Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) is responsible for the repair, renovation, and improvement of fixed assets utilized by departmental administration, the career and technical education system, and the School for the Deaf. This system includes seven regional career and technical schools operated by the local school districts, and three state-operated facilities: the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the Davies Career and Technical School, and the Metropolitan Career and Technical School. The Department’s administrative program, the Administration of Comprehensive Education Strategy (ACES), is housed in the Shepard Building in downtown Providence.

The Department’s FY 2019 – FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan, as recommended by the Governor, is detailed below.

Governor’s Recommendations

Davies Career and Technical School – HVAC – Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades at the Davies School are necessary due to the age, inefficiency, and defectiveness of the current units. Several areas within the school cannot be properly climate controlled, with some classrooms requiring space heaters during the winter months. The Governor recommends using $2.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to address this issue, spending $200,000 in FY 2019, $700,000 in FY 2020, and $1.8 million in FY 2021. The pre-FY 2019 expenditures for this project total $2.4 million.

Davies Career and Technical School – Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $1.0 million in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing for various asset protection projects at the Davies School, including $1.8 million in pre-FY 2019 spending. Projects include various electrical upgrades, flooring renovations, and upgrades to both railings and guardrails necessary to meet code. The Governor recommends expenditures of $275,548 in FY 2019 and

$150,000 annually from FY 2019 through FY 2024.

Davies Career and Technical School – Davies Advanced Manufacturing – Davies is a central node of manufacturing workforce development in the state of Rhode Island. To support Rhode Island manufacturers’ personnel needs across industry sectors and increase opportunities for students, Davies will invest strategically in updated technology and infrastructure to prepare the next generation of manufacturing workers. Investments will be guided by the strategic needs of the school and of the industry. The Governor recommends $3.1 million in financing from the RI Capital Plan Fund in FY 2019. The total recommendation includes pre–FY 2019 expenditures totaling $501,221.

LEA Technology Infrastructure – The Governor recommends expenditures of $19.8 million from previously approved Certificates of Participation (COPS) financing for a technology infrastructure initiative. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is embarking on several educational reform initiatives as outlined in the Department’s Strategic Plan. Funding of the Local Education Authority - LEA Technology Infrastructure project plans to address the inequitable states of readiness of LEAs to meet the new requirements, focusing on student/teacher information systems, virtual learning, and technology in the classroom. Rhode Island school buildings have a varying degree of technical capacity – the proceeds from the COPS issuance will primarily be used to extend wireless access in classrooms across the state.

Prior to FY 2019, the Department expended $16.4 million in authorized COPS proceeds. The Governor recommends $3.4 million in FY 2019.

Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical School – Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $1.5 million in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing to fund various asset protection projects in FY 2019 through FY 2024. Asset protection financing is necessary to make “Health/Life Safety/Code” repairs at the
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campuses of the Met School. The total recommendation includes pre–FY 2019 expenditures totaling $796,089, in addition to expenditures of $250,000 annually in FY 2019 through FY 2024.

Rhode Island School for the Deaf – Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $300,000 in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing for various asset protection projects at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. Asset protection funds are utilized to maintain and improve critical building infrastructure at the School, which is a state-owned facility. The Governor recommends expenditures of $50,000 annually from FY 2019 through FY 2024.

School Construction Bond – The Governor recommends $250.0 million from the GO Bond Referendum approved in November 2018, and a $250.0 million GO Bond Referendum, specific to school capital improvement, for the November 2022 ballot. The recommendation is in response to the 2017 State of Rhode Island Schoolhouses Report, a comprehensive condition analysis of all public-school facilities detailing $2.2 billion worth of deficiencies, $628 million of which is related to safety hazards, code violations, and/or severe damage, the Governor signed Executive Order 17-09 establishing the Rhode Island Schools Task Force. In response to the Task Force’s recommendations, Governor recommends a historic $1.0 billion investment in school construction over the next five years. Along with the approved and referendum proposed, funds from other sources, state and local commitments, will be used to reach the $1.0 billion total. The GO Bond proceeds from the approved referendum will be distributed in annual increments of $50.0 million from FY 2019 through FY 2023. The anticipated disbursements for the proposed bond referendum in November 2022 would be distributed commencing in FY 2024 if approved by the voters. Disbursements are subject to change based on updated project schedules, however, total proceeds may not exceed $100.0 million in any individual year.
Agency Responsibilities

Rhode Island’s Public Higher Education institutions are responsible for the repair, renovation, and general improvement of their physical plant infrastructure and extensive inventory of fixed assets. These institutions are the University of Rhode Island (URI), Rhode Island College (RIC), and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), collectively overseen by the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC). Combined, these institutions are responsible for approximately 350 structures, comprising over one-third of all state-owned facilities. Buildings are located on eleven campuses and total approximately 5.2 million square feet of space. Given the large number of structures and the need to maintain and modernize facilities, major emphasis is placed on asset protection and the renovation of major educational infrastructure in the Public Higher Education Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Governor’s Recommendations

University of Rhode Island (URI)

URI Asset Protection – The Governor recommends expenditures of $51.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund over the CIP period for asset protection projects on the Kingston Campus. The University uses Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund monies as the principal means of financing building and utility infrastructure repair, replacements, and general renovations. URI is responsible for maintaining 312 buildings constructed over a period of 120 years, encompassing 4.6 million square feet of space. Additionally, high-voltage electrical, water, steam, sewer, stormwater drainage, hydrant, fire alarm, pavement, and various security systems must be continually maintained and upgraded. By fiscal year, the Governor recommends expenditures of $7.7 million in FY 2019; $8.3 million in FY 2020; $8.5 million in FY 2021; $8.7 million in FY 2022; $8.9 million in FY 2023; and $9.1 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $75.1 million.

URI 3045 Kingstown Road Renovations – The Governor recommends a total of $3.4 million from private and university funds in FY 2019 and FY 2020. The University acquired 3045 Kingstown Road, a 16,000 sq. ft., two-story building, constructed in 1999. The capital funds will be utilized to renovate the building to restore it as office space.

URI Agricultural and Innovation District – This new project represents a unique, University-led public-private partnership creating a platform for collaborative innovation and job creation in the State’s agricultural sector. The first phase of the project entails the infrastructural development of a 52-acre area of the Kingston campus known as Peckham Farm, enabling future, privately-financed projects on this site that will collectively form an Innovation District. The Innovation District will serve as a testing ground for new technologies related to food production, processing, storage, and distribution. By forging relationships between faculty and students from the University’s agricultural, engineering, and business academic disciplines and leading companies in the agricultural field, the Innovation District will ultimately be a premier technological incubator as well as a catalyst for agricultural-based economic growth in the region. The Governor recommends third-party financing totaling $5.4 million spanning Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 for Phase I of this project.

URI Athletic and Recreation Facilities Advanced Planning – The Governor recommends $250,000 in FY 2019 university funds to engage a specialized architectural and engineering firm in planning for the removal or rehabilitation of outmoded and deteriorating athletic facilities, including the Slade Outdoor Track and Field, the Natatorium, and the grandstands at Meade Stadium.

URI Biological Resources Lab – The Governor recommends $5.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the construction of a new
Biological Resources Lab (sometimes referred to as the “Vivarium”) within the new College of Pharmacy building in FY 2019. This project addresses significant deficiencies within the Kingston campus’ current network of small animal laboratories by replacing them with a centralized, modern research facility complete with Bio Safety Level 2 laboratories, animal holding rooms, and emergency HVAC and electrical systems. All fund expenditures total $597,732 prior to FY 2019.

URI Combined Health and Counseling Center – The Governor recommends expenditure of $32.9 million to combine and co-locate Health Services, currently located in the URI Potter building, and the Counseling Center, currently located in Roosevelt Hall, into a single facility. Of the $32.9 million, $26.9 million is from RIHEBC bonds and $6.0 million is from university funds. The Debt Management Act Joint Resolution was approved as part of the FY 2019 Enacted Budget, $7.8 million of RIHEBC bond proceeds would be disbursed in FY 2020 and $19.1 million in FY 2021. The total amount recommended for all fund sources by year are as follows: FY 2019: $2.2 million; FY 2020: $11.7 million; and FY 2021: $19.1 million.

URI Electric Utility Substation Replacement – The Governor recommends final expenditures of $188,967 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to complete the replacement of two electrical substations on the main URI campus, which receive and distribute power via underground conduits to main campus facilities. RICAP expenditures prior to FY 2019 totaled $6.2 million.

URI Energy Conservation Phase II – This $12.6 million project, financed with Certificates of Participation, is to purchase energy cost-saving improvements for campus buildings and infrastructure, which have a 15-year cost recovery period. The Governor recommends expenditure of remaining COPS proceeds totaling $2.6 million in FY 2019. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $10.0 million.

URI Energy Conservation Phase III – The Governor recommends Certificates of Participation totaling $10.5 million for an energy performance contract involving the multi-campus installation of LED lighting, HVAC upgrades, building weatherization, and electric sub-metering on the Kingston Campus. Authorized under a Debt Management Act Joint Resolution contained in the FY 2018 Appropriations Act, planned disbursements of COPS proceeds total $4.2 million in FY 2019. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $6.3 million.

URI College of Engineering Building Renovations, Phase I – The Governor recommends expenditures of $125.0 million from a 2014 General Obligation Bond authorization to complete Phase I of a comprehensive program to renovate and build additions to the existing College of Engineering complex clustered around the Engineering Quad. The buildings to be razed include Crawford Hall, Gilbreth Hall, Kelly Hall and Annex, and Wales Hall. Also included in Phase I are renovations to Kirk Hall and the construction of a new Engineering building adjacent to Bliss and Kirk Halls. The Governor recommends expenditures of $58.4 million in FY 2019, and $7.5 million in FY 2020 from bond proceeds. Bond proceeds of $59.1 million were expended in previous fiscal years. The Governor also includes university funds of $550,000 in FY 2019, privately-sourced support totaling $3.7 million in FY 2019 and $1.2 million in FY 2020, and third-party funding is recommended in FY 2020 totaling $240,485.

URI College of Engineering Building Renovations, Phase II – The Governor recommends $23.0 million in General Obligation Bond proceeds for Phase II of the College of Engineering’s new construction and renovation project in FY 2019. In Phase II, a 20,000-square foot addition to Bliss Hall will be constructed, combined with full renovation of the existing Bliss Hall structure. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.5 million.
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URI Facilities Services Sector Upgrade – The Governor recommends expenditures of $11.8 million from RIHEBC bonds to build new facilities for the URI Service Sector, comprised of Facilities Services, Capital Projects, Central Receiving, Postal Services, Lands and Grounds, and a vehicle servicing station. The projected disbursements of bond proceeds total $931,497 in FY 2021, $2.9 million in FY 2022, $3.9 million in FY 2023 and $4.0 million in FY 2014.

URI Fine Arts Center Renovation – The Governor recommends $18.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and private funding to finance the first phase of a full-scale renovation of the University’s Fine Arts Center, currently a functional but antiquated facility with significant structural deficiencies. Phase I of the project, includes HVAC system replacements and extensive exterior envelope repairs to five of the ten building “pods” that comprise the Fine Arts complex. Projected RICAP disbursements are as follows: FY 2019: $6.9 million; and FY 2020: $7.1 million. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $887,289 from Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds. The Governor recommends an additional $4.7 million from private funding in FY 2020 through FY 2023.

URI Fire Safety/Protection, Academic and Administrative Buildings – The Governor recommends expenditures totaling $232,884 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to install sprinkler systems and upgrade or replace fire alarm systems in URI’s academic, administrative, and general business buildings. The FY 2019 recommendation is the remaining balance from the original budget of $13.4 of which $13.1 million was spent prior to FY 2019. Federal stimulus financing of $12.5 million was expended during the pre-FY 2019 period. Total project funding is $15.8 million, and final project completion is set for FY 2019.

URI Fire Safety/Protection – Auxiliary Enterprises – The Governor recommends expenditure of $18.2 million from previously approved RIHEBC revenue bonds to install sprinkler systems and upgrade fire alarms in several auxiliary buildings. This project includes Potter Health Services Center, existing residential, dining, commercial, and other buildings. The bonds are backed by the University’s (allocable) auxiliary enterprise revenues. Recommended disbursements total $6.5 million in FY 2019, and $2.7 million in FY 2020, with pre-FY 2019 expenses totaling $8.9 million.

URI Fire Safety/Protection – Auxiliary Enterprises- Phase II – The Governor recommends disbursements from the RIHEBC bond authorization approved in the FY 2019 Appropriations Act in the amount of $2.3 million for the second phase of fire safety enhancements throughout the University’s auxiliary enterprise buildings. These include the continued installation of modern, code-compliant fire detection systems/alarms, sprinkler systems, and other related life safety improvements. This project represents the second phase of a two-phase, $20.5 million auxiliary enterprise fire safety and protection project at the University. Phase I (see above) is slated for completion in FY 2020, with the earliest stages of Phase II commencing in FY 2019.

URI Fraternity Circle Infrastructure, Phase I – The Governor recommends disbursements from the RIHEBC bond authorization approved in the FY 2019 Appropriations Act in the amount of $5.4 million from RIHEBC bonds for underground infrastructure improvements to the Fraternity Circle section of the Kingston campus. This project includes improving/replacing underground utility systems in the vicinity of Fraternity Circle. The planned expenditures total $1.9 million in FY 2019, and $3.2 million in FY 2020. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $350,000.

URI Fraternity Circle Master Plan Implementation – The Governor requests RIHEBC bond authorization of $2.1 million funding for landscaping improvements to the URI
Fraternity Circle precinct to create a pleasant, safe, and more aesthetically cohesive neighborhood which enhances the communal aspect of Greek life. If approved, the Governor recommends expenditures of $1.0 million in FY 2020 and $1.1 million in FY 2021.

“Gateway to URI” Welcome Center – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.0 million from university funds to complete a new, 11,000 square foot Welcome Center building on Upper College Road at the site of the current Visitors Center Kiosk. The Gateway to URI will serve as a large, welcoming destination for student and families to congregate, and for the display of information highlighting teaching, research, service, and student life at the University. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $5.2 million.

URI Hope Commons Expansion – The Governor recommends $2.2 million from university funds to expand and update the dining hall in Hope Commons for purposes of offering late night, off-hours dining opportunities for a growing student population. The Governor recommends expenditures of $244,680 in FY 2019 and $2.0 million in FY 2020 to complete this project.

URI Meade Stadium Improvements – The Governor recommends $4.1 million from private and university funds to install artificial surface and lights on Meade Stadium. The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.0 million in FY 2019 and $2.1 million in FY 2020.

URI Memorial Union Renovations and Addition - The Governor requests a RIHEBC bond authorization totaling $51.5 million and an additional $11.0 million from university funds to renovate the Memorial Union. This student union building, which is four floors and 133,000 square feet, is the nexus of the campus community, connecting the academic core of campus and the university’s socially active residential community. This project includes a 9,000 square foot addition and improves adjacent parking and landscape. Projected disbursements of RIHEBC proceeds total $3.9 million in FY 2021, $17.3 million in FY 2022, $24.0 million in FY 2023, and $6.3 million in FY 2024. The total of 11.0 million in university funds will be distributed between FY 2020 and FY 2021.

URI Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal Phase I – The Governor recommends $45.0 million from the November 2018 voter approved GO Bond Referendum to finance the initial phase of renovations and/or replacements of various outmoded and inefficient buildings, laboratories, and infrastructure on the grounds of the URI Narragansett Bay Campus, home to the Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO) and the URI Ocean Engineering program. Improvements are also planned to the waterfront research vessel pier, along with a redesign of campus roadways and walkways to create a more communal, collaborative educational experience. Projected disbursements total $2.5 million in FY 2019, $7.5 million in FY 2020, $15.0 million in FY 2021, $12.0 million in FY 2022, and $8.0 million in FY 2023. Private funding is expected to total $5.0 million in FY 2023 to contribute to this project.

Rhode Island Nursing Education Center – The Governor recommends final expenditures of $864,591 from remaining Certificates of Participation (COPS) proceeds for furnishings, fixtures, and educational equipment at the new Rhode Island Nursing Education Center (RINEC), located on the South Street Landing property in Providence. The new facility, which opened to students in the fall of 2017, is a joint educational institute shared between the University’s College of Nursing and the School of Nursing at Rhode Island College. The state’s obligations for the base lease and tenant improvement rents, along with debt service on the COPS, is budgeted as general revenue in the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $10.9 million; $9.6 million from Certificate of Participation and $1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Fund.
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URI Ranger Hall Phase II – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.5 million for the second phase of the Ranger Hall renovation project. This amount includes $1.75 million from university funds and $1.75 million of private funding. Built in 1913, Ranger Hall is a 45,000-square foot building located on the University’s Historic Quadrangle. Phase I of this project focused on exterior repairs, building infrastructure, handicap accessibility, and renovations to the first floor to accommodate a new, state-of-the-art space for the Harrington School of Communication and Media. Phase II involves the creation of new academic classroom space for the Harrington School and for general assignment by the University. Projected disbursements total $211,878 in FY 2019, $1.0 million in FY 2020, and $2.3 million in FY 2021, with all privately-sourced financing programmed in FY 2021.

URI Repaving and Road Construction – The Governor recommends total expenditures of $14.5 million, with $10.8 million expended in prior fiscal years, to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways across three of its four campuses. Of the $14.5 million, $13.7 million is from RIHEBC bonds and $784,919 is from university funds. To complete the project, the Governor recommends $3.7 million in FY 2019 from issued RIHEBC bond proceeds.

URI Repaving, Hardscape, and Landscape – Article 16 of the Governor’s FY 2019 Appropriations Act sets forth a Debt Management Act Joint Resolution authorizing the issuance of RIHEBC revenue bonds for the URI repaving, hardscape, and landscape project. The Governor recommends issuance and expenditure of $11.0 million in RIHEBC bonds for the continued repavement and reconstruction of major parking facilities, internal roadways, walkways, and associated infrastructure on the University’s campuses in Kingston, Narragansett Bay, and W. Alton Jones. In accordance with recommendations contained in a recent Transportation and Parking Master Plan, this project will provide significantly enhanced customer service and transportation safety for all modes of intra-campus transit. Disbursements recommended by year are as follows: FY 2019: $3.8 million; FY 2020: $3.2 million, and FY 2021: $4.0 million.

Research Laboratory Advanced Planning – The Governor recommends $200,000 in FY 2019 from university funds. This project will study the current use and types of research space on campus, analyze the University’s future research space needs and establish the schedule and budget necessary to ensure that the University can continue to support the high-level research that is currently ongoing at this time, while also meeting the needs of the next generation of research activity.

URI Upper College Road Multi-Use Development – The Governor recommends $1.5 million from university funds for the planning and design of a mixed-use commercial development on the east side of Upper College Road. The project entails the leasing of University property to private entities that will build and manage various facilities best suited to create a retail and residential “Main Street” destination, potentially including a hotel, apartments, restaurants, and shops. The projected disbursements are $422,560 in FY 2019 and $992,882 in FY 2020. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $114,558.

URI Utility Infrastructure Upgrade, Phase I – Article 16 of the Governor’s FY 2019 Appropriations Act sets forth a Debt Management Act Joint Resolution authorizing the issuance of RIHEBC revenue bonds for the URI utility infrastructure upgrade project. The Governor recommends the issuance and expenditure of $6.5 million in RIHEBC bonds for the engineering and installation of upgrades to utility-related infrastructure on the Kingston campus, including steam, water, sanitary, electrical, and stormwater systems. This project represents the first phase of a three-phase, $24.9 million utility infrastructure project at the University, commencing in FY 2019 and
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reaching substantial completion in post FY 2024.

URI Utility Infrastructure Upgrade, Phase II – The Governor recommends RIHEBC bond expenditures totaling $9.2 million for Phase II of the utility infrastructure upgrade project, commencing in FY 2021. This project will continue and expand upon the upgrades initiated in Phase I. The project will be financed from a future issuance of RIHEBC bonds, assuming passage of a future Debt Management Act Joint Resolution.

URI Utility Infrastructure Upgrade, Phase III – The Governor recommends RIHEBC bond expenditures totaling $9.2 million for Phase III of the utility infrastructure upgrade project, commencing in FY 2023. This project will continue and expand upon the upgrades initiated in Phase I and II. The project will be financed from a future issuance of RIHEBC bonds, assuming passage of a future Debt Management Act Joint Resolution.

URI White Horn Brook Apartments – The Governor recommends all-funds expenditures of $72.7 million to complete the construction of a new, apartment-style residence hall on the Kingston campus of URI from RIHEBC revenue bonds. The newly constructed hall will accommodate approximately 500 new beds and is a critical enhancement to the stock of convenient and affordable student housing on the Kingston Campus. Recommended disbursements of $61.0 million in FY 2019, and $11.7 million in FY 2020 are currently projected from RIHEBC. Pre-FY 2019 construction, planning, and preliminary design activities were financed with $4.5 million of university funds, and $12.5 million of RIHEBC bonds. The FY 2018 Appropriations Act (Article 6, Section 4) initially authorized $88.8 million in bond issuance for the project.

Rhode Island College (RIC)

RIC Asset Protection – The Governor recommends expenditures of $25.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for asset protection projects on the Rhode Island College campus during the FY 2019 through FY 2024 planning period. The funding will be used to renovate and repair buildings, replace roofs and windows, improve campus-wide ADA compliance, and upgrade IT, HVAC, and electrical infrastructure. The amounts recommended by year from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund are as follows: FY 2019: $4.4 million; FY 2020: $3.7 million; FY 2021: $4.2 million; FY 2022: $4.2 million; FY 2023: $4.3 million; and FY 2024: $4.4 million. Prior to FY 2019, RICAP funds totaling $32.5 million were spent on asset protection projects at RIC.

RIC Horace Mann Hall Renovations – In November 2018, the voters approved the $25.0 million GO Bond Referendum in November 2018 to fully finance the renovation of Horace Mann Hall. Horace Mann Hall currently houses the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Horace Mann Hall requires comprehensive renovations to all existing classrooms, reconfiguration of office spaces, overhaul of building systems, restoration of the building’s exterior envelope, and full window and elevator replacements. The amounts recommended by year from the GO Bond Authorization are as follows: FY 2019: $2.5 million; FY 2020: $2.5 million; FY 2021: $10.0 million; and FY 2022: $10.0 million.

New Residence Hall – The Governor recommends $50 million to complete the construction of a new residence hall on campus through a public-private partnership. Rhode Island College contracted Saccoccio & Associates Architects to complete a feasibility study for the construction of a new residence hall in 2015. The study included a market study, financial plan, program goals, demand and needs analysis, site identification and evaluation, footprint/program identification and evaluation, and a conceptual cost and schedule. The estimated building size of 129,121 square feet will house 376 students. Construction will span FY 2021 and FY 2022.
RIC Modernization/Renovation of Academic Buildings, Phase I – The Governor recommends total expenditures of $14.7 million to complete the renovation, and modernization of Craig Lee Hall, Gaige Hall, Fogarty Life Sciences Building, and the repurposing of several sections of Adams Library. Of this total, $50.0 million is financed from General Obligation Bond proceeds authorized in 2012 and $12.1 million is financed from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. The project includes: repurposing areas of Adams Library to accommodate student service organizations and academic departments; full renovation and modernization of classrooms and restrooms; replacement of mechanical and electrical systems, new windows, elevator upgrades, and exterior envelope work in Gaige and Craig Lee Halls; and a recently completed addition to the Fogarty Building. The all-funds disbursements recommended by year are as follows: FY 2019: $14.7 million. Bond proceeds of $47.1 million were expended prior to FY 2019. Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds of $363,048 were expended prior to FY 2019.

RIC Auxiliary Enterprise Asset Protection – The Governor recommends auxiliary revenue funds totaling $14.1 million during the FY 2019 – FY 2024 planning horizon to complete various renovations to the College’s auxiliary enterprise infrastructure. Prior to FY 2019, $10.0 million was expended on various improvements to three residence halls, the Donovan Dining Center, and the Student Union. Future projects include further upgrades to the Student Union; roof replacements, painting, carpet installation, and security systems at residence halls; and energy efficiency projects throughout the auxiliary buildings. In out-years, RIC will continue to identify and pursue the remediation of the most pressing areas of deferred maintenance and rehabilitation need. Projected institutional funds disbursements for Rhode Island College are as follows: FY 2019: $8.0 million; FY 2020: $2.0 million; FY 2021: $1.2 million; and $1.0 million annually from FY 2022 through FY 2024.

RIC Infrastructure Modernization – The Governor recommends expenditures of $20.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund during the FY 2019 - FY 2024 planning period to modernize the infrastructure on the campus of Rhode Island College, including improving traffic circulation on campus, road paving and parking, replacement of steam and water lines, electrical transformers and distribution systems, and network voice and data telecommunication systems. Recommended appropriations of Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds by year are as follows: FY 2019: $5.4 million; FY 2020: $3.0 million; FY 2021: $3.5 million; FY 2022: $4.5 million; FY 2023: $2.0 million; and FY 2024: $2.1 million. Pre-FY 2019 expenditures for this project totaled $15.6 million.

RIC Modernization/Renovation of Academic Buildings, Phase IV – The Governor recommends $300,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the completion of the Henry Barnard School Building feasibility study. The feasibility study is required to further assess the building and formulate cost estimates and construction timeline. The recommended budget includes $150,000 in FY 2019 and FY 2020.

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)

CCRI Asset Protection – The Governor recommends expenditures totaling $16.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, spanning FY 2019 through FY 2024, for asset protection projects on the Knight, Flanagan, Liston, and Newport County campuses of CCRI. Typical projects include replacing asphalt surfaces and concrete walkways; painting; replacing lockers, flooring, and lighting; and building system refurbishment or replacement. Disbursements by year are recommended as follows: FY 2019: $3.6 million; FY 2020: $2.4 million; FY 2021 and FY 2022: $2.5 million; FY 2023: $2.6 million; and FY 2024: $2.7 million. Pre-FY 2019 expenditures total $20.2 million.
CCRI Accessibility Improvements – The Governor recommends $200,000 from other funds for facility accessibility features. Expenditures on this project prior to FY 2019 totaled $0.8 million.

CCRI Data, Cabling & Power Infrastructure – The Governor recommends $13.7 million from FY 2019 through FY 2024. The funding requested will enable the assessment, design, and construction of a modernized data cabling and power infrastructure across the four CCRI campuses. These will support teaching and learning using technology; foster communication and collaboration; support up-to-date safety and security technologies; remove outdated IT infrastructure; and meet the college's technology infrastructure needs. Disbursements from the Rhode Island Capital Asset Plan Fund by year are recommended as follows: FY 2020: $500,000; FY 2021: $1.5 million; FY 2022: $3.3 million; FY 2023: $3.7 million and FY 2024: $4.7 million. College funds will contribute $50,000 in FY 2019. Expenditures on this project prior to FY 2019 totaled $1.3 million from College funds.

CCRI Master Plan – The Governor recommends $384,000 from College funds to assist the college in creating a Master Facility planning document that will guide its future space and facility decisions. Expenditures on this project prior to FY 2019 totaled $177,000 from College funds.

CCRI Infrastructure – Providence Campus – The Governor recommends $250,000 from College funds to assist the college in creating a planning document that will guide its infrastructure investment at the Liston Campus in Providence. Expenditures on this project prior to FY 2019 totaled $1.2 million from College funds.

CCRI Flanagan Campus Renewal – The Governor recommends $12.6 million. The recommended funding from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund of $12.5 million, and $130,000 from college funds is to complete asset protection projects as outlined in an upcoming academic and institutional comprehensive master plan for the Flanagan campus in Lincoln. The Master Plan will focus on enhancing utilization of classroom and faculty space, common areas for student congregation, conference rooms, library expansion, and will also relocate the current RIPTA bus shelter. Disbursements of RICAP financing are currently projected at $2.0 million in both FY 2021 and FY 2022, $6.0 million in FY 2023, and $2.5 million in FY 2024.

CCRI Knight Campus Renewal – The Governor recommends $10.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, spanning FY 2019 through FY 2021, for renovation projects and facility upgrades to the Knight Campus megastructure. Projects include roadway, walkway, and landscape improvements; entrance reconfiguration; classroom and office renovations; bookstore upgrades; the replacement of sewer and water pipes, electrical distribution transformers, doors, lighting, and hardware; and other improvements to infrastructure. Projected RICAP financing by fiscal year is as follows: FY 2019: $3.7 million; FY 2020: $3.5 million; and FY 2021: $3.5 million. Pre-FY 2019 RICAP expenditures totaled $9.4 million. Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds are supplemented by other funds totaling $2.1 million and College funds of $82,868, yielding an all-in project cost of $22.4 million.

CCRI Knight Campus Lab Renovation – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, with $375,000 budgeted in FY 2019, and $1.3 million budgeted in FY 2021 and FY 2022, to complete the renovation of the CCRI physics and engineering labs. This project will modernize all lab equipment, address asbestos remediation, and provide the necessary structural upgrades to attain current code standards. Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds are supplemented by College funds of $140,000, yielding an all-in project cost of $3.5 million.
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Westerly Campus – The Westerly Higher Education Center is a vocational workforce training facility that commenced operations in FY 2017, with classes being offered by CCRI, RIC, and URI in partnership with local industrial leaders, such as Electric Boat. Private employers can rent classroom facilities and multi-use spaces for a wide variety of training programs, with curricula often developed in collaboration with the state institutions of higher education. This project represents a direct vehicle for general economic development, regional economic stimulus, and high-wage/high-skill job creation, particularly for students opting not to attend a traditional 4-year undergraduate program. The construction and furnishing of this 34,500-square foot facility (consisting of 17 classrooms) was substantially completed in FY 2017, with expenditures totaling $7.0 million, including $2.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, $3.0 million from private funding, and $2.0 million from general revenue. In FY 2019, the Governor recommends $29,200 in residual RICAP financing remaining from FY 2018.

OPC – Asset Protection – The Office of Post-Secondary Commission (OPC) is located at 560 Jefferson Blvd in Warwick. In addition to housing the OPC, the Office of the Building Code Commissioner, Contractor’s Registration Board, and the Fire Marshall are co-located in this facility. The Governor recommends $341,000 in FY 2020, from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for installation of a generator and address deferred maintenance of the roof. The roof was installed in 1991. DCAMM will manage the projects on behalf of OPC.

Higher Education Center Model Expansion – The Governor recommends $4.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to replicate the public-private educational model pioneered at the Westerly Higher Education Center (also known as the Westerly Education Center) in the northern region of Rhode Island. RICAP funds will be utilized in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to construct a new Education Center, providing state-of-the-art classroom and multi-use facilities where local employers can implement workforce training programs and develop curricula in collaboration with public higher education institutions. Proposed RICAP funding is subdivided into even disbursements of $2.0 million in FY 2019 and FY 2020.
Agency Responsibilities

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) was established in 1967. It provides grants, technical assistance and support to artists, arts organizations, schools, community centers, social service organizations, and local governments to bring the arts into the lives of Rhode Islanders. RISCA employs a variety of methods to carry out its work, including grant-making, strategic partnerships, outreach, and facilitation.

Governor's Recommendations

Creative and Cultural Economy – In November 2014, voters approved the issuance of $35.0 million in general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement, preservation, and renovation projects for public and nonprofit artistic performance centers, historic sites, museums, and cultural art centers located throughout the State of Rhode Island. Of the $35.0 million, $30.0 million will be used to capitalize a new Cultural Arts and the Economy Grant program which will provide 1:1 matching grants and will be administered by the State Council on the Arts. Of the $30.0 million, $6.9 million is to be allocated by the RI Council on the Arts through a competitive application process, with the remaining funds designated for the following organizations: $4.6 million for Trinity Repertory Company; $2.4 million for Rhode Island Philharmonic; $4.2 million for Newport Performing Arts Center; $2.4 million for United Theatre/Westerly Land Trust; $1.1 million for The Chorus of Westerly; $2.1 million for The Stadium Theatre Conservatory in Woonsocket; $1.1 million for 2nd Story Theater; $2.1 million to AS220; and $3.2 million for WaterFire Providence.

The Governor recommends financing of $7.5 million from FY 2019 through FY 2021, closing-out the Cultural Arts and the Economy Grant program. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $22.5 million.
**Agency Responsibilities**

The Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC), administered by the Atomic Energy Commission, operates the state’s only nuclear reactor for the purposes of research, education, and training, and for matters relating to the health, welfare, and economy of the people of Rhode Island. The RINSC is located on the Narragansett Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island.

**Governor's Recommendations**

**Atomic Energy Commission Asset Protection** – The Governor recommends expenditures of $300,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund over the period FY 2019 through FY 2024. Funding will be used for several projects, including replacing HVAC systems, landscaping the facility, updating the fire protection system, painting the building and the confinement stack, and various other items. The Governor recommends $50,000 annually from FY 2019 through FY 2024. Prior to FY 2019, the RINSC has undergone $566,784 in renovations.
Agency Responsibilities

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (HPHC) is responsible for the protection and preservation of historic buildings, districts, and archaeological sites in Rhode Island. Currently, HPHC administers a grant program that funds restoration at museums, cultural centers, and public historic sites and structures.

Governor's Recommendations

Historic Preservation Grants – As part of the initiative to develop the creative cultural economy in Rhode Island, a general obligation bond of $35.0 million was presented to and passed by voters on November 4, 2014. Of the $35.0 million, $30.0 million will be for the State Cultural Arts and the Economy Grants program under the Rhode Island Council on the Arts, while the remaining $5.0 million will be used to capitalize the State Preservation Grants Program under HPHC, used to assist cities and towns and non-profit organizations to renovate and improve public and nonprofit historic sites, museums, and cultural art centers located in historic structures within the State of Rhode Island. Originally, funds were to be disbursed at $1.0 million per year for five years starting in FY 2016. Due to delays, $1.8 million will be awarded in FY 2019 with the remaining funds being disbursed as scheduled ($1.0 million in FY 2019 and 2020).

To date, this program has invested $6.0 million of prior general obligation bond issuances, as well as $1,218,391 from the current issuance, distributing funds through a competitive grant process. This matching grant program offers grants in two categories: small project grants which range from $5,000 to $30,000, and large project grants which award up to $150,000.