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The following is intended to provide legislative members of the State Bond Commission (SBC) with additional information and analysis of the items on the agenda. We have reviewed the items and provided additional information, comments or questions where it would be helpful.

## I. Summary

### FY 15 General Obligation Bonds<sup>1</sup>

Allocations	FY 15 \$	FY 14 \$
January Agenda	654,995,582	229,271,475
Prior Allocations	460,204,335	505,228,095
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,115,199,917</b>	<b>734,499,570</b>

<sup>1</sup> The figures do not include reallocations.

### FY 15 Transportation Fund Bonds

Allocations	FY 15 \$	FY 14 \$
January Agenda	62,750,000	0
Prior Allocations	591,055,532	660,405,612
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>653,805,532</b>	<b>660,405,612</b>

### Special note on job creation/retention estimates in the SBC agenda:

The Office of Policy and Management has provided an estimate for the number of jobs created or retained for each agenda item. The figures are based on the assumption that for every \$1 million of directly expended project construction costs, a total of 21 jobs are created or retained. Of the 21 job total, 9.4 are direct jobs and 11.6 are supplier jobs.

## II. Agenda Items

**Item #1** Office of Legislative Management: Renovations, repairs and equipment for the State Capitol complex (\$2,442,200 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for the following projects:

### Renovation, Repair and Equipment Expenditures for the State Capitol Complex

Description	Explanation	Amount \$
<b>ITS upgrades, data center move and equipment</b>		
Upgrade network switches - Phases 1 and 2 (of 3)	The switches are being replaced because they will no longer be supported in early 2016. Phase 1 will replace about 25% of the network's older switches. Phase 2 will replace about 33% of the remaining older switches. Additional funds will be needed to complete Phase 3.	1,210,000
Move Legislature's Disaster Recovery Hot Site	The DAS/BEST Data Center, which is currently the Legislature's 'Disaster Recovery Hot Site', is moving in FY 15. These funds will be used to purchase new switching equipment and racking systems to move the recovery site to either: (1) the new DAS/BEST site or (2) an alternative site. DAS/BEST will continue to provide Internet and State Intranet connectivity to the Legislature.	100,000
Replace servers (ITS)	Replace the existing servers that support requests, applications and systems.	50,000
Replace network tools (ITS)	Replace existing network tools which are becoming antiquated. New tools will improve troubleshooting and ward off potential networking issues.	25,000
Replace Two environmental control units for the computer room	Replace two 25-year-old environmental control units.	35,000
Replace office equipment	Replace miscellaneous office equipment, including sorting machines and printers.	80,000
Replace kitchen and maintenance equipment	Replace deteriorating 25-year-old kitchen equipment. The "unrepairable" failure rate is currently about one major piece per year.	34,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,534,000</b>
Upgrade hearing room equipment	Upgrade sound systems in hearing rooms.	500,000
Upgrade security systems	Additional cameras needed for Legislative Office Building and the Capitol security system, along with equipment for the cruisers.	108,200
Repairs at Capitol Complex	Fix water leaks in the Capitol Complex.	300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,442,200</b>

**Item #2** Office of Government Accountability: Technology upgrades and telecommunication improvements (\$1,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to upgrade the information technology (IT) and telecommunications systems in OGA and its nine divisions, including: (1) improving the underlying IT infrastructure in OGA's physical office space; (2) creation of an agency-wide unified communications system; and (3) the purchase of new hardware and software to support office functions. OGA will receive project assistance and advice from DAS-BEST's IT staff.

**Item #3** Office of the State Comptroller: Development and implementation of a Pension Administration Module for the CORE Financial System (\$17,900,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funding will assist the agency with implementing a pension module for CoreCT. The CoreCT pension module will assist the Retirement Division with processing retirement applications, which is currently a paper process. Electronic processing of applications will help in eliminating any additional retirement backlog. As of December 2014, the backlog is 12, 719 applications. The total interest payments for FY 14 attributed to the backlog was \$838,846. Funding of \$3.4 million has already been allocated for this project in July 2014. The total projected cost of the CoreCT build out is \$50 million and anticipated to last 30 months.

**Item #4** Office of Healthcare Advocate: Development and implementation of Health Information Technology Systems (\$1,900,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The State Innovation Model (SIM) was initiated by the federal Affordable Care Act, through the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). The SIM's purpose is to align all healthcare payers in the state (e.g. Medicaid, the state employee and retiree health plan, Medicare, commercial and self-funded plans) around a value-based payment methodology which focuses reimbursement on quality metrics, as opposed to simply volume and cost reduction measures.

This request will provide for design of the system and acquisition of hardware, software and content. The FY 15 budget included nine new positions for the implementation of SIM.

Question: What is the expected implementation date for SIM?

**Item #5** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Funding for the Public, Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) (\$3,500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to provide grants for an applicant's capital costs and equipment, but not operating expenses. Eligible programming entities include public, educational, and governmental programmers, studio operators, and content producers.

*Background:* The Public, Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) was established by PA 07-253. The

account is administered by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Funding for the account is derived from a .25% tax on the gross earnings of cable-TV, satellite-TV, and certified competitive video service providers. However, PA 13-184 transferred \$3.4 million in FY 14 and \$3.5 million in FY 15 from PEGPETIA to the General Fund. As of July 1, 2013 PURA was no longer accepting applications due to insufficient funding. It is estimated that 23 boards of education were waiting to apply for grants to increase distance learning opportunities and connectivity amongst schools. PEGPETIA funds are also used to pay for local and state-wide cable-TV and video advisory councils and capital and equipment costs of public, educational, and governmental programmers and studio operators.

PURA awarded \$1.6 million in grants from PEGPETIA in 2012 and \$3.2 million in the first half of 2013.

Questions:

1. What kinds of distance learning opportunities will be provided?
2. Why did PURA distribute twice as much in grant money in the first half of 2013 as they did in all of 2012?

**Item #6 State Library:** Development of an electronic book delivery platform for borrowing library books (\$2,200,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to develop an eBooks platform for borrowing library books. The project is the result of PA 14-82, which permits the State Library Board to create and maintain a state-wide platform to distribute electronic books to public library patrons.

**State Library Costs to Develop and Implement an eBooks Delivery Platform**

Description	Cost \$
<b>Platform development</b>	
Consultant services & platform development hardware	800,000
Adobe content servers	25,000
High capacity data storage	35,000
Contingency	86,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>946,000</b>
<b>Training/Promotion</b>	
Development of training modules for staff and users	40,000
Development of promotional materials	50,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>eBooks content:</b> Work with LYRASIS (multi-state consortium currently working with Massachusetts) and CT Library Consortium to bargain collectively with publishers	1,164,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>

**Item #7** Department of Labor: Subsidized Employment and Training Program (STEP) (\$5,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to support the Subsidized Training and Employment Program (STEP UP), which provides grants-in-aid to small businesses and manufacturers to subsidize on-the-job training costs during an eligible employee’s first six months.

*Background:* The program was established as part of PA 11-1 of the October Special Session (the “Jobs Session”), which authorized \$10 million in each of FY 12 and FY 13 for STEP UP. PA 14-98 provided an additional \$10 million authorization for FY 15, \$3.7 million of which was allocated by the State Bond Commission in July.

STEP UP features two types of hiring incentives:

**1) Small Business STEP-UP Grants** - Eligible small businesses can receive grants if a new employee:

- Was unemployed immediately before hire,
- Lives in a municipality with either (a) an unemployment rate at least as high as the state unemployment rate as of September 1, 2011 or (b) a population of 80,000 or more and
- Has a family income under 250% of the federal poverty level, adjusted for family size.

Employers can receive grants subsidizing a percentage of a new employee’s training and compensation, up to \$12,000. The percentage subsidized diminishes over the employee’s first 180 days on the job. The maximum subsidy is \$20 per hour.

The table below shows the subsidy level schedule for the program:

**Small Business STEP UP Program Subsidy Schedule**

<b>Period</b>	<b>% of cost subsidized per eligible employee<sup>1</sup></b>
Days 1-30	100%
Days 31-90	75%
Days 91-150	50%
Days 151-180	25%

**2) Small Manufacturer STEP UP Grants** - Eligible small manufacturers can receive grants if an employee is newly hired. The manufacturer must provide any necessary training at the job site, but there are no additional residency, unemployment or previous employment requirements.

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<sup>1</sup>Maximum of \$20/hour

These grants subsidize the costs of new employee training and compensation up to a fixed monthly limit that phases out over time. No individual grant can exceed the employee's salary, or total more than \$12,500.

The table below shows the subsidy level schedule for the program:

**Small Manufacturer STEP UP Program Subsidy Schedule**

Month of Employment	Maximum cost subsidized per eligible employee \$
1	2,500
2	2,400
3	2,200
4	2,000
5	1,800
6	1,600

The five regional Workforce Investment Boards administer the program. As of March 2014, 671 employers have hired 2,211 workers. The average hourly wage of workers hired under the Small Manufacturers portion of the program is \$15.03; the average hourly wage of workers hired under the Small Business portion is \$14.08.

**Item #8** Department of Economic and Community Development: Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund grants-in-aid and loans (\$6,500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will provide \$5 million for the initial round of grants-in-aid and loans under the new Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund. This includes: (1) \$2,680,000 for the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund Voucher Program being administered by the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) and (2) \$1.5 million grant-in-aid to CCAT for research and development of the machining of advanced composite materials.

In addition, this allocation will provide \$1.5 million to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the administration of the Fund in 2014-2015.

*Background:* The Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund, established under PA 14-98, provides financial assistance to support the growth, innovation and progress of Connecticut's advanced manufacturing sector. It will assist manufacturers with equipment, research and development, and training. The Fund:

- encourages company/university research efforts;
- includes a voucher program to assist with business development and technical needs;
- provides funding for access to training and educational programs that help develop the required workforce skills;



- provides matching funds for federal grants; and
- helps attract new manufacturers to the state.

Businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations may apply for the assistance, which can be in the form of grants, loans, equity, or vouchers. The fund must give priority to companies and organizations located in certain economic development areas.

**Item #9** Department of Social Services: Grant-in-aid to Oak Hill (Connecticut Institute for the Blind) for renovations and improvements at Camp Hemlocks in Hebron (\$1,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for renovations and improvements at Camp Hemlocks. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1.9 million.

Oak Hill plans to derive operating funds for the camp from fees, grants and partnerships with local corporations and towns.

*Background:* The property was purchased by Oak Hill for use as a resource for the disabled community and their families by:

- Opening the camp to youth, adults, veterans and seniors with physical impairments or disabilities, along with their family, friends and caregivers;
- Offering the meeting space to community and civic groups; and
- Utilizing the camp as a 12-month facility rather than the current 3-month operating model.

Camp Hemlocks was originally completed in 1974 and expanded in 1987. It is located on 160 acres in Hebron CT. The camp features a barrier-free design, which (1) provides an environment that allows persons with disabilities complete access and optimal independence and (2) permits maximum participation, including a fully handicapped-accessible 60x40 indoor pool. The facility is approximately 50,000 sq. ft., with large meeting rooms, dining room capacity for 150, overnight accommodations for 100, an open air pavilion, and three lodges. There is also a 22 acre lake on the property, which is used for boating and fishing.

**Item #10** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Purchase of "The Preserve" in Old Saybrook and Westbrook (\$2,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

Sec. 58 of PA 14-98, the bond act, authorizes DEEP to purchase and provide stewardship for a tract of land called "The Preserve", which is comprised of approximately: (1) 924 acres in Old Saybrook and (2) four acres in Westbrook. The land is being purchased from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the Town of Old Saybrook for the purpose of preserving it in perpetuity in its natural and open condition for the protection of natural resources. The anticipated "closing" date for the purchase is February 5, 2015. TPL reached an agreement to purchase The Preserve from River

Sound Development, LLC in July 2013 and raised \$8.09 million for the purchase. TPL is selling the portion of The Preserve located in Old Saybrook and Westbrook to the state and the Town of Old Saybrook. TPL is also selling the portion of The Preserve in Essex to the Essex Land Trust.

*Background:* The Preserve includes 38 vernal pools, 114 acres of wetlands, more than 3,100 linear feet of watercourses, coastal forest, and an Atlantic White Cedar swamp. The dense forest canopy and the Pequot Swamp Pond act as a refueling stop for migratory birds, and the freshwater leaches on the property are home to amphibian species like the northern dusky salamander, spotted turtles, and box turtles. More than 100 species of amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds live on this property, some of which are state-listed species of special concern.

Surface waters on the property drain to three different watersheds: the Oyster River, Mud River and Trout Brook, as they make their way to Long Island Sound. The protection of The Preserve will ensure that stormwater on the site is recharged to local aquifers. An aquifer protection area is located just east of the Preserve and supplies an average of 200,000 gallons per day (gpd) of drinking water to Old Saybrook and surrounding communities.

The Preserve is located in the area designated by FEMA's Hurricane Sandy Impact Analysis as having experienced "high impact" from Superstorm Sandy. The Preserve acts as a sponge for stormwater, releasing it slowly into the tributaries and rivers that lead to the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound, protecting downstream property owners from flooding.



A map of The Preserve

**Items #11 & #17** Office of Policy and Management: Development of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) (a total of \$13,400,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will finance ongoing costs associated with the design and implementation of the statewide Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). These costs include database maintenance, system design, application development, and software licensing and purchasing.

*Background:* The CJIS governing board oversees the development of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS). The goal of CISS is to connect various criminal justice databases at the state and Federal level and make them instantly searchable by law enforcement agencies. The CISS will also allow authorized users to receive specified information automatically.

CJIS also oversees two existing databases and the merger of those databases with CISS: 1) The Offender Based Tracking System; and 2) The Connecticut Impaired Driver Records Information System.

Questions:

1. What is the status of the CISS project? What kind of information is currently being shared? What information still needs to be integrated into it?
2. Which law enforcement agencies are currently using CISS? Is there a timeline for all law enforcement agencies in the state to be connected to CISS?

**Item #12** Office of Policy and Management: Information Technology Capital Investment Program (\$12,551,699 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will be used to develop and implement information technology enhancements for seven agencies: 1) the Department of Social Services (DSS); 2) Department of Corrections (DOC); 3) Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); 4) Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV); 5) Division of Public Defender Services (DPDS); 6) Department of Administrative Services (DAS); 7) Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP).

The table below summarizes what will be purchased by each agency. Each project is briefly described below the table.

**Information Technology Capital Investment Program Expenditures by Agency**

Description	DSS \$	DOC \$	DEEP \$	DMV \$	DPDS \$	DAS \$	DESPP \$
Consultant Services	2,588,226	250,000	4,550,000	100,000	110,000	125,000	42,880
Software	13,250	750,000	0	200,000	125,000	0	2,000,000
Hardware	1,258,933	250,000	0	0	125,000	0	63,410
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,860,409</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>4,550,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>2,106,290</b>

**DSS:** Creation of the Health Information Exchange and Integrated Eligibility System. This system replaces the existing Enrollment Management System and integrates the enrollment process for Medicaid, CHIP, and CTHIX. The project also includes a streamlining of the Balancing Incentive Program for people who receive services under the Long Term Services and Support program.

**DEEP:** Creation of an online Case Management System for licensing, permitting, and registration activities under the department’s jurisdiction.

**DPDS:** Creation of an electronic case management system that can provide standardized information that can be accessed through a variety of sources, including mobile devices.

**DMV:** Creation of a new IT system that can provide real-time insurance verification for all vehicles registered in Connecticut.

**DOC:** Upgrades for the Offender Management Information System. The system is responsible for storing all data related to the inmate population, including inmate tracking, sentence calculations, risk reduction calculations, and other data.

**DAS:** Upgrades for the Enterprise Licensing Management System.

**DESPP:** Upgrades to the existing Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to allow the upload of additional biometric information into the database and enable enhanced search capabilities.

**Item #13** Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Replacement and upgrade of radio communication systems (\$6,513,293 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to continue upgrading communications equipment in state police cruisers and dispatch locations, including: (1) new technology mobile and portable radios, (2) control station desktop radio units, and (3) related supporting equipment. The State Bond Commission allocated \$7,198,130 for this project in May 2014. The current allocation is expected to be expended in the third quarter of FY 15.

**Item #14** Judicial Department: Renovation and improvement projects at departmental facilities (\$2,370,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to finance the alterations and improvements listed in the table below. Three larger projects are described below the table.

### Judicial Department Renovation and Improvement Projects

Location	Project	Amount \$
Statewide	Jury Accessibility Study	75,000
Danbury JD/GA	Design Retaining Wall	100,000
Danbury Juvenile	RTU Relocation and Roofing Repairs	150,000
Bridgeport GA	Retaining Wall Upgrades	100,000
Fairfield GA	Main Entrance Repairs (see below)	600,000
Fairfield GA	Garage Ramp Repairs	200,000
Hartford GA	Elevator Cylinder Replacement	95,000
Waterbury GA	Boiler Replacement (see below)	350,000
Statewide	Energy Management System Upgrades (see below)	250,000
Statewide	Emergency/Minor Capital Projects as Needed	450,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,370,000</b>

Fairfield GA Main Entrance Repairs (\$600,000) - The front entry plaza at the Fairfield GA Courthouse was constructed in 1969 and repairs were made in 1993. The current repairs are necessary because: (1) the existing walkway area stone pavers have lifted and cracked, (2) the concrete portico columns, pre-cast concrete stairs and brick retaining walls have become fragmented and the joint mortars/sealants are failing, and (3) the aluminum hand railings and light pole fixtures are deteriorating. The project will repair and/or replace all deteriorating components.

Waterbury GA Boiler Replacement (\$350,000) - The existing tankless hot water system and domestic hot water boiler system (which includes the storage tank, thermal expansion tank, and associated circulator pumps) will be replaced with a high efficiency, gas-fired water heater.

Energy Management System Upgrades (\$250,000) - This project will upgrade some of the 25 energy management systems located in Judicial Department buildings. The older systems will be upgraded from a local to a networked system, which will enable off-site monitoring by maintenance staff. The goal of the project is to increase energy efficiency and make the buildings eligible for utility incentives/rebates.

**Items #15, #18 & #29** Department of Economic and Community Development: Flexible Housing Program (a total of \$33,486,465 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds will support the following Flexible Housing Program projects.

### Flexible Housing Program Projects

Item	Location	Recipient/Purpose	Type of Assistance	Amount \$
A	Bridgeport	Community Capital Fund for a loan program to preserve affordable multi-family housing units in Bridgeport. These funds will supplement local funds and assist with preservation of approximately 40 rental units.	Grant-in-aid	1,000,000
B	East Hartford, Hartford, New Britain	Hartford based Habitat-for-Humanity for a program to assist in creation of 20 affordable, owner-occupied homes. The program will focus on homes within a quarter mile of public transportation and will be available to homebuyers with incomes less than 80% of area median income.	Grant-in-aid	1,500,000
C	Eastern Connecticut	Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut for a program to assist in creation of 10 affordable, owner-occupied homes.	Grant-in-aid	375,000
D	Meriden	New Charles Street Associates LP, or other eligible applicant, to finance the historic rehabilitation of the Charles Street Apartment in Meriden. This project consists of the preservation of 80 affordable, rent restricted units.	Loan, provided at 1% for forty years	3,590,049
E	Norwalk	IWSR Managers LLC, or another eligible applicant to finance construction of a new sustainable, mixed-use, mixed income development called Wall Street Place in	Loan, provided at 0% for thirty-five	3,500,000

<b>Item</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Recipient/Purpose</b>	<b>Type of Assistance</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
		Norwalk. State funds will finance 36 income restricted units in the 101 unit project. The affordability restriction is for 45 years.	years with payment deferred	
F	Enfield	Housing Authority of the Town of Enfield to finance rehabilitation of state-supported housing portfolio projects, Woodside Park, Ella Grasso Manor, Windsor Court and Windsor Court Extension.	Grant-in-aid	3,820,175
G	Portland	Housing Authority of the Town of Portland to finance rehabilitation of state-supported housing portfolio projects, Quarry Heights and Quarry Heights Extension.	Grant-in-aid	2,520,000
H	Hartford	Sheldon Oak Central, Inc., or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project at 96-98 Martin Street in Hartford.	Grant-in-aid	564,689
I	Deep River	Housing Authority of the Town of Deep River, or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of 26 units and creation of 18 units of affordable elderly rental housing at Kirtland Commons.	Grant-in-aid	4,200,000
J	East Hampton	The Housing Authority of the Town of East Hampton, or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of state-supported housing portfolio projects, Bellwood Court and Chatham Acres.	Grant-in-aid	1,126,318
K	Bristol	Housing Authority of the City of Bristol to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project, Zbikowski Park.	Grant-in-aid	1,844,948
L	Naugatuck	Housing Authority of the Town of Naugatuck to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project, Oak Terrace.	Grant-in-aid	3,701,675
M	Branford	Mutual Housing Authority of South Central Connecticut/Branford Interfaith Housing Corporation, or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project, Ivy Street Apartments in Branford.	Grant-in-aid	1,061,224
N	West Hartford	Flagg Road Cooperative Association, Inc., or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project, Flagg Road Cooperative in West Hartford.	Grant-in-aid	933,272

Item	Location	Recipient/Purpose	Type of Assistance	Amount \$
O	Thompson	North Grosvenordale Restoration Limited Partnership, or another eligible applicant, to finance rehabilitation of the state-supported housing portfolio project, River Mill Village in Thompson	Grant-in-aid	3,749,114
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>33,486,464</b>

**Items #16 & #20** Department of Economic and Community Development: Brownfield remediation and redevelopment projects (a total of \$15,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will support projects awarded funding in Round 5 (announced in late August 2014) and 5A (announced in September 2014) of the Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment Program. The funding will also support several potential loans funded via separate applications per the department's brownfield loan funding process.

Round 5 awarded \$27 million in grants and loans to 20 brownfield remediation and redevelopment projects in cities and towns around the state. Round 5A awarded \$1,698,400 in assessment grants to 11 municipalities to support property cleanup and advance the development of brownfield sites.

*Program Background and Changes from PA 13-308:* The program provides low-interest loans to eligible applicants for the remediation of contaminated brownfield sites to bring them back to productive use in accordance with PA 13-308, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the State of Connecticut Brownfields Working Group.

PA 13-308 incorporated improvements that the State Brownfield Working Group recommended as changes to the existing brownfield programs, including the Regional Brownfield Redevelopment Program. Such changes include:

- Allowing regional economic development agencies to be eligible applicants;
- Separating the brownfield grants and loans into their own programs;
- Allowing loan funds to be used for reducing blight.

**Item #17** Office of Policy and Management: Development of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) (a total of \$13,400,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

See Item #11

**Item #18** Department of Economic and Community Development: Flexible Housing Program (a total of \$33,486,465 in new General Obligation bonds)

See Item #15



**Item #19** Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to nonprofit health and human service providers (\$20,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to provide grants-in-aid to private, non-profit health and human service organizations for: (1) facility alterations, renovation, improvements, additions, new construction and land purchases associated with new construction or additions; (2) health, safety and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects; (3) energy conservation improvements or projects; (4) information technology systems, including encryption or client confidentiality systems; (5) technology that promotes client independence, (6) vehicle purchasing, (7) acquisition and upgrades to electronic health or medical records and other health information technology systems, and (8) converting use of property to address mutually agreed to service needs. The program is intended to expedite service delivery and to address health, safety and accessibility issues with respect to health and human services provided by nonprofit providers.

Grant awards will be generally limited to no more than \$1.0 million for any project or nonprofit provider per year, with a \$25,000 minimum cost per project. Grants typically will not exceed 25% of the applicant's annual budget for health and human services. This funding will provide approximately 125 grants to nonprofit organizations around the state.

*Background:* This program received a \$20 million bond authorization in FY 14. OPM received 553 applications from 275 different nonprofit providers by the October 18, 2013 application deadline and the amount requested exceeded \$100 million.

**Item #20** Department of Economic and Community Development: Brownfield remediation and redevelopment projects (a total of \$15,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

See Item #16

**Item #21** Department of Transportation: Capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects (\$57,000,000 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for the Vendor-In-Place (VIP) portion of the Capital Resurfacing Program. VIP refers to a contract where the vendor supplies all materials, labor and equipment to perform a complete work function in place. The most common example is DOT's VIP paving contract, where the vendor supplies the asphalt, paving equipment, trucking and labor and the State pays for the services by the ton.

**Item #22** Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to municipalities for municipal purposes (\$56,429,907 in new General Obligation bonds)

Please see Appendix A for a town-by-town list of grant-in-aid amounts. Funding is distributed to municipalities based on a portion of the payment each municipality

received in FY 13 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA). PA 13-247 requires these funds to be expended for the same purposes for which Town Aid Road grants may be used. However, PA 13-247 also allows towns to apply for a waiver from this requirement, and use these funds (and Town Aid Road grants) for other capital purposes.

**Item #23** Department Education: Grants-in-aid to Charter Schools for capital expenses and debt repayment (\$5,046,756 in new General Obligation bonds)

**Grants-in-aid to Charter Schools**

<b>Charter School</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
Achievement First Bridgeport Academy	655 Stillman Street, Bridgeport	Elementary school new construction including gymnasium/ cafeteria, classrooms, bathrooms and entrance space	850,000
Highville Charter School	130 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden	Acquisition of school building	850,000
ISAAC	190 Governor Winthrop Boulevard, New London	School building debt repayment (\$283,449) and renovation of fourth floor for additional classroom space (\$129,048)	412,497
Odyssey Community School	579 West Middle Turnpike Manchester	School building debt repayment	850,000
Park City Prep	1550 State Street, Bridgeport	School building debt repayment (\$667,590) and renovation of stairwell and fourth floor for additional classroom space (\$182,410)	850,000
Side By Side Charter School	10 Chestnut Street, Norwalk	Heating and HVAC upgrade, parking lot paving, bathroom renovations, fire escape installation and communication improvements	418,780
The Bridge Academy	401 Kossuth Street, Bridgeport	Roof replacement and west wall waterproofing, door replacements and communication upgrades, renovations of main entrance and science labs	815,479
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,046,756</b>

**Item #24** Department of Public Health: Grants-in-aid to community health centers (\$14,082,859 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will provide grants-in-aid to members of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut for alterations, improvements and technology upgrades, as described in the table below.

## Grants-in-aid to Community Health Centers

Provider	Project	Amount \$
<b>Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. - Hartford</b>	<b>New computer hardware and software<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>724,634</b>
The provider will purchase 274 computers to replace their 215 existing computers, which were purchased between 2004 and 2013. The existing computers use MS Office 2007 and XP Professional and the provider is installing NextGen 3.0.		
<b>Community Health and Wellness Center of Torrington (CHWC)</b>	<b>24,000 sq. ft. facility expansion including new pharmacy, health classrooms and dental room</b>	<b>1,533,501</b>
The addition to the existing 5,500 sq. ft. building will: (1) increase the number of exam rooms from 12 to 21, (2) create 8 additional counseling offices and group rooms, (3) add a new pharmacy service, (4) give providers additional office space and (5) expand the dental program from 6 operatories to 10. These changes will increase capacity and create better access and health outcomes for the community.		
<b>Community Health Services, Inc. - Hartford</b>	<b>New computer hardware and software -</b>	<b>1,540,380</b>
The provider is purchasing new computers and software to replace 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation NextGen EMR, which was installed in 2009.		
<b>Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. - Danbury</b>	<b>New computer hardware and software for all sites</b>	<b>556,250</b>
The provider is purchasing new computers and software to replace their existing E-Clinical Works, which was purchased in 2011.		
<b>Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corporation - New Haven</b>	<b>Upgrades for Electronic Health Records (EHR) System</b>	<b>833,836</b>
The upgraded EHR system will allow the provider to integrate medical, dental and behavioral health patient information.		
<b>First Choice Health Center, Inc. - East Hartford</b>	<b>New computer hardware and software - Includes training</b>	<b>1,134,307</b>
The training will be targeted to all health center staff and is intended to achieve meaningful use and improve quality outcomes, particularly as they relate to Uniform Data System (UDS) reporting and Healthy People 2020.		
<b>Generations Family Health Center, Inc.</b>	<b>Renovations and improvements to Danielson facility and new to computer hardware and software</b>	<b>960,658</b>
This facility was opened in 1993. Renovations and improvements will include: structural/mechanical systems, roof, parking lot, installment of security systems.		
<b>Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.</b>	<b>Renovations to clinical care facility and upgrades to computer hardware and software</b>	<b>1,595,031</b>
This facility was opened in 1999. The project proposes to add six to eight exam rooms to the health center. They currently have 36.		
<b>Optimus Health Care, Inc. - Bridgeport</b>	<b>Renovation and improvements for additional exam rooms and computer hardware and software</b>	<b>1,568,920</b>
The proposal would allow the facility to expand the number of exam rooms from six to nine. Renovation and improvements will cover construction, architectural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing engineering and interior design.		

Provider	Project	Amount \$
Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. - Bridgeport	New computer hardware and software	728,790
Staywell Health Care, Inc., Waterbury	Renovations and repairs and new computer hardware and software	914,007
The renovations and improvements will allow for updating technology infrastructure, expanding EHR to an additional site and increase the capacity of women and pediatric healthcare.		
United Community and Family Services, Inc. (UCFS) - Norwich	Construction of a new health center, computer hardware, software and x-ray equipment	1,992,545
<p>The new building will double UCFS' capacity to serve clients in Griswold and surrounding areas, and will add dental services (currently only provided by UCFS in Norwich). The only dental provider in Griswold does not accept Medicaid and does not provide a sliding fee scale for the uninsured. There are no other medical providers in Griswold, and no behavioral health clinicians who accept Medicaid or provide a sliding fee scale for the uninsured. UCFS opened a site in Griswold in 2008, however the leased building is at capacity, only half of the space is handicap accessible, and parking is inadequate. In FY 13, UCFS' current Griswold site provided 10,536 medical, women's health and behavioral health visits to 1,809 unduplicated clients, an increase of 6% over 2012.</p> <p>Increased capacity at the new proposed health center will allow UCFS to serve 1,200 new medical and women's health patients, 1,500 new dental patients and 124 new behavioral health patients for a total of 9,400 additional visits. The new building will include 7 primary care treatment rooms, 2 dental operatories, 1 dental hygiene room, 9 behavioral health offices and 2 group rooms.</p> <p>The operating expenses are anticipated to be supported by billable services through private insurance, Medicaid or a sliding fee. The total cost anticipated for the construction of the new facility is \$5.3 million.</p>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,082,859</b>

**Item #25 Military Department:** Combined support maintenance shop at Camp Hartell National Guard facility in Windsor Locks (\$1,825,200 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will finance the state's share of an improvement project at the maintenance shop at Camp Hartell in Windsor Locks. The improvements include: (1) updating water, gas and electric services and (2) roadway enhancements to meet security requirements. The project will receive \$32 million in federal funds. The table below provides a breakout of state funding for the improvements:

**State Funding for Improvements for the Maintenance Shop at Camp Hartell**

Description	Total Cost	Previous Funding \$	January 2015 \$
Construction	34,735,200	1,268,000	1,500,200
Contingency	294,800	144,800	150,000
Architect/Engineer's Fee	257,500	239,500	5,000
Construction Administrator	45,000		45,000
Testing, Inspections, Environmental	45,000	10,000	15,000

Description	Total Cost	Previous Funding \$	January 2015 \$
Relocation Costs	112,500	112,500	-
DAS Fee	510,000	400,000	110,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,000,000</b>	<b>2,174,800</b>	<b>1,825,200</b>

**Item #26** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Renovations to the sawmill located at DEEP's Portland facility (\$750,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The Portland sawmill facility provides lumber to all state park and forest recreation areas. It currently uses machinery that is over 50 years old and prone to frequent repair, which often requires the fabrication of obsolete parts. Modernization of the facility will involve installation of energy-efficient equipment that also incorporates new safety features.

**Item #27** Department of Developmental Services: As-needed emergency and minor capital repair projects (\$500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for emergency and unanticipated improvements at DDS facilities. This funding allows DDS to immediately initiate corrective action when code, safety, health, or emergency conditions develop and to make interior and exterior improvements to maintain the comfort, safety and integrity of residential and office facilities to include but not limited to flooring, bathrooms, kitchens, walkways, HVAC, exterior doors, fencing, electrical, site lighting.

*Background:* The agency has 325 buildings with over 1.6 million sq. ft. of space. The facilities range from consumer-occupied group homes to administrative areas to support facilities. The date of construction of the buildings ranges from 1760 to 2002. The systems include residential utility systems, major power plants, and campus utility distribution systems. The agency has extensive code requirements for life safety, ADA, OSHA, environmental, health, and buildings.

**Item #28** Department of Children and Families: As-needed emergency and minor capital repair projects (\$500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for emergency and unanticipated projects and improvements at DCF facilities. This funding allows DCF to immediately initiate corrective action when code, safety, health, or emergency conditions develop and to make interior and exterior improvements to maintain the comfort, safety and integrity of residential and office facilities to include but not limited to flooring, bathrooms, kitchens, walkways, HVAC, exterior doors, fencing, electrical, and site lighting. A recent example of an emergency project: two water pipes burst at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School this fall, resulting in an emergency expense of \$5,000 each time to repair.

**Item #29** Department of Economic and Community Development: Flexible Housing Program (a total of \$33,486,465 in new General Obligation bonds)

See Item #15

**Item #30** Department of Transportation: Dredging and navigational direction projects (\$905,508 in new General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for the following dredging projects:

**Dredging Projects**

Description	Cost \$
Design for dredging of Stamford municipal marinas	136,516
Reimbursement to Norwalk Harbor Management for visitor and boat launch dredging	358,387
Reimbursement to Spicer’s Marina for breakwater reconstruction	144,958
Upgrade of NOAA water level gauges in Bridgeport, New Haven and New London	265,647
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>905,508</b>

**Item #31** Department of Housing: Main Street Investment Fund (\$5,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds will provide funding for the following projects under the Main Street Investment Fund.

**Main Street Investment Fund Projects**

Town	Project	Award \$
Berlin	The second phase of the Berlin Main Street Streetscape project. The project will continue new sidewalks, permeable pavers and street trees on the New Britain Road and Farmington Avenue sides of the Kensington Center Triangle. A new crosswalk and a permeable paver accent walk will be installed around Deming Park at the Kensington Road entry to the triangle. Also, a permeable paver accent will be added at the Farmington Avenue entry to the triangle, as well as new decorative lights throughout the project area.	204,300
Bethel	Improvements to the town's commercial center. The project – to include new sidewalks, accessibility ramps, signage, streetscape and safety improvements – will create a walkable and ADA compliant downtown by improving public safety and pedestrian access, creating a community gathering place, and increasing recreational opportunities.	290,149
Coventry	Implementation of the South Coventry Village Plan. The plan calls to extend the sidewalk on Main Street to serve town hall, the police station, Orchard Hill Active Adult Community, a day care, and a church; make improvements to the historic Tracey Shoddy Mill; and create a pocket park by Teleflex Medical on Main Street.	405,000
Farmington	The revitalization of Unionville Center. Along the northern side of Rt. 177, the town is proposing a complete streetscape project of 1,900 linear feet, linking the New Horizons Village to Unionville. As part of this project, a loop of improved sidewalk will be created along Mill, Platner, and School streets. The improved sidewalks would promote greater pedestrian accessibility, improve aesthetics, and increase foot traffic to the various businesses in the area.	425,000

Town	Project	Award \$
New London	Improvement of pedestrian access to businesses in the downtown commercial area. Funds will be used to complete improvements along Eugene O'Neill Drive, transforming the car-focused thoroughfare with difficult to find parking with directional and way-finding signage, improved lighting, enhanced pedestrian connections, and trees appropriate for an urban setting. Activities will include site improvements, sidewalk improvements, site planting/lighting, etc.	500,000
Newington	The next phase of the Town Center Development Program. Plans call for improved pedestrian connectivity between the "Constitution Square" municipal parking lot and existing businesses on Main, Market Square, and East Cedar streets with nearby senior and workforce residential buildings on Constance Leigh Drive and the Lowrey Place retail plaza.	470,000
Norfolk	Creation of a storm water park called City Meadow, complete with boardwalks and resting places utilizing low-impact development techniques. This project will save a threatened pocket of wetlands and allow residents and visitors to pass through to appreciate the diverse ecosystem. Project activities include restoration of wetlands, pond creation, stone swales/site stabilization, public access improvements, retaining walls, trails, timber bridges/decks, and landscaping.	500,000
Pomfret	The construction of a sidewalk to provide a safe, inviting link from two private schools, numerous churches, and the public library to the town's village district that houses numerous businesses. The sidewalk will run along a street that provides a direct link from the town green and the village district. Landscaping and uniform signage on public buildings throughout the town will create a sense of unity and identification.	166,000
Rocky Hill	Re-creation of the town's center, including re-aligning portions of the Silas Deane Highway, decorative crosswalks and intersection treatment, decorative traffic islands, landscaping, street furniture, and pavement overlays. The project design elements will enable pedestrians to easily and safely utilize alternative modes of transportation by easing access to the existing bus transit system operating within the project area and Silas Deane Highway corridor.	422,551
Seymour	Making the downtown area compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The plan calls for replacing trees whose roots are displacing the sidewalks. Funds will also be used to replacing lighting fixtures that are 20 years old and inefficient, saving the town about 77% in energy costs.	375,000
Vernon	Redevelopment efforts in the downtown area in the Rockville section of town. The project, which will include replacement of windows and doors, exterior clean up, and installation of streetscape elements, will encourage further development around the existing transportation node and nearby a major transportation corridor, conserve and restore cultural and historical resources, and reuse a brownfields site.	400,000
Wilton	The Wilton Center Sidewalk Restoration Project throughout the town center. This project, which will address various safety concerns related to ADA, providing public sidewalks within the vehicle travel way, dovetails with other completed downtown improvements such as the installation of benches, concrete roadway curbing, 75 decorative street lamps, seasonal flower pot arrangements, and the 2010 completion of the Veteran's Memorial Green.	425,000

Town	Project	Award \$
Windsor	Improvements in the commercial, civic, and cultural center of the town. Funds will be used for construction of a new sidewalk along Mechanic Street and Batchelder Road, granite curbing, street lighting and other incidental improvements in Windsor center, where three state highways converge. It contains an AMTRAK passenger rail station that will be upgraded as part of New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail program.	417,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

*Background:* The Main Street Investment Fund provides grants of up to \$500,000 to municipalities: (1) with populations of 30,000 or less or (2) that are eligible for the Small Town Economic Assistant Program. Municipalities must use the grants for eligible projects that develop or improve their commercial centers to: (1) attract small business, (2) promote commercial viability, and (3) improve aesthetics and pedestrian access. To be eligible, a project must be part of a plan previously approved by the municipality's governing body.

Funds from this account may also be used to provide a one-time reimbursement of up to \$50,000 to any private owner of commercial property who makes eligible expenditures that directly support or enhance grant funded projects. Maximum reimbursements are: (1) 50% of the first \$50,000 of eligible private expenditures and (2) 25% for additional expenditures exceeding \$50,000, but not more than \$150,000.

**Item #32** Department of Transportation: Design of rail stations in Enfield, West Hartford Newington and North Haven along the New Haven/Hartford/Springfield commuter line (\$5,750,000 in new Special Tax Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used to design new rail stations, including transit-oriented development: (1) on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line in Enfield, West Hartford, Newington and North Haven and (2) on the New Haven Line in Orange and Bridgeport. The New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line is a joint venture between Connecticut and Massachusetts. The planned commuter rail service between New Haven Connecticut and Springfield will use Amtrak's existing intercity rail service.

Questions:

1. When is service expected to begin on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line?
2. Will further bond funding be needed?

**Item #33** Department of Housing - Energy Conservation Loan Fund (\$2,500,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will recapitalize the Energy Conservation Loan Fund. The State Bond Commission previously allocated \$10 million to the Fund; \$7 million in August 2008 and \$3 million in December 2010. As of November 2014, the balance of the Fund was \$685,000. The Fund expends approximately \$200,000 per month.



*Background:* The Energy Conservation Loan Program provides financing at below market rates to single-family and multi-family residential property owners for the purchase and installation of cost-saving energy conservation improvements. Single family (1-4 units) homeowners may borrow up to \$25,000 and multi-family property owners may borrow up to \$3,500 per unit (a maximum of \$100,000 per building) for a period of 10 years for eligible improvements.

**Item #34** Department of Housing - Housing Trust Fund (\$4,613,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds will provide a loan to Sheldon Wyllys, LP to assist with the rehabilitation of 107 affordable rental units on: (1) South Prospect Street, (2) Sheldon Street, (3) Charter Oak Avenue, (4) Wyllys Street and (5) Lisbon Street in Hartford. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 1% for thirty years with payments deferred.

**Item #35** Department of Education - American School for the Deaf: Asbestos abatement and demolition of Gallaudet Hall (\$3,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds and \$2,500,000 in previously allocated General Obligation bonds)

The funds will be used for hazardous material remediation and demolition of Gallaudet Hall. The 170,000 sq. ft. building was constructed in 1921. It is being demolished prior to construction of a new quadrangle and installation of new boilers. The State Bond Commission allocated \$4.2 million in April 2014 for the demolition project, relocation of the central heating facilities and roadway reconstruction.

*Background:* The American School for the Deaf (ASD) is located in West Hartford. ASD and the State of Connecticut share a public/private partnership to provide services to deaf and hard-of-hearing infants, children, youth, adults and their families. Each year the state appropriates funds to ASD, through the State Department of Education. The school provides services to approximately 600 students.

**Item #36** Department of Economic and Community Development: Manufacturing Assistance Act (\$37,845,850 in new General Obligation bonds)

This funding will support the following business initiatives enumerated below. A portion of the funding will be used to provide financial assistance designated under the First Five Program (also referred to as "Next Five").<sup>2</sup>

The State Bond Commission allocated \$166 million for eleven of the companies participating in First Five since 2012. Funding for EDAC Technologies Corporation is to be considered during this meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> PA 13-234, the general government implementer, extended the First Five program's sunset date by two years, from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015. As of today eleven companies are participating in the program. The law allows up to fifteen companies to participate in the program.

## Funding for the First Five Program

Company	Total Assistance Available	Bond Funds Allocated on Previous Agendas <sup>1,2</sup>	Bond Funds on Current Agenda
CIGNA <sup>3</sup>	71,000,000	21,000,000	-
NBC Sports	26,000,000	20,000,000	-
ESPN <sup>3</sup>	10,000,000	-	-
Sustainable Building Systems	19,100,000	19,100,000	-
CareCentrix	24,000,000	11,600,000	-
Alexion <sup>3</sup>	51,000,000	26,000,000	-
Deloitte	14,500,000	9,000,000	-
Charter Communications	8,500,000	6,500,000	-
Navigators Group Inc.	11,500,000	11,500,000	-
Pitney Bowes	27,000,000	16,000,000	-
EDAC Technologies <sup>4</sup>	48,000,000	6,565,000	16,435,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,600,000</b>	<b>147,265,000</b>	<b>16,435,000</b>
<sup>1</sup> The State Bond Commission allocated \$5.95 million to TicketNetwork. TicketNetwork has since withdrawn from the program. Those funds will be reallocated for future use.			
<sup>2</sup> The State Bond Commission allocated \$18.7 million to ESPN to support a loan and a grant-in-aid under the program; however, the agreement has been since updated to provide ESPN \$10 million in tax credits only. Those funds will be reallocated for future use.			
<sup>3</sup> A portion of these companies' assistance is eligibility for state tax credits in addition to bond funded loans and grants through First Five.			
<sup>4</sup> EDAC Technologies received a bond allocation in July 2012, prior to officially participating in the First Five program. This allocation is counted towards the overall First Five assistance package to the company.			

- A. EDAC Technologies Corporation (\$16,435,000) - This funding will support a \$6.435 million loan and a \$10 million grant-in-aid to the EDAC Technologies Corporation under the First Five program. This funding will assist the company in acquisition of machinery and equipment at its facility in Cheshire. The loan will be provided at a 0% interest rate for 15 years with payments deferred for six years.

Total state funding for the project is \$48 million, including: (1) the current allocation, (2) \$6.565 million in previously-allocated bond funds and (3) \$25 million in future funding. The \$25 million will be provided over the next two years as two loans (\$13 million and \$12 million) when employment milestones are met. A total of \$28 million in loan forgiveness will be provided once the company reaches 549 jobs (349 retained jobs and 200 new jobs) and maintains them for 24 consecutive months.

*Background:* EDAC Technologies Corporation is comprised of both aerospace and commercial sector companies supplying highly engineered products and services. The aerospace companies manufacture complex structural and rotating components for major engine original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). The commercial sector companies primarily serve the machine tool industry and aerospace market with design, manufacture, and repair of various machine systems and machinery components.

Question: What specific job requirements must be met in order to qualify for the additional \$12 million and \$13 million loans respectively?

- B. Joining Technologies Inc. (\$1,085,850) - This funding will support a loan of \$1,085,850 to Joining Technologies, Inc. to assist with leasehold improvements, machinery, equipment and fit-out for expansion of its facility in East Granby. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2.5% for ten years. The company intends to retain 64 jobs and create 17 new jobs.

*Background:* Joining Technologies, founded in 1992, provides customized laser welding and cladding services nationwide. Joining Technologies serves various industries including: medical device, aerospace, national defense, oil and gas, automotive and firearms.

- C. Cirtec Medical Systems, LLC (\$1,200,000) - This funding will support a loan of \$1.2 million to Cirtec Medical Systems LLC assist with machinery, equipment and building improvements associated with a new facility in Enfield. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years with principal and interest deferred for four years. The company will be eligible for loan forgiveness of \$800,000 if it creates 97 jobs within two years and maintains the jobs for twelve consecutive months. The entire loan will be forgiven if the company creates a total of 142 Connecticut-based jobs within four years and maintains the jobs for twelve consecutive months.

*Background:* Cirtec Medical Systems is a medical device consulting firm serving both large manufacturers and smaller start-ups.

- D. Northeast Laser Engraving, Inc. (\$700,000) - This funding will provide a loan of \$700,000 to Northeast Laser Engraving, Inc. assist in acquisition of machinery, equipment and leasehold improvements at its new facility in Monroe. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years with principal deferred for two years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of up to the total loan amount in increments if it meets the job retention and creation goals over five years. The company intends to retain 336 jobs and create up to 200 new jobs within five years.

*Background* Northeast Laser & Electropolish of Monroe provides contract laser welding services, laser marking services, laser cutting services and laser engraving services to companies throughout the United States, and is one of the only laser job shop facilities with an in-house electropolishing and passivating division.

- E. Novitex Enterprise Solutions, Inc. (\$5,000,000) - This funding will provide a loan of \$5 million to Novitex Enterprise Solutions, Inc. to assist with development of a new corporate headquarters in Stamford and expansion of its operations in

Windsor. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years with principal deferred for two years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of up to the total loan amount in increments if it meets the job retention and creation goals over five years. The company intends to retain 336 jobs and create up to 200 new jobs within five years.

*Background:* Novitex Enterprise Solutions provides cloud-based solutions in the document outsourcing industry. Novitex provides its services to hundreds of clients in various industries ranging from energy, financial services, healthcare, legal, manufacturing, and technology.

- F. Keno Graphic Services, Inc. (\$975,000) - This funding will provide a loan of \$975,000 to Keno Graphic Services, Inc. to assist with the purchase of machinery and equipment at its facility. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company intends to retain 20 jobs.

*Background:* Keno Graphic Services Inc. provides services in printed marketing communications.

- G. Aristeria Capital LLC (\$1,500,000) - This funding will provide a loan of \$1.5 million to Aristeria Capital LLC to assist with their relocation from New York to Greenwich. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of \$1.1 million if it creates 24 jobs within one year and retains them for 24 months. The remaining \$400,000 will be forgiven if the company creates 6 additional jobs within three years and retains them for 24 months. The company intends to create 30 jobs within three years.

*Background:* Aristeria Capital is a privately held hedge fund founded in 1997.

- H. Insurity, Inc (\$6,000,000) - This funding will support a loan of \$5 million and a grant-in-aid of \$1 million to Insurity, Inc. to assist with expansion in Hartford. The \$5 million loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of up to \$3 million of the loan amount in increments if it meets the job retention and creation goals. The company currently employs 281 people and intends to create 160 new jobs within four years.

*Background:* Insurity, Inc. provides core processing software and services to the property and casualty insurance market.

- I. E-J Electric T&D, LLC (\$4,000,000) - This funding will support a \$4 million loan to E-J Electric T&D, LLC to assist with expansion into a new building in Wallingford. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of up to \$3 million of the loan amount in

increments if it meets their job retention and creation goals. The company intends to retain 8 jobs and create 109 new jobs within three years.

*Background:* E-J Electric T&D, LLC provides electrical contracting services, including the delivery of bulk power, value engineering, energy conservation, and computer networking in both new or existing buildings and facilities. The company is headquartered in New York City with a branch office in Wallingford.

- J. Sign Pro, Inc. (\$950,000) - This funding will support a loan of \$950,000 to Sign Pro, Inc. to assist with construction of a new facility for expansion in Southington. The loan will be provided at an interest rate of 2% for ten years. The company will be eligible for forgiveness of \$200,000 if it retains 35 jobs and creates 10 jobs within 24 months. The company intends to retain 35 jobs and create 10 new jobs within two years.

*Background:* Sign Pro, Inc. of Southington provides a range of sign-making services, including creative design, fabrication, installation and maintenance.

**Item #37 Office of Policy and Management: Small Town Economic Assistance Program (\$10,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)**

The funding will be used to provide grants-in-aid under the STEAP program.

*Background:* STEAP provides funding for economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds.

Examples of projects that can be funded through this program include: 1) economic development projects such as constructing or rehabilitating buildings, or repairing roads; 2) recreation and solid waste disposal projects; 3) social service-related projects, including day care centers, elderly centers, domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters, multi-purpose human resource centers, and food distribution facilities; 4) housing projects; 5) pilot historic preservation and redevelopment programs that leverage private funds.

Municipalities can receive up to \$500,000 per year if: 1) they are not designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community and 2) the state Plan of Conservation and Development does not show them as having a regional center. PA 05-194 allows an Urban Act Town that is not designated as a regional center under the State Plan of Conservation and Development to opt out of the Urban Action program and become a STEAP town for a period of four years.

**Towns Eligible for STEAP Funds**

Andover	Avon	Barkhamsted	Berlin
Bethany	Bethel	Bethlehem	Bolton

Bozrah	Branford	Bridgewater	Brookfield
Burlington	Canaan	Canton	Cheshire
Chester	Clinton	Colebrook	Columbia
Cornwall	Coventry	Cromwell	Darien
Deep River	Durham	Eastford	East Granby
East Haddam	East Lyme	Easton	Ellington
Essex	Farmington	Fairfield	Franklin
Glastonbury	Goshen	Granby	Greenwich
Guilford	Haddam	Hartland	Harwinton
Hebron	Kent	Killingworth	Lebanon
Ledyard	Lisbon	Litchfield	Lyme
Madison	Mansfield	Marlborough	Middlebury
Middlefield	Milford	Monroe	Montville
Morris	New Canaan	New Fairfield	New Hartford
New Milford	Newington	Newtown	Norfolk
North Branford	North Haven	North Stonington	Old Lyme
Old Saybrook	Orange	Oxford	Pomfret
Preston	Prospect	Redding	Ridgefield
Rocky Hill	Roxbury	Salem	Salisbury
Scotland	Sharon	Sherman	Simsbury
Somers	Southbury	Southington	South Windsor
Stonington	Suffield	Tolland	Trumbull
Union	Wallingford	Warren	Washington
Waterford	Watertown	Westbrook	Weston
Westport	Willington	Wilton	Windsor Locks
Woodbridge	Woodbury	Woodstock	

**Towns Eligible for STEAP Funds Pursuant to PA 05-194**

Ashford	Putnam
Beacon Falls	Seymour
Brooklyn	Sprague
Canterbury	Stafford
Chaplin	Sterling
Colchester	Thomaston
East Hampton	Thompson
Griswold	Voluntown
Hampton	Wethersfield
Milford	Windsor Locks
North Canaan	Winchester
Plainfield	Wolcott
Portland	

**Item #38** Department of Administrative Services: School Construction grants-in-aid to towns - progress payments (\$350,000,000 in new General Obligation bonds)

These funds will be used to finance FY 15 grants-in-aid for the state's share of the cost of progress payments for the construction of local school building projects. The school construction grant program has in excess of 600 school construction projects in various stages of completion. These projects include expansion, renovations and improvements, safety and health related projects, vocational agricultural centers and cooperative regional special educational facilities.

School districts may submit requests for school construction grant payments for any one or all of those projects. The dollar amount of the bond commission request is based upon the aggregate of all open school construction projects, specific cash flows from some projects, and historical experience with the ebb and flow of grant payment requests.

**Item #39** Office of Policy and Management: Urban Action Program (\$15,232,845 in new General Obligation bonds)

I. Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

- A. New Haven: St. Bernadette Catholic School (\$626,515) - The funds will be used for school security upgrades at a Catholic School in New Haven. This project is being funded by the Urban Action Program rather than the School Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program, which received a \$22 million allocation at the November 2014 meeting of the State Bond Commission.

Question: Why wasn't this project funded by the School Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program?

II. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

- A. New Britain: Improvements to Beehive Stadium (\$850,000) - The funds will provide a grant-in-aid to the City of New Britain for renovations and handicapped accessibility improvements to Beehive Stadium.

*Background:* The ballpark has a capacity of 4,700. It is primarily used for baseball and was the home of the New Britain Red Sox (Boston Red Sox AA affiliate) from the time of their move to New Britain in 1983 until the parent club moved the affiliate to Trenton, New Jersey for the 1995 season. Beehive Field was also the home of the New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins AA affiliate) for the 1995 season, before the opening of New Britain Stadium (next door) in 1996. The Hartford Hawks baseball program used the venue for some home games prior to opening Fiondella Field in 2006. Beehive Field is now used primarily by New Britain High School baseball and softball teams.



Beehive Stadium in New Britain

- B. Hartford: Renovations and improvements at Camp Courant (\$850,000) – The funds will be used to replace the swimming pool, renovate the pool house, replace the basketball courts and construct an artificial turf field.

*Background:* Camp Courant began in 1894 with an editorial in the Hartford Daily Courant that invited contributions from the public to invest in outings for city children. The “Courant Free Excursion Fund” continued through 1910. In 1911, the Camp purchased property in West Hartford near the Trout Brook and children began to ride the trolley to the campsite. The Camp was relocated to property owned by the City of Hartford, across from Batterson Pond in Farmington, in 1963. Today, the Camp leases this 36-acre site from the City of Hartford and provides a range of recreational and educational programs for hundreds of children ages 5-12 for six weeks every summer.

- C. Stamford: Phase 2 of the Mill River Flood and Erosion Control Project (\$4,000,000) – The funds will be used to extend the development of a three-mile-long greenway park and remove the flooding risk for an additional 20 properties on the east side of the river.

*Background:* Development of the greenway park is part of a joint project among DEEP, City of Stamford, the US EPA Long Island Sound Study and the Mill River Collaborative to restore the Mill River. For more than 350 years, the Mill River was controlled by a series of dams that once served local industries, but also blocked the natural river migration routes of certain fish species to and from Long Island Sound. In 2009, the City of Stamford, with support from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mill River Collaborative removed two dams, and began restoring the natural riverbed. The restoration includes the creation



of Mill River Park & Greenway and more extensive restoration of the river and riparian environment.

### III. Department of Economic and Community Development

- A. Stamford Museum and Nature Center (\$750,000) - This funding will support a grant-in-aid to the Stamford Museum and Nature Center for renovations and improvements to its multipurpose farmhouse building.
  
- B. Derby: Downtown Revitalization (\$445,000) - This funding will support a grant-in-aid to Derby to finance planning for revitalization of the downtown. The project consists of review of prior plans, site assessments, revised development zones, design guidelines, economic analyses, public input and development of conceptual and detailed redevelopment plans.
  
- C. Wallingford: Equipment Garage and Office Building (\$275,000) - This funding will support a grant-in-aid to Wallingford, on behalf of the Center Street Cemetery Association, Incorporated, to assist with construction of a new equipment garage and office building.  
*Background:* The Center Street Cemetery Association is responsible for the historic Center Street cemetery on behalf of the town. In 2013, the town purchased two vacant homes adjacent to the cemetery, at 58 and 60 Prince Street. The new office and equipment garage is proposed for construction at 60 Prince Street.
  
- D. Waterbury Development Corporation: Municipal Stadium Complex (\$966,330) - This funding will finance Phase IV of renovations to the Municipal Stadium Complex. This phase consists of parking lot repaving, sidewalk and curbing replacement, installation of signage, lighting and fencing and related site improvements.

The total renovation cost of all four phases of the project is \$6.9 million. Since 2006, State Bond Commission allocated \$3,250,000 for improvements at the Stadium. Phase I of the project, which began in 2007, involved the installation of state-of-the-art artificial turf on Ray Snyder Sr. Memorial Field. Phase II included renovations to the grandstands and baseball diamond. Phase III included renovating the grandstand and modernizing the interior, decking and seating to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*Background:* Waterbury Municipal Stadium has been in operation since 1930 and is used by varying groups from the Waterbury Youth Leagues, Waterbury High Schools, Teikyo Post University, AAU, American Legion and the Twi-Met league, among others.

### IV. Department of Housing

- A. Bridgeport: Supportive Housing Renovations in Bridgeport (\$1,500,000) - These funds are requested to provide a grant-in-aid to the Alpha Community Services Branch of the Central Connecticut Cast YMCA to assist with renovations to the

Washington Park Apartments in Bridgeport. The project consists of rehabilitation 36 units of family supportive housing in ten houses located around the perimeter of Washington Square Park.

#### V. Department of Social Services

- A. Andover: Almada Lodge Times Farm Camp Corporation (Channel 3 Kids Camp) (\$997,000) - This funding will assist the organization with roadway repairs, playground upgrades, and renovations to the bathhouse at the camp to improve accessibility.

*Background:* Almada Lodge Times Farm Camp Corporation (Channel 3 Kids Camp) is a camp for children throughout New England ages 6 to 16. The camp runs an overnight summer camp and other year round camp retreats/programs, including but not limited to, a military kids camp for children whose parents are serving in the military, year-round Teen Leadership Program, sibling connection therapeutic camp program to reunite siblings separated by foster care, and partners with Camp Abilities to provide summer camp experience for children who are visually impaired, blind or deaf.

- B. Danbury: Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. in collaboration with Danbury War Memorial, Inc. (\$2,500,000) - This funding will assist the organizations in purchasing and renovating the former Boughton Street Branch of the Danbury YMCA into a community center.

*Background:* The Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. (CIFIC) is a not-for-profit community development organization started in 2003 serving low to moderate income families throughout Western Connecticut. The CIFIC has offices throughout Danbury and provides health care services, Head Start and School Readiness programs, an apartment complex for the elderly, and the Harambee Youth Center.

The Danbury War Memorial, Inc. is a non-profit recreational and educational facility, located in Rogers Park, and has served the greater Danbury area since 1951.

- C. Danbury: Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. (\$800,000) - This funding will assist the organization with renovations for seven head start classrooms at the Heart Start of Northern Fairfield County located in Danbury.

*Background:* The Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc. (CIFIC) is a not-for-profit community development organization started in 2003 serving low to moderate income families throughout Western Connecticut. The CIFIC has offices throughout Danbury and provides health care services, Head Start and School Readiness programs, an apartment complex for the elderly, and the Harambee Youth Center.

D. Danbury War Memorial, Inc. (\$498,000) - This funding will assist the organization with renovations to the War Memorial community center building, including, upgrades to the gymnasium and fitness center, relocating the main entrance and lobby, security improvements, and refurbishing three early childhood classrooms. Funding of \$875,000 was previously allocated for the center to assist with a new roof.

*Background:* The War Memorial community center houses a complete fitness center and offers indoor recreational activities for the community.

Questions:

1. Does the DSS provide any other funding to these organizations?
2. Do any of the funds have any matching funds?

V. Department of Children and Families

A. Hamden: The Children's Center of Hamden (\$626,515) - This funding will provide a grant-in-aid to The Children's Center of Hamden for: (1) campus security improvements; (2) HVAC upgrades to two buildings on campus; and (3) roof replacement on the organization's administration building.

*Background:* The Children's Center of Hamden provides outpatient and inpatient/residential care for children and teenagers with emotional, behavioral, psychological, and social problems.

**Item #40** Authorization for the Office of the State Treasurer to issue up to \$700,000,000 in nontaxable General Obligation (GO) bonds

The Office of the State Treasurer requires approval from the State Bond Commission to issue bonds.

**Item #41** Approval of the State Treasurer's Certificate of State Indebtedness

This resolution satisfies statutory requirements for approval of documents related to State Bond Commission meetings.

## Appendix A

### Item #3: Grants-in-aid to Towns for Municipal Projects and Purposes

Town	FY 15 \$
Andover	\$2,464
Ansonia	80,336
Ashford	3,369
Avon	245,886
Barkhamsted	38,995
Beacon Falls	41,202
Berlin	739,604
Bethany	63,229
Bethel	265,841
Bethlehem	7,472
Bloomfield	1,600,114
Bolton	23,380
Bozrah	130,279
Branford	352,546
Bridgeport	970,184
Bridgewater	552
Bristol	2,338,949
Brookfield	111,243
Brooklyn	9,761
Burlington	14,390
Canaan	19,480
Canterbury	1,902
Canton	7,518
Chaplin	565
Cheshire	692,865
Chester	83,953
Clinton	180,269
Colchester	36,688
Colebrook	517
Columbia	25,171
Cornwall	-
Coventry	9,906
Cromwell	29,249
Danbury	1,624,148
Darien	-
Deep River	97,940
Derby	13,852
Durham	144,740
Eastford	51,317
East Granby	505,475
East Haddam	1,595
East Hampton	17,816

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
East Hartford	4,182,901
East Haven	40,912
East Lyme	21,107
Easton	2,502
East Windsor	277,470
Ellington	210,227
Enfield	241,591
Essex	70,111
Fairfield	90,990
Farmington	513,328
Franklin	21,707
Glastonbury	226,471
Goshen	2,490
Granby	33,230
Greenwich	83,725
Griswold	29,997
Groton (Town of)	1,166,988
Guilford	60,989
Haddam	3,343
Hamden	269,631
Hampton	-
Hartford	1,334,719
Hartland	898
Harwinton	20,226
Hebron	2,084
Kent	-
Killingly	664,666
Killingworth	4,842
Lebanon	28,617
Ledyard	396,030
Lisbon	3,464
Litchfield	3,228
Lyme	-
Madison	6,391
Manchester	1,008,637
Mansfield	6,434
Marlborough	6,878
Meriden	840,468
Middlebury	79,250
Middlefield	233,857
Middletown	1,868,907
Milford	1,264,846
Monroe	168,449
Montville	497,189
Morris	3,318
Naugatuck	321,327
New Britain	1,301,538

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
New Canaan	188
New Fairfield	1,081
New Hartford	130,893
New Haven	1,287,658
Newington	863,254
New London	31,195
New Milford	634,087
Newtown	221,366
Norfolk	6,778
North Branford	283,160
North Canaan	338,315
North Haven	1,359,707
North Stonington	-
Norwalk	378,941
Norwich	175,997
Old Lyme	1,776
Old Saybrook	43,937
Orange	98,717
Oxford	79,296
Plainfield	136,187
Plainville	509,690
Plymouth	143,364
Pomfret	26,165
Portland	85,435
Preston	-
Prospect	66,721
Putnam	161,578
Redding	1,250
Ridgefield	528,547
Rocky Hill	208,037
Roxbury	566
Salem	4,419
Salisbury	78
Scotland	7,224
Seymour	264,455
Sharon	-
Shelton	549,365
Sherman	-
Simsbury	73,028
Somers	77,426
Southbury	19,733
Southington	771,956
South Windsor	1,258,566
Sprague	363,529
Stafford	411,860
Stamford	391,381
Sterling	22,946

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
Stonington	94,362
Stratford	3,298,976
Suffield	169,913
Thomaston	371,822
Thompson	72,167
Tolland	80,003
Torrington	569,326
Trumbull	178,045
Union	-
Vernon	142,578
Voluntown	1,883
Wallingford	1,832,519
Warren	271
Washington	149
Waterbury	2,366,443
Waterford	32,217
Watertown	604,064
Westbrook	251,494
West Hartford	757,839
West Haven	138,739
Weston	426
Westport	-
Wethersfield	20,489
Willington	18,827
Wilton	288,788
Winchester	287,984
Windham	427,527
Windsor	1,242,398
Windsor Locks	1,794,444
Wolcott	220,938
Woodbridge	28,140
Woodbury	53,522
Woodstock	64,675
Jewett City(Bor. )	3,945
Barkhamstead FD	2,351
Berlin - Kensington FD	10,711
Berlin - Worthington FD	885
Bloomfield: Center FD	3,925
Bloomfield Blue Hills FD	96,952
Cromwell FD	1,723
Enfield FD 1	13,765
Enfield: Thompsonville FD 2	2,972
Enfield: Hazardville Fire #3	1,292
Enfield: N Thompsonville FD 4	65
Enfield: Shaker Pines FD 5	6,022
Groton City	154,839
Groton Sewer	1,588

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
Groton Old Mystic FD 5	1,594
Groton: Poq. Bridge FD	20,973
Killingly Attawaugan FD	1,727
Killingly Dayville FD	39,582
Killingly Dyer Manor	1,343
E. Killingly FD	89
So. Killingly FD	178
Killingly Williamsville FD	6,311
Manchester Eighth Util.	64,354
Middletown: South FD	194,759
Middletown Westfield FD	10,158
Middletown City Fire	31,824
New Htfd. Village FD #1	6,704
New Htfd Pine Meadow #3	123
New Htfd South End FD	9
Plainfield Central Village FD	1,379
Plainfield - Moosup FD	2,045
Plainfield: Plainfield FD	1,842
Plainfield Wauregan FD	4,830
Pomfret FD	970
Putnam: E. Putnam FD	9,508
Simsbury FD	2,481
Stafford Springs Service Dist.	14,339
Sterling FD	1,216
Stonington Mystic FD	565
Stonington Old Mystic FD	2,369
Stonington Pawcatuck FD	5,173
Stonington Quiambaug FD	68
Stonington Wequetequock FD	69
Trumbull Center	522
Trumbull Long Hill FD	1,039
Trumbull Nichols FD	3,231
W. Haven: West Shore FD	32,643
W. Haven: Allingtown FD	20,234
West Haven First Ctr FD 1	4,454
Windsor Wilson FD	201
Windsor FD	13
Windham First	8,398
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,429,907</b>