



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2025 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 1247

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE

The Current Situation

To implement the Governor’s capital budget for the biennium.

Governor Lamont’s Solution

Prioritize 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.

Propose new General Obligation (GO) bond authorizations of \$2.199 billion in FY 2026 and \$2.263 billion in FY 2027. Authorizations approved in prior sessions are not included in the Governor’s budget but will become effective over the biennium, totaling \$393.5 million in FY 2026 & \$351.3 million in FY 2027. The Governor is also proposing the cancellation of \$289.6 million in FY 2026 and \$50.0 million in FY 2027 of existing and pre-authorized bonds. This brings the total of new GO bond authorizations to \$2.539 billion for FY 2026 and \$2.565 billion in FY 2027, as proposed by this budget.

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</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	45,000,000	45,000,000
Grants for municipal purposes and projects	91,000,000	91,000,000
Urban Act Program	75,000,000	75,000,000
Small Town Economic Assistance Program	-	35,000,000



Grants to support municipalities, homeowners, and small businesses who have been impacted by a catastrophic event	15,000,000	-
Capital Equipment Purchase Fund	40,000,000	40,000,000
Information Technology Capital Investment Program	75,000,000	75,000,000
Department of Veterans Affairs		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	20,000,000	10,000,000
Middletown State Veterans Cemetery expansion	7,500,000	-
Department of Administrative Services		
School Construction Program	550,000,000	550,000,000
Infrastructure repairs and improvements	-	10,000,000
CAS System Upgrades	16,000,000	-
Solar Installations on State Property	75,000,000	-
Technology for Colocation of Groton Data Center	-	16,000,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	10,000,000	50,000,000
School security infrastructure competitive grant program	10,000,000	10,000,000
Nonprofit security infrastructure competitive grant program	5,000,000	5,000,000
Department of Motor Vehicles		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	10,000,000	2,500,000
Alterations, including relocation, of the Wethersfield Office	15,000,000	-
Military Department		
State matching funds for anticipated federal reimbursable projects	5,000,000	3,000,000
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	1,000,000	1,000,000
Construction of a Medical Readiness Center	5,000,000	-
State matching funds for anticipated federal reimbursable project at the Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group in Groton	17,000,000	-
Department of Agriculture		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	5,000,000	-

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
Clean Water Fund (General Obligation Bonds)	133,000,000	175,000,000
Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program	3,000,000	3,000,000
Connecticut bikeway, walkway, trail and greenway grant program	10,000,000	10,000,000
Projects in state buildings and assets that reduce environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions	5,000,000	5,000,000
Renovations at state parks and other recreation facilities	40,000,000	30,000,000
Grants to municipalities for improvements to incinerators and landfills	6,800,000	2,900,000
Microgrid and resilience grant and loan pilot program	-	25,000,000
Grants for mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas	12,000,000	12,000,000
Grants for mitigation of identified hazardous waste disposal sites	7,600,000	17,000,000
Water pollution control projects at state facilities and for engineering reports for regional planning agencies	500,000	500,000
Grants for potable water and remedial action for PFAS contamination	5,000,000	5,000,000
Dam repairs, including state-owned dams	2,500,000	2,500,000
Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs and municipal dam repairs	2,500,000	2,500,000
Design costs and purchase of a research vessel	500,000	7,000,000
Department of Economic and Community Development		
Greyfield Revitalization Program	20,000,000	30,000,000
Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund	20,000,000	25,000,000
Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization program	35,000,000	35,000,000
Economic Development and Manufacturing Assistance Act	75,000,000	75,000,000
Office of Workforce Strategy		
Workforce Innovation and Sustainability Program	30,000,000	-
Department of Housing		
Housing Trust Fund	150,000,000	150,000,000
Housing development and rehabilitation programs	200,000,000	200,000,000
Time-To-Own Program	50,000,000	50,000,000

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
For the purposes of encouraging development, as provided in section 32-602 of the general statutes	25,000,000	25,000,000
Municipal Redevelopment Authority		
Municipal Redevelopment Authority Capitalization	-	30,000,000
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	1,200,000	-
Department of Public Health		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	500,000	-
Department of Developmental Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements to facilities	7,000,000	7,000,000
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services		
Fire, safety and environmental improvements to facilities	20,000,000	40,000,000
Sprinkler systems in direct patient care buildings	10,000,000	15,000,000
Design for replacement of Whiting Forensic Hospital	50,000,000	-
Department of Transportation		
Town Aid Road-GO	30,000,000	30,000,000
Department of Education		
Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers for capital expenses at interdistrict magnet schools	20,000,000	-
Grants-in-aid to support in-district programming for students with disabilities	-	4,000,000
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System		
Districtwide Facility Upgrades, Security Improvements, Vehicle & Equipment Purchases and Emergency Repairs	30,000,000	30,000,000
Capital Improvement Projects at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School	-	35,000,000
Information Technology and Support Equipment	8,000,000	8,000,000
Design and Construction of a new Windham Technical High School	113,705,019	-

University of Connecticut Health Center		
System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions	3,000,000	3,000,000
Equipment, library collections and telecommunications	10,000,000	10,000,000
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities		
Colleges: Deferred maintenance	30,000,000	-
Universities: Deferred maintenance	30,000,000	-
All State Colleges and Universities: System telecom infrastructure upgrades, improvements, and expansions	-	5,000,000
All State Universities: Energy efficiency improvements	5,000,000	-
Department of Correction		
Alterations, renovations and improvements	50,000,000	55,000,000
Department of Children and Families		
Alterations, renovations and improvements	5,000,000	5,000,000
Judicial Department		
Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds	10,000,000	10,000,000
Technology Strategic Plan Project	10,000,000	5,000,000
Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities	2,000,000	2,000,000
Alterations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act	10,000,000	10,000,000
Development of a new courthouses, including land acquisition and parking	25,000,000	25,000,000
New General Obligation Total	\$2,435,305,019	\$2,263,900,000
Automatic & Pre-Authorizations		
UCONN 2000 - Auto-Auth	124,000,000	116,000,000
Strategic Defense Investment Act - Auto-Auth	10,321,428	10,321,428
Crumbling Foundations - Pre-Auth	25,000,000	-
Community Investment Fund - Pre-Auth	175,000,000	175,000,000
Small Ports - Pre-Auth	5,000,000	-
UCONN Research Faculty - Pre-Auth	4,201,600	-
Concentrated Poverty Grants - Pre-Auth	50,000,000	50,000,000
Automatic & Pre-Authorizations Total	\$ 393,523,028	\$ 351,321,428

Cancellations		
UCONN Research Faculty - Pre-Auth	(46,100,000)	-
Concentrated Poverty Grants - Pre-Auth	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)
School Air Quality Improvements	(138,500,000)	-
Heat Pump Rebate Program	(25,000,000)	-
Career ConneCT Workforce Training Programs	(30,000,000)	-
Cancellations Total	\$(289,600,000)	\$(50,000,000)
General Obligation Total	<u>\$2,539,228,047</u>	<u>\$2,565,221,428</u>

Modify and add bond programs:

Modify the Small Town Economic Assistance Program to require municipalities to have either fully utilized or planned to utilize grants before receiving a new grant.

Modify the Local Capital Improvement Program to require municipalities to have either fully utilized or planned to utilize grants before receiving a new grant. This language matches the STEAP language above.

Provide another biennial round of Municipal Grants-in-Aid. Require towns to report to the Department of Transportation detailing the amount and usage of funds received. If a municipality fails to submit on time, they can be subject to a 10% penalty to their grant award. This can be waived by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management

Move existing authorizations for the Technical High School grants-in-aid from the State Department of Education to the Technical Education and Career System.

Establish a new Greyfield Revitalization Program which will provide grants or loans for the redevelopment of vacant commercial space which is not currently eligible for the Brownfield Revitalization Program. There will be separate nonlapsing account which will allow the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to provide additional financial assistance. The account will receive the interest and principal of any loan provided by the Greyfields program.

Update the existing DECD's Innovation Corridors program and renames the program Innovation Clusters. Removes the end dates for the program and exempts it from the \$10 million general cap on business projects.

Expand eligibility for the Community Investment Fund by providing it to distressed municipalities. Moves the reporting due date for the program from August to October each year.

Modify the Brownfield Revitalization Program by increasing the maximum award from \$4M to \$6M. Clarifies that the cap applies to phases of a project. Removes the requirement that the Commissioner of DECD give priority to projects within a federally designated opportunity zone.

Remove requirement for DECD to apply liens on grants through the Good to Great program for awards less than \$100,000.

Establish the Strategic Supply Chain Program to provide grants, loans, subsidies, or tax credits to support the growth of companies that are a significant piece of the supply chain for Connecticut industries. Up to \$25M in existing DECD authorizations can be used towards this program. This section does not include any new authorizations.