



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



**FACT SHEET
2023 Legislative Session**

**SENATE BILL 980
AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE**

Summary of Proposal:

The Governor is proposing new General Obligation (GO) bond authorizations of \$1.404 billion in FY 2024 and \$1.657 billion in FY 2025.

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Office of Policy and Management		
Grants-in-aid to distressed municipalities eligible under section 32-9s	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
Local Capital Improvement Program	30,000,000	30,000,000
Grants for municipal purposes and projects	91,000,000	91,000,000
Urban Act Program	60,000,000	60,000,000
Small Town Economic Assistance Program		30,000,000
Capital Equipment Purchase Fund	25,000,000	25,000,000
Information Technology Capital Investment Program	65,000,000	65,000,000
Nonprofit Grant Program	25,000,000	25,000,000
Department of Administrative Services		
School Construction Program		250,000,000
Infrastructure repairs and improvements	25,000,000	25,000,000
Asbestos and hazardous materials abatement in state-owned buildings	5,000,000	5,000,000
Upgrades and modernization to the Capital Area System	19,000,000	
Purchase of electric vehicles and the construction and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure	35,000,000	
School air quality grant program	150,000,000	150,000,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	3,500,000	31,500,000
School security infrastructure competitive grant program	10,000,000	10,000,000
Alterations, renovations, improvements, and repairs for an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course	5,000,000	
Department of Motor Vehicles		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	2,000,000	2,000,000
Military Department		
State matching funds for anticipated federal reimbursable projects	5,000,000	3,000,000
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	300,000	200,000
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Recreational and Natural Heritage Trust Program	3,000,000	3,000,000
Clean Water Fund (General Obligation Bonds)	40,000,000	65,000,000
Grants to municipalities for open space acquisition	10,000,000	10,000,000
Connecticut bikeway, walkway, trail and greenway grant program	5,000,000	5,000,000
Projects in state buildings and assets that reduce environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions	20,000,000	20,000,000
Renovations at state parks and other recreation facilities	20,000,000	20,000,000
Water pollution control projects at state facilities and for engineering reports for regional planning agencies	600,000	1,000,000
Microgrid and resilience grant and loan pilot program	5,000,000	25,000,000
Grants for mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas	5,000,000	5,000,000

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	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Grants for mitigation of identified hazardous waste disposal sites	19,000,000	17,000,000
Grants for potable water and remedial action for PFAS contamination	2,000,000	2,000,000
Dam repairs, including state-owned dams		2,500,000
Grants for zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle charging infrastructure	10,000,000	10,000,000
Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs	2,500,000	2,500,000
Department of Economic and Community Development		
Small Business Express Program	25,000,000	25,000,000
Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund	12,000,000	12,000,000
Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization program	25,000,000	25,000,000
Department of Housing		
Housing Trust Fund	200,000,000	200,000,000
Housing development and rehabilitation programs	100,000,000	100,000,000
Capital Region Development Authority		
Alterations, renovations and improvements at the Connecticut Convention Center and Rentschler Field	17,000,000	17,000,000
Alterations, renovations and improvements to parking garages in Hartford	5,000,000	5,000,000
Department of Public Health		
Grants-in-aid to public water systems for drinking water projects	25,000,000	25,000,000
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner		
Design of alteration, renovation, and additions to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Farmington	21,045,000	
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements to facilities	36,090,000	30,990,000
Sprinkler systems in direct patient care buildings	12,450,000	
Department of Education		
Grants to low-performing schools for improvements, technology, equipment	5,000,000	5,000,000
Grants-in-aid to assist charter schools with capital expenses	5,000,000	5,000,000
Connecticut State Library		
Renovation of Middletown Library Service Center	400,000	355,000
University of Connecticut Health Center		
Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements	30,000,000	30,000,000
System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions	3,000,000	3,000,000
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities		
System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades	16,450,000	9,000,000
Colleges: Deferred maintenance	44,000,000	22,600,000
Universities: Deferred maintenance	30,000,000	60,200,000
Advanced manufacturing and emerging technology programs	4,000,000	3,000,000
Colleges: Instruction, research and/or laboratory equipment	14,000,000	13,000,000
Universities: Instruction, research and/or laboratory equipment	16,000,000	15,000,000
Security Improvements	3,000,000	3,000,000
Department of Correction		
Alterations, renovations and improvements	35,000,000	35,000,000
Judicial Department		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	10,000,000	10,000,000
Technology Strategic Plan Project	2,000,000	2,000,000
Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities	2,000,000	2,000,000
Alterations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act	1,000,000	1,000,000
General Obligation Total	<u>\$1,404,335,000</u>	<u>\$1,656,845,000</u>

The Governor is also recommending authorizations for \$1.517 billion of Special Tax Obligation (STO) bonds in FY 2024 and \$1.494 billion in FY 2025, to keep our transportation infrastructure in a state of good repair and leverage just over \$4 billion of available matching federal funds. Lastly, the Governor is recommending \$25 million in FY 2025 of revenue bonds to fund low interest loans under the Clean Water Fund.

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Department of Transportation		
Interstate Highway Program	\$ 50,346,000	\$ 15,400,000
Urban Systems Projects	22,000,000	22,000,000
Local Bridge Program	10,000,000	10,000,000
State Bridge Program	57,500,000	58,200,000
Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges	51,500,000	62,250,000
Fix-it-First program to repair the state's roads	152,115,000	180,729,000
Environmental compliance	15,350,000	17,065,000
Capital resurfacing	125,000,000	135,000,000
Intrastate Highway Program	86,000,000	88,000,000
Bus and rail facilities and equipment	264,250,000	273,450,000
Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program	76,000,000	78,000,000
Highway and Bridge Renewal Equipment	22,513,000	22,513,000
Department Facilities	161,960,000	74,990,000
Community Connectivity and alternative mobility program	13,000,000	13,000,000
Northeast Corridor Modernization Match Program	398,165,000	438,175,000
Transportation Rural Improvement Program	5,000,000	5,000,000
Special Tax Obligation Bonds Total	<u>\$1,510,699,000</u>	<u>\$1,493,772,000</u>
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Clean Water Fund and Drinking Water Fund (Revenue Bonds)	-	25,000,000
Revenue Bonds Total	=	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>

The Governor's capital budget includes a new authorization for the 'Northeast Corridor Modernization Match Program'. This program aims to leverage over \$1.5 billion available federal dollars via the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act across FY 2024 & FY 2025.

Authorizations approved in prior sessions are not included in the Governor's budget but will become effective over the biennium.

Automatic authorizations becoming effective over the biennium include:

1. \$84.7 million in FY 2024 and \$56.0 million in FY 2025 for UConn 2000;
2. \$24 million in FY 2024 for the Bioscience Innovation Fund; and
3. \$10.0 million in FY 2024 and \$10.3 million in FY 2025 for the Strategic Defense Investment Act.

Pre-authorizations becoming effective over the biennium include:

1. \$10 million in FY 2024 for Smart Start grants;
2. \$25 million each year for the Crumbling Foundations Program;
3. \$50 million in FY 2025 for Baby Bonds;
4. \$175 million each year for the Community Investment Fund;
5. \$5 million each year for Connecticut Port Authority Projects;
6. \$14.5 million in FY 2024 and \$9.2 million in FY 2025 for UCONN Research Faculty; and
7. \$23.5 million in FY 2024 and \$13.5 million in FY 2025 for CT Next.

Reason for Proposal:

This bill implements the Governor's recommended capital budget for the biennium.

Significant Impacts:

The Governor is prioritizing bond allocations to areas that require the most investment, which include affordable housing, energy and environmental programs, school construction, information technology improvements, economic development, workforce development, and state agency infrastructure improvements.