3.0 million in FY 2015 and FY 2016, including \$1.9 million for an interconnection from Woonsocket to Cumberland, \$0.5 million for two interconnection projects: Greenville and Smithfield, and South Kingstown and United Water. It also includes \$0.1 million for an engineering study for an interconnection between Bristol County Water Authority and East Providence. The request is \$0.7 million more than the approved plan due to reporting of prior year expenditures. *The Governor recommended \$5.0 million, consistent with the approved plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Information Technology Strategic Plan.** The Department requested \$13.4 million from new Certificates of Participation to fund information technology projects requested from state agencies. This includes \$2.5 million to update the Department of Health's vital records system, including deaths, marriages/civil unions, induced termination of pregnancy data collection, as well as building a secure environment to house the physical records from fire; \$7.4 million for the Department of Human Services to modernize the child support enforcement system; and \$3.5 million for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals' patient care management system.

The 2011 Assembly created an Information Technology Investment Fund to be supported from land sales proceeds and the 2012 Assembly transferred \$9.0 million into the fund for acquiring information technology improvements, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, and ongoing maintenance. The 2014 Assembly adopted legislation to transfer an amount of not less than \$10.0 million from tobacco bond refinancing proceeds. It also adopted legislation to transfer 10.0 percent of the \$1.00 monthly surcharge on wireless and land lines into the fund, effective July 1, 2015, which is estimated to generate \$1.5 million annually. The Department indicated that the current resources in the Information Technology Investment Fund will be used to address existing infrastructure issues; however, in the event that a major land sale were to occur, financing for certain projects in this request would not be required. The Governor did not recommend funding this project. The Assembly concurred. Final tobacco proceeds allowed an additional \$19.0 million from the tobacco bonds to be deposited into the Fund, providing sufficient funds for information technology projects.

**Water Allocation Plan.** The Department of Administration requested a total project cost of \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period to develop a water allocation

program. The funds will be used to pay for consultant services provided by the United States Geological Survey for geological data collection. The program consists of multi-year efforts to first quantify available supplies, then uses that information as a basis to assess water management needs, and then assess the options to satisfy those needs. The 2005 Assembly provided general revenues in lieu of previously budgeted Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and reclassified the expenditures as consultant services.

In its FY 2015 through FY 2019 capital budget, the Department requested \$2.5 million in new general obligation bond proceeds to fund the Water Allocation Plan and eliminated the \$0.1 million in general revenue funding as part of its constrained budget request. The bond request was not recommended by the Governor; however, the constrained request was adopted. Therefore, no funding was provided in the FY 2015 enacted budget. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Water Facilities Assistance Program.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$20.6 million to be used from FY 2017 through FY 2020 from new general obligation bond proceeds to be submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot for the Water Facilities Assistance Program. Annual debt service would be \$1.6 million, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term.

This project will enable the Water Resources Board to issue grants to local water suppliers to implement water resource programs. The Board noted that the individual projects in this include \$13.5 million for water interconnection projects between the supplies of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, the East Providence Water Division and the Bristol County Water Authority, \$3.1 million to construct a pipeline from Kent County Water Authority to the Quonset Development Park. The remaining \$4.0 million would be used for interconnections including Lincoln, Smithfield, Pawtucket, Warwick, Providence, Jamestown and Portsmouth. A similar project was requested by the Department and recommended by the Governor as part of the FY 2015 through FY 2019 Capital Improvement Plan; however, the Assembly did not concur. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Executive Office of Commerce**

Projects	Status	5 Y	ear Total	Project Total	
I-195 Commission	Ongoing	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
Total		\$	300,000	\$	300,000
Sources of Funds					
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	300,000	\$	300,000
Total		\$	300,000	\$	300,000

**Summary.** The Department of Administration's capital budget request includes \$0.3 million in FY 2016 for architectural and engineering services relating to the I-195 Redevelopment project. *The Governor recommended funding as requested; however, funding for FY 2016 is reflected in the Executive Office of Commerce's budget.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Department of Labor and Training**

Projects	Status	5 `	Year Total	Project Total		
Center General Asset Protection	Revised	\$	5,000,000	\$	6,081,256	
Center General Slate Roof Replacement	Ongoing		256,691		2,173,682	
Total		\$	5,256,691	\$	8,254,938	
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds		\$	-	\$	326,873	
Restricted Reciepts			-		256,026	
Rhode Island Capital Funds			5,256,691		7,370,719	
Other - Temporary Disability Insurance Funds			-		301,320	
Total		\$	5,256,691	\$	8,254,938	

**Summary.** The Department of Labor and Training requested \$5.1 million for FY 2016 through FY 2019 for projects at the Center General Complex of the Pastore Center in Cranston. The projects total \$9.3 million and include expenditures of \$3.8 million for FY 2015. The Governor recommended \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2016 through FY 2020 and included expenditures of \$1.6 million from all sources for FY 2015. Her recommendation includes total project costs of \$2.3 million less than requested. She subsequently requested an amendment to add \$1.3 million for the roof replacement project. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Center General Asset Protection. The Department requested a total of \$5.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2016 through FY 2019 and \$1.7 million for FY 2015 for several asset protection projects at the six buildings of the Center General Complex at the Pastore Center in Cranston. The request is \$1.4 million more than the approved capital plan, including increases of \$0.3 million for both the carpet replacement and the repair/replacement of the glass connectors and slate roof on building 72, \$0.3 million to replace funding removed by the 2014 Assembly because of continued project delays, and \$0.5 million for four new projects. These include replacing fire alarm panels and systems, addressing drainage issues and possible renovations to the West Warwick field office. The FY 2015 request includes \$0.2 million of unspent funds carried forward from FY 2014. The Governor recommended \$1.1 million less than requested and delayed certain expenditures from FY 2015 and FY 2016 to FY 2017 through FY 2020 to provide a more even expenditure level for each year. Her recommendation includes \$0.8 million in FY 2015 and \$5.0 million from FY 2016 through FY 2020. The Assembly concurred.

Center General Slate Roof Replacement. The Department requested a total of \$2.2 million to replace the slate roof on buildings 68, 69 and 71 at the Center General Complex, including \$2.1 million to complete the project in FY 2015. Requested funding primarily reflects unspent funds from FY 2014; it includes \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.3 million each from federal funds, Workers' Compensation funds and Temporary Disability Insurance funds. Total funding is \$84,585 more than the approved plan to reflect the contract awarded in late FY 2014. The Governor recommended \$0.9 million in FY 2015, which is \$1.3 million less than requested from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds; however, it appears the Department has incurred expenditures above that level. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to add \$1.0 million in FY 2015 and \$0.3 million in FY 2016 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to complete the project. The Assembly concurred.

### **Department of Revenue**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total	
DMV Information Technology Modernization Project	Revised	\$	5,496,540	\$	20,011,472
DMV Safety and Emission Lifts Replacement	Revised		-		263,800
Integrated Tax System	Revised		11,100,000		25,000,000
Lottery Building Renovations	Revised		-		579,000
Total		\$	16,596,540	\$	45,854,272
Sources of Funds					
Certificates of Participation		\$	13,446,017	\$	36,000,000
General Revenues			449,280		1,785,795
Interest Earnings			1,243		1,243
Restricted Receipts			2,700,000		7,224,434
Rhode Island Capital Funds			-		842,800
Total		\$	16,596,540	\$	45,854,272

**Summary.** The Department of Revenue requested total project costs of \$46.7 million from all funds, of which \$14.2 million is for the five-year period. The request is for four projects, all of which were previously approved, but have since been revised. *The Governor recommended total funding of \$45.9 million, of which \$16.6 million is for the five-year period. The recommendation is \$0.9 million less than requested, primarily from federal funds.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**DMV Information Technology Modernization Project.** The Department requested total project costs of \$20.8 million, which is \$0.5 million more than the approved plan to replace and modify the information technology system at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request includes \$11.0 million from Certificates of Participation and \$7.1 million from restricted receipts for system design and development, which is within the original capital borrowing authorization of \$13.0 million set by the 2006 Assembly. Also included is \$0.9 million from federal funds to bring the system into compliance with federal requirements and \$0.9 million from general revenues, \$0.5 million more than approved, for system maintenance and new staff training efforts. The Governor recommended \$0.6 million from general revenues for the FY 2015 through FY 2019 period for maintenance of the Registry's existing legacy system; the 2014 Assembly provided \$0.2 million to reflect project delays and actual expenditures. The request appears to restore the Governor's prior recommendation.

The modernization project is intended to expand the online functions available on the Division of Motor Vehicles' website and reduce wait times for transactions performed at the Registry. The Department's request programs \$3.7 million for the current year, \$1.0 million for FY 2016, and \$2.1 million for FY 2017. However, in May 2014, the Department and Hewlett Packard altered the methodology for system design and development. Resulting changes to the scope of work and project timeline will likely alter the project schedule and increase project costs, requiring a new contract amendment.

The Governor recommended \$0.8 million less than requested from all funds. This includes \$0.1 million more from restricted receipts and \$1,243 from interest earnings, reflective of available funds, offset by \$0.9 million less from federal sources consistent with the use of Commercial Vehicle Information System grant funds for upgrades to the Department's current information technology system. The upgrades are intended to interface with the new system, when it is completed. The recommendation shifts \$2.3 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016 to reflect an updated project schedule. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**DMV Safety and Emission Lifts Replacement.** The Department requested total project costs of \$0.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the replacement of three heavy duty lifts within the Safety and Emission Control inspection garage. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan. However, the request delays the project from FY 2014 to the current year to reflect a preliminary needs assessment that the Department reported was essential prior to lift purchase and installation. The lifts are used daily for the inspection of all school buses and public service vehicles. Over 3,600 safety inspections on school buses are conducted annually. The lifts have been in service for 19 years and require frequent maintenance; the request assumes new lifts will be purchased and installed in FY 2015. The Governor recommended \$36,200 less than requested to reflect actual project costs. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Integrated Tax System.** The Department requested total project costs of \$25.0 million from Certificates of Participation to consolidate separate Division of Taxation programs and functions into one computer system. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan; however, the request shifts \$0.8 million in unspent funds from FY 2014 to the current year to reflect an updated project schedule. The integration of the tax system is intended to enhance customer service, increase employee productivity, reduce operating costs, and help the Department collect additional revenue. The system is anticipated to be completed in FY 2017. The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$3,615 from FY 2016 and FY 2017 to the current year to reflect actual costs for the implementation of the second phase of the project. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Lottery Building Renovations.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested total project costs of \$579,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to repair the Lottery building's parking lot, replace carpeting, and design and install a new heating and cooling system. The request shifts \$0.3 million in unspent funds from FY 2014 to the current year to reflect an updated schedule for installation of the new HVAC system, to be completed in FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## Office of the Secretary of State

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total	
Rhode Island Charter Encasement	Revised	\$	436,246	\$	500,000
Total		\$	436,246	\$	500,000
Sources of Funds					
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	436,246	\$	500,000
Total		\$	436,246	\$	500,000

**Summary.** The Secretary of State requested \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for restoration and other work associated with the encasement of the Rhode Island Charter in FY 2015. This is consistent with the approved capital plan. The funds will be used primarily for replacing the encasement and HVAC and cooling systems that protect the Charter. The Office subsequently indicated that it expects the project to be completed in FY 2016. *The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$436,246 from FY 2015 to FY 2016 to reflect the revised project schedule.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Public Utilities Commission**

Projects	Status	5 Y	ear Total	Pro	oject Total
Building Renovations	Ongoing	\$	308,000	\$	512,000
Total		\$	308,000	\$	512,000
Sources of Funds					
Restricted Receipts		\$	308,000	\$	512,000
Total		\$	308,000	\$	512,000

**Summary.** The Public Utilities Commission's FY 2016 through FY 2020 request includes \$204,000 in the current year and \$308,000 in the five-year period for repairs and renovations at 89 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick and for new vehicles for the Commission fleet. Projects are funded through restricted receipts available from assessments to regulated utilities. The individual asset protection projects for which funds are requested are essentially consistent with the approved plan. It should be noted that the project total includes the requested vehicle purchases, which are not a capital expense. Excluding those purchases, the Commission requested total project costs of \$204,000 for the current year and \$250,000 in the five-year period. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

# **Department of Children, Youth and Families**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Pr	oject Total
Youth Group Homes - Fire Code Upgrades	Revised	\$	590,000	\$	2,830,604
Training School - Generators	Revised		-		457,802
Groden Center Mt. Hope - Fire Towers	Revised		-		137,500
Groden Center Mt. Hope - Building Façade	Revised		275,000		275,000
Training School - Repairs and Improvements	Ongoing		1,113,586		1,492,071
North American Family Institute	Ongoing		-		792,905
Training School - Maintenance Building	Ongoing		535,000		535,000
Groden Center Mt. Hope - Electric and Plumbing	Ongoing		50,000		50,000
Total		\$	2,563,586	\$	6,570,882
Sources of Funds					
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	2,563,586	\$	6,570,882
Total		\$	2,563,586	\$	6,570,882

**Summary.** The Department of Children, Youth and Families requested capital projects totaling \$8.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$1.3 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. The request includes one new project. *The Governor recommended \$6.6 million, including \$0.3 million in the five-year period, \$2.2 million less than requested.* **The Assembly shifted \$2.2 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016 to reflect updated project schedules.** 

Youth Group Homes - Fire Code Upgrades. The Department requested \$4.3 million or \$0.1 million more than enacted from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide fire code upgrades and safety related improvements to 111 group home facilities. The request includes \$0.9 million in FY 2015 and \$0.5 million each in FY 2016 and FY 2017. This is \$0.1 million more than enacted, updating the costs to reflect new estimates based on a statewide assessment of privately owned group homes. Expenditures include sprinkler system installation, heating system repairs to bring them up to state fire code, and miscellaneous construction costs to ensure compliance. The Governor recommended \$2.8 million including \$0.6 million in the current year to complete the project. The Assembly shifted \$0.6 million to FY 2016 to reflect updated expenditure projections.

**Training School - Generators.** The Department requested \$441,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 to purchase three emergency generators at the Training School. This is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan in order to purchase two more generators than were funded. Two of these generators would be housed at the Youth Development Center and one at the Youth Assessment Center to assure that there is adequate electricity, heat, air conditioning, and ventilation in the event of a natural disaster or power outage. Currently, the Department rents a generator from a private vendor in Connecticut if there is a potential for loss of power, such as during a natural disaster. *The Governor recommended \$0.4 million in the current year to complete the project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Groden Center Mt. Hope - Fire Towers.** The Department requested \$275,000 from Rhode Island Capital funds to install two fire towers during FY 2015 at the state-owned Groden Center facility at 86 Mount Hope Road in Providence. This is \$0.1 million more than the approved capital plan to reflect a scope of work not included in the approved plan. This would include the demolition of two existing steel fire ladders and the construction of two new enclosed stair towers. The current fire ladders were cited as

deficient by the State Fire Marshal and the second floor does not have an adequate emergency exit. *The Governor recommended the enacted level of \$137,500.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Groden Center Mt. Hope - Building Façade.** The Department requested \$275,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the repointing of exterior mortar joints, the cleaning and/or replacing of all damaged windows, and door lintels on the front and rear of the building. This is \$137,500 more than the approved plan. The request shifts funding from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to reflect project delays and a number of additional projects being completed at the Groden Center. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Training School - Repairs and Improvements.** The Department requested \$1.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for various repairs and improvements at the Youth Development Facility and the Youth Assessment Center, which is consistent with the approved capital plan. Improvements include fixing the roof at both facilities, installing a new security system, purchasing a new conduit for the main generator at the Youth Development Facility, installing outdoor plumbing at the Youth Assessment Center in order to provide irrigation in the front of the building, pouring two cement pads, and hiring an engineering firm to investigate and correct a sewer odor at both schools. *The Governor recommended* \$1.5 million including \$1.4 million in the current year to complete the project. **The Assembly shifted** \$1.1 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016 to reflect updated expenditure projections.

**North American Family Institute.** The Department requested \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for repairs to the North American Family Institute on New London Avenue in Cranston. The request appears to double count \$0.2 million carried forward from FY 2014 to complete repairs to the plumbing and electrical systems, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, required to comply with the state's fire code. *The Governor recommended \$0.2 million less than requested, but consistent with the approved plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Training School - Maintenance Building.** The Department requested \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 to construct a maintenance building for the Training School on the Pastore Campus. The cost includes purchasing materials and constructing a 7,500 square foot prefabricated steel maintenance building with a warehouse, loading dock, workshop areas, and two restrooms. Total funding is consistent with the approved capital plan; however, the Department shifted \$0.2 million from FY 2014 to FY 2015 to reflect project delays. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly shifted funding to FY 2016 to reflect a plan to move maintenance operations into an existing vacant building on the Pastore campus.** 

**Groden Center Mt. Hope - Electric and Plumbing.** The Department requested \$50,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a feasibility study in order to determine the extent of upgrades that need to be made to the electrical and plumbing systems as well as the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems at the Groden Center. The Department requested that the approved funding be shifted from FY 2015 to FY 2017 to reflect its request to increase funding for the fire tower project which is a higher priority. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Network and Application Upgrades.** The Department requested \$381,396 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for new computers and software. The Department indicates that current computers are obsolete and do not provide the necessary memory and capabilities to run current Microsoft Office and database software. It should be noted that Rhode Island Capital Plan funding is not historically used for these purposes and these expenses are appropriated from the state's information technology investment fund. The Governor did not recommend funding for this project; however, she did include \$0.5 million from general revenues for computers and other technological upgrades in the Department's FY 2016 operating budget. **The Assembly concurred.** 

# **Department of Health**

Projects	Status	5 Year	r Total	Pro	ject Total
Electronic Birth Registration System Upgrade	Ongoing	\$	-	\$	858,941
Total		\$	-	\$	858,941
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	-	\$	858,941
Total		\$	-	\$	858,941

**Summary.** The Department of Health requested a total of \$81.4 million, including \$80.5 million from new Certificates of Participation and \$0.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for seven new projects. The request for one of the projects also appears in the Department of Administration's capital submission. Additionally, several of the projects do not appear to meet the definition of a capital expense and use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds may not be appropriate. The Governor did not recommend funding the new projects. The recommendation includes \$0.9 million from federal funds to support the electronic birth registration system upgrade. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Electronic Birth Registration System Upgrade.** The Department currently records deaths, fetal deaths and induced terminations of pregnancies, which are all classified as death vital records. It records approximately 9,000 deaths, 750 fetal deaths and 5,500 induced terminations of pregnancy per year. These records are manually entered into in a paper-based system that is approximately 25 years old. Death records are entered two to three months after the fact and fetal death and induced termination records are entered two to six months after the fact. Funding for this was not included in the Department's capital request. *The Governor recommended \$0.9 million from federal funds, of which \$0.5 million will be used in FY 2015 to support the electronic birth registration system upgrade.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Cannon Auditorium Renovations. The Department requested \$186,250 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in FY 2016 to renovate the auditorium in the Cannon Building. The renovations would include replacement of the current wooden walls with a material that the Department indicated is less prone to fire, updating seats and refinishing the floors. The auditorium has 105 seats and is used to hold public hearings and meetings. It is unclear why this is requested as a separate project from the Cannon Building asset protection project under the purview of the Department of Administration, for which the approved plan includes \$3.0 million. The Governor did not recommend funding for this project and no funding is included in the Department of Administration's budget to renovate the auditorium. The Assembly concurred.

Capillary Electrophoresis Instrument. The Department requested \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to purchase a capillary electrophoresis instrument to perform deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) tests. The Department indicated that the current equipment used by the Forensic Laboratory will no longer be supported by the manufacturer and noted that without this equipment, it would not be able to process DNA samples or upload data into the national database. The current equipment is 11 years old and according to the Department, the term of useful life is 10-12 years. The Department indicated that it previously leveraged federal funds to purchase the equipment, but those are no longer available because of federal program reductions. The Governor did not recommend funding this project. The Assembly concurred.

Gas Chromatograph. The Department requested \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace two gas chromatograph/mass spectrometers, which are used in the Forensic Laboratory to measure certain substances, such as alcohol or drug level. The current equipment is 16 years old and according to the Department, the term of useful life is 10-12 years. Due to the age of the equipment, they have experienced down-time, thereby increasing the backlog of untested evidence. Without the equipment, the Department indicated that it would not be able to confirm the presence of drugs in suspected impaired drivers, and those accused of possessing and/or distributing illegal drugs. The Department indicated that it previously leveraged federal funds to purchase the equipment, but those are no longer available because of federal program reductions. The Governor did not recommend funding this project. The Assembly concurred.

**Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer.** The Department requested \$210,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to purchase a new inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer to conduct analysis of metals in drinking water and food, including arsenic, lead, mercury and copper. The Department noted that the current equipment is more than 14 years old and it has become difficult to obtain service to support it. The Department indicated that it previously leveraged federal funds to purchase the equipment, but those are no longer available because of federal program reductions. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Laser Desorption Ionization.** The Department requested \$250,000 to acquire an instrument that would streamline bacterial pathogen testing, such has tuberculosis. The Department indicated that the current equipment requires more labor and the new equipment would be cost effective for testing. The Department also noted that based on published materials, this type of equipment is increasingly being used at various health laboratories. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**New Health Laboratory & Medical Examiner Facility.** The Department requested \$78.0 million from new Certificates of Participation to be used in the five-year period to construct a new 95,000 square foot Health Laboratory and Medical Examiner Facility. The request is based on a study that was conducted in FY 2014 and identified five possible sites: two sites each in the Pastore Center and Providence, or renovating the current Chapin Health Laboratory. The Department indicated that it preferred one of the sites in Providence due its proximity to major customers and collaborators in the medical and academic institutions. The request includes \$5.4 million for land acquisition, \$8.1 million for architectural and engineering services and \$64.5 million for construction costs. Annual debt service would be \$6.3 million, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term.

The current facility was built in 1976 and has 70,000 square feet. It currently houses the Office of State Medical Examiner and Health Laboratories programs, which performs chemical, physical and microbiologic analyses of environmental samples, clinical specimens and forensic evidence. The proposed project would provide more room for two additional autopsy procedure tables, for which there is currently one and more space and better configuration for the laboratories in order to avoid cross contamination. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Vital Records Infrastructure Upgrade.** The Department requested \$2.5 million from new Certificates of Participation to be used from FY 2016 through FY 2019 to purchase modules for the vital records system, including death registration, marriage/civil union, induced termination of pregnancy data collection, and to secure a facility to protect vital records from fire and water damage. The annualized debt service would be \$0.3 million, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 10-year term. The request for this project is also included in the Department of Administration's capital budget request. The Department receives approximately 6,500 vital records for marriage and civil unions annually, all are currently manually entered into a paper-based system between two to six months after the fact. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

# **Department of Human Services**

Projects	Status 5 Year Total Proj		5 Year Total		roject Total
Survey of Burial Fields	New	\$	-	\$	50,000
Electrical System Upgrade	Revised		-		264,381
New Veterans' Home	Ongoing		83,850,000		94,000,000
Renovate Nursing Wings 5, 6 and 7	Ongoing		-		618,834
Main Entrance Renovations	Ongoing		-		11,624
Blind Vending Facilities	Ongoing		825,000		1,834,362
Total		\$	84,675,000	\$	96,779,201
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	57,500,000	\$	57,536,137
General Obligation Bonds			26,350,000		36,500,000
General Revenues			-		9,790
Restricted Receipts			-		944,839
Rhode Island Capital Funds			825,000		1,788,435
Total		\$	84,675,000	\$	96,779,201

**Summary.** The Department requested \$71.1 million for the period FY 2016 through FY 2020 and \$30.1 million for FY 2015. The Department's request includes four capital projects at the Veterans' Home, two at the Veterans' Cemetery, one through the Office of Rehabilitation Services and one through the Office of Child Support Services. *The Governor's recommendation is \$21.5 million less in FY 2015 than the request and \$13.6 million more for the five-year period of FY 2016 through FY 2020. She subsequently requested an amendment to correct an inadvertent omission, adding \$50,000 from restricted receipts for the Veterans' Cemetery. The Assembly concurred.* 

**Survey of Burial Fields.** The Department requested \$50,000 from restricted receipts in FY 2015 to conduct a survey of certain cemetery land to formally chart and determine the number of burial plots that can be included on the land. This is a new project. Supporting documents to the Governor's recommendation indicate the intent to recommend funding as requested; however, the funding was inadvertently excluded from the budget. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to include the \$50,000. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Electrical System Upgrade.** The Department requested \$127,735 from restricted receipts for FY 2015 to complete upgrades to the emergency electrical distribution system at the Veterans' Home for a total project cost of \$364,381. This includes a one-year delay of the project and is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan. The request appears to include pre-FY 2015 expenditures that were not actually made as part of the total, overstating the total cost of the project by \$0.1 million. The project will replace two of the five emergency generators that are in the worst condition instead of replacing all five aging generators. The Governor recommended funding as requested for FY 2015 and adjusted prior year expenditures to correctly reflect actual costs. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**New Veterans' Home.** The Department requested expenditures totaling \$94.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in November 2012 for the architectural, engineering and construction costs related to building a new Veterans' Home adjacent to the existing one. This includes \$1.8 million for FY 2015 and \$92.0 million from FY 2016 through FY 2019; with \$0.2 million spent through FY 2014. Although the request includes the same total project costs, it appears to inadvertently

shift expenses out one year. The request does not include any of the anticipated federal reimbursements from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs since the project has not yet been completely approved for reimbursement as the design and engineering plans are still being developed. Current federal reimbursements are estimated between \$55 million and \$60 million.

The Governor recommended total expenditures of \$94.0 million, including \$36.5 million from general obligation bonds and \$57.5 million from federal reimbursements. She included \$8.1 million from bond proceeds for FY 2015, a total of \$83.9 million for FY 2016 through FY 2018, and adjusted prior year expenditures to reflect that \$2.0 million was spent prior to FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Renovate Nursing Wings 5, 6 and 7.** The Department included a total of \$0.6 million from restricted receipts to renovate the N-5, N-6 and N-7 nursing wings at the Veterans' Home in FY 2015. This is consistent with the approved plan, but delayed from FY 2014. The project includes painting, plus bathroom tile and fixture updating for the 75 resident rooms, bathrooms, corridors and auxiliary rooms. The Governor recommended funding as requested. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Main Entrance Renovations.** The Department requested \$10,764 from restricted receipts for FY 2015 to complete renovations to the main entrance at the Veterans' Home, which includes installing another set of doors inside the building, making two sets of doors which create an air pocket barrier to protect the lobby and residents from the elements. However, the request appears to include \$49,140 in pre-FY 2015 expenditures that were not actually made, overstating the total cost of the project by that amount. The Governor recommended \$10,764 for FY 2015 for completion of this project and adjusted prior year expenditures to reflect the actual total project cost of \$11,624. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Blind Vending Facilities.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$990,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 through FY 2020 comprised of \$165,000 each year, for the ongoing construction and renovation of statewide blind vending facilities. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Child Support Management and Tracking System. The Department requested \$7.4 million for FY 2015 for a feasibility study and initial work to replace the child support enforcement information, eligibility and tracking system, InRhodes. This includes \$4.9 million through the use of Certificates of Participation and \$2.4 million from federal reimbursements. The state is able to leverage a 66.0 percent federal reimbursement for these expenses, though the request reflects a 33.3 percent federal match. This project is also included in the Department of Administration's request, in which the \$7.4 million requested reflects the state's portion of the preliminary project cost. The request reflects more funding than required for the feasibility study, but much less than needed for an eligibility system replacement. Costs will not be known until the feasibility study is completed.

The InRhodes eligibility system is used for multiple benefit and assistance programs, including Rhode Island Works, subsidized child care, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income, general public assistance and Child Support Enforcement. InRhodes is being replaced as part of the Unified Health Infrastructure Project (UHIP); however, the new eligibility system does not include a component for child support. The request includes funding for the Child Support division that will be compatible with the new eligibility system. *The Governor did not recommend this project.* **The Assembly concurred and excluded the project.** 

Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Projects	Status	5	5 Year Total		roject Total
Hospital Equipment	New	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000
Hospital Consolidation	Revised		-		3,229,819
DD Residential Support	Revised		2,500,000		6,950,291
Administrative Buildings	Revised		3,750,000		7,975,200
Mental Health Residences	Revised		4,000,000		8,300,000
DD Residence Fire Code	Revised		1,200,000		5,263,128
Mental Health Community Fac Asset Protection	Revised		2,000,000		3,954,089
DD Group Homes - Asset Protection	Ongoing		3,750,000		8,174,198
Medical Center Rehabilitation	Ongoing		4,090,000		7,844,529
Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrades	Ongoing		1,600,000		3,532,319
DD Regional Centers - Asset Protection	Ongoing		2,000,000		4,502,956
Zambarano Campus - Asset Protection	Ongoing		1,262,000		2,222,912
Substance Abuse - Asset Protection	Ongoing		500,000		951,029
Total		\$	28,152,000	\$	64,400,470
Source of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	600,000	\$	3,143,867
Rhode Island Capital Funds			27,552,000		61,256,603
Total		\$	28,152,000	\$	64,400,470

**Summary.** The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals requested \$149.8 million for 16 capital projects, which is \$57.2 million more than the approved capital plan. Of this amount, \$100.4 million will be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. *The Governor recommended \$65.0 million, including \$28.2 million in the five-year period, \$72.3 million less than requested, mostly which represents the exclusion of funding for a new hospital.* **The Assembly concurred with the recommendation with the exception of reducing FY 2015 expenses by \$540,000.** 

**Hospital Equipment.** The Department requested \$1.8 million from new Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace medical equipment at the state hospital. The 2014 Assembly rejected this proposal last year. This includes \$275,000 for FY 2015, \$300,000 for FY 2016, \$325,000 for FY 2017, \$300,000 for FY 2018 and \$275,000 annually for FY 2019 and FY 2020. *The Governor recommended \$1.5 million for the five-year plan, including \$0.3 million annually, beginning in FY 2016.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Hospital Consolidation.** The Department requested \$60.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new 106,991 square foot, 140 bed hospital, at the Pastore Center in Cranston to house adult psychiatric patients that are either voluntary placements, including geriatric patients, or involuntary placements assigned to the forensic unit. The total project cost has increased by \$18.8 million and is \$48.8 million above funding included in the five-year capital plan and increases square footage by 25,991 for activity and therapy rooms and private bathrooms for each bedroom.

The plan retains Mathias and Regan as hospital and administrative buildings. Expenses at Eleanor Slater hospital system, the Cranston campus and Zambarano unit, are matched by Medicaid only if the number of medical patients is higher than the number of psychiatric patients. Otherwise, the state hospital is considered an Institute for Mental Diseases (IMD) and not eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for any of its expenses. The Department has to maintain more medical patients than psychiatric ones or the state would incur

additional annual costs of approximately \$50 million from a loss of Medicaid funding; this may restrict its ability to move medical patients back into the community. The Department reported that it anticipated operating savings of \$2.0 million from a decrease in overtime costs and operating costs as a result of no longer occupying the Pinel and Adolph Meyer buildings. It should be noted the overtime savings rely on the Department entering into a new labor contract for employees at the psychiatric hospital and although the Department will no longer have to pay its share of costs for the two vacated buildings; there is still a cost to the state to maintain them. The Governor recommended \$99,095 for any remaining expenses related to the project in FY 2015. She did not recommend any other funding pending further study of the future needs of the hospital by the current administration. The Assembly concurred.

**Developmental Disabilities Residential Support.** The Department requested \$0.8 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period for the Thresholds program. The Department also included \$0.5 million for FY 2015. The request increases approved funding by \$0.3 million annually and adds \$0.8 million for FY 2020. This project funds the Thresholds program which promotes residential development with additional funding provided by Rhode Island Housing to support new construction of and/or acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units. It also supports the access to independence program which allows adults with developmental disabilities to remain in their home and provides furniture for the residences. *The Governor provided \$0.5 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2020; this is consistent with the enacted level and \$0.3 million less annually than requested in each fiscal year. She included the requested amount of \$0.5 million in the current year.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Administrative Buildings.** The Department requested \$3.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations at Barry Hall and Simpson Hall, including HVAC and roof replacement, repointing, new windows and floors. This is \$1.5 million more than the approved capital plan and adds \$0.2 million for FY 2015 to complete exterior repairs and \$2.2 million for FY 2016 for the heating and cooling system. The request also includes \$250,000 annually in FY 2017 through FY 2019 consistent with the approved plan and adds \$250,000 annually in FY 2020 and the post-FY 2020 period. *The Governor provided \$3.8 million during the five-year period. Total funding is \$0.3 million more than requested and \$0.5 million more than the approved plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Mental Health Residences.** The Department requested \$8.3 million, including \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period to provide housing to behavioral health clients through the Thresholds program in cooperation with the Rhode Island Housing Mortgage and Financing Corporation. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are used by Rhode Island Housing to leverage additional resources to support the new construction of and/or acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units. The request is consistent with the approved plan and adds \$0.8 million for FY 2020. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Developmental Disabilities Residence Fire Code.** The Department requested \$1.2 million for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period to install and upgrade fire alarm and sprinkler systems in the private developmental disabilities residences. The request is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan and includes \$0.5 million for FY 2015. The Department has completed sprinkler and fire alarm upgrades to 131 of 220 facilities. The Department reported that it plans to inspect or re-inspect 48 facilities and has increased its capital request in anticipation of required work; however, until a property is inspected it is unclear what may be required. The Governor included \$1.2 million for the five-year period, consistent with the request. **The Assembly reduced FY 2015 funding by \$0.2 million based on the Department's spending through the third quarter and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.** 

**Mental Health Community Facilities - Asset Protection.** The Department requested \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year capital plan for repairs to mental health community facilities, which is \$0.6 million more than the approved capital plan. The request includes \$0.6 million for FY 2016, \$0.5 million for FY 2017, FY 2018 and FY 2019, and adds \$0.4 million for FY 2020. The

request also adds \$0.2 million for FY 2016 and includes \$0.4 million for FY 2015, consistent with the approved plan. Funding provides a source of asset protection and emergency repairs to the 22 state owned community facilities and seven state owned centers housing indigent mental health clients. *The Governor provided \$0.4 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2020.* **The Assembly reduced FY 2015 funding by \$100,000 based on the Department's spending through the third quarter and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.** 

**Developmental Disabilities Group Homes - Asset Protection.** The Department requested \$12.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the state's 270 group homes for the developmentally disabled, including \$7.9 million in the five-year capital plan. Of the total, 149 that are state-owned, 34 are state operated, 115 are privately operated and 121 are privately owned and operated. The request is \$4.5 million more than the approved capital plan and adds \$0.7 million for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2019 and \$0.4 million more for FY 2018 and includes \$1.5 million for FY 2020 for ongoing, unanticipated or updated projects. The Department spent \$0.8 million annually in both FY 2010 and FY 2011, \$1.2 million in FY 2012, \$0.8 million in FY 2013 and \$0.9 million in FY 2014 on the asset protection projects.

The Governor included \$3.8 million in the five-year plan; this is \$4.2 million less than requested. She included \$1.0 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2018 and \$0.8 million for FY 2019, which is consistent with prior years' spending. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Medical Center Rehabilitation.** The Department requested \$6.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the ongoing maintenance of the Pastore Center's Regan and Mathias buildings occupied by Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. The Department included \$3.1 million in FY 2015. The request is \$1.5 million more than the approved capital plan with the inclusion of \$1.2 million for FY 2020. The hospital consolidation plan has been replaced with the plan to build a new hospital, but continues to retain the Department's hospital presence at the Regan and Mathias buildings. *The Governor provided \$4.1 million in the five-year plan and included \$1.0 million in FY 2015; she reduced the request by \$2.4 million.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrades. The Department requested \$1.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to install new and upgrade existing fire alarm sprinkler systems throughout the state owned community developmental disability facilities during FY 2016 through FY 2020. The request is \$0.2 million less than the approved capital plan for updated project costs and anticipates a completion date of FY 2018, one year earlier than assumed in the approved capital plan.

The projects include upgrades to group homes, community workshops and day program sites, outpatient facilities and licensed facilities including the Zambarano group homes. The request includes \$400,000 for FY 2015, \$500,000 for FY 2016 and FY 2017 and \$0.4 million for FY 2018. The Department spent an average of \$345,595 over the prior four years. The Governor included \$1.6 million during the five-year period, \$0.2 million more than requested for the upgrades. She included \$0.4 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2019. The Assembly reduced FY 2015 funding by \$240,000 based on the Department's spending through the third quarter and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

**Developmental Disabilities Regional Centers - Asset Protection.** The Department requested total funding of \$8.5 million, including \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period for repairs and renovations to the 11 state owned regional workshop centers. The approved capital plan includes \$0.4 million annually for FY 2015 through FY 2019. The request adds \$0.2 million annually in FY 2016 and FY 2017, \$0.1 million in FY 2018 and FY 2019 and includes \$0.5 million for FY 2020 for updated and unanticipated projects. The Department averaged \$313,926 in annual spending from FY 2007 through FY 2014. *The Governor included \$2.0 million in the five-year period, \$0.7 million less than requested. She included \$0.4 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2020, which is consistent with* 

prior years' spending. The Assembly reduced FY 2015 funding by \$100,000 based on the Department's spending through the third quarter and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

**Zambarano Campus - Asset Protection.** The Department requested total expenditures of \$6.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$3.9 million for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period for asset protection projects related to repairs at the Zambarano campus of the Eleanor Slater Hospital. The Department added \$4.2 million to the approved capital plan, including \$2.4 million for FY 2016 for a new HVAC system and \$1.5 million for new windows at the Beasley building that were already included in the Department of Administration's approved capital budget. The Governor included \$1.3 million in the five-year plan, \$2.6 million less than requested, consistent with the enacted budget. The Governor did not recommend the new windows or the HVAC system. It should be noted that the Department of Administration's capital budget also does not include the window project. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Substance Abuse - Asset Protection.** The Department requested \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the five-year capital plan for substance abuse asset protection projects. This is \$0.6 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.2 million more annually for FY 2016 through FY 2019 for current projects and unanticipated repairs and the addition of \$0.3 million for FY 2020. It should be noted that the Department spent an average of \$89,180 from FY 2011 through FY 2014 on asset protection and emergency repairs to the 12 community facilities housing substance abuse clients. *The Governor included \$0.1 million annually for FY 2016 through FY 2020, consistent with prior years' spending. She also included \$0.1 million in FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Reporting and Tracking System.** The Department requested \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to replace the current reporting and tracking system that supports the Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Healthcare. Funding of \$0.2 million is requested annually in FY 2015 and FY 2016; however, the Department has not issued a request for proposals and is researching options with the Office of Health and Human Services to potentially coordinate reporting and tracking activities with other human services agencies. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Management Information System. The Department requested \$8.9 million, including \$2.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$6.7 million from matching Medicaid funds for a new project to enhance and modify the Department's management information system for developmental disabilities and behavioral healthcare and to purchase a new electronic medical records system for the state-run Eleanor Slater Hospital. It should be noted that the information system does not meet the definition of a capital project and should be supported through the Information Technology Fund or the Department's operating budget. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* The Assembly concurred.

**Treatment Services - Building Renovations.** The Department requested \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to identify and renovate a building to be used by the Providence Center as an in-patient substance abuse treatment facility potentially at the Pastore Center. The center currently occupies space at the Mathias building and the Zambarano Unit of the state hospital for its program. The request includes \$0.7 million in FY 2016 and \$0.3 million in FY 2017. *The Governor did not recommend funding this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### **Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Pr	oject Total
Facility Renovations	Revised	\$	-	\$	1,691,595
Total		\$	-	\$	1,691,595
Sources of Funds					
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	-	\$	1,691,595
Total		\$	-	\$	1,691,595

**Summary.** The Governor's Commission on Disabilities requested \$30.1 million from all funds including \$11.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$18.9 million from new general obligation bonds to be presented to the voters on the November 2016 ballot. Funding will be used for renovations of state-owned long term care and community based facilities, health centers, group homes, fire safety improvements, accessibility renovations to state administrative and higher education institutions and other renovations to buildings throughout the state where open meetings are held, such as senior citizen centers. Projects are prioritized based on the results of a statewide accessibility survey that the Commission completed in FY 2012. It should be noted that many of these projects are for facilities owned by private providers.

The Governor recommended transferring the project to the Department of Administration's budget beginning in FY 2016. She recommended \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds each year for FY 2016 through FY 2020. She did not include the new general obligation bonds requested. The Commission would continue to be responsible for project prioritization. The Assembly concurred and reduced the Commission's FY 2015 appropriation by \$0.3 million to reflect updated expenditures.

# **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Pı	roject Total
Davies School HVAC	Revised	\$	2,980,000	\$	5,102,452
Met School HVAC	Revised		3,736,370		6,236,369
Met School Asset Protection	Revised		950,000		1,196,418
Met School East Bay Campus	Revised		-		8,815,687
Cranston Career and Technical School	Ongoing		-		3,278,260
Technology Infrastructure	Ongoing		2,800,000		19,800,000
Comprehensive Education Information System	Ongoing		281,041		7,615,286
Woonsocket Career and Technical School	Ongoing		3,150,000		3,192,661
Warwick Career and Technical School	Ongoing		2,150,000		3,135,040
Davies Asset Protection	Ongoing		1,370,000		2,818,877
School for the Deaf New Construction	Ongoing		-		30,937,501
Total		\$	17,417,411	\$	92,128,551
Sources of Funds					
Certificates of Participation		\$	3,081,041	\$	52,504,089
Federal Funds			-		4,600,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds			14,336,370		35,024,462
Total		\$	17,417,411	\$	92,128,551

**Summary.** The Board of Education requested capital project expenditures totaling \$93.9 million, which is \$6.6 million more than the approved capital plan adjusted for the removal of two projects that are complete. Of the total, \$13.4 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$25.4 million in FY 2015. The Governor's capital budget includes \$88.4 million in total projects, with \$22.4 million to be spent in FY 2015 and \$11.3 million to be spent in FY 2016 through FY 2020. This is \$2.1 million less than requested for the five-year period. She subsequently requested an amendment to add \$3.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Met School HVAC project for FY 2016. **The Assembly concurred with the amendment and shifted funding among years for several projects.** 

**Davies Career and Technical Center - HVAC.** The Board of Education requested \$3.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2017 to complete the \$5.1 million project to repair the HVAC system at the Davies Career and Technical Center. The request includes \$1.8 million for FY 2015, \$0.4 million for FY 2016, and \$0.9 million for FY 2017; the request is \$0.9 million above the approved plan reflecting an increased scope of work for plumbing and fixtures and to restore funding removed by the Governor in last year's recommendation, which the Assembly adopted.

The remaining work includes the replacement of heating and cooling units in classrooms, the cosmetology shop, and career and guidance offices, upgrading the water supply systems and related fixtures, and upgrading the HVAC units in the modular classroom building. The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$0.3 million from FY 2015 to FY 2018 to reflect project delays. The Assembly further shifted \$1.4 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016 through FY 2018 based on additional delays.

**Metropolitan Career and Technical Center - HVAC.** The Board of Education requested \$6.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2016 to repair the HVAC systems at the five buildings of the Metropolitan Career and Technical Center's Peace Street and Public Street campuses. This includes \$1.2 million in FY 2015 and \$2.9 million in FY 2016; \$0.4 million was spent

through FY 2014. This is \$3.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect increased costs related to the first two buildings that are anticipated to continue through completion of the final three buildings. The goal of the project is to replace outdated and inefficient equipment with more efficient and "green" energy equipment to prolong the life of the existing systems. The Governor did not recommend the additional funding and included \$1.8 million in FY 2015 for total project costs of \$2.5 million. She subsequently requested an amendment to add \$3.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2016 to reflect that delays have ended and the project's second phase is expected to occur in FY 2016. The Assembly concurred and added the funding.

Met School Asset Protection. The Board of Education requested \$2.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2020 for asset protection projects at the Met School's Peace Street and Public Street campuses in Providence and the East Bay campus in Newport. The request is \$1.7 million more than the approved plan for a ramp on the Newport campus to become Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, photovoltaic panels on the canopy covering the ramp and various paving and resurfacing, building repairs and security upgrades among the three campuses. The funds would also be used to make the Gallagher wing of the Florence Gray Center fire and safety code compliant and accessible under Americans with Disabilities Act standards. It appears that the approved plan did not bring the Gallagher building up to fire code standards, but because the building is being used for more than storage and office space, it must be brought up to code. The Department has not been found out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards, but it requests to build a ramp so that it is prepared for when the services are needed.

Instead of including the ramp for the East Bay campus as part of the separate project for the new school, the Department included it with the asset protection project. Perhaps it would make more sense to include the East Bay campus portions of this project with the separate project for the new school, since the ramp and photovoltaic cells are additions to the school campus, unlike fire code upgrades which update existing systems. It should be noted the Department's request for the completion of the East Bay campus is \$0.3 million above the approved plan from installing a roof mounted solar panel system. *The Governor recommended \$1.1 million less than requested. She recommended \$0.1 million annually in FY 2015 through FY 2017 and \$250,000 each year thereafter.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Metropolitan Career and Technical Center East Bay Campus.** The Board of Education requested \$0.3 million for FY 2015 for total project costs of \$9.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to complete the expansion and renovations at the Florence Gray Community Center in Newport to accommodate the growing student enrollment at the Met School's East Bay Campus. This is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan from installing a roof mounted solar panel system, allowing the school to have net-zero energy use.

The Met School opened in August 2006 with 30 students. The state purchased the Community Center from the Newport Housing Authority in August 2011, renovated the space and constructed an adjacent facility. Construction was completed in FY 2014, with final payments of \$25,000 being made in FY 2015 in addition to installing the solar panel system. The school's current enrollment is 160 students. *The Governor included only the \$93,176 remaining from the original project for FY 2015 and no additional funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Cranston Career and Technical School.** The Board of Education requested \$3.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2015 to cover remaining miscellaneous life and fire safety repairs and the replacement of the HVAC system at the Cranston Career and Technical Center. The Cranston School District has agreed to accept transfer of the building after the correction of the remaining code violations. The final payment was made in FY 2015 during the summer of 2014. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Technology Infrastructure.** The Board of Education requested \$20.0 million from Certificates of Participation through FY 2016 to upgrade the technology infrastructure in classrooms throughout the state to ensure that all local education agencies are able to access the comprehensive data systems by extending wireless access in classrooms. The 2012 Assembly approved the issuance of \$20.0 million and the project began in 2013. The request is consistent with the approved plan, but delays expenditures budgeted for FY 2014 and FY 2015 by one year. Site surveys are complete; districts began contracting with qualified vendors, and the Department has begun to release grants to districts for the upgrades. *The Governor recommended \$15.4 million in FY 2015 and \$2.8 million in FY 2016 for total project costs of \$19.8 million to reflect use of all available funds after all costs of issuance.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Comprehensive Education Information System.** Consistent with the approved capital budget, the Board of Education requested total project costs of \$7.6 million, including \$3.0 million from authorized Certificates of Participation and \$4.6 million from federal funds to implement the comprehensive education information system (CEIS) to integrate state and local district information. The Department spent \$7.1 million through FY 2014 and the remaining \$0.5 million from Certificates of Participation are programmed from FY 2015 through FY 2017 for implementation. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Woonsocket Career and Technical School.** The Board of Education requested \$3.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds through FY 2017 to replace the roof, meet building code requirements, and replace aging systems at the Woonsocket Career and Technical Center. The requested total funding is consistent with the approved plan, but reallocates unspent funds from FY 2014 to FY 2015 and FY 2016 and spreads the work over three years, for a request of \$1.8 million for FY 2015, \$1.0 million for FY 2016, and \$0.3 million for FY 2017. The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$0.8 million from FY 2015 to FY 2017. **The Assembly shifted \$1.0 million from FY 2015 to FY 2018 based on updated information.** 

**Warwick Career and Technical School.** The Board of Education requested \$3.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace the roofing systems at the Warwick Career and Technical School. The request is \$0.1 million more than the enacted amount and shifts some funding to later years to reflect increased cost estimates from continued delays. The Department anticipated that the district will accept the transfer of the facility after the repairs are made. *The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$0.8 million from FY 2016 to FY 2017.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Davies Asset Protection.** The Board of Education requested total project costs of \$2.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$0.8 million for FY 2015 and \$1.4 million for FY 2016 through FY 2020 for asset protection projects. The request is \$0.1 million less than the approved plan from changing project prioritization. Specific projects for FY 2015 include repaving the access drive and parking lots, correcting fire code violations, and electrical and plumbing upgrades for the cosmetology program. FY 2016 projects include waterproofing and sealing the cement foundation and window replacements; the remaining requested funding is for unspecified projects. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

School for the Deaf New Construction. The Board of Education's request includes \$0.2 million from Certificates of Participation for FY 2015 to complete construction of a detached garage which completes all construction on the new School for the Deaf in Providence. The 2009 Assembly provided \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2009 to begin the project and \$30.0 million from Certificates of Participation. The project was completed at a cost of \$30.6 million and students were able to occupy the new school on September 1, 2010. Contractors received their final payments in FY 2013 leaving \$0.6 million available. In FY 2014 and FY 2015, \$0.4 million was spent to build a garage that was not a part of the original request. The request is \$0.3 million less from Certificates of Participation

than the approved plan reflecting lower costs than expected for the garage. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

# **Public Higher Education**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total			Project Total
Systemwide					
Asset Protection	Ongoing	\$	69,787,039	\$	178,488,183
Community College			22,145,263		38,098,811
College			108,540,950		156,778,246
University			385,674,431		698,042,096
Total		\$	586,147,683	\$	1,071,407,336
Sources of Funds					
General Obligation Bonds - New		\$	95,700,000	\$	95,700,000
General Obligation Bonds			187,785,228		392,838,320
Other			10,082,130		57,855,404
Other Debt			13,500,000		30,190,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds			133,335,746		265,577,091
RIHEBC			105,833,460		144,405,189
University and College Funds			39,911,119		84,841,332
Total		\$	586,147,683	\$	1,071,407,336

**Summary.** The Council on Postsecondary Education approved five-year capital requests that include projects totaling \$909.1 million, of which \$519.5 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period; \$108.1 million would be spent in FY 2015. The Council did not approve \$443.9 million of projects requested by the University, of which \$272.2 million is related to projects in the state's approved capital plan. The Council on Postsecondary Education only approved projects that will begin by FY 2017. It passed a motion that acknowledges those projects of interest in the later years but "will reserve its approval for the timeframe in which their form and structure become more certain."

The Governor recommended \$1,068.1 million with \$582.7 million in projects to be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$112.8 million to be spent in FY 2015. Average annual outlays for the five-year period total \$116.5 million.

The Assembly added \$48,306 for the Community College's asset protection projects for FY 2015 and \$2.7 million for the University's asset protection projects in FY 2016 and FY 2019. It also added \$0.6 million for FY 2016 and FY 2017 for project management for the shared nursing education center and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

**New Bond Initiatives.** The current request includes \$125.0 million in new general obligation bond funds to be placed on the November 2014 ballot, consistent with the state's approved capital plan. Because the Council did not approve any projects with start dates after FY 2017, it did not approve two projects that have been in the approved capital plan for the November 2016 ballot: the Engineering Quadrangle Phase II project and Fine Arts Center, both at the University. These projects would have to be part of the FY 2017 budget in order for them to be placed on the November 2016 ballot.

The Governor's capital budget includes the \$125.0 million for phase I of the engineering renovations approved by the voters in November 2014. It also includes the two projects for the University to be placed on the November 2016 ballot consistent with the approved plan. **The Assembly concurred.** 

		Current	urrent Approved Plan			
Project		Board Req.		2014 Ballot	2	2016 Ballot
Engineering Quadrangle Phase I	URI	\$ 125,000,000	\$	125,000,000	\$	-
Engineering Quadrangle Phase II	URI	-		-		25,500,000
Fine Arts Center	URI	-		-		70,200,000
Total		\$ 125,000,000	\$	125,000,000	\$	95,700,000

**Other Debt.** The Council's current request also includes projects funded from revenue bonds. If a revenue stream is available, that revenue pays the debt service on the bonds. For example, housing fees would pay the debt service on a new dorm or renovation project. With projects for which there is no dedicated revenue stream, debt service is paid from either general revenues or tuition and fee revenues. The current request includes a total of \$81.8 million from revenue bonds, including \$50.0 million in the five-year period. Annual debt service on the \$50.0 million, assuming 20 years and a 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$4.1 million. Annual debt service on the entire \$81.8 million is \$6.8 million.

The Governor recommended \$144.4 million from revenue bonds, including \$105.8 million in the five-year period. The primary reason that the recommendation is \$62.6 million more than requested is that the Governor recommended several projects be funded from revenue bonds that were requested to be funded from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Annual debt service on the \$105.8 million assuming 20 years and 5.0 percent interest is \$8.8 million; for the full \$144.4 million, it is \$11.9 million. The Governor submitted a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance for the fraternity circle infrastructure project for which expenditures begin in FY 2016.

The Assembly authorized \$5.1 million from revenue bonds for the fraternity circle infrastructure project. Annual debt service would be \$0.4 million supported by general revenues, tuition and fees; total debt service payments would be \$8.1 million.

#### **Systemwide Projects**

**Asset Protection.** The Council requested \$95.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects for the five years of the current capital request. The Council assumed use of \$12.6 million for FY 2015 and \$17.8 million for FY 2016. The five-year request is \$29.3 million more than the approved capital plan for projects at the University to reflect its estimation of need. The University indicated that its need for maintaining its current assets will average between \$12.0 million and \$14.0 million a year for the five years of the capital plan. The approved capital plan includes \$7.5 million for FY 2015 growing to \$8.2 million for FY 2019. The requests for the Community College and College are consistent with the approved capital plan.

The 2006 Assembly included an annual five percent increase in asset protection projects as part of its multi-year appropriations. The 2008 Assembly provided three percent increases for FY 2011 and FY 2013 and a 10.0 percent increase for FY 2012 as part of its multi-year appropriations. The 2011 Assembly added \$2.0 million in each year, FY 2012 through FY 2016, which is in the current base.

The Governor added \$500,000 for the Community College in each FY 2017 and FY 2018 and removed \$500,000 from the University in FY 2019. Her budget also includes \$0.1 million in unspent proceeds from 1996 and 1998 general obligation bond referenda to be used by the Community College. The remaining recommendation is consistent with the approved plan.

The Assembly added \$48,306 for the Community College in FY 2015 to restore funding to the FY 2015 enacted level. It also restored \$2.2 million for the University in FY 2016 and \$0.5 million in FY 2019.

#### **Community College of Rhode Island**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total		
Community College of Rhode Island						
Flanagan Campus Locker Room Upgrade	New	\$	19,103	\$	75,391	
Flanagan Campus Labs	New		33,292		122,367	
Knight Campus Renewal	Revised		18,092,868		20,406,608	
Flanagan Campus Addition	Revised		4,000,000		6,000,000	
Energy Performance Contract	Ongoing		-		11,494,445	
Total		\$	22,145,263	\$	38,098,811	

**Flanagan Campus Locker Room Upgrade.** The Council requested \$0.7 million for a new project to upgrade 11 locker rooms and two restrooms at the Flanagan Campus Field House. The project will bring the space up to code, replace toilets, partitions, lockers, sinks, shower heads, grab bars and new slip resistant floor coatings. Funding is programmed for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and includes \$0.1 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$0.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. *The Governor recommended the \$0.1 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work programmed through FY 2016.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Flanagan Campus Labs.** The Council requested \$3.9 million for a new project to upgrade seven labs and seven preparation rooms at the Flanagan Campus. Renovations will include painting, asbestos floor remediation, upgrades to fume hoods, utilities, code compliance, vented storage units, ventilated dissection tables and ventilated specimen storage units. Construction is scheduled for FY 2017 and FY 2018; funding includes \$0.1 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$3.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. *The Governor recommended the \$0.1 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work programmed through FY 2018.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Knight Campus Renewal.** The Council requested \$20.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a comprehensive renewal of the interior of the Knight Campus Megastructure including \$2.0 million for FY 2015 for roadway and landscape improvements to the main entrance road and the facility entrance. This is consistent with the approved plan. Renovations will also include painting, relocation of offices, modifications to the cafeteria, student dining commons, student lounge, and bookstore. The request includes \$6.1 million for new projects at the Knight Campus in addition to this project.

It should be noted that the Community College staff indicated in the summer that it is not going to do the roadway and landscape improvements in FY 2015 as described in its capital budget request. After the Governor's budget submission, College staff indicated work for FY 2015 will include upgrading classrooms, painting, office relocation, modifications to the cafeteria, student dining commons, student lounge, and the bookstore. The Community College indicated that a comprehensive strategic planning process for the remainder of the project is currently underway.

The Governor recommended \$20.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds consistent with the approved capital plan, but programmed funding through FY 2020, two years later than the approved plan. She also recommended \$0.3 million from College funds. It appears the \$0.3 million from College funds is to address a portion of the additional \$6.1 million in projects requested by the Community College. The Assembly concurred.

**Flanagan Campus Addition.** The Council requested \$22.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to add approximately 50,000 square feet to the Flanagan Campus academic building, consistent

with the approved capital plan. The addition will include 15 classrooms, faculty offices, computer lab space, a theater/arts space, student lounge and additional study areas. The project also includes relocation of the bus shelter. Expenditures are programmed to begin in FY 2017. It should be noted that while the request is consistent with the approved capital plan, the Community College has requested two new, separate projects for Flanagan Campus that total \$4.6 million.

The Governor recommended a total of \$6.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds beginning in FY 2020. This is \$16.5 million less than the approved plan to reflect a change in priorities of the new Governor. She delayed the start of the project until FY 2020. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Energy Performance Contract.** The Council requested \$11.5 million from Certificates of Participation and College funds to purchase energy-saving improvements in buildings and infrastructure. Energy service contracts guarantee that savings in utility costs will be used to pay for the debt service on the cost of the replacement of antiquated and inefficient equipment. The Community College is authorized to enter into an energy services contract for an amount not to exceed \$11.5 million over seven years. The Community College has opted to use its own funds and programmed \$4.5 million from College funds of which \$4.2 million is already spent, requiring only \$6.6 million from Certificates of Participation. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Knight Campus Biology and Chemistry Labs. The Council requested \$3.0 million for a new project to renovate the biology and chemistry labs at the Knight Campus. The project will bring the labs up to current code standards and reconfigure the space. Funding is programmed for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and includes \$0.2 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$2.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. It should be noted that this project is separate from the \$20.1 million in the approved capital plan for Knight Campus renewal.

The Governor did not recommend funding for this project; however, she added \$1.0 million in asset protection funds in FY 2017 and FY 2018 that could be used for these types of projects. Her budget also includes \$0.1 million in unspent but issued proceeds from 1996 and 1998 general obligation bond referenda to be used by the Community College in FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Knight Campus Substation Upgrade.** The Council requested \$1.3 million for a new project to replace the existing high voltage switchgear at the main service entrance to the Knight Campus. The existing substation is more than 44 years old and the Community College indicated its desire to replace the old equipment before it fails. Funding is programmed for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and includes \$0.1 million from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. This project is separate from the \$20.1 million in the approved capital plan for Knight Campus renewal. *The Governor did not recommend funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Knight Campus Door Replacement.** The Council requested \$1.8 million for a new project to replace the doors on the Knight Campus. This includes classrooms, stairwells, faculty offices, administration offices, corridors, conference rooms and the library. Work is programmed for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Funding includes \$50,000 from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$1.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the remainder of the work. It should be noted that this project is separate from the \$20.1 million in the approved capital plan for Knight Campus renewal.

The Governor did not recommend funding for this project; however she did add \$1.0 million in asset protection funds in FY 2017 and FY 2018 that could be used for these types of projects. Her budget also includes \$0.1 million in unspent but issued proceeds from 1996 and 1998 general obligation bond referenda to be used by the Community College in FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Liston Campus Infrastructure Improvements.** The Council requested \$0.6 million for a new project to make improvements to the Liston Campus in Providence including upgrades to classrooms, window and door replacement, theater improvements, painting, ceiling replacement, lighting and HVAC upgrades. The project is scheduled for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Funding includes \$30,000 from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$570,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. These types of improvements appear to be asset protection projects.

The Governor did not recommend funding for this project; however she added \$1.0 million in asset protection funds in FY 2017 and FY 2018 that could be used for these types of projects. Her budget also includes \$0.1 million in unspent but issued proceeds from 1996 and 1998 general obligation bond referenda to be used by the Community College in FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Newport Campus Terrace Renovation.** The Council requested \$550,000 for a new project to remove and replace the concrete terrace, stairs, and railings. The Newport Campus was constructed in the early 2000s; however, the campus has several construction defects including the concrete terrace, which is unsafe for use because of crumbling concrete and cracks. The project is scheduled for FY 2016 and FY 2017; funding includes \$40,000 from College funds for architectural and engineering work and \$510,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction. These types of improvements appear to be asset protection projects. The Community College is planning on using asset protection funds to replace the roof and flashing. The Governor did not recommend funding for this project; however, she added \$1.0 million in asset protection funds in FY 2017 and FY 2018 that could be used for these types of projects. Her budget also includes \$0.1 million in unspent but issued proceeds from 1996 and 1998 general obligation bond referenda to be used by the Community College in FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Rhode Island College**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Project Total		
Rhode Island College						
Modernization/Renovation of Residence Halls	Revised	\$	-	\$	90,000	
Roads/Parking/Entrances	Revised		7,075,000		7,695,000	
Renovation/Addition Life Sciences Building	Revised		452,692		6,077,960	
Academic Buildings Phase I	Revised		50,116,922		57,682,207	
Academic Buildings Phase II	Ongoing		-		150,000	
Academic Buildings Phase III	Ongoing		150,000		150,000	
Academic Buildings Phase IV	Ongoing		150,000		150,000	
New Residence Hall II	Ongoing		-		75,000	
Student Union Renovation	Ongoing		36,846,336		36,910,731	
Infrastructure Modernization	Ongoing		10,500,000		18,499,999	
Energy Performance Contract	Ongoing		3,100,000		7,900,000	
Art Center Facility	Ongoing		-		21,247,349	
East Campus Improvements	Ongoing		150,000		150,000	
Total		\$	108,540,950	\$	156,778,246	

**Modernization/Renovation of Residence Halls.** The Council requested \$90,000 from College funds for a feasibility study to assess and evaluate five of the six residential facilities on campus. The five facilities range from 19 to 46 years old with limited renovations done during those time periods. The study is scheduled to be completed in FY 2015, one year later than the approved capital plan. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Roads/Parking/Entrances.** The Council requested \$8.4 million for improvements to the Hennessey Street alternative entrance to the College including \$5.0 million during the five-year period of the capital plan. Funding includes \$8.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds, \$1.3 million more than the approved capital plan to reflect pre-FY 2014 expenditures that were not included in the approved plan and \$20,000 from College funds programmed through FY 2017, two years earlier than the approved plan. *The Governor recommended funding consistent with the approved capital plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Renovation/Addition Life Sciences Building.** The Council requested \$6.1 million to renovate and construct an addition to the Fogarty Life Sciences Building. This includes \$0.8 million from College funds and \$5.3 million from general obligation bond funds programmed over FY 2014 and FY 2015. The request is \$0.5 million more from College funds than the approved capital plan based on updated cost estimates. The 2012 Assembly included \$50.0 million of new voter approved general obligation bonds for academic buildings to include renovation, upgrade and expansion of health and nursing facilities. The Board divided the bond funding into two projects with \$5.3 million for this project.

The College plans to provide students in the life sciences programs with adequate and up to date classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices. The renovation work in Fogarty Life Sciences Building includes improvements to the building's envelope, interior spaces, handicap accessibility and upgrades to the HVAC and electrical systems. The new addition will house nursing skills labs, a health assessment lab, simulation labs and debriefing rooms, standardized patient exam rooms and skill and simulation lab support. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Academic Buildings Phase I.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$45.6 million for a full renovation to Craig Lee and Gaige Halls. The request includes \$44.7 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters in November 2012 and \$0.9 million from College funds. The 2012 Assembly included \$50.0 million of new voter approved general obligation bonds for academic buildings and health and nursing facilities. Funding is programmed through FY 2017.

It should be noted that original estimates for this project came in over the amount of the general obligation bond. The College changed the scope of the project rather than seek additional funding. *The Governor recommended funding as requested. She added \$12.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to this project to re-purpose Adams Library, described below.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Re-purpose Adams Library.** The Council requested \$12.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to re-purpose areas within Adams Library to accommodate several departments such as the counseling center, disability services, student life, health promotions, Upward Bound, and the career development center that will be moving from other buildings. Funding is requested for FY 2016 so that it can accommodate the programs moving from Craig Lee Hall. Craig Lee Hall renovations are scheduled to begin in fall 2016 as part of the Academic Buildings Phase I project and the building will be closed during renovations. Absent this requested funding, the College would have to find alternate temporary space. *The Governor added \$12.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to the academic buildings phase I project, mentioned above.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Academic Buildings Phase II.** The Council requested \$150,000 from College funds for a feasibility study for the second phase of a four-phase project to modernize and rehabilitate eight academic buildings at Rhode Island College to be completed in FY 2015, consistent with the approved capital plan. The two buildings planned for renovation are Adams Library and the Horace Mann Hall. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Academic Buildings Phase III.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$150,000 from College funds for FY 2015 for a feasibility study for the third phase of a four-phase project to

modernize and rehabilitate eight academic buildings at Rhode Island College. The two buildings planned for renovation as part of the third phase are Whipple Hall and Roberts Hall based on a reassessment of the College's short term and long term needs and a reprioritization of the order in which the academic facilities will be renovated. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Academic Buildings Phase IV.** The Council requested \$150,000 from College funds for a feasibility study for the fourth and final phase of a project to modernize and rehabilitate eight academic buildings at Rhode Island College, consistent with the approved capital plan. The two buildings planned for renovation as part of this fourth phase are Clarke Science Hall and Henry Barnard School. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**New Residence Hall II.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$75,000 from College funds for a feasibility study for a new residence hall. The feasibility study will be conducted to assess and evaluate the College's ability to expand housing capacity by 350 to 400 beds. The study is scheduled for FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Student Union Renovation.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$36.9 million for the renovation and expansion of the Student Union. This includes \$34.5 million from revenue bonds backed by user fees and \$2.4 million from College funds. Construction is planned for FY 2018 and FY 2019. Assuming 20 years and 5.0 percent interest, annual debt service payments would be \$2.9 million for a total cost of \$55.2 million. *The Governor recommended funding as requested, but extended construction through FY 2020.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Infrastructure Modernization.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requested \$18.7 million to modernize and replace steam lines, steam condensate lines, voice and data systems and the electrical distribution system. The project includes \$18.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.2 million from College funds programmed through FY 2019. *The Governor recommended the Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as requested. She did not recommend the \$0.2 million from College funds.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Energy Performance Contract.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$7.9 million from Certificates of Participation and College funds to enter into an energy performance contract to purchase energy saving improvements in buildings and infrastructure. Funding is programmed for completion in FY 2016. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Art Center Facility.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$21.2 million for the construction of a new 54,000 square foot Art Center Facility. The request includes \$17.0 million from general obligation bond funds that were approved by the voters on the November 2010 ballot, \$2.7 million from College funds and \$1.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**East Campus Improvements.** The Council requested \$150,000 from College funds for FY 2016 for a new project to conduct a feasibility study for the renovations of several buildings on the east campus. The College also plans to review and evaluate establishing a greenway on the upper portion of Cole Road. and review the potential renovation and expansion of Parking Lot E6 on Salisbury Road. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

# **University of Rhode Island**

Projects	Status	Year Total	P	Project Total
University of Rhode Island				
Roger Williams Complex Advance Planning	New	\$ 4,820,000	\$	5,410,280
Gateway to URI (Welcome Center)	New	6,696,749		7,300,000
Hazardous Materials Storage	New	700,000		700,000
Fraternity Circle Improvements Phase I	New	5,100,000		5,100,000
Fraternity Circle Master Plan	New	2,900,000		2,900,000
Storm Water Management	New	2,808,553		6,400,000
Public Safety Building	New	6,600,000		6,600,000
Classroom and Instructional Lab Improvements	New	5,000,000		5,000,000
Memorial Union Renovation and Addition	New	-		50,000
Morrill Hall Renovation	New	2,507,740		12,550,000
Repaving, Hardscape and Landscape	New	10,000,000		10,000,000
Anna Fascitelli Wellness Center	Revised	-		11,745,381
Butterfield Dining Hall	Revised	2,099,948		10,609,000
LGBTQ Center	Revised	-		2,050,000
New Chemistry Building	Revised	31,078,546		77,191,237
Nursing Education Center	Revised	11,100,000		12,214,393
Ranger Hall	Revised	3,420,915		5,445,390
Upper College Road Multi-use Development	Revised	-		500,000
NBC Campus Building Renovation Planning	Revised	-		450,000
Biological Resources Renovation	Revised	2,164,897		23,900,000
Combined Health and Counseling Center	Revised	14,037,445		21,300,000
White Hall	Revised	1,500,000		2,885,607
Utility Infrastructure Phase I	Revised	6,500,000		6,500,000
Utility Infrastructure Phase II	Revised	18,382,500		18,382,500
Energy Conservation Phase II	Revised	-		5,590,000
Facilities Services Sector Upgrade	Revised	9,900,000		9,900,000
Shepard Building Upgrades	Revised	2,800,000		4,800,000
Fine Arts Center Advanced Planning	Ongoing	-		325,275
Fine Arts Center	Ongoing	70,200,000		70,200,000
College of Pharmacy	Ongoing	-		70,349,676
Electric Utility Substation Replacement	Ongoing	1,200,000		7,000,000
Fire Protection Academic & Administrative Buildings	Ongoing	3,221,312		25,848,356
Fire Protection Auxiliary Enterprise Buildings	Ongoing	5,370,675		18,205,000
North District Infrastructure	Ongoing	1,136,065		10,315,000
Repaving and Road Construction	Ongoing	3,929,086		14,725,000
Engineering Building Renovations	Ongoing	125,000,000		125,000,000
Engineering Building Renovations - Phase II	Ongoing	25,500,000		25,500,000
Environmental Biotechnology Center	Ongoing	-		55,100,001
Total		\$ 385,674,431	\$	698,042,096

**Roger Williams Complex Advanced Planning.** The Council requested \$5.4 million from University housing auxiliary sources for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for design work related to a new project to improve and/or replace deteriorating portions of the University's housing stock.

It should be noted that the University requested \$0.2 million to only include the Roger Williams Complex. The Council added \$5.2 million to the request to enlarge the scope to include all of the university's housing stock. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Gateway to URI (Welcome Center). The Council requested \$7.3 million from unrestricted University funds for a new project to design and construct a new welcome center called the "Gateway to URI". This project will comprise a 12,500 square foot building located on Upper College Road. The University states that as a tuition dependent institution, it needs to locate and highlight the admissions operation and offer space and facilities to create a one-stop shop of information and programs for prospective students and their families. The building will contain a large presentation room for information sessions and smaller classroom-like spaces, small meetings rooms and staff offices to meet with visiting groups, students, families and faculty. The Governor recommended funding as requested. The Assembly concurred.

**Hazardous Materials Storage.** The Council requested \$0.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2016 for new hazardous materials storage at the Narragansett Bay Campus to provide safe chemical storage. Currently the Campus has three hazardous materials storage buildings located near the central receiving building. According to the University, the three buildings do not provide climate controlled conditions, are in deteriorating condition and do not provide for the appropriate and safe chemical storage needs of the Bay Campus. This project would include three pre-fabricated and engineered storage buildings with a covered concrete staging area configured in a U-shaped layout. *The Governor included funding as requested but recommended University funds instead of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and programmed it over FY 2016 and FY 2017.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fraternity Circle Improvements Phase I.** The Council requested \$5.1 million from revenue bonds for the first phase of a new project for code compliance work and road and utilities improvements to Fraternity Circle. Debt service would be supported by general revenues, tuition and fees. Annual debt service assuming 5.0 percent interest and 20 years would be \$0.4 million with a total cost of \$8.1 million. Key elements of the project will include utility improvements, storm water management and street and pedestrian networks such as new roadways, parking lots, pedestrian walkways, and new site lighting. Funding is programmed from FY 2016 through FY 2018.

The University requested revenue bonds for this project because it is for infrastructure work on University owned property and the University believes it is its responsibility to maintain and repair this type of infrastructure. This differs from the second phase of the project, requested by the University but not approved by the Council, which would be supported by privately raised funds and include landscaping and other improvements to the buildings. The Governor recommended funding as requested and submitted a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance. The Assembly authorized \$5.1 million from revenue bonds.

**Fraternity Circle Improvements Phase II.** The University requested \$2.9 million from private funds for the second phase of a new project for landscaping and improvements to recreational areas and roadway and parking facilities. The University is requesting privately raised funds for this project because it is for work on the buildings which are owned and operated by the fraternities. Funding is programmed for FY 2018 through FY 2019. This project was not approved by the Council. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Storm Water Management.** The Council requested \$6.4 million for a new project to make storm water improvements to existing drainage systems on campus. The drainage improvements would provide additional storage volume and improve channel and pipe sizes and alignment to reduce the frequency of overtopping and flooding. Funding includes \$3.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.8

million from University funds and is programmed from FY 2017 through FY 2019. The Governor recommended \$6.4 million, entirely from University funds, programmed from FY 2017 through the post-FY 2020 period. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Public Safety Building.** The Council requested \$6.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed over FY 2017 and FY 2018 for a new project to design and construct a new public safety building to house the campus police, parking, risk management and safety compliance offices of the University. This project has been requested in the past few budgets but neither the Governor nor the Assembly has approved it. *The Governor included total funding as requested but recommended University funds instead of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Classroom and Instructional Lab Improvements. The Council requested \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed from FY 2017 through FY 2019 for a new project to make improvements to classrooms and instructional laboratory facilities within the University academic buildings that have not benefited from major renovations or are in the most need of adaptation. This project includes finishes on walls and floors, window treatments, acoustical treatments, furnishings, and environmental conditions. This project was requested in the past few years but neither the Governor nor the Assembly approved it. The Governor included total funding as requested but recommended University funds instead of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Assembly concurred.

**Memorial Union Renovation and Addition.** The Council requested \$50,000 for FY 2016 for a new project to conduct a feasibility study for renovations and construction of additions to the Memorial Union. The plan would also include conference and banquet facilities that could be rented to produce revenue. According to the Association of College Unions International, the University's union is undersized for its population by at least 70,000 square feet and lacks space for certain functions. *The Governor recommended funding as requested but shifted funding to FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Morrill Hall Renovation.** The University requested \$25.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to renovate Morrill Hall to house the department of nutrition and food science as well as general assignment classrooms. This 32,036 square foot, four-story masonry building was constructed in 1965 and is mostly vacated from the department of cell and molecular biology relocating to the new center for biotechnology and life sciences. This project has been requested in the past several years but not included in the approved capital plan. The Council did not approve this project. *The Governor recommended a total of \$12.6 million including \$6.3 million from private funding and \$6.3 million from University funds programmed to begin in FY 2020.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Repaving, Hardscape, Landscape.** The University requested \$10.0 million from revenue bonds for the fifth phase of the University's efforts to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways. Annual debt service assuming 5.0 percent interest and 20 years would be \$0.8 million with a total cost of \$16.0 million. Debt service would be supported by parking fees for the parking lot portions of the project and general revenues, tuition and fees for the roads and walkways portion. Funding is programmed from FY 2018 through FY 2020. This project was not approved by the Council. The Governor recommended funding as requested. A resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance would be required with the FY 2017 budget based on the start date. **The Assembly took no action.** 

**Anna Fascitelli Wellness Center.** The Council requested \$11.7 million from private funds and student affairs auxiliary funds to renovate the Anna Fascitelli Wellness Center, a 29,618 square foot two-story masonry building constructed in 1969 into a student wellness and activity center. Funding is \$0.7 million more than the approved capital plan based on final costs. Funding is programmed through FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Butterfield Dining Hall.** The Council requested \$10.6 million from student affairs auxiliary fund balances and dining services operating fees programmed through FY 2015 to expand the Butterfield Dining Hall. This request is \$2.1 million more than the approved capital plan based on the inclusion of a new generator as well as updated cost estimates. This project includes a 5,900 square foot addition, as well as remodeling of the existing facility to accommodate an increase in students from the Hillside Residence Hall. The project also includes a 1,500 square foot second floor addition and 950 square feet of renovations for student lounge and common areas. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**LGBTQ Center.** The Council requested \$2.1 million from University sources programmed through FY 2015 to construct a 5,000 square foot facility to support gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and trans-gender community members. This project includes multipurpose rooms, as well as a student lounge, resource area, kitchen space, and offices. The request is \$0.6 million or 36.7 percent more than the approved capital plan based on the bid responses received. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**New Chemistry Building.** The Council requested \$77.2 million to design and construct a new chemistry building. The approved plan includes a \$68.2 million project with \$61.0 million from voter approved general obligation bonds and \$4.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct a new 130,000 square foot chemistry building. The request includes \$3.9 million from University and other funds, which is \$1.5 million more than the approved capital plan based on revised cost estimates. The project will provide classrooms, research laboratories, faculty and administrative offices.

The Council also requested \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$2.0 million from University funds and \$1.5 million from private funding to build out the fourth floor of the chemistry building as well as fitting several teaching labs. This portion of the project is new. The current cost estimate for the entire project is for a total of \$77.2 million, which is \$10.4 million more than the approved capital plan. In order to meet the current project budget, the construction contract will not include the completion of the interior of the fourth floor research areas. The University is requesting a new companion project to build out the fourth floor. This project was requested exclusively from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as part of the FY 2015 request but not recommended by the Governor or authorized by the Assembly. The Governor recommended the total \$77.2 million as requested. This includes the requested funding for the fourth floor. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Nursing Education Center.** The Council's request includes \$11.7 million for the nursing education center including \$10.5 million from Certificates of Participation approved by the 2014 Assembly to purchase equipment, fixtures and furnishings. Annual debt service assuming a ten-year term and 7.0 percent interest would be \$1.5 million. The request also includes \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for continued project management services in addition to legal negotiations and design work that occurred during FY 2014.

The 2014 Assembly authorized the Board of Education and the Department of Administration to enter into a 15-year lease with the developer of the South Street Landing property in Providence for use as a joint nursing education center by the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College. Occupancy is anticipated for July 2016 and no lease payments will be made until possession occurs which would be FY 2017. The annual lease payment would be \$6.0 million funded from a combination of general revenues, tuition and fees.

The approved capital plan includes \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as part of this project for upgrades to White Hall, the current location of the University's nursing program. This year, the University requested \$3.5 million for White Hall as a separate project.

Subsequent to the budget submission, the University submitted an additional request for \$1.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 through FY 2017 to continue program management services that began in FY 2014. Services will include a project manager and construction clerk for up to three days per week, and other personnel as needed including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, cost estimators and financial support staff. The request includes \$0.5 million for FY 2015, \$0.4 million for FY 2016 and \$0.2 million for FY 2017; \$0.5 million was spent in FY 2014.

The Governor recommended \$11.6 million including \$10.5 million from Certificates of Participation and \$1.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for project administration, legal and architecture and engineering services. The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to add \$400,000 for program management services in FY 2016. The Assembly concurred and also added \$200,000 for FY 2017 as requested by the University after its budget submission.

**Ranger Hall.** The Council's request includes \$5.4 million for the rehabilitation and restoration of Ranger Hall. The building currently houses Nutrition and Food Sciences but will be converted from a lab-based building to one better suited for classroom and office use for the University's new Harrington School of Communication and Media. Funding includes \$3.6 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved in 1996 and \$1.8 million from private sources, \$0.8 million more than the approved capital plan. The project is scheduled to be completed during FY 2016. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Upper College Road Multi-use Development.** The Council requested \$500,000 from University funds for FY 2015 to conduct a feasibility study on a public/private partnership to turn Upper College Road into a multi-use development. This project is envisioned as a public/private partnership with an inn that will be privately owned and managed on University property with the University acting as an anchor tenant. The project will include facilities for a 100 bed hotel, 100 beds in apartment style units, a restaurant/University Club, a retail bookstore, and conference space.

It should be noted that the University requested \$89.0 million; the Council approved \$500,000 from University funds for a feasibility study. *The Governor recommended \$0.5 million for a feasibility study in FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**NBC Building Renovation Planning.** The Council requested \$450,000 from University funds for FY 2015 for a project to engage an architectural and engineering firm to undertake planning for the Narragansett Bay Campus. Work would include evaluations of existing buildings and the establishment of priority projects for a comprehensive renovation. This request is \$150,000 more than the approved capital plan to increase the scope of the project to allow for an advance planning study of the Horn Building, in addition to the Master Plan work. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Biological Resources Renovation.** The University's request includes a \$23.7 million project to construct a 17,000 square foot biological resources laboratory designed to centralize and replace the numerous small laboratory animal care facilities on the Kingston Campus. This is \$5.2 million more than the approved capital plan to reflect cost escalation associated with delaying the project five years. Funding is programmed to begin in FY 2020. The University is proposing to use federal research overhead recovery to support lease payments for a public/private partnership. The new lab would be designed to National Institute of Health standards and be located underground the new north district science courtyard and connected to the lower two floors of the new College of Pharmacy Building. The Council did not approve this project.

The Council did approve \$0.2 million from University funds for architectural and engineering services during FY 2015 for a needs analysis and feasibility study for the renovation and consolidation of the

existing animal facilities. The University reports that an independent evaluation of the laboratory animal program was conducted in March 2014. The study noted multiple deficiencies including the inability to properly sanitize and disinfect animal housing and equipment, that the facilities have substandard air circulation, older box cages that are less resilient to the transfer of pathogens and poor separation of rooms designed for containment.

The Governor recommended \$23.9 million for both the feasibility study as well as construction as requested by the University. She programmed \$0.2 million for a feasibility study in FY 2015 and construction beginning in FY 2020. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Combined Health and Counseling Center. The University requested \$21.3 million from auxiliary fund balances, revenue bonds and private funds for a new project to begin in FY 2019 to combine health services and the counseling center into a single facility. This is \$1.0 million more than the approved capital plan to reflect the delay of the start date one year. The existing, physically separate facilities require duplications in support staff and medical record keeping. The University reports that the capacity of both facilities is insufficient to meet the growing demand for health and counseling services. The Council did not approve this project. The Governor recommended funding as requested by the University. A resolution for Assembly approval of the debt would be required with the FY 2018 budget based on the planned start date. The Assembly took no action.

White Hall. The Council's request includes \$3.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations to White Hall, the current home of the University's College of Nursing. The approved capital plan includes \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as part of the nursing education center project, \$2.0 million of which is for upgrades to White Hall. This request separates White Hall as its own project. Renovations will focus on upgrading antiquated building systems and improving the building envelope including foundation waterproofing and drainage system with minor cosmetic improvements. The additional \$1.5 million will support a new HVAC system, exterior envelope and windows. Funding is programmed through FY 2016.

The Governor recommended \$2.9 million including \$1.5 million from University funds and \$1.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2016. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase I. The Council requested \$6.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed over FY 2016 and FY 2017 for Phase I of a utility infrastructure project. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution, water distribution, electrical distribution, sanitary sewer and storm water management systems. The approved capital plan assumed funding from revenue bonds but the Governor did not submit a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance and the Assembly took no action. The Governor recommended funding consistent with the approved capital plan, but recommended revenue bonds instead of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. She did not submit a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt. The Assembly took no action.

**Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II.** The University requested \$18.4 million from revenue bonds backed by general revenues and tuition and fees for the second phase of utility infrastructure upgrades programmed over FY 2018 through FY 2020. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution system, water distribution system, electrical distribution system and the sanitary sewer system. The total cost of Phase II, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term is \$29.4 million with annual debt service of \$1.5 million. Governor Chafee recommended \$24.9 million from revenue bonds for both phases as part of his FY 2015 capital budget but did not submit a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance. The Assembly took no action. The Council did not approve this project. *The Governor recommended \$18.4 million from revenue bonds programmed to begin in FY 2018. A resolution for Assembly approval of the debt would be required with the FY 2017 budget based on the planned start date.* **The Assembly took no action.** 

**Energy Conservation Phase II.** The Council requested \$12.6 million from Certificates of Participation for the second phase of a project for the University to enter into an energy performance contract to purchase energy-saving improvements in buildings and infrastructure. The 2010 Assembly approved a lease not to exceed \$12.6 million at the University; this was the second phase of a project that began in 2006 when \$18.1 million was authorized.

The Governor recommended \$5.6 million from Certificates of Participation, which is \$7.0 million less than authorized to reflect projects that the University has identified. The Budget Office has indicated that if the University identifies more projects, it will issue the remaining funds. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Facilities Services Sector Upgrade.** The University requested \$9.9 million from new revenue bonds to make improvements to the service sector area that houses the operations and maintenance functions, and stores equipment, furniture and supplies. The plan calls for the demolition of select buildings. New buildings will accommodate equipment and furniture storage and any workshops necessary in the facilities compound while largely hiding the operations from public view. Assuming 20 years and 5.0 percent interest, annual debt service payments would be \$0.8 million for a total cost of \$15.9 million. The debt will be paid from the University's unrestricted budget; this includes general revenues, tuition, and fees. This project was not approved by the Council.

The Governor recommended funding as requested by the University programmed to begin in FY 2018. A resolution for Assembly approval of the debt would be required with the FY 2017 budget based on the planned start date. **The Assembly took no action.** 

**Shepard Building Upgrades.** The University requested \$4.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed to begin in FY 2019 for a new project to make repairs to the Shepard Building in Providence. This is \$0.2 million or 4.3 percent more than approved to reflect a one year delay in the start of the project. The project will include roof replacement, receiving door replacement, renovations to the Westminster Street entrance and replacement of all restroom floors. The University anticipates that this will reduce operating and maintenance costs, improve health and safety and beautify the building. This project was not approved by the Council. *The Governor recommended funding as requested and programmed it from FY 2018 through the post-FY 2020 period.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fine Arts Center Advanced Planning.** The Council's request includes \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.3 million from University funds for planning and design work for renovation and enhancement of the 120,720 square foot fine arts center on the Kingston Campus, which serves the University's program in the musical, theatrical, visual and graphic arts. The approved capital plan includes \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for planning and assumes \$70.2 million from general obligation bonds for construction to be submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot. The Council's request did not include the general obligation bond funding because that expenditure is programmed to begin in FY 2018 and the Council only approved projects with expenditures beginning by FY 2017. *The Governor recommended \$0.3 million from University funds for planning and design work programmed through FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fine Arts Center.** The University requested \$84.2 million from new general obligation bonds and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to complete renovation and enhancement of the 120,720 square foot fine arts center on the Kingston Campus, which serves the University's program in the musical, theatrical, visual and graphic arts. The approved capital plan includes \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for planning and assumes \$70.2 million from general obligation bonds for construction to be submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot. The current request is \$13.6 million more than the approved capital plan based on the completed study and schematic design and an increase in the cost escalation assumptions used. The request includes \$80.0 million from general obligation bonds and \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This includes an additional

\$3.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.3 million from University funds for design work. The University indicated that using Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for design will shorten the overall project timeline, resulting in lower construction escalation costs.

The Council approved \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. It did not approve the \$80.0 million request for new general obligation bonds to be placed on the November 2016 ballot.

The Governor included \$70.2 million from general obligation bonds for construction to be submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot, consistent with the approved capital plan. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**College of Pharmacy.** The Council's request for \$70.3 million includes \$65.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2006, \$1.0 million from University funds and \$4.3 million from private donations and other third party funds. The plan calls for the construction of a 148,000 square foot facility. The building will provide classrooms, teaching laboratories, research laboratories, faculty, staff and administrative offices, and outreach programs. Because bids were lower than the bond authorization amount, the University opted to use the savings to build out the shelled space in the lowest level of the building. This new space is intended to support partnerships with the developing biopharmaceutical industry. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Electric Utility Substation Replacement.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requested \$7.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds over FY 2015 and FY 2016 to replace the electric utility substation. The 2014 Assembly provided pay-go funding for FY 2015 because the University indicated that this project was critical in nature because of the advanced age of the existing equipment. The project involves the engineering and construction to replace two electric substations and associated switch gear. The new substations will receive and distribute power underground versus the current overhead configuration. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fire Protection Academic & Administrative Buildings.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$13.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$12.5 million from federal fiscal stabilization funds for a project to upgrade existing fire alarm systems and install fire-suppressing sprinkler systems in all of the University of Rhode Island's academic and administrative buildings that are not presently equipped with sprinkler and addressable alarm systems, which are systems that can pinpoint which specific device has been activated. The project is programmed through FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested but extended funding through FY 2016.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fire Protection Auxiliary Enterprise Buildings.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$18.2 million from revenue bonds to upgrade existing fire alarm systems and install fire-suppressing sprinkler systems in all of the University of Rhode Island's auxiliary enterprise buildings that are not presently equipped with sprinkler and addressable alarm systems. This includes some of the older dorms, a dining hall and Memorial Union. The 2008 Assembly authorized the University to issue \$19.4 million in revenue bonds backed by student fees for this project and the project cost reflects the \$18.2 million that is available net of issuance costs. Funding is programmed through FY 2017. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**North District Infrastructure.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requested \$10.3 million from revenue bond funds to fund on-site utility connections, drainage systems, walkways, parking areas, landscaping and demolition work in the north district of campus for projects underway including the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences, Chemistry buildings and the College of Pharmacy. The 2008 Assembly authorized the University to issue \$11.2 million in revenue bonds for this project. The bonds were issued in June 2009. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Repaving and Road Construction.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Council requested \$14.7 million from revenue bonds backed by parking fees and University funds for the third phase of the University's efforts to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways. The Parking Services Enterprise is providing funding from existing fund balances to develop an additional 300 commuter/event parking spaces in conjunction with the road extension project. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Engineering Building Renovations. Consistent with the approved capital budget, the Council requested \$125.0 million from new general obligation bonds for the first phase of a project to renovate buildings in the engineering quadrangle to begin in FY 2015. The first phase involves the razing of Crawford, Gilbreth, Kelly, and Wales halls and Kelly Annex, renovations to Kirk Hall and construction of a new building. The project will focus on the improvement of classrooms and offices, modernization of teaching laboratories, upgrading elevators, and restrooms. The heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems will also be replaced along with the roofs. The project encompasses 195,000 square feet of space. This project was approved by the voters on the November 2014 ballot. *The Governor recommended funding as requested but programmed it to begin in FY 2016.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Engineering Building Phase II.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the University requested \$25.5 million from new general obligation bonds for a second phase of the engineering building renovation project programmed to begin in FY 2018 and placed on the November 2016 ballot. Annual debt service assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term would be \$2.1 million. The second phase would include the renovation and an addition to Bliss Hall. This project was not approved by the Council. *The Governor recommended funding consistent with the approved capital plan.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Environmental Biotechnology Center. The Board's request did not include the \$60.3 million project for expansion of the Biological Sciences Center. The voters approved \$50.0 million from general obligation bonds placed on the November 2004 ballot for construction of a 140,000 square foot facility to provide classrooms, laboratory facilities, animal care holding facilities and office space. Funding also included \$5.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$1.9 million from private sources, \$2.4 million from federal funds, \$0.2 million from authorized Certificates of Participation for education technology projects through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's budget and a \$0.1 million rebate from National Grid for HVAC modifications. The new center opened in 2009. Completion of the fourth floor began in the fall of 2011 and was completed in the fall of 2012. *The Governor's budget includes final expenditures of \$0.5 million for FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### **University Request**

The Council did not approve \$443.9 million of projects requested by the University, of which \$272.2 million is for projects in the approved capital plan. The Council on Postsecondary Education only approved projects that will begin by FY 2017. It passed a motion that acknowledges those projects of interest in the later years but "will reserve its approval for the timeframe in which their form and structure become more certain." The projects listed in the following table were requested by the University but not approved by the Council.

Projects recommended by the Governor and approved by the Assembly are included in the totals and descriptions above. They are included in the table below for comparison purposes only.

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<u>Project</u>	Request	Assembly
Upper College Road Multi-use Development	\$ 88,600,000	\$ 500,000
Fine Arts Center	80,000,000	70,525,275
Engineering Phase II	25,500,000	25,500,000
Facilities Services Sector Upgrade	9,900,000	9,900,000
Fraternity Circle Improvements Phase II	2,900,000	2,900,000
Edwards Hall Renovation	3,900,000	-
Repaving, Hardscape and Landscape	10,000,000	10,000,000
Shepard Building Upgrades	4,800,000	4,800,000
Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II	18,382,500	18,382,500
Ocean Engineering	38,900,000	-
Historic Quadrangle Building Renovations	95,000,000	-
Combined Health and Counseling Center	21,300,000	21,300,000
Rhode Island State Crime Lab	4,900,000	-
Morrill Hall Renovation	25,100,000	12,550,000
Biological Resources Lab	23,700,000	23,700,000
Horn Building Renovation	24,900,000	<del>_</del>
Total	\$ 477,782,500	\$ 200,057,775

**Upper College Road Multi-use Development.** The University requested \$88.6 million as part of a public/private partnership to turn Upper College Road into a multi-use development. This project is envisioned as a public/private partnership with an inn that will be privately owned and managed on University property with the University acting as an anchor tenant. It will include a 100 bed hotel, 100 beds in apartment style units, a restaurant/University Club, a retail bookstore, and conference space. The current request is \$29.9 million or 50.5 percent greater than the approved capital plan. The University conducted a campus housing study that determined that there is a demand for more independent style apartment housing. As the project study has been fine-tuned over the past year, the University decided to revise the original plan by increasing the number of apartments from 20 to 75 and increasing the gross square footage from 130,000 to 186,000. The University proposed entering into a public/private partnership in FY 2016.

The Council on Postsecondary Education did not approve this project as requested. Instead, it approved \$500,000 from University funds to conduct a feasibility study during FY 2015. The Governor recommended the \$500,000 for a feasibility study as approved by the Council. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Edwards Hall.** The University requested \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to make exterior and interior renovations to Edwards Hall. Funding is programmed for FY 2018 and FY 2019. The building was constructed in 1928 as the University's assembly hall. Renovations include new doors and windows, handicap access improvements, historic restoration of the hall and restroom improvements and installation of new heating and air conditioning equipment. This project has been requested as part of the past several budgets but neither the Governor nor the Assembly included it in the capital plan. This project was not approved by the Council. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Ocean Engineering.** The University requested \$38.9 million from new general obligation bonds for the third phase of the engineering school upgrades and renovations. This third phase is programmed to begin in FY 2019 and includes the replacement of the Sheets Building on the Narragansett Bay Campus.

The approved capital plan includes \$125.0 million of new general obligation bonds to be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot. Annual debt service assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year

term would be \$10.3 million. It also includes \$25.5 million from general obligation bonds to be placed on the November 2016 ballot for the second phase of this project. Annual debt service assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term would be \$2.1 million. This project was not approved by the Council. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Historic Quadrangle.** The University requested \$95.0 million from new general obligation bonds for renovations to buildings in the historic quadrangle to begin in FY 2019. This is \$36.0 million more than last year's request to include renovations to Quinn Hall in addition to Roosevelt, Washburn, East, and Ranger Halls. The project will focus on the improvement of classrooms and offices, modernization of teaching laboratories, upgrading elevators, and restrooms. The heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems will also be replaced along with the roofs. The project encompasses 184,738 square feet of space. This project has been requested in the last several budgets but neither the Governor nor the Assembly have included it in the capital plan. The Council did not approve this project. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Rhode Island Crime Lab.** The University requested \$4.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to make repairs to the State Crime Lab. This project involves the relocation of the existing state crime lab from the basement of Fogarty Hall to a larger and more secure facility in West Kingston, Rhode Island. The proposed renovated facility will combine the several sections of the crime lab into a single location to include administration, firearms, latent prints and trace. The facility will accommodate nine full-time equivalent positions and the various instruments used by the staff as well as space to house the firing tank which is currently located a half mile away from the current facility. Funding is programmed to begin in FY 2020. The Council did not approve this project. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Horn Building Renovations.** The Council requested \$24.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2017 through FY 2019 to make renovations to the Francis Horn Building, a research laboratory on the Narragansett Bay Campus, constructed in 1968. This new project will renovate the building envelope, reconfiguring classrooms and offices, modernizing laboratories, upgrading plumbing, windows, doors, fume hoods and exhausts to meet compliance codes, and replacing the HVAC system. This project has been requested in the last few years, but neither the Governor nor the Assembly has included it in the capital plan. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total	
Creative and Cultural Economy	Approved	\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000
Total		\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000
Sources of Funds					
General Obligation Bonds		\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000
Total		\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000

**Creative and Cultural Economy.** The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts did not submit a capital request; however in November 2014, the voters approved \$35.0 million from new general obligation bonds for the Creative and Cultural Economy program. This includes \$30.0 million to be administered by the Council on the Arts and \$5.0 million to be administered by the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

The Creative and Cultural Economy program is a new initiative that focuses on investing in arts-based infrastructure projects and promoting the state as an artistic hub. Of the \$30.0 million to be administered by the Council, \$23.1 million is allocated to specific arts organizations as identified in the ballot question and \$6.9 million will go into a pool to be awarded and administered by the Council. The Council has developed the guidelines and processes by which undesignated grantees can receive this funding. Bond funds will be awarded through a competitive process and follow the requirements of other Council grant programs such as an organization having 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, being registered with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, governed by a revolving board of directors, trustees or advisory board drawn from the community at large and shown to be actively involved in the governance of the organization. The Governor recommended \$5.0 million each in FY 2016 and FY 2017 and \$10.0 million each in FY 2018 and FY 2019. **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission**

Projects	Status		ear Total	Project Total	
Asset Protection	Ongoing	\$	250,000	\$	666,785
Total		\$	250,000	\$	666,785
Sources of Funds					
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	250,000	\$	666,785
Total		\$	250,000	\$	666,785

**Summary**. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requested \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center in Narragansett during the five-year period of the capital plan. Projects include office renovations, sewer/septic system updates, and exterior renovations. Planned work for FY 2016 includes patching and repair of concrete and other improvements. The Commission has spent \$0.4 million on asset protection projects since FY 2008. The Governor recommended \$10,000 less than requested in FY 2015 to reflect updated costs for a building study for which the enacted budget included \$50,000 in addition to the \$50,000 it receives for asset protection every year. **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### **Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission**

Projects	Status	5`	Year Total	Project Total		
Eisenhower House Asset Protection	Revised	\$	-	\$	2,371,728	
Historic Preservation Grants	Approved		5,000,000		5,000,000	
Total		\$	5,000,000	\$	7,371,728	
Sources of Funds						
General Obligation Bonds		\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000	
Rhode Island Capital Funds			-		2,371,728	
Total		\$	5,000,000	\$	7,371,728	

**Summary.** The Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission's capital request includes projects totaling \$7.3 million, of which \$5.2 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. *The Governor recommended total funding of \$7.4 million, of which \$5.0 million is for the five-year period. The recommendation is \$0.1 million more than requested from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Assembly concurred.* 

**Eisenhower House Asset Protection.** The Commission requested total project costs of \$2.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for significant renovations to the Eisenhower House. The request is \$0.2 million more than approved to reflect updated project costs and increased weatherization needs caused by winter storm damage; it includes \$1.9 million for the current year and \$0.2 million for FY 2016 for repair and rehabilitation of the building and grounds. This includes the integration of modern electronics and conference technology; installation of HVAC and electrical improvements; and construction of storage space and updated meeting facilities, additional bathrooms, and lift access to the building's interior. The house has been closed to the public since October 2013 to facilitate the rehabilitation.

The Governor recommended total funding of \$2.4 million, which is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan to reflect repairs to construction deemed necessary due to severe winter storms. She additionally recommended shifting \$0.2 million from FY 2016 to FY 2015, consistent with an updated project schedule and anticipated project completion in the current year. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Historic Preservation Grants.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requested \$5.0 million from new general obligation bond proceeds to be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot for the State Preservation Grants program. Preservation grants provide funds for capital preservation projects for museums, cultural art centers, and public historic sites located in historic structures. From calendar years 2003 through 2007, cities, towns, and non-profit organizations were granted a total of \$5.9 million from general obligation bonds under the initial rounds of funding. No additional funds have been appropriated for the program since FY 2008. These funds effectively restart the program. The request includes \$1.0 million each year for FY 2016 through FY 2020. *The Governor recommended funding as requested, as the voters approved the \$5.0 million of general obligation bonds in November 2014.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### Office of the Attorney General

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	al Project Tota		
New Building and Other Renovations	New	\$	6,000,000	\$	22,292,647	
Building Repairs and Renovations	Revised		1,800,000		3,827,744	
Automated Fingerprint Identification System	Ongoing		-		2,104,362	
Total		\$	7,800,000	\$	28,224,753	
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds		\$	-	\$	1,354,262	
General Obligation Bonds			-		750,000	
Restricted Receipts			6,000,000		22,292,647	
Rhode Island Capital Funds			1,800,000		3,827,744	
Total		\$	7,800,000	\$	28,224,653	

**Summary.** The Office requested \$23.2 million, including \$17.3 million from restricted receipts and \$5.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$3.7 million will be spent in FY 2016 through FY 2020 for two projects. The request also includes the use of \$16.5 million from Google, Inc. forfeiture settlement funds. *The Governor recommended \$22.2 million, \$1.8 million in the five-year period. She subsequently requested an amendment to add \$6.0 million from Google funds.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**New Building and Other Renovations.** The Office requested \$16.5 million from restricted receipts, including \$11.4 million in FY 2015, from its \$60.0 million portion of the \$110.0 million state share of forfeiture funds from Google, Inc. for renovations to its new office at 180 North Main Street and renovations and upgrades at the 150 North Main Street office and rented space at the Licht Judicial complex. The plan also includes improvements to technology programs operated by the Office, including the automated fingerprint identification system. The Office spent \$5.1 million in FY 2014, which includes \$3.4 million to purchase the new building. The 2014 Assembly authorized \$15.0 million in FY 2014 and \$10.0 million in FY 2015 for identified projects. The capital request identifies the projects and expenses.

The Office has not confirmed if it has approval from the Department of Justice to spend the Google funds on these requested activities. The Governor included \$16.3 million, \$0.2 million less than requested to reflect actual spending in FY 2014 and FY 2015. She requested an amendment to add \$6.0 million in FY 2016 to renovate the Gloria McDonald building to be used for certain office functions, such as the Bureau of Criminal Identification, which will be relocated to the Pastore campus. The Assembly concurred.

**Building Repairs and Renovations.** The Office requested \$3.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and restricted receipts for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$0.4 million for FY 2015 for renovations and repairs to the 150 South Main Street building in Providence. This is \$2.7 million more than the approved plan, of which \$0.7 million is for new vehicles. The approved plan provided \$0.3 million annually for FY 2015 through FY 2018 and \$0.4 million for FY 2019; the Office requested \$0.4 million for FY 2015, \$1.0 million for FY 2016, \$1.2 million for FY 2017, \$0.9 million for FY 2018, \$0.4 million for FY 2019, and adds \$0.2 million in FY 2020 and the post-FY 2020 period.

The request reflects the addition of several unfunded projects as well as newly requested out-year repair and renovation expenses for continuous interior office space improvements. The projects are: upgrading the heat, ventilation and air conditioning system and electrical and fire protection systems; replacing the roof and resealing the brick and limestone veneer exterior; renovating the cupola, repairing the freight elevator, and replacing cast-iron pipes and drain lines. It should also be noted that projects requested from Google Inc. forfeiture funds appear to be similar to the projects supported by capital plan funds.

The Governor included \$250,000 in FY 2015 and \$1.8 million in the five-year plan. This includes \$0.3 million for FY 2016 and FY 2017 and \$0.4 million annually for FY 2018 through FY 2020. She did not include funding for the new vehicles. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Automated Fingerprint Identification System.** The Office spent \$1.4 million to upgrade the software and hardware components of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System that included new servers and web-based applications capable of connecting directly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Governor included \$750,000 to be spent in FY 2015 from unused bond proceeds from the authorization for the new State Police Headquarters and Municipal Police Academy, which could also be used for the fingerprint identification system. The funds will be used to enhance the system to include background checks, discussed further in the operating budget analysis section of the publication. **The Assembly concurred.** 

#### **Department of Corrections**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	F	Project Total
Women's Roof, Masonry and General Renovations	Revised	\$	3,071,000	\$	5,285,369
Asset Protection	Revised		18,750,000		33,658,224
Intake Service Center Renovations	Revised		8,500,000		10,125,491
Minimum Security Renovations	Revised		9,850,000		9,959,392
Bernadette Guay Building Renovations	Revised		2,650,000		3,509,610
Women's Facility (Formerly Reintegration Center)	Revised		600,000		16,446,582
Maximum General Renovations	Ongoing		3,400,000		7,547,414
Medium Infrastructure	Ongoing		19,900,000		21,197,675
Women's Plumbing and Bathroom Renovations	Ongoing		-		1,324,985
Total		\$	66,721,000	\$	109,054,742
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	-	\$	12,377,746
Rhode Island Capital Funds			66,721,000		96,676,996
Total		\$	66,721,000	\$	109,054,742

**Summary.** The Department of Corrections' five-year capital plan includes 10 projects totaling \$125.8 million of which \$57.2 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. The request includes one new project for upgrades to the Department's information technology, as well as nine approved projects, five of which have been revised from the approved plan. The Governor recommended total project costs of \$111.6 million, with \$62.4 million to be spent in the five-year period. The recommendation is \$14.2 million less than requested to reflect the exclusion of the new project as well as the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The Assembly provided \$2.5 million less than recommended for total project costs based on updated information. This includes \$4.3 million more than recommended for the five-year period.

Women's Roof, Masonry and General Renovations. The Department requested \$7.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$1.5 million in the current year to complete ongoing renovations at the Dix facility. This building is a former inmate facility and it is being renovated to be used as office space for several departmental units relocating from the Pinel and Bernadette Guay facilities. Renovations include electrical system upgrade, lighting fixtures renewal, office and storage space improvement, shower restoration, and steam lines and radiator replacement. The relocating units include Probation and Parole, Education, Community Confinement, Planning, Home Confinement, and the Training Academy. The request is \$2.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect a revised project scope. The Governor recommended \$5.5 million, \$2.4 million less than requested, which primarily reflects a \$2.8 million reduction to reflect actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures, offset by \$0.4 million of additional funding in fiscal years 2017 and 2018. The Assembly removed \$0.5 million from FY 2015 and added \$250,000 to FY 2016 to reflect an updated project schedule and revised cost estimates.

**Asset Protection.** The Department requested total project costs of \$50.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$21.0 million to be spent in the five-year period and \$5.3 million for the current year, of which \$1.3 million was carried forward from FY 2014. The request is \$13.9 million more than the approved plan primarily to reflect requested funding for the additional year as well as the post-

FY 2020 period. The Governor recommended \$34.9 million, \$15.4 million less than requested to reflect the removal of \$12.0 million in the post-FY 2020 period and annual funding closer to the approved and historical spending levels. FY 2015 funding totals \$3.3 million; annual funding thereafter is \$4.0 million. Based on historical spending, the Assembly removed \$250,000 in each year of the five-year plan.

Intake Service Center Renovations. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$9.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$4.3 million in the current year, to restore the exterior of the Intake Service Center. The main components of the project include window and roof replacement, as well as joint patching and resealing the brick veneers on the north and south side of the building. The Governor recommended \$10.1 million, \$1.0 million more than requested to reflect a revised project schedule, which shifts \$3.3 million of funding in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to the out-years. The Assembly provided total funding as recommended but shifted \$0.8 million from FY 2015 and \$0.2 million from FY 2016 to FY 2019 and FY 2020 to reflect an updated project schedule.

Minimum Security Renovations. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$10.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$4.2 million for the current year to construct a new support services facility, expand the minimum security kitchen area, and install new equipment to increase its capacity to serve, feed, and house a larger inmate population. The new stand-alone facility would include a visiting room with 225 individual capacities, an indoor gymnasium with 125 inmate capacities, laundry facilities and a control center to supervise and direct all traffic. The Department indicates construction of a new facility would allow for the relocation of all intake functions and inmate traffic to the rear of the facility. It should be noted, the existing kitchen at the minimum security facility was originally designed to feed a population of approximately 500 inmates. The Department has an average minimum inmate population of 407 for FY 2014, 402 for FY 2013 and 486 for FY 2012. For the first two months of FY 2015, the average population for minimum security is 418. *The Governor recommended \$11.0 million, \$0.8 million more than requested to reflect a revised project schedule, which shifts \$3.6 million of funding in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to the out-years*.

The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to eliminate the \$3.0 million for FY 2015 based on a delay in beginning the project. The Assembly shifted \$3.0 million from FY 2015 to FY 2020 and eliminated \$1.0 million from FY 2018 to reflect an updated project schedule.

**Bernadette Guay Building Renovations.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$2.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$1.3 million in the current year to replace the existing heat, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Bernadette Guay facility. This building is being utilized as a women's minimum security facility and it does not have a centralized ventilation system. This project includes the removal of window units for air conditioners and electric space heaters that are currently used to maintain room temperature and the acquisition and installation of a high velocity air heating and cooling system. The Governor recommended \$3.5 million, \$0.7 million more than requested to reflect an updated project schedule, which shifted \$5.7 million of funding in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to the out-years. **The Assembly removed \$0.5 million from FY 2015 to reflect anticipated expenditures.** 

Women's Facility (Formerly Reintegration Center). The Department requested \$10.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for continuous improvement at the new women's facility, as well as the construction of a new ancillary support facility. This includes final improvements in the current year for the medical and dental service areas and a fence yard for inmate segregation. Funding requested for FY 2016 through FY 2018 includes the construction of a new ancillary support facility to provide indoor recreation and classroom space for the female population housed at the new women's facility. The request is \$12.4 million less than the approved plan to reflect the exclusion of federal funds spent in the pre-FY 2015 period. The Department maintains that the women's facility does not have adequate indoor recreation and classroom space unlike the men's facilities. *The Governor recommended \$16.4 million*,

\$6.0 million more than requested to reflect the inclusion of pre-FY 2015 expenditures offset by the exclusion of \$3.3 million of funding in FY 2018 through FY 2020 based on the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Maximum General Renovations.** The Department requested total project costs of \$8.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to renovate the maximum security facility. The project includes improvements to the plumbing system, steam pipes and exhaust system. Other components include the rehabilitation of the yard area as well as HVAC repairs and upgrades throughout the facility. The request is \$4.3 million more than the approved plan to reflect a significantly revised estimate of work that will be needed at the maximum facility, including \$0.7 million more for the current year. As ongoing repairs were being made, issues with steam pipes and drainage that were not identified in the approved plan have added to the overall cost of the project. The Governor recommended \$1.0 million less than requested to reflect a reduction to pre-FY 2015 expenditures, as well as the shifting of \$1.3 million of funding from FY 2015 and FY 2016 to the out-years. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Medium Infrastructure.** The Department requested \$20.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$5.1 million in the current year for infrastructure improvements at the John J. Moran medium security facility. This includes the expansion of available space for dining areas, kitchen, committing, dispensary, and other inmate programs and recreational activities. This project also includes the acquisition of additional furniture and equipment, mechanical repairs and the replacement of heating and cooling valves as well as the air handler units. The request is \$4.7 million more than the approved plan to reflect a wider project scope and revised cost estimates. This includes \$1.6 million for an owner's representative, which was requested by the Division of Purchasing to manage the project, as well as approximately \$2.0 million more for roofs and approximately \$0.6 million more for hot water distribution. The Governor recommended \$0.3 million more than requested to reflect revised pre-FY 2015 expenditures.

The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to eliminate the \$2.1 million for FY 2015 based on a revised project schedule. The Assembly provided total funding as originally recommended but shifted \$2.0 million from FY 2015, \$1.5 million from FY 2016, and \$1.0 million from FY 2018 to FY 2019 and FY 2020 to reflect an updated project schedule.

**Women's Plumbing and Bathroom Renovations.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$1.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$0.2 million in the current year to complete bathroom renovations at the Dix building. This includes removal of current plumbing and fixtures and installation of new equipment including toilets, sinks, lightings, wall tiles, paints for the ceilings, and new floors. This project is being requested as part of the transformation of this facility from a secured environment into an office environment. This project is near completion and the remaining portion of the work is expected to be completed in the current year. *The Governor recommended \$0.3 million less than requested to reflect revised pre-FY 2015 expenditures.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Data and Telecommunication Upgrades.** The Department requested new funding of \$3.9 million from other funds, including \$0.4 million for the current year, for data and telecommunication wiring upgrades and fiber optics repairs. This includes the replacement of wires that are not capable of running newer network equipment and the procurement of a technical expert to determine the Department's wiring and network needs. This project was previously requested, but not approved to be funded from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds; however, it was added to the list of projects to be funded from the Information Technology Investment Fund. *The Governor did not recommend funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Judicial Department**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	al Project Tota		
Noel Shelled Courtroom Build Out	Revised	\$	10,000,000	\$	10,000,000	
Licht Judicial Complex Restoration	Revised		3,750,000		4,250,000	
Judicial Complexes - HVAC	Revised		4,700,000		9,262,000	
Judicial Complexes Asset Protection	Ongoing		4,625,000		10,749,068	
Total		\$	23,075,000	\$	34,261,068	
Sources of Funds						
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	23,075,000	\$	34,261,068	
Total		\$	23,075,000	\$	34,261,068	

**Summary.** The Judiciary requested capital project expenditures totaling \$52.7 million, which is \$4.6 million more than the approved capital plan. The request programs \$26.4 million to be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period, and includes four previously approved projects and one new information technology project. The Governor recommended total project costs of \$34.3 million for four approved projects, and did not include funding for the new project. The recommendation in the five-year period is \$7.3 million less than requested, which primarily reflects a delay in funding for the Noel Courtroom Build Out project. The Assembly accelerated the start of the Noel Shelled Courtroom Build Out project to FY 2016 and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

Noel Shelled Courtroom Build Out. The Judiciary requested \$8.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to begin the build out of the shelled courtrooms at the Noel Judicial Complex to relieve overcrowding at the Garrahy Judicial Complex. The first phase of the project would begin in FY 2015 with the addition of one and one half decks to the current parking garage to accommodate the need for additional parking for the added courtrooms. Due to the current limitation of available parking, it was decided that the additional spaces would be constructed first, for a cost of \$2.8 million. The second phase is the build out of the shelled space within the Noel Judicial Complex during FY 2016. Funding for this phase is programmed as \$5.6 million. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan; however, the start of the project has been moved up from FY 2019 to FY 2015 to accommodate increased caseloads. Consistent with the approved plan, the Governor recommended the project begin in FY 2019, but added \$1.6 million to the total project cost for anticipated inflation. The Assembly accelerated the start of this project to FY 2016 and programmed \$3.0 million in FY 2016, \$2.0 million in FY 2017 and \$4.0 million in FY 2018.

**Licht Judicial Complex Restoration.** The Judiciary requested \$10.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the restoration of the Licht Judicial Complex. This is \$5.0 million more than the approved plan to reflect additional out-year funding and changes to the annual work schedule to better accommodate individual courtroom restoration, though it should be noted these estimates are subject to substantial revision as each project is undertaken. Restoration projects include plaster repair, courtroom benches, carpet replacement, and repainting of the courthouse interior. Other projects include woodwork and ornamental plaster restoration, repairs to the Courthouse's outside doors at the Benefit Street entrance, and fixing the outdoor floor at the North Main Street entrance. *Consistent with the approved plan the Governor recommended total project costs of \$4.3 million, \$5.7 million less than requested which primarily reflects the exclusion of funding in the post-FY 2020 period.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Judicial Complexes - HVAC.** The Judiciary requested \$10.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$2.0 million for FY 2015 for the replacement and/or restoration and/or cleaning of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system for all judicial complexes including Licht, Garrahy, Murray, McGrath, Noel, Traffic Tribunal and Fogarty Judicial Annex. Work includes water pump and boiler installations and the replacement of water lines, fan coils, exhaust fans, air handlers, baseboard control valves, the variable air volume box and the domestic water system. The total request of \$18.0 million is \$10.0 million more than the approved plan due to an expanded level of work that was not previously included in the plan. Consistent with the approved plan, the Governor recommended total project costs of \$9.3 million, \$8.7 million less than requested which reflects the removal of approximately half of requested funding during the five-year period as well as the exclusion of \$2.0 million from the post-FY 2020 period. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Judicial Complexes Asset Protection.** The Judiciary requested \$4.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$0.9 million for FY 2015 for asset protection projects. The total request of \$12.3 million is \$2.6 million more than the approved plan to reflect funding for the additional year as well as for the post-FY 2020 period. The Judiciary's asset protection projects planned through FY 2020 include drainage system improvements, security upgrades, courtroom restoration, interior refurbishments to public areas and office spaces, cellblock upgrades, elevator upgrades and exterior refurbishments. *The Governor recommended total project costs of \$10.7 million, \$1.5 million less than requested primarily to reflect the exclusion of funding in the post-FY 2020 period.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Judicial Complexes Information Technology. The Judiciary requested \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to implement its new case management system. This system will enable electronic filing for all courts through the internet, and will replace the current system, which relies on duplicative data input and paper files. Requested expenditures include \$1.5 million each for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, with \$0.9 million scheduled in FY 2017 to complete the project. It should be noted that these types of expenditures are not traditionally funded with Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, as they do not meet the definition of a capital project. It should also be noted the state has an Information Technology Investment Fund meant to support projects such as these. The Governor did not recommend Rhode Island Capital Plan funds or show the project in the five-year capital plan. The Assembly added \$1.5 million for FY 2015 and \$0.9 million for FY 2016 from the Information Technology Investment Fund reflected in the Department of Administration's budget.

#### **Military Staff**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	P	roject Total
Joint Force Headquarters Building	New	\$	30,200,000	\$	32,700,000
Military Staff Asset Protection	Revised		9,150,500		16,425,905
Armory of Mounted Commands Rehabilitiation	Ongoing		1,865,000		8,896,728
Camp Fogarty Armory Roof	Ongoing		-		1,339,112
Benefit Street Armory Rehabilitation	Ongoing		-		800,000
Bristol Readiness Center	Ongoing		125,000		125,000
Burrillville Regional Training Institute	Ongoing		-		44,500
Total		\$	41,340,500	\$	60,331,245
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	26,058,000	\$	37,868,881
Rhode Island Capital Funds			15,282,500		22,462,364
Total		\$	41,340,500	\$	60,331,245

**Summary.** The Military Staff submitted a capital budget totaling \$63.3 million for 12 projects. The request includes \$39.1 million for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period, including \$26.4 million from federal funds and \$12.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommended \$60.3 million, which is \$3.0 million less than requested. This includes \$41.3 million in the five-year period.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Joint Force Headquarters Building.** The Military Staff requested \$30.5 million from all funds to build a new joint force headquarters at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich, including \$22.5 million from federal National Guard Bureau funds and \$8.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Military Staff indicated that the scattered locations of the Rhode Island National Guard posts adversely impact the command's ability to mobilize during emergencies. Operation of the current headquarters would be transferred to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

Federal funds for the project are from Army's Future Year Defense Program for FY 2017. The Staff's estimate for the 86,028 square foot, two story building is \$30.5 million which includes approximately 74 percent of funding from federal National Guard Bureau sources and approximately 26 percent from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The federally owned land is already occupied by the Military Staff and additional land does not need to be purchased.

The Governor recommended \$32.7 million, including \$22.0 million from federal funds and \$10.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the new headquarters. This is \$2.2 million more than requested and reflects updated cost projections and available federal National Guard Bureau funds. The Assembly concurred.

Military Staff Asset Protection. The Military Staff requested \$18.1 million from all funds for asset protection projects, including \$7.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$10.6 million from federal funds. The agency has identified 16 individual asset protection projects, including repairs and upgrades to roofs, windows, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The request is \$2.2 million less than the approved plan, primarily to reflect the inadvertent exclusion of pre-FY 2015 expenditures offset by the addition of \$1.1 million for the post-FY 2020 period. *The Governor recommended total project costs of \$16.4 million, including \$10.8 million from federal funds and \$5.6* 

million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. She included \$1.6 million in FY 2015, \$9.2 million in the five-year period and \$0.5 million for the post-FY 2020 period. This is \$1.7 million less than requested and reflects updated state matching funds calculations ranging from 10.0 to 75.0 percent. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Armory of Mounted Commands Rehabilitation. The Military Staff requested a total of \$9.1 million for the rehabilitation of the Armory of Mounted Commands building. This is \$0.7 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds than the approved capital plan to reflect updated project costs such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems upgrades and elevator installation. Individual components also include roof replacement and parking lot paving. The request includes \$5.0 million from federal sources and \$4.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds through FY 2017. The Governor recommended \$8.9 million, including \$4.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$4.1 million from federal funds, consistent with the approved plan. The Assembly concurred.

Camp Fogarty Armory Roof. The Military Staff requested a total of \$1.6 million including \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.2 million from matching federal funds to replace the roof at the Camp Fogarty Armory. This is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan, including \$39,256 more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$43,624 more from federal funds to reflect updated cost projections. Renovations to the roof would not be adequate; the roof membrane and some understructure needs to be completely replaced. The project is scheduled for completion in FY 2015. The Governor recommended \$1.3 million including \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to reflect updated cost projections. The Assembly concurred.

**Benefit Street Armory Rehabilitation.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requested a total of \$0.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 to complete the rehabilitation of the Benefit Street Armory. The historical structure was built in 1843 and must be rehabilitated consistent with state law and guidelines established by the Secretary of the Interior. Funds will be used for exterior masonry work, painting, window and shutter repair, interior electrical, water damage repair, fire alarm and sprinkler installation and emergency egress. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Bristol Readiness Center.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requested \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a feasibility study for a project to renovate an existing site and construct a new armory facility in Bristol that will meet all updated federal requirements and is capable of supporting two Rhode Island National Guard units and a field maintenance shop. The existing West Bay armories and field shop do not meet the standards or needs of the National Guard. The construction of the facility will be 100 percent federally funded. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Burrillville Regional Training Institute.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requested \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for planning costs related to a new Regional Training Institute to be located on 133 acres of land in Burrillville. The Rhode Island National Guard plans to construct a state-of-the-art education facility that will provide sufficient space to train soldiers on the essential skills of land navigation, map reading and compass reading. The facility will consist of administration, general instruction, dining and individual sleeping quarters. The construction of the facility will be 100 percent federally funded. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Command Readiness Center Addition.** The Military Staff requested a total of \$1.4 million to construct an addition to the existing command readiness center cafeteria, which is \$0.2 million less than the approved capital plan to reflect revised project costs. This includes \$1.0 million from federal funds and \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the project. During state emergencies, this area is

utilized by the Emergency Management Agency as a conference and gathering area. The addition will provide for a primary cafeteria space and the existing cafeteria will be permanently dedicated for Emergency Management Agency use. The project will add approximately 1,500 square feet. The request shows funding for this project; however, it was completed prior to FY 2015. *The Governor excluded the project and the funding to reflect its completion.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Federal Armories - Fire Code Compliance.** The Military Staff requested a total of \$0.3 million from all funds for fire alarm installation at the Federal Armories. This includes \$0.3 million from federal funds and \$44,285 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan to reflect updated project costs. The request shows funding for this project; however, it was completed prior to FY 2015. *The Governor excluded the project and the funding to reflect its completion.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State Armories - Fire Code Compliance.** Consistent with the approved capital plan, the Military Staff requested a total of \$0.6 million for fire alarm installation at the State Armories. The request includes a total of \$0.3 million each from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and federal funds and assumes it was completed in FY 2014. The request shows funding for this project; however, it was completed prior to FY 2015. *The Governor excluded the project and the funding to reflect its completion.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Logistics and Maintenance Buildings - Fire Code.** The Military Staff requested a total of \$0.4 million for the design and installation of an automatic fire alarm system at the Logistic and Maintenance Facilities. This is \$0.3 million more than the approved capital plan including \$80,363 more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The system will bring the buildings into compliance with state law. The installation began in FY 2009 and is scheduled to continue through FY 2015. Funding includes \$110,475 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$331,425 from federal funds. The request shows funding for this project; however, it was completed prior to FY 2015. *The Governor excluded the project and the funding to reflect its completion.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Energy Audit.** The Military Staff requested \$175,000 from all funds including \$87,500 each from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and federal funds for a thorough energy audit including lighting systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, window efficiencies and insulation studies. The Military Staff indicated that energy costs have grown approximately 56 percent over the past ten years and cost over \$1.5 million per year. *The Governor did not include funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Project Total		
RI Statewide Communications Network	Revised	\$	10,000,000	\$	12,000,000	
Emergency Management Building	Revised		1,000,000		1,121,111	
Hurricane Sandy Cleanup	Revised		-		3,668,398	
Total		\$	11,000,000	\$	16,789,509	
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds		\$	5,500,000	\$	9,289,665	
General Revenues			5,000,000		6,000,000	
Rhode Island Capital Funds			500,000		1,499,844	
Total		\$	11,000,000	\$	16,789,509	

**Summary.** The Emergency Management Agency's five-year capital plan includes six projects totaling \$57.8 million of which \$39.8 million would be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. The request includes two new projects and four approved projects, all of which have been significantly revised from the approved plan. *The Governor recommended \$16.8 million with \$11.0 million to be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period and \$3.0 million to be spent in FY 2015.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network. The Agency requested \$23.5 million including \$11.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$6.0 million from federal funds and \$6.0 million from general revenues for maintenance and improvements to the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. This is \$12.0 million more than the approved plan and identifies approximately \$8.3 million one-time system upgrades for the network. Funds would be used for sustaining, enhancing and developing a system to be used in the event of manmade or natural disaster for interoperability among local, state, and federal departments. It should be noted that the 2014 Assembly excluded this from the capital plan because information technology projects are not traditionally funded with Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The Governor recommended \$12.0 million for FY 2015 through FY 2020. This includes \$6.0 million from general revenues, which represents the annual value of the operations contract with Motorola and \$6.0 million from federal funds to reflect annually available funding in the Agency's operating budget. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Emergency Management Building.** The Emergency Management Agency requested a total of \$4.5 million for renovations to the Command Readiness Center in Cranston. This includes \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$0.9 million less than the approved plan and \$1.5 million from federal funds. The current request shifts control of the structure from the Rhode Island National Guard to the Agency and replaces plans to request funding for a new Emergency Management building. The National Guard plans to move its personnel and equipment to a new Joint Force Headquarters building included in the Military Staff's capital request. *The Governor recommended \$1.0 million including \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.5 million from federal funds in FY 2020 which is \$3.5 million less than requested to reflect a smaller project scope.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Hurricane Sandy Cleanup.** In October of 2012 Hurricane Sandy made landfall in the state causing damage to infrastructure and properties as a result of flooding and high winds. A major disaster was declared in the following month, which began the state's process of applying for federal funding to

reimburse entities completing the necessary repairs. The Emergency Management Agency is the lead state agency for federal coordination and eventual reimbursement of funding. The 2014 Assembly provided \$14.0 million for these purposes. The Agency requested \$1.5 million more than was previously provided to reflect a more defined list of projects and reimbursements; however, it has not publicly presented this list. The Presidential Disaster Declaration has a non-federal cost share of 25 percent; however, the Agency only requested 10 percent, or \$2.3 million, to be paid from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Agency has indicated that all municipal and state projects are currently being audited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The request assumes that the state will have to pay back a portion of the federal Hurricane Sandy funds when the audit is completed.

The Governor recommended total project costs of \$3.7 million for this project, including \$1.0 million to complete the project in FY 2015. This includes a total of \$0.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide the full 25.0 percent state match to Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to complete the project. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State Emergency Operation Center.** The Agency requested a total of \$2.5 million for the State Emergency Operation Center located at the Joint Force Headquarters in Cranston, which primarily includes renovations and technological upgrades at the Agency's current facility. This includes \$1.3 million each from Federal Emergency Management Agency funds and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the project to be spent from FY 2016 through FY 2020. During state emergencies, the State Emergency Operation Center is utilized by the Emergency Management Agency as a conference and gathering area and provides real-time video, police and fire updates for state and federal government officials to collaborate and target resources. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Rhode Island Disaster Emergency Fund.** The Emergency Management Agency requested a total of \$10.8 million including \$8.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.7 million from federal funds for the Rhode Island Disaster Emergency Fund. The fund would provide the Emergency Management Agency with immediate funding for disaster-related expenses. It should be noted that these types of expenditures are not traditionally funded with Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as they do not meet the definition of a capital project. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Rhode Island Common Operating Picture.** The Emergency Management Agency requested a total of \$1.0 million, including \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.6 million from federal funds for an integrated operating platform to function across state agencies to provide common situational awareness during emergencies through shared software and information technology upgrades. The system would allow for numerous state agencies to solve security and interoperability issues. The upgrade began in FY 2014 and is scheduled to continue through FY 2020. It should be noted that the Agency's capital request for the Common Operating System includes information technology and software costs as well as elements that would not typically be funded with Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor did not provide funding for this project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Department of Public Safety**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	Pı	roject Total
Asset Protection (Headquarters)	New	\$	1,250,000	\$	1,250,000
Computer Crimes Unit	New		-		400,000
Headquarters Complex Expansion	New		-		532,730
Secure Vehicle Garage	New		-		700,000
Barracks Renovations*	Revised		2,400,000		6,830,770
Consolidated Training Academy	Revised		19,200,000		19,500,000
Parking Area Improvements	Revised		-		274,650
State Fire Training Academy	Revised		3,965,000		11,475,000
Supply and Intelligence Buildings	Revised		-		2,985,132
Total		\$	26,815,000	\$	43,948,282
Sources of Funds					
General Obligation Bonds		\$	-	\$	6,400,000
Restricted Receipts			11,450,000		16,160,725
Rhode Island Capital Funds			15,365,000		21,387,557
Total		\$	26,815,000	\$	43,948,282

<sup>\*</sup>Listed as two projects in the Capital Budget schedules: Lincoln Woods Barracks Renovation and State Police Barracks

**Summary.** The Department of Public Safety's five-year capital request includes projects totaling \$69.6 million, of which \$46.7 million is to be spent in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. Total funding is \$13.8 million less than the approved capital plan, including \$17.9 million less from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Also included is \$3.0 million more than approved from restricted receipts available through forfeiture funds from Google, Inc. and other sources, of which \$13.7 million is for the five-year period.

The Governor recommended total funding of \$43.2 million, of which \$26.1 million would be spent in the five-year period. Her recommendation includes \$2.2 million less than requested from Google, Inc. forfeiture funds and \$16.7 million less from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Assembly provided \$43.9 million from all sources, which is \$0.8 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

**Asset Protection (Headquarters).** The Department requested total funding of \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for headquarters facility asset protection projects. The request includes \$0.3 million for the current year to repair the headquarters building roof and drainage system; the building was completed in FY 2013. Also included is \$0.3 million each year for FY 2016 through FY 2020 for unspecified repairs and renovations of the Department's other headquarters facility buildings. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Computer Crimes Unit.** The Department requested \$0.4 million from restricted receipts available through forfeiture funds from Google, Inc. for FY 2015 for the renovation of office space located at 50 Service Avenue in Warwick to provide adequate space, improved data storage, and data processing facilities for the Computer Crimes Unit. The Department reported that the headquarters facility space currently occupied by the unit is no longer suitable to its needs. The scheduled completion date for this project is in FY 2015. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Headquarters Complex Expansion (National Guard Facilities).** The Department requested total project costs of \$0.5 million for the renovation of two headquarters facility buildings. Subsequent to the

submission of its capital budget request, the Department noted that the request was made in error, as the project was completed in FY 2014. The Governor recommended total funding of \$24,230 more than requested to reflect payments made to vendors in FY 2015. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Secure Vehicle Garage.** The Department requested \$0.7 million from restricted receipts available from federal forfeitures for FY 2015 for the purchase and installation of a prefabricated, six-bay garage to be located at the headquarters facility. The Department reported that its specialized vehicle fleet has outgrown current storage. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Barracks Renovations.** The Department of Public Safety requested total project costs of \$7.3 million for renovations to the Lincoln barracks of the State Police, including \$4.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.5 million from restricted receipts available through forfeiture funds from Google, Inc.

The project is intended to provide the State Police with modern administrative and detective spaces, male and female locker rooms, a secure entryway and prisoner holding area, a sally port, and facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request includes \$4.1 million for FY 2015 and \$3.0 million for FY 2016. Design work for the Lincoln barracks was completed in January 2014; the total estimated project cost is \$4.1 million, \$3.0 million less than requested, adjusted for prior expenditures. The Department reported that it included the additional funding for other, unidentified projects.

It should be noted that this project is included in the FY 2015 enacted budget, as a portion of the Barracks and Training project. The Department's FY 2016 request separates the renovations into three separate projects to more accurately reflect a revised scope of work for each. The request includes \$23.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and Google, Inc. forfeiture funds for renovations to the Lincoln barracks and the construction of new barracks in Wickford and Hope Valley. The combined total request is \$9.0 million more than approved.

The Governor recommended total funding of \$1.0 million less than requested from all sources, including \$2.0 million less from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.0 million more from Google, Inc. forfeiture funds. The recommendation reflects the Department's prioritization of the project, an updated project scope, and shifts \$0.5 million from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to reflect an updated project schedule.

The capital budget recommendation renames this project to refer exclusively to the Lincoln barracks. However, funding spent prior to FY 2015 includes the other barracks. The capital budget recommendation also includes a separate project, "State Police Barracks," and total funding of \$0.4 million for a feasibility study regarding the need for new Hope Valley and Wickford barracks. The study would be conducted while the Lincoln barracks facility is renovated. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Consolidated Training Academy.** The Department requested total funding of \$19.5 million for the construction of a consolidated police training academy, including \$9.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$9.8 million from Google, Inc forfeiture funds. The academy is intended for use by the State Police, the Municipal Police Training Academy, and the Providence Police. The Department noted that this project would require the sharing of Google forfeiture funds received by the Attorney General, North Providence, and East Providence.

Total funding is consistent with the approved plan; however, the request shifts \$0.4 million of unspent funds from FY 2014 and \$0.5 million from the current year to FY 2018 to reflect project delays. The request includes \$0.3 million for the current year to conduct a feasibility study for the project; the Department reported that it is probable that the results of the study will change the project scope and estimated expenses. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Parking Area Improvements.** The Department requested total project costs of \$0.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2017 through FY 2020 to resurface the parking areas and roadways of all operational State Police facilities. The request includes \$0.2 million for each year for FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020.

It should be noted that in his FY 2015 recommended budget, Governor Chafee included total funding of \$1.7 million for parking area repairs in the FY 2015 through FY 2019 period. The Assembly provided \$0.4 million for FY 2014 to complete the expansion of headquarters complex parking areas and repairs at the State Police Training Academy. However, it eliminated all subsequent funding, reflective of the Department's request to renovate the Lincoln barracks and build new Wickford and Hope Valley barracks, as each project includes a parking area component. The request would effectively restart the project. The Governor included funding as requested for the pre-FY 2016 period; however, the recommendation does not include any new funding for the project. The Assembly concurred.

**State Fire Training Academy.** The Department requested total project costs of \$10.7 million for the construction of the state Fire Training Academy. The request includes \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the second and third phases of the project, including \$2.0 million for the current year and \$2.2 million for FY 2016. This is \$1.5 million more than the approved plan, reflecting increased project costs and a new project phase.

The project is intended to be completed in three phases. Phase I was funded from general obligation bond proceeds. It included construction of the training portion of the academy, which was completed in December 2011. Phase II of the project includes the construction of a new classroom and administration building, the construction of an additional garage bay, and the purchase of more props for use in training activities. Phases I and II of the project are included in the approved plan. The request also includes a new, third phase to conduct a feasibility study of the costs and logistics associated with the construction of new office space for the State Fire Marshal at the site of the Academy.

The Governor recommended total funding as requested; however, the recommendation shifts \$0.1 million from FY 2015 and \$0.2 million from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to reflect an updated project schedule. The Assembly provided total funding of \$11.5 million, which is \$0.8 million more than recommended from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2017 to reflect an expanded scope of work identified by the Budget Office, including the purchase of new generators and the installation of an electrified fence around the buildings upon the completion of Phase II.

**Supply and Intelligence Buildings.** The Department requested total project costs of \$3.0 million, which is \$1.9 million more than approved for the renovation of two buildings at its headquarters complex. The request includes \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.9 million from Google, Inc. forfeiture funds to install HVAC systems, new walls and flooring, construct offices, and renovate bathrooms in the Supply and Intelligence Buildings. In addition to pre-FY 2015 expenditures of \$0.4 million, the request includes \$2.7 million for FY 2015 in anticipation of the project's January 2015 completion. *The Governor recommended \$0.1 million less than requested from Google, Inc. forfeiture funds to reflect updated project costs.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Administrative Support Building Renovation.** The Department requested total project costs of \$1.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to renovate an 18<sup>th</sup> century building at the Department's headquarters complex; the building is currently occupied by the Central Management division and State Police administrative support. Requested funding includes \$0.2 million for FY 2016 for architectural and engineering services and \$1.3 million for FY 2017 for interior and exterior repairs to enable the building to be used as a barracks. *The Governor did not recommend the funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Hope Valley Barracks. The Department requested total project costs of \$8.0 million for the construction

of a new Hope Valley barracks, including \$5.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.5 million from restricted receipts available through forfeiture funds from Google, Inc. The project is intended to provide the State Police with a modern facility including male and female locker rooms, a secure entryway and prisoner holding area, and facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request includes \$0.4 million for FY 2015 for design work, \$3.5 million for FY 2016, and \$4.1 million for FY 2017. This project is included in the FY 2015 enacted budget, as a portion of the larger Barracks and Training project, as noted earlier in the analysis. The Governor did not recommend the funding, but included a total of \$0.4 million for a feasibility study regarding the need for new barracks, to be conducted while the Lincoln barracks is renovated. The Assembly concurred.

**Information Technology Projects.** The Department requested total project costs of \$5.5 million from the state Information Technology Investment Fund, including \$3.8 million for the current year and \$1.7 million for FY 2016 for information technology upgrades to the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications and State Police Management Information systems and the purchase of information technology for the Sheriffs, State Fire Marshal, and Capitol Police. The Department reported that it did not receive any outside consultation on network design and configuration for either system; its request reflects internal estimates. This project was also included in the Department's FY 2015 capital budget request; neither the Governor nor the Assembly included it. *The Governor did not recommend the funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Radio Building and Three-Bay Garage.** The Department requested \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2017 and FY 2018 for renovations to the Radio Bureau Building and attached garage, located at the Department's headquarters facility. The project includes the replacement of the buildings' siding, roofs and windows; the installation of flooring and HVAC system; and construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bathroom. Governor Chafee recommended \$0.9 million for this project in his FY 2015 budget, but the Assembly did not concur. *The Governor did not recommend the funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Training Academy Renovations.** The Department requested total project costs of \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations to the State Police Training Academy, including \$0.5 million each year for FY 2017 and FY 2018. The project includes construction of a new firing range and SWAT training facility to be used in conjunction with a new Consolidated Training Academy. The Department's request appears based on an estimate received in 2013, solely for repairs to parking areas. The scope of planned work would likely result in expenditures greater than funds requested. *The Governor did not recommend the funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Wickford Barracks. The Department requested total project costs of \$8.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the construction of a new Wickford barracks. The project is intended to provide the State Police with a modern facility with male and female locker rooms, a secure entryway and prisoner holding area, and facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new barracks would be located in the Quonset Business Park. The request includes \$0.4 million for FY 2015 for design work, \$3.5 million for FY 2016, and \$4.1 million for FY 2017. This project is included in the FY 2015 enacted budget, as a portion of the larger Barracks and Training project, as noted earlier in the analysis. The Governor's recommendation includes a total of \$0.4 million for a feasibility study regarding the need for new barracks, to be conducted while the Lincoln barracks facility is renovated. The Assembly concurred.

## **Department of Environmental Management**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	P	roject Total
India Point Acquisition	Revised	\$	-	\$	3,200,000
State Recreation Facilities Improvements	Revised		13,485,000		42,555,873
Dams Repair	Revised		5,800,000		9,150,633
Fort Adams Sailing Improvements	Revised		3,600,000		9,941,887
Natural Resources Offices/Visitors Center	Revised		3,000,000		5,784,440
Galilee Piers	Revised		2,000,000		12,136,017
State Piers	Revised		4,000,000		4,000,000
Fish and Wildlife Maintenance Facility	Revised		718,253		718,253
Fort Adams State Park	Revised		125,000		3,812,947
Blackstone Valley Bike Path	Revised		857,580		1,500,000
Local Recreation Development Grants	Revised		7,500,000		12,500,000
World War II State Park Improvements	Revised		770,000		2,600,000
State Open Space	Revised		500,000		12,500,000
Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration	Revised		3,000,000		12,500,000
Local Open Space	Revised		3,762,842		12,500,000
Historic and Passive Grants	Revised		500,000		5,000,000
Farmland Development Rights	Revised		5,000,000		7,500,000
Rocky Point	Revised		200,000		13,950,000
Newport Piers	Ongoing		275,000		1,757,158
Brownfields Remediation	Ongoing		5,000,000		5,000,000
Flood Prevention	Ongoing		3,000,000		3,000,000
Roger Williams Park	Ongoing		18,000,000		29,000,000
Total		\$	81,093,675	\$	210,607,208
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	1,726,000	\$	15,670,207
General Obligation Bonds		*	46,262,842	Ψ.	122,307,900
Restricted Receipts			2,200,000		2,200,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds			30,762,580		70,286,848
Other			142,253		142,253
Total		\$	81,093,675	\$	210,607,208

**Summary.** The Department requested \$83.4 million from all funds to be used in the five-year period for 22 projects totaling \$198.0 million. Funding in the five-year period consists of \$33.0 million from new general obligation bonds presented to the voters on the November 2014 ballot, \$8.6 million from authorized general obligation bonds, \$1.7 million from federal funds, \$2.2 million from restricted receipts, \$37.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$0.1 million from other fund sources.

The Governor recommended \$77.2 million for the five-year period for 22 projects totaling \$207.9 million. The recommendation for the five-year period is \$6.1 million less than requested primarily to reflect revised schedules for several projects. The recommendation includes the \$33.0 million of general obligation bonds approved in November 2014. The Assembly added \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and made adjustments to certain project schedules as noted below.

**India Point Acquisition.** In November 2010, the voters approved a \$3.2 million referendum to authorize the state's purchase of the property at 25 India Street in Providence from the Department of Transportation. The land is locally referred to as the "Shooters" property, and would be developed for recreation and open space. The Department used the bond proceeds to purchase the property, spending \$3.0 million of the \$3.2 million authorization. The Department inadvertently excluded this project from its capital budget request. The Governor recommended \$0.2 million from the remaining bond funds to be used in FY 2015. The Budget Office indicates the Department would use the proceeds for site improvements, which could include grading of the vacant area, landscaping improvements, safety improvements, and removal of perimeter fencing. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State Recreation Facilities Improvements.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$38.6 million for improvements at Rhode Island parks and management areas. The request includes funding for repairs and reconstruction of facilities at Lincoln Woods State Park, restroom improvements and replacements, and design and construction of additional camping areas at Fishermen's Campground and other facilities. The request is \$4.7 million more than the approved plan primarily to reflect new projects such as constructing new restroom facilities at Fishermen's and George Washington campgrounds, as well as revised estimates of existing projects. *The Governor recommended \$39.6 million from all sources, which is \$5.7 million more than the approved plan and \$1.0 million more than requested. This includes \$20.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$1.1 million more than the approved plan, which reflects a reduction of \$0.9 million in FY 2015 and the addition of \$2.1 million in FY 2018 through FY 2020 to better reflect the planned work.* 

The Governor subsequently requested an amendment to add \$1.6 million for FY 2016 and \$0.5 million for FY 2017 for the work at Lincoln Woods, Fishermen's Campground, and George Washington Campground based on updated estimates. The Assembly concurred with the amendment and added another \$0.6 million for FY 2016 and \$0.4 million for FY 2017 for work on the fire suppression system at Colt State Park.

**Dams Repair.** The Department requested total project costs of \$8.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to repair state owned dams at various recreational management areas. This project includes design and construction at the John L. Curran Dams in Cranston, Upper Wyoming Dam and Browning Mill Dam in Exeter, Burlingame Reservoir Dam in Glocester, Silver Spring Lake Dam in North Kingstown, and White's Pond Dam in Richmond. The request is \$1.0 million more than the approved plan to reflect the addition of funding in FY 2020 for work on the Silver Spring and White's Pond dams. The Governor recommended \$9.2 million, or \$0.4 million more than requested to reflect actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fort Adams Sailing Improvements.** The Department requested \$11.9 million, including \$9.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for improvements to Fort Adams State Park, which allows the state to host large-scale sailing events. The state was awarded a stopover for the Volvo Ocean Race, which occurred in May 2015. The request also includes \$2.2 million in restricted receipts for FY 2016 to reflect anticipated private donations for the mid-park educational and recreational facility.

The Department's request is \$2.0 million more than the approved plan. The request includes \$5.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan fund expenditures in the pre-FY 2015 period, but it appears the actual expenditures were only \$3.0 million. The Governor recommended total funding of \$9.9 million, consistent with the approved plan and \$2.0 million less than the Department's request. It includes adjustments for actual spending by year. The Assembly concurred.

**Natural Resources Offices/Visitor's Center.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$6.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the construction of a new office facility for the natural resources division in the Arcadia Management Area at Browning Mill Pond. The facility would include

office and lab space for mosquito abatement tests and the state veterinarian, as well as a visitor's center. The FY 2015 approved plan reduced funding for the project to reflect that it was not currently moving forward. The Department's request is \$2.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect a revised design estimate and the addition of construction costs to complete the project. Under this scenario, the construction would begin in FY 2016 and be completed in FY 2017.

The Governor recommended \$6.3 million, or \$0.3 million more than requested. The recommendation includes adjustments to reflect the actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures and shifts \$6.0 million from FY 2016 and FY 2017 to FY 2020 and the outyears. The Budget Office and the Department subsequently indicated that this project is ready for construction to begin in FY 2016 with an anticipated completion date of FY 2017. The Assembly included \$5.8 million to better reflect the anticipated project cost. It shifted \$5.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2020 and the post-FY 2020 period, including \$2.5 million for FY 2016 and \$3.0 million for FY 2017 based on updated information from the Budget Office.

Galilee Piers. The Department requested total project costs of \$9.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and federal sources to use through FY 2019 for facilities and infrastructure improvements at the Port of Galilee. This project involves repairing and improving the Galilee State Pier by replacing deteriorated wooden bulkheads, paving the parking lot at the pier and providing treatment for stormwater runoff. Repairs to the north bulkhead, which supports the charter fishing boat docks are completed. Construction of the south bulkhead is expected to be completed in February 2015, followed by repairs to Piers HH and PP and reconstruction of the central bulkhead. The request is \$2.0 million more that the approved plan primarily to reflect actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures and the addition of funding to reconstruct the central bulkhead. The Governor recommended \$12.1 million, which is \$4.2 million more than the approved plan. The increase reflects actual expenditures in the pre-FY 2015 period and better reflects the planned work for FY 2015. The Assembly concurred.

**State Piers.** The Department requested total project costs of \$6.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for marine infrastructure and pier development at sites critical to Rhode Island's tourism and fishing economy. The requested funds would be used to develop piers at sites including Rocky Point in Warwick, the former Shooters nightclub in Providence, and the former Navy pier on Green Lane in Middletown. The Department's request is \$2.1 million more than the approved plan, but it has not provided a specific reason for the increase and indicates that the project is still being vetted.

The Governor recommended \$4.0 million for this project under the title of Marine Infrastructure and Pier Development. The total recommended funding is consistent with the approved plan, but reflects a revised project schedule with an anticipated end date of FY 2020. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fish and Wildlife Maintenance Facility.** The Department requested a total of \$0.7 million, including \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide state matching funds for the construction of a maintenance facility for the Division of Fish and Wildlife at the Great Swamp Management Area. The Department indicated that the current facility is over 30 years old and is too small to store equipment. The Department requested \$0.2 million more than the approved plan to better reflect the planned work and anticipated federal funds and shifted the project end date from FY 2017 to FY 2018. The project schedule was also altered in the last two budget cycles. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fort Adams State Park.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$6.6 million from all funds to restore and repair historic structures at the Fort Adams State Park in Newport. The state operates the fort and is responsible for conducting programs, developing restoration plans and raising funds from public and private sources. Funding in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period includes \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The request is \$2.8 million or 72 percent more than the approved plan. This

reflects an updated project schedule from the Fort Adams Trust and additional work, including improvements to the northeast bastion and repairs to the west wall, for the five-year period. The Fort Adams Trust has identified over \$28 million in repairs needed to completely renovate the fort.

The Governor recommended \$3.8 million, consistent with the approved plan, or \$2.8 million less than requested to reflect that she reduced funding in FY 2016 and removed the requested funding in FY 2017 through FY 2020. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Blackstone Valley Bike Path.** The Department requested \$1.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for construction of the Blackstone Valley Bike Path. The Blackstone Valley Bike Path is scheduled to be a 17.1 mile by 12-foot wide scenic bike path that will connect to the East Bay Bike Path, eventually making a continuous 31.9 mile route for alternative transportation. The Department's request is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan. The request includes \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan expenditures in the pre-FY 2015 period, but it appears the actual expenditures were only \$0.6 million.

The Governor recommended \$1.5 million, or \$0.3 million less than requested to reflect the actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures. The Assembly shifted \$0.7 million from FY 2015 to FY 2017 to reflect the revised project schedule.

**Local Recreation Development Grants.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$12.5 million to provide grants to municipalities for recreation development and acquisition projects, including \$4.0 million of new general obligation bonds submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot. The Department is responsible for the administration of these grants and has awarded approximately \$41.3 million in grants to municipalities for recreation development and acquisition projects since 1988. Most recently, in the spring of 2014, the Department awarded 32 grants totaling \$4.8 million. The request is \$18.0 million less than the approved plan to reflect the exclusion of previously authorized bonds that have been fully spent in the pre-FY 2015 period.

The Governor recommended total funding of \$12.5 million, consistent with the request, but makes adjustments to pre-FY 2015 expenditures and shifted \$1.5 million of unspent funds to FY 2017. The recommendation includes the \$4.0 million of general obligation bonds approved in November 2014. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**World War II State Park Improvements.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$2.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to revitalize the currently closed World War II State Park, eliminating the currently empty pond and replacing it with a splash park. The project also includes water, sewer, stormwater, and electrical upgrades, replacement of a pedestrian bridge, and a new playground. The 2014 Assembly appropriated \$250,000 from general revenues for FY 2015 as the first year of a five-year initiative to transfer maintenance and operation of the Park from the state to Woonsocket following the completion of the capital project. This assumes the Department will enter into an agreement with the city to ensure support is available over the five-year period.

The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$0.8 million from FY 2015 to FY 2016 to reflect the revised project schedule. Because of the delay in the capital project, the first installment of \$250,000 was shifted from FY 2015 to FY 2016. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State Open Space.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total project cost of \$15.0 million for the purchase of land, development rights, and conservation easements statewide. Land acquired under this program includes forested land, open fields, river access sites, shoreline access areas, farmlands, trail connections and water supply protection areas. *The Governor recommended \$12.5 million, or \$2.5 million less than the approved plan. This excludes some prior spending from bond proceeds and programs remaining funds for FY 2015 and FY 2016.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total of \$12.5 million from general obligation bonds to restore and protect water quality in Narragansett Bay. The project provides matching grants to state and local agencies, non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses to abate sources of pollution causing beach closures, fish kills and other problems identified in water quality restoration plans. *The Governor recommended total funding of \$12.5 million. She shifted \$2.0 million of unspent funds to FY 2015 and FY 2018 to reflect the revised project schedule.* The Assembly concurred.

**Local Open Space.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$12.5 million from general obligation bonds for the Local Land Acquisition Grants for Open Space program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to municipalities, local land trusts and non-profit organizations to preserve open space in Rhode Island. Since 1988, the program has awarded over 130 grants preserving over 6,200 acres of land. In 2008, the Department awarded 14 grants to municipalities and land trusts. The Department conducted a grant round in the summer of 2011 and received over 30 grant applications, 14 of which were approved. The Department conducted a new grant round in the spring of 2014 and expected to announce the awards in the fall of 2014.

The Governor recommended total funding of \$12.5 million. She shifted \$2.0 million of unspent funds to FY 2017 and FY 2018 to reflect the revised project schedule. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Historic and Passive Grants.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total project cost of \$5.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds to provide grants to municipalities for renovation and development of historic and passive recreation areas. In the spring of 2014 the Department awarded 18 grants totaling \$1.5 million. The Governor recommended total funding of \$5.0 million. She shifted \$1.3 million of unspent funds to FY 2017 and FY 2018 to reflect a revised project schedule. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Farmland Development Rights.** The Department requested total project costs of \$6.0 million from general obligation bonds, including \$3.0 million from new general obligation bond proceeds submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot, for farmland acquisition. The request is \$7.5 million less than the approved plan to reflect the exclusion of previously authorized bonds that have been fully spent in the pre-FY 2015 period. The Agricultural Land Preservation Commission accepts and scores farmland applications for these funds. The goal is to eliminate economic pressures on farmers to sell land for residential or commercial development.

The Governor recommended \$7.5 million, which is \$1.5 million more than the approved plan to better reflect the available general obligation bond proceeds. The recommendation includes the \$3.0 million from general obligation bonds approved in November 2014. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Rocky Point.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$13.5 million, including \$10.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in November 2010 and \$3.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for maintenance and renovations at the approximately 85 acre property formerly known as Rocky Point Park. The state completed the purchase of Rocky Point in FY 2013 after the federal district court and state properties committee approved the final purchase and sales agreement. The Department indicated that, in its current state, the Rocky Point property poses unsafe conditions, and the work requested for FY 2015 includes demolition of buildings on the property. The building demolition will be followed by a master planning phase and then a phase to develop the property for use as a state park.

The Governor recommended \$13.8 million, which is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan to better reflect the planned work for FY 2015. She subsequently requested an amendment to add \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2016 for a feasibility study on the future use and development of the land at Rocky Point. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Newport Piers.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total project cost of \$1.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for ongoing infrastructure improvements to the Newport Piers, including electrical upgrades and design and construction of a building for lobster sales. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2016. *The Governor recommended \$1.8 million, which is \$145,042 less than the approved plan to reflect the actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Brownfields Remediation.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total project cost of \$5.0 million from new general obligation bond proceeds submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot to provide 80 percent matching grants to public, private, and non-profit entities for brownfields remediation projects at abandoned industrial sites throughout the state. The Department currently operates a brownfields program funded through federal sources. Properties classified as brownfields include any property that cannot be developed, expanded or reused due to the presence of an environmental hazard. Funding is used to both investigate what types of hazardous materials are present, as well as to assist in the remediation of these sites. *The Governor recommended funding as requested. The recommendation includes the \$5.0 million from general obligation bonds approved in November 2014.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Flood Prevention.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total of \$3.0 million from new general obligation bonds submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot for grants to public and non-profit entities for projects related to dam repairs and restoration of coastal habitats, rivers and stream floodplains. *The Governor recommended funding as requested; voters approved the new bonds in November 2014.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Roger Williams Park.** The Department requested \$18.0 million from new general obligation bonds submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot for improvements and renovations to the Roger Williams Park and Zoo. The funding includes \$15.0 million for replacing the zoo's tropical rainforest building, education center, and reptile house, as well as \$3.0 million for constructing and reconstructing roads, bridges, sidewalks and walkways within the park. The approved plan includes \$11.0 million from previously authorized bonds that were spent in the pre-FY 2015 period, but the Department's request excludes the funds. The Governor recommended \$11.0 million more than the approved plan, which reflects that the previously authorized bonds spent in the pre-FY 2015 period are included in the project total. Voters approved the new bonds in November 2014. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**State Recreation Building Demolition.** The Department requested total project costs of \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to demolish old, outdated, unused buildings which have become hazards. The Department indicated that it has many buildings that were once useful but now present hazards and safety risks. Some of the buildings that would be demolished under this project include the previous Parks and Recreation headquarters in Johnston, the abandoned and condemned Forestry headquarters at Chopmist, an abandoned and condemned warehouse facility in Cranston, and many small buildings in the Department's management areas. It appears that the requested work falls under the current State Recreational Facilities Improvements project, however the Department believes the demolition work would be easier to track as a separate project. *The Governor did not include the project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

### **Coastal Resources Management Council**

Projects	Status	5 \	Year Total	Total Project T	
Narrow River Salt Marsh Project	New	\$	370,000	\$	1,855,000
South Coast Restoration Project	Revised		1,278,573		4,692,709
Ninigret Pond Breachway Rock Removal	Revised		-		254,275
Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program	Ongoing		1,250,000		4,549,309
Fish Passage Restoration	Ongoing		-		3,510,560
Shoreline Change Beach SAMP	Ongoing		50,000		300,000
Total		\$	2,948,573	\$	15,161,853
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	1,066,141	\$	9,475,837
Restricted Receipts			1,250,000		4,549,309
Rhode Island Capital Funds			632,432		1,136,707
Total		\$	2,948,573	\$	15,161,853

**Summary.** The Council requested a total of \$9.8 million, of which \$1.4 million would be used in the five-year period. Funding in the five-year period includes \$1.3 million from the Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund, which are restricted receipts, and \$0.1 million from other funds. The request is for seven projects, one of which is new. *The Governor recommended a total of \$15.2 million for six projects, including \$2.4 million in the five-year period. The recommendation includes \$6.0 million more than requested from federal sources to reflect grants from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Assembly recommended total funding as requested with some adjustments for timing.* 

Narrow River Salt Marsh Restoration Project. Subsequent to its budget submission, the Council received a grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, which will be used to mitigate the impact on the salt marsh system of the Narrow River that will occur due to sea level rise. The project would disperse dredged material from sediment-laden areas into the marsh surface to increase elevation, thus strengthening the resiliency of the marsh in the face of future coastal storms and increased rates of sea level rise. The Budget Office also indicated that the work is expected to be completed in FY 2016. The Governor recommended \$1.9 million from federal funds to reflect the grant from the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Assembly concurred.

**South Coast Restoration Project.** The Council requested a total of \$0.6 million to complete habitat restorations along the southern coast of Rhode Island and to maintain breachways. The current project reflects that the approved plan combines what were previously two separate projects: South Coast Habitat Restoration and South Coast Breachways Maintenance. The state funds will be used in conjunction with grants from two federal agencies: a United States Department of Agriculture grant for dredging work in Winnapaug Pond and two United States Fish and Wildlife Service grants for dredging Ninigret Pond. *The Governor recommended a total project cost of \$4.7 million, which includes \$4.1 million to reflect the federal grants and \$0.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used as state match. The work is expected to be completed in FY 2016. She subsequently requested an amendment to shift the Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2015 to FY 2016 and FY 2017 to reflect a revised schedule. The Assembly concurred.* 

Ninigret Pond Breachway Rock Removal. The Council requested \$0.3 million from Rhode Island

Capital Plan funds to remove large rocks and groups of smaller rocks that are obstructing navigation in the Ninigret Pond breachway. The Council indicated that a plug of sediment formed at the seaward opening of the breachway, preventing equipment designed to remove the fallen rocks from being able to enter the breachway. The approved plan includes funding for this work in the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's budget, and the Council indicated that this project was completed in FY 2015. *The Governor included funding as requested for the pre-FY 2015 period.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. The Council's request includes total project expenditures of \$4.8 million from the Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response fund for the Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. The 2004 Assembly passed Article 44 of 2004-H 8219, Substitute A, as amended, and mandated the annual amount of \$250,000 from the Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response fund to the program and trust fund. The request is \$0.5 million more than the approved plan to reflect funding for FY 2020 and the post-FY 2020 period. The Governor recommended \$250,000 less than requested by excluding funding for the post-FY 2020 period. The Assembly concurred.

**Fish Passage Restoration.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Council's request includes federal funds of \$3.5 million in the pre-FY 2015 period to restore access to spawning habitat in the Ten Mile and Pawcatuck River watersheds for numerous migratory species. The Council indicated that the project will improve the habitat and biodiversity in Narragansett and Little Narragansett Bays, and enhance the state's fresh and salt water fisheries. The Council noted that all funds have been spent prior to FY 2015 and the final work, fish ladder construction at Omega Pond Dam, is expected to be completed in October 2014. *The Governor concurred.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Shoreline Change Beach Special Area Management Plan.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requested \$0.3 million to address erosion issues along the Rhode Island shoreline. The agency indicated that the funding would be used for a high resolution modeling system that would predict surge and sea level rise scenarios, building on work the Army Corps of Engineers has already completed. The Council intends to use the information to provide maps to cities and towns as well as to provide state agencies with a basis for making flood vulnerability assessments in coastal areas. *The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but shifted \$50,000 from FY 2015 to FY 2016 based on a revised project schedule.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Permit Application and Enforcement System.** The Council requested \$0.2 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to be used in FY 2015 and FY 2016 for a new project to assess the database needs of the agency relating to permitting, enforcement, and other regulatory issues and to determine the feasibility of a new database. While the Council may apply for available resources from the Information Technology Investment Fund, this project does not appear to meet the definition of a capital expense. *The Governor did not include the requested funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Secure Facility Area.** The Council requested \$160,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2015 to construct a secure outdoor area that would house one of the Council's boats. The previous secure storage area has been reassigned to accommodate the incorporation of the Department of Children, Youth and Families into the building and to install a generator system and the Council's vessel, which had been stored there is currently being housed at the residence of a staff member. The Council subsequently indicated the most recent estimate for this project is \$110,000. The approved plan includes \$60,000 for the Secure Facility Area project in the Department of Administration's budget as part of the Washington County Government Center project. The Governor included \$110,000 for this project in the Department of Administration's budget as part of the Washington County Government Center project. The Assembly concurred.

### **Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency**

Projects	Status	5	Year Total	<b>Project Total</b>
Clean Water Fund	Revised	\$	310,875,000	\$ 1,612,097,099
Drinking Water Fund	Revised		147,583,033	527,521,777
Water Pollution Fund	Revised		850,000	4,974,220
Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund	Revised		-	21,689,300
Total		\$	459,308,033	\$ 2,166,282,396
Sources of Funds				
Agency Revenue Bonds		\$	252,650,480	\$ 1,331,368,013
Federal Funds			96,250,000	459,590,979
Federal Stimulus			-	22,907,300
General Obligation Bonds			16,107,553	54,050,000
Interest Earnings			250,000	2,685,258
Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund			-	21,689,300
Revolved Capital			94,050,000	273,991,546
Total		\$	459,308,033	\$ 2,166,282,396

**Summary.** The Agency requested \$2,252.1 million, of which \$458.9 million would be used in the five-year period for four projects. Funding includes \$9.1 million from new general obligation bond proceeds, \$9.3 million from authorized general obligation bonds, \$96.3 million from federal funds, \$94.1 million from revolved capital and \$250.2 million from agency revenue bonds in the five-year period.

The Governor recommended \$92.2 million less than requested, with \$458,033 more for the five-year period. The recommendation excludes previously authorized bonds that have been fully spent and includes the \$20.0 million of general obligation bonds approved in November 2014. The Governor proposed that the Agency transfer \$11.0 million to the state General Fund in part to offset the cost of general obligation bonds that have been issued on the Agency's behalf. The Assembly did not concur with the recommendation to transfer \$11.0 million to general revenues. It transferred \$6.4 million of bond premium proceeds that were deposited into the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund in FY 2015 to the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

Clean Water Fund. The Agency requested \$310.9 million to be used in the five-year period for a total project cost of \$1,641.4 million for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a subsidized loan program for local governmental units to finance wastewater infrastructure projects. The loans are repaid over 20 years and have a subsidy of at least one-third off the market rate. Funding in the five-year period includes \$3.1 million from new general obligation bond proceeds, \$6.4 million from authorized general obligation bond proceeds, \$48.9 million from federal funds, \$65.5 million from revolved capital and \$187.1 million from agency revenue bonds. The request is \$197.1 million more than the approved plan primarily due to an increase in revenue bond sales, which reflects a higher than anticipated demand for the loans, and the inclusion of previously authorized bonds that have been fully spent in the pre-FY 2015 period.

The Assembly authorized \$20.0 million of new general obligation bond proceeds for the Clean Water Fund to be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot, but the Agency's request includes only \$9.1 million from new general obligation bond proceeds, with \$3.1 million for the Clean Water Fund and \$6.0 million for the Drinking Water Fund. The Agency indicated its request should reflect the full \$20.0 million to be used only for the Clean Water Fund. *The Governor recommended funding as requested for* 

the five-year period and a total project cost of \$1,612.4 million, which is \$29.3 million less than requested primarily to reflect the exclusion of bonds that have been fully spent. The recommendation includes the \$20.0 million of general obligation bonds approved in November 2014. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Drinking Water Fund.** The Agency requested a total project cost of \$534.5 million from all funds, of which \$147.4 million would be used in the five-year period for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Federal Capitalization Grants are awarded to the state, which contributes a 20.0 percent match. Loans are available to eligible water suppliers for planning, design and construction of safe water supply, treatment and transmission infrastructure projects. The request is \$31.0 million more than the approved plan to reflect the anticipated federal funds and demand for the loans.

The Assembly authorized \$20.0 million of new general obligation bond proceeds for the Clean Water Fund to be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot, but the Agency's request includes only \$9.1 million from new general obligation bond proceeds, with \$6.0 million for the Drinking Water Fund and \$3.1 million for the Clean Water Fund. The Agency indicated its request should reflect the full \$20.0 million to be used only for the Clean Water Fund.

The Governor recommended \$6.9 million less than requested to reflect that the general obligation bonds approved in November 2014 will be used only for the Clean Water Fund and the exclusion of bonds that have been fully spent in the pre-FY 2015 period. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Water Pollution Fund.** The Agency requested a total of \$60.9 million, of which \$0.6 million from the Agency's revolved capital account would be spent in the five-year period for the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund. This fund receives capital funding from general obligation bond proceeds and transfers the appropriate state match to the Clean Water and Drinking Water state revolving funds. The request is \$55.9 million more than the approved plan to reflect the inclusion of previously authorized bonds that have been fully spent in the pre-FY 2015 period.

Regarding the state match, the Assembly authorized \$20.0 million of new general obligation bond proceeds for the Clean Water Fund to be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot, but the Agency's request includes only \$9.1 million from new general obligation bond proceeds, with \$6.0 million for the Drinking Water Fund and \$3.1 million for the Clean Water Fund. The Agency indicated that its request should reflect the full \$20.0 million to be used only for the Clean Water Fund. The Governor recommended \$55.9 million less than requested primarily to reflect the exclusion of bonds that were spent. **The Assembly concurred.** 

Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Agency requested \$15.3 million for the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund it administers for municipalities to borrow from to complete large scale road and bridge projects at a lower borrowing cost than could be achieved by the municipalities on the open market. The Fund was initially capitalized using \$7.0 million of bond premium proceeds transferred from the Rhode Island Capital Plan fund with the intent of dedicating future premiums and other resources that may be appropriated to the fund. The 2014 Assembly further capitalized the fund with \$3.3 million of bond premium proceeds as part of revisions to FY 2014 and \$5.0 million from tobacco settlement funds in FY 2015. Annual disbursements from the fund cannot exceed \$20.0 million, and no more than 50 percent of available funding in any calendar year shall be dedicated to any one city or town, unless there are no remaining eligible projects. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* The Assembly concurred. It further capitalized the fund with \$6.4 million from general obligation bond premiums in FY 2015.

# **Narragansett Bay Commission**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total	
Interceptor Maintenance & Construction	Revised	\$	29,743,000	\$	37,470,000
Phase II Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities	Revised		13,553,000		214,957,000
Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	Revised		22,293,000		145,447,000
Sewer System Improvements	Revised		1,287,000		6,978,000
Phase III Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities	Ongoing		334,412,000		604,656,000
Total		\$	401,288,000	\$	1,009,508,000
Sources of Funds					
Other (Revenue Bonds, State Revolving Fund)		\$	401,288,000	\$	1,009,508,000
Total		\$	401,288,000	\$	1,009,508,000

**Summary.** The Narragansett Bay Commission indicated that the Clean Water Finance Agency, which issues loans to the Commission and individual communities for wastewater infrastructure improvements, does not have sufficient capacity to finance the Commission's capital plan. The FY 2016 through FY 2020 request includes \$401.3 million from other funds, which the Commission indicated consists of State Revolving funds, revenue bonds and other capital funds. The exact amounts from the aforementioned are not yet known. The request includes six projects, one of which is new.

The Governor recommended \$401.3 million, consistent with the Commission's request for the five-year period, and re-categorizes three of the projects requested by the Commission. The Governor included Section 16 of Article 1 of 2015-H 5900 which proposed that the Commission transfer \$2.8 million to the state General Fund by June 30, 2016 to offset the cost of general obligation bonds that have been issued on the Commission's behalf. The Assembly did not transfer \$2.8 million to general revenues, but concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

Interceptor Maintenance & Construction. The Commission requested \$36.7 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds to be used into the post-FY 2020 period for 12 projects, one of which is new. The Commission indicated that most of these projects involve improving, replacing, and providing interceptor relief. This project also includes interceptor inspection, televising and grit removal to increase sewer capacity. The request is \$6.5 million less than the approved plan, which primarily reflects the exclusion of costs for two completed interceptor easement restorations and revised construction cost estimates for several of the individual projects. The Governor recommended \$0.8 million more than requested to reflect the Omega Pump Station Improvements subproject under this project instead of the Sewer System Improvements project. The Assembly concurred.

**Phase II Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities.** The Commission requested a total of \$215.0 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds for Phase II of the combined sewer overflow facilities project, which consists of 13 ongoing projects. The current request outlines the individual projects included in this phase. This is the second of three phases for the Narragansett Bay Commission's federally mandated combined sewer overflow project. Phase II involves the construction of a 18,200 foot tunnel along the Woonasquatucket River and an 8,000 foot tunnel along the Seekonk River. These two interceptors will convey flows from combined sewer overflows to the Main Spine Tunnel constructed in Phase I. The request is \$16.9 million less than the approved plan, which included costs for completed projects that are excluded from the current request.

The request also reflects that actual construction bids were lower than estimated for several of the individual projects. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. The Commission requested \$145.4 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds, of which \$22.3 million will be used from FY 2016 through FY 2020 for various wastewater treatment improvement projects. The upgrades are required to comply with discharge limits mandated by the Department of Environmental Management and include effluent discharge removal of nitrogen and ammonia at the Field's Point facility. The request includes 17 projects, eight of which are new. The request is \$16.3 million less than the approved plan to primarily reflect \$10.9 million in new projects, the exclusion of costs for a completed wind turbine project and revised cost estimates as projects progress toward completion. The Commission indicated that the original costs were based on the engineer's design estimates, while the revised costs are a result of the bids received and the actual costs of constructing certain components of the project. *The Governor recommended funding as requested*. The Assembly concurred.

**Sewer System Improvements.** The Commission requested \$7.5 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds, of which \$1.9 million will be used from FY 2016 through FY 2020 to improve its sewer system by connecting the wastewater treatment plants in the entire service area. The request includes a total of five projects, two of which are new. The request is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan, which reflects \$1.7 million for the new projects and reductions of \$1.4 million to reflect actual construction expenditures in the pre-FY 2015 period and revised design estimates. The Governor recommended \$0.5 million less than requested, including \$0.3 million more for the Infrastructure Maintenance work, which the Commission requested as a stand-alone project, and \$0.8 million more to reflect the Omega Pump Station Improvements subproject under the Interceptor Maintenance and Construction project instead. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Phase III Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requested total project costs of \$604.7 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds to be used through the post-FY 2020 period for design and construction of Phase III, the final phase for the Narragansett Bay Commission's federally mandated Combined Sewer Overflow project. Phase III involves the construction of a 13,000 foot tunnel in Pawtucket, which will convey flows from combined sewer overflows to the Main Spine Tunnel constructed in Phase I. The Commission has convened a Combined Sewer Overflow Phase III Stakeholders Group to provide input and feedback on the recommended alternative for Phase III. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Infrastructure Management.** The Commission requested a total of \$0.3 million from the state Clean Water Finance Agency's revolving funds and the Commission's revenue bonds to be used in FY 2015 for a new project to evaluate the impacts of the acquisition of municipal lateral sewers by the Commission from its member communities. This evaluation would determine the feasibility, cost, regulatory requirements and other impacts on the Commission and the municipalities. The Commission indicated that this project is necessary in light of recent proposals to require the Commission to own, operate and maintain sanitary sewer facilities in the City of Pawtucket. While the proposal was not enacted, it would shift the cost of owning, operating and maintaining sanitary sewer facilities from the City of Pawtucket to the Narragansett Bay Commission, and the Commission is seeking to determine the impact if that were to occur in any of its member communities. *The Governor included the funding, but as part of the Sewer Systems Improvement project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation**

Projects	Status	5	5 Year Total		Project Total	
MRF Roof Replacement	New	\$	275,000	\$	275,000	
MRF Boiler Replacement	New		134,000		134,000	
MRF Emergency Generator	New		235,000		235,000	
MRF Fiber Storage Bunkers	New		800,000		800,000	
Landfill Phase VI Design & Construction	Revised		29,700,000		98,400,000	
Leachate Sewer Line and Pump Station	Revised		-		3,251,642	
MRF Fire Alarm System and Wiring	Revised		250,000		250,000	
Leachate Pretreatment Facility Construction	Ongoing		-		28,682,595	
Leachate Storage Tanks	Ongoing		-		2,049,627	
Total		\$	31,394,000	\$	134,077,864	
Sources of Funds						
Resource Recovery Corporation General Revenue		\$	31,394,000	\$	100,402,000	
Resource Recovery Corporation Revenue Bonds			-		33,675,864	
Total		\$	31,394,000	\$	134,077,864	

**Summary.** The Corporation requested \$134.1 million, of which \$31.4 million would be used in the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period for nine projects, four of which are new. Total funding includes \$100.4 million from the Corporation's general revenues and \$33.7 million from its revenue bonds. *The Governor recommended funding as requested. The Governor included Section 14 of Article 1 of 2015-H 5900 which proposes that the Corporation transfer \$1.5 million to the State General Fund by June 30, 2016.* **The Assembly did not transfer \$1.5 million to general revenues and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.** 

**Materials Recycling Facility Roof Replacement.** The Corporation requested \$0.3 million from its general revenues for a new project to replace the roof of the Materials Recycling Facility. The project involves covering approximately 40,000 square feet of roof with thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) membrane and replacing the skylights. The Corporation indicated that the current roof is 26 years old and leaks during heavy rain and snow melt, causing water damage to the interior of the building and the equipment located below and creating a slip hazard when water pools form on the concrete floor. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Materials Recycling Facility Boiler Replacement.** The Corporation requested \$0.1 million from its general revenues for a new project to replace the boiler at the Materials Recycling Facility. The current boiler, which is 18 years old and nearing the end of its useful life, would be replaced with a high efficiency natural gas fired boiler and hot water heater in order to reduce utilities expenses at the facility. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Materials Recycling Facility Emergency Generator.** The Corporation requested \$0.2 million from its general revenues for a new project to replace its emergency backup generator with a larger unit more appropriate for the baler system. The Corporation indicated that this will allow comingled single stream recyclables to be baled for efficient storage and processed at a later date to ensure continuous and uninterrupted operations. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Materials Recycling Facility Fiber Storage Bunkers.** The Corporation requested \$0.8 million from its general revenues for a new project to replace aging fiber system storage bunkers. The work involves replacing six large walking floor bunker conveyors that hold the sorted paper before baling. The Corporation noted that the current units are 20 years old and nearing the end of their useful life. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Landfill Phase VI Design & Construction.** The Corporation requested a total project cost of \$98.4 million from its general revenues, of which \$29.7 million would be used in the five-year period to design and construct another series of landfill cells and relocate buildings to accommodate the expansion. Most of the Corporation's buildings must be relocated to different locations on the property and new landfill cells must be in service before Phase V reaches its designed capacity. The request is \$45.5 million more than the approved plan primarily because the approved plan does not include the estimated \$35 million to relocate the buildings and only includes expenditures through FY 2020, while the request includes expenditures through the estimated project completion date of FY 2024. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Leachate Sewer Line and Pump Station.** The Corporation requested \$3.3 million from its revenue bonds to install a sewer line, construct a concrete sedimentation tank and pump station, and demolish the existing leachate pretreatment building. The new sewer line is necessary to increase the capacity of the leachate transmission system and the new pump station is necessary to feed the two equalization/storage tanks. This project is a preliminary component of the leachate pretreatment facility construction. This project has begun and the Corporation expected it to be completed in the fall of 2014. The request is \$1.2 million less than the approved plan to better reflect actual construction costs in the pre-FY 2015 period. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Materials Recycling Facility Fire Alarm System and Wiring. The Corporation requested \$0.3 million from its general revenues for a project to replace the fire alarm panel which provides fire alarm protection for the entire Materials Recycling Facility and both of the facility's scale houses. The planned work also includes rewiring the alarm system to provide a supervisory safety alert to signal problems in the wiring circuits and devices such as smoke detectors, heat detectors, signal beacons, and audio/visual signal displays. The Corporation requested to delay the project from FY 2015 to FY 2017 in order to determine what needs to be replaced in addition to the panel, how much existing wiring in the building will need to be replaced to correctly perform the retrofit project, and whether to include upgrade features such as preaction valves. The Governor recommended funding as requested. The Assembly concurred.

**Leachate Pretreatment Facility Construction.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requested a total project cost of \$28.7 million from its revenue bonds and general revenues for a new leachate pretreatment facility. The Corporation indicated that the design/build contract was executed in July 2012 and construction began in FY 2014. In May 2013, the Corporation issued \$40.0 million of revenue bonds for the facility, as authorized by legislation contained in 2012-H 7323, Substitute A, as amended. The current request divides the remaining construction work into two separate projects. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Leachate Storage Tanks.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requested \$2.0 million from its revenue bonds for a new project to install two 750,000 gallon glass-lined steel leachate storage tanks, which will serve as flow equalizers and provide excess storage for heavy storm events. The Corporation indicated that this preliminary component of the leachate pretreatment facility project has begun and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Department of Transportation**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total	
Warren Yard Replacement	New	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	
Highway Drainage Preservation	New	8,500,000	9,500,000	
Portsmouth Facility	Revised	3,465,000	5,305,502	
Capital Equipment Replacement	Revised	23,000,000	31,437,068	
Cooperative Maintenance Facility	Revised	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Maintenance Facilities Asset Protection	Revised	2,000,000	4,402,955	
Train Station Repairs	Revised	1,750,000	2,047,874	
Providence Station Transit Center	Ongoing	35,000,000	35,850,000	
Highway Improvement Program	Ongoing	1,309,006,978	3,197,353,744	
Commuter Rail	Ongoing	80,332,301	171,516,287	
East Providence Facility Relocation	Ongoing	-	4,914,319	
Salt Storage Facilities	Ongoing	5,000,000	13,629,344	
Pawtucket-Central Falls Train Station Study	Ongoing	250,000	3,114,360	
Total		\$ 1,474,104,279	\$ 3,484,871,453	
Sources of Funds				
DMV Surcharges		\$ 97,131,855	\$ 114,353,564	
Federal Funds		1,077,786,031	2,334,000,369	
Federal GARVEE Bonds		9,250,561	513,742,892	
Federal Stimulus Funds		14,542,337	29,200,000	
Gas Tax		10,000,000	11,437,068	
General Obligation Bonds		36,265,000	127,168,227	
Land Sales		27,300,000	53,093,050	
MBTA		9,718,137	20,914,608	
Other		19,910,358	24,682,445	
Rhode Island Capital Funds		172,200,000	256,279,230	
Total		\$ 1,474,104,279	\$ 3,484,871,453	

**Summary.** The Department requested \$2,307.6 million from FY 2016 through FY 2020 for projects totaling \$4,954.3 million. Funding in the five-year period includes \$0.9 million from authorized bond proceeds, as well as \$35.0 million of new general obligation bond proceeds that will be presented to the voters on the November 2014 ballot. The request also includes \$1,077.8 million from federal sources, \$9.3 million from federal Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bond proceeds, \$27.3 million from the sale of Department owned land and \$187.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The request also includes \$861.1 million in expenditures from other sources, including \$230.0 million of funding from unidentified sources for the reconstruction of Routes 6 and 10.

The Governor recommended total project costs of \$3,484.9 million, with \$1,474.1 million programmed for the five-year period. The recommendation is \$1,469.4 million less than requested due to the exclusion of three new projects for which no funding source was identified. The recommendation includes the proceeds from general obligation bonds approved on the November ballot. It should be noted the Governor's FY 2016 budget assumes \$13.2 million of additional revenues by delaying the transfer of transportation related fees collected by the Division of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Transportation.

The Governor proposed \$20.0 million of additional Rhode Island Capital Plan funding to offset the impact, and the funds are included in the Highway Improvement Program.

The Assembly rejected the Governor's proposal to delay the transfer of transportation related fees. It removed \$13.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and added a like amount from transferred transportation related fees. It concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

Warren Yard Replacement. The Department requested total project costs of \$0.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used through FY 2017 for a new project to reconstruct a maintenance facility in Warren. The facility serves as a site for salt and equipment storage, as well as housing of staff during winter operations. The project would include repaving the lot, and replacing the three-bay garage and administrative area. The 2014 Assembly transferred this project to the asset protection project to better reflect the use of funds; however, it is once again included separately in the current request. *The Governor recommended total funding as requested, but delayed funding until FY 2019.* The Assembly concurred.

**Highway Drainage Preservation.** The Department requested total project costs of \$50.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and funds available from the highway maintenance account for a new project to inspect and clean the state's catch basins. The state has approximately 25,000 catch basins; however, the Department is only able to maintain approximately 1,000 each year. The Department's FY 2015 budget includes \$500,000 for catch basin cleaning, inspection, and repair as part of its operating budget. The Department notes it intends to increase the investment in FY 2016 to \$1.0 million, \$1.5 million in FY 2017, and \$2.0 million annually thereafter from Department sources. The Governor recommended total project costs of \$9.5 million, consistent with the plan outlined in the Department's operating request. Funding is programmed from a dedicated portion of the Highway Maintenance Account; however, there are no statutory changes to reflect the programming of funds. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Portsmouth Facility.** The Department requested total project costs of \$5.2 million from authorized general obligation bonds and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used through FY 2017 for the relocation of the Portsmouth maintenance facility to state owned land between Boyd's Lane and the ramp to Route 24 Northbound. The request extends the use of bond proceeds through FY 2016. *The Governor recommended \$0.1 million more than requested to reflect actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Capital Equipment Replacement.** The Department requested total project costs of \$37.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and gasoline tax revenues to replace capital equipment. This project involves the purchase of heavy trucks, sweepers, loaders, backhoes and tractors to replace the Maintenance Division's existing fleet. The request is \$9.1 million more than the approved plan, including \$5.5 million for the additional year as well as an approximate 10 percent increase of funding each year of the five-year period to reflect projected increases in equipment costs, based on historical trends, which were not included in the approved plan. The Governor recommended \$6.0 million less than requested to reflect \$2.0 million more for actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures, the removal of \$6.4 million of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2015 and FY 2016, and annual funding of \$5.0 million. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Cooperative Maintenance Agreement.** The Department requested total project costs of \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to purchase and make repairs to a former truck repair facility, which will be converted to a cooperative maintenance facility for the Department's heavy fleet and the Public Transit Authority's buses. The approved plan included \$4.7 million to convert the Authority's former bus repair facility into a cooperative maintenance facility. Upon further review, the Department and the Authority determined retrofitting that facility would be cost prohibitive. The revised funding

level would be used in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to purchase the land and retrofit the newly identified facility. *The Governor recommended funding as requested, but delayed the start until FY 2017.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

Maintenance Facilities Asset Protection. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested total project costs of \$4.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used through FY 2020 to make repairs at its seven district maintenance facilities throughout the state, and its headquarters facility located in Warwick. Improvements would include pavement repair, replacement and repairs of the HVAC systems, roof repairs and improvements to windows and garage doors at several facilities. The request is \$0.5 million more than the approved plan due to the inclusion of funding for the additional year. The Governor recommended \$0.5 million less than requested which reflects a reduction of \$0.1 million each year of the five-year period to reflect the availability of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Assembly concurred.

**Train Station Repairs.** The Department requested total project costs of \$2.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for repairs at three train stations: Woonsocket, Kingston and Westerly. The Kingston and Westerly stations are currently active, while the Woonsocket station serves as a bus depot. The Department's maintenance division is currently responsible for these facilities; however, the Department indicates that the gas tax funds used for the stations are insufficient. Funding would be used for larger scale asset protection projects, such as roof and window repairs, painting, and HVAC upgrades. The request is \$0.7 million more than the approved plan, primarily to reflect an additional year of funding. The Governor recommended \$0.4 million less than requested to reflect the exclusion of \$0.2 million from the current year as well as \$50,000 each year of the five-year period. **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Providence Station Transit Center.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested total project costs of \$36.1 million to expand and improve the state's transit hubs located at the Providence AMTRAK station, Kennedy plaza and the proposed Garrahy Courthouse parking complex. Funding includes \$35.0 million of general obligation bonds which will be submitted to the voters on the November 2014 ballot. *The Governor excluded \$0.3 million of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2015 that was to be used for planning; however, the planning is being conducted with current staff.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Highway Improvement Program.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$1,289.6 million from all funds for highway improvement program expenditures to be used in the five-year period, for total project costs of \$3,264.5 million. These exclude any new bonding authority for state matching funds reflecting an initiative by the 2011 Assembly to replace borrowing with pay-go sources, which is being accomplished by replacing those with a combination of transportation related surcharges and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The total recommendation is consistent with requested funding. The Governor included Article 21 of 2015-H 5900 which delayed the transfer of transportation related fees to the Highway Maintenance Account as part of a 2014 Assembly initiative for use by the Department. To offset the loss the Governor programmed \$20.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which are included as part of the Highway Improvement Program.

The Assembly rejected the Governor's proposal to delay the transfer of transportation related fees. It removed \$13.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and added a like amount from transferred transportation related fees.

**Commuter Rail.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested total project costs of \$171.5 million from all funds, of which \$80.3 million will be used in the five-year period for the Commuter Rail Project. Funding includes \$3.6 million of general obligation bond authority approved by

the voters on the November 2008 ballot. Phase I of the project involved the extension of commuter rail service south from Providence to T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, and has been completed. Phase II of the project extended commuter rail service 25 miles to Wickford Junction. The current request also includes plans for a bypass station in Kingston, along with intermediate stops at Cranston and East Greenwich. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**East Providence Facility Relocation.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested a total project cost of \$5.1 million from authorized general obligation bonds and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the relocation of the East Providence maintenance facility from Sachem Road to state property on the East Shore Expressway on Route 114 and Route 6. Construction of the new facility is substantially complete; however, the request includes \$0.2 million in FY 2015 to complete the project. *The Governor recommended \$0.3 million in FY 2015 to complete the project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Salt Storage Facilities.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested \$9.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$7.5 million would be used in the five-year period for the construction of salt storage facilities at various locations statewide where salt is currently stored uncovered. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station Study.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requested total project costs of \$3.1 million, including \$2.5 million from federal funds, \$0.5 million from the City of Pawtucket and \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$250,000 will be spent in the five-year period to study the feasibility of operating a commuter train station in the Pawtucket-Central Falls area. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Statewide Resurfacing.** The Department requested total project costs of \$471.0 million from unidentified sources for a new statewide road resurfacing program. Approximately 40 percent of state's 3,000 lane miles of maintained roads are classified as poor or fair condition. Funding would be used to expand current resurfacing projects to increase the proportion of roads in good or excellent repair; however, a more defined target is not included in the request. The funding would begin in FY 2015, and it is currently unclear what amount of resources is being requested above and beyond what has already been made available to the Department. *The Governor did not recommend funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Information Technology Investment Strategy.** The Department requested a total project cost of \$1.8 million from the Rhode Island Information Technology Investment Fund to be spent in FY 2015 for four information technology projects, including upgrades to the financial management and project management systems and the replacement of network switches and servers. The Department has noted its lack of information technology support leads to decreased efficiency across the agency, as it has been utilizing the Department of Administration for technological support. It is unclear why this funding is included in the request, as the expenditures do not meet the definition of a capital project. These types of expenditures have historically been funded in the Department's operating budget with gasoline tax revenues. The Department notes that these purchases could be completed in a relatively short amount of time and it has programmed them in the current year, despite the lack of a committed funding source. *The Governor did not recommend funding.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Bridge Rehabilitation.** The Department requested total project costs of \$404.7 million from other fund sources for a new project that would increase bridge inspection, repair and rehabilitation projects throughout the state. Of the state's 1,154 bridge structures, 206 are currently classified as structurally deficient. Requested funding is projected to reduce the amount of structurally deficient bridges by half, while also reducing the amount of bridges being added to this classification annually due to an increase in overall bridge preservation work. This request seems more like an identification of need rather than an

actual capital project plan. The funding would begin in FY 2016, and it is currently unclear what amount of resources is being requested above and beyond what has already been made available to the Department. *The Governor did not recommend funding*.

She subsequently requested an amendment for a new article to authorize \$900.0 million for statewide bridge repairs. The debt would be issued by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority with \$700 million for project costs and up to \$200 million for debt service, reserve, capitalized interest and costs of issuance. The proposed legislation also authorizes the collection of tolls on large commercial trucks. She revised this proposal again, lowering the total debt. It was also introduced in both chambers as separate legislation. The Senate adopted a version of it but the House did not act before recessing on June 25. **The Assembly took no action.** 

**Routes 6 and 10 Reconstruction.** The Department requested total project costs of \$481.0 million from unidentified sources for the reconstruction of the Routes 6 and 10 interchange. The project would address the deterioration of the existing bridges on the structure, reduce congestion on the interchange and the adjacent communities, while also improving travel in the north to west direction. It should be noted that this project is not assumed to be funded in any other long term plans used by the Department. *The Governor did not recommend funding.* 

It should be noted that in her proposed amendment to authorize funding for statewide bridge repairs, \$400.0 million would be dedicated to the Routes 6 and 10 interchange. **The Assembly took no action.** 

## **Rhode Island Public Transit Authority**

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total	
Information Technology Redundancy	New	\$		\$	1,400,000
Bus Purchases	Revised		32,792,647		132,572,174
Bus Rapid Transit Corridor	Revised		-		3,278,652
Fixed Route and Paratransit Cameras	Ongoing		-		2,269,805
Enterprise Software	Ongoing		185,000		2,111,406
Land and Buildings	Ongoing		4,636,000		10,507,662
Paratransit Vehicles	Ongoing		8,469,661		30,046,284
Intelligent Transportation System	Ongoing		-		9,861,570
Total		\$	46,083,308	\$	192,047,553
Sources of Funds					
Federal Funds		\$	38,743,679	\$	142,763,598
Federal Stimulus Funds			-		23,693,758
General Obligation Bonds			186,331		8,709,707
Other (Cities and Towns)			632,366		1,333,917
Rhode Island Capital Funds			590,000		952,790
RIPTA Operating Funds			-		554,002
RIPTA Revolving Loan Funds			1,730,932		9,839,781
State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund			4,200,000		4,200,000
Total		\$	46,083,308	\$	192,047,553

**Summary.** The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority requested \$50.5 million for the five-year period for total project costs of \$192.8 million. Funding includes \$4.8 million from approved general obligation bond proceeds, \$144.4 million from federal funds, \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$4.2 million from other funds and \$10.4 million from Authority sources. Funding also includes \$4.2 million from the state's Fleet Replacement Fund provided by the 2012 Assembly as part of an initiative to lower debt service costs associated with transportation agencies. *The Governor recommended funding essentially as requested, adjusting for actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures and added Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide the state match for federal funds for bus purchases. The Assembly excluded \$2.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds proposed for bus purchases in FY 2018 and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.* 

**Information Technology Redundancy.** The Authority requested total project costs of \$1.4 million in FY 2015 to provide backup and disaster recovery for the Authority's computerized systems. The Authority is currently investigating solutions to protect its data by providing offsite redundancy in the case of electrical failure or other conditions that could lead to the loss of stored data and system functionality. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Bus Purchases.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requested total project costs of \$132.9 million to replace 66 buses, trolleys and flex vehicles. Flex vehicles are vans that supply service to low density areas. The Authority indicated that these vehicles have or will have exceeded their useful lives. Funding includes \$4.2 million from the state's Fleet Replacement Fund provided by the 2012 Assembly as part of an initiative to lower debt service costs associated with transportation agencies. It should be noted the request includes \$2.4 million of funding from unidentified sources for the state match to federal

funds in FY 2018. The Governor recommended total funding essentially as requested, but made adjustments to reflect actual pre-FY 2015 expenditures. She also provided \$2.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the state match in FY 2018 instead of unidentified sources; capital plan funds have not traditionally been used for vehicle purchases. The Assembly removed the \$2.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2018.

**Bus Rapid Transit Corridor.** The Authority requested \$3.7 million to develop more efficient bus service on its busiest fixed routes: the number 11 Broad Street bus route and the number 99 Pawtucket bus route. The funding will be used for the planning and development of traffic signal priority, the integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems with hybrid buses as well as improvements to bus stops such as additional lighting and customer information. The request is \$1.8 million more than the approved plan to reflect revised costs and use of solar powered traffic signal receivers, instead of electric ones. The Authority discovered that operating the receivers with electricity would result in a large increase in utility costs. *The Governor recommended \$0.4 million less than requested in FY 2016 to reflect the early completion of the project.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Fixed Route and Paratransit Cameras.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requested total project costs of \$2.3 million to install security cameras on its buses and paratransit vehicles. The project consists of placing six cameras on each of the Authority's 235 vehicles and five cameras on each of its 130 paratransit vehicles. Funding consists of \$1.8 million from federal funds and \$0.5 million from Authority sources, with \$0.4 million scheduled for FY 2015 to complete final payments for the project. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Enterprise Software.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requested \$2.1 million to replace its current financial tracking system in order to address shortfalls in financial data quality, processing and monitoring. Funding is programmed at \$1.2 million in FY 2015 and \$0.2 million in FY 2016, with \$0.7 million spent prior to FY 2015. Total funding includes 80 percent from Federal Transit Administration funds, with the remaining 20 percent from Authority sources. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Land and Buildings.** The Authority requested total project costs of \$10.6 million to improve security at its Elmwood facilities, provide upgrades to various transit hubs and park and ride facilities while also making multi-year improvements to bus stops and sidewalks. These upgrades would include increased security measures, crack repair, shelter improvement and repaving work. The request is \$4.9 million less than the approved plan to reflect the removal of pre-FY 2015 expenditures, consistent with Budget Office instructions. *The Governor recommended \$0.1 million less to reflect an updated project schedule.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Paratransit Vehicles.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requested \$8.5 million to be used in the five-year period for the replacement of paratransit vehicles and upgrades to paratransit software. The request includes total project costs of \$30.0 million, consisting of \$24.0 million from federal funds and \$6.0 million from the Authority's paratransit revolving funds. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Intelligent Transportation System.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requested a total project cost of \$9.9 million from all funds, of which \$2.0 million will be spent in FY 2015 to complete the implementation of an Intelligent Transportation System. The system will integrate real time bus data with the Authority's fleet supervisors and customer service kiosks, using computer aided dispatch and automatic vehicle location technologies. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

## **Rhode Island Airport Corporation**

Projects	Status 5 Year Total		Project Total		
T.F. Green Airport General Improvements	Ongoing	\$	123,123,077	\$	251,368,395
Outlying Airports General Improvements	Ongoing		28,196,527		37,007,290
Total		\$	151,319,604	\$	288,375,685
Sources of Funds					
Airport Bonds		\$	29,781,304	\$	75,090,474
Airport Operating Funds			1,127,123		1,604,187
Federal Funds			109,834,422		186,555,172
Passenger Facility Charges			10,576,755		25,125,852
Total		\$	151,319,604	\$	288,375,685

**Summary.** The Airport Corporation requested total capital expenditures of \$283.1 million, including \$146.0 million during the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period, consistent with the approved capital plan. It should be noted that the Corporation's request programs out-year funding from future revenue bonds, which will require Assembly authorization pursuant to the Public Corporation Debt Management Act. This information is based on the request received October 1, 2014. Subsequently, the Corporation submitted a revised version to the Budget Office only, which increased the total for the Outlying Airport General Improvements project.

The Governor recommended funding as requested in the second submission. The Governor included Section 18 of Article 1 of 2015-H 5900, which proposes that the Corporation transfer \$0.4 million to the state General Fund by June 30, 2016 to reflect advanced debt service payments for general obligation bonds that have been issued on the Corporation's behalf.

The Assembly did not transfer \$0.4 million to general revenues and concurred with the remainder of the recommendation.

**T.F. Green Airport General Improvements.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Airport Corporation requested total expenditures of \$251.4 million for 14 individual general improvement projects at T.F. Green Airport. Funding in the five-year period consists of \$93.1 million from federal funds, \$19.2 million from airport revenue bonds, \$0.3 million from the Corporation's operating funds and \$10.6 million from passenger facility charges. Passenger facility charges are generated from a \$4.50 charge on all enplaned passengers, and can only be used for certain projects deemed eligible by the Federal Aviation Administration. *The Governor recommended funding as requested.* **The Assembly concurred.** 

**Outlying Airports General Improvements.** Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requested total project costs of \$31.7 million for 13 projects to make improvements at the Corporation's five general aviation airports including \$22.9 million for the FY 2016 through FY 2020 period. Projects include upgrades to hangars and terminals, easement acquisition, drainage improvement projects and the rehabilitation of runways. Subsequently, the Corporation submitted a revised version to the Budget Office only, which increased the total for the Outlying Airport General Improvements project to \$37.0 million. *The Governor recommended funding consistent with the second budget request.* **The Assembly concurred.**