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Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Administration manages capital projects coordinated by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, the Division of Information Technology, the Water Resources Board, and through agreement with the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority.

Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy and Service (ETSS) The Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy and Service (ETSS) is comprised of the Office of Information Technology, Telecommunication, Mailroom and the Office of Library Services. The Office of Information Technology, under the Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy Service (ETSS) manages the secure implementation of all new and mission-critical technology projects and upgrades for state agencies. The Office of Information Technology shall manage and support all day-to-day operations of the State’s technology infrastructure and associated applications as well as the implementation of all new and mission critical technology infrastructure projects and upgrades for state agencies. ETSS oversees the Information Technology Investment Fund to determine the eligibility of expenditures from the fund. This includes hardware and software purchases and/or development, information technology consulting services, and ongoing maintenance contracts.

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) – This division is responsible for coordinated facilities management for state departments and agencies, including, but not limited to: operation, maintenance and repair of buildings, grounds, central HVAC, power plants and other facilities. In addition, the Division is responsible for planning, designing and constructing new state facilities and major renovations to existing buildings. Some of the facilities that DCAMM oversees include the State House, the William Powers Building (Department of Administration), the Cannon Building (Department of Health), the State Office Building (Department of Transportation), and various other structures. This program also has responsibility for most of the facilities at the Pastore Government Center in Cranston and Zambarano Campus in Burrillville.

Water Resources Board – The Rhode Island Water Resources Board was established by RIGL 46-15 and their capital projects are now organized under the Department of Administration. The Water Resources Board supports the proper development, protection, conservation, and use of the State’s water resources while providing for economic development and protection for the environment.

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority – The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority manages three Rhode Island Capital Fund projects in agreement with the Department of Administration. These projects are budgeted for under the Department of Administration. The projects include upgrades to the Convention Center, Dunkin’ Donuts Center, and Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium, all of which are located in Providence.

Governor’s Recommendations

Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy and Service (ETSS)

Information Technology Investment Fund - The Governor recommends expenditures of $40.3 million in restricted receipts from the Information Technology Investment Fund. This fund serves as the long-term term strategic funding source for information technology improvement purchases and infrastructure investment by state agencies. The fund was established by the 2011 General Assembly and is supported by cash inflows from the sale of state real properties and equipment, federal awards, private donations, and state appropriations pursuant to RIGL 42-11-2.5. The Project Management Office (PMO) under the direction of the Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy and Service administers the review, selection, and monitoring of potential projects through the governance process to provide for orderly and equitable disbursements from the fund. The Governor recommends expenditures of $17.7 million in FY 2019, $6.6 million in FY 2020, $4.1 million in FY 2021,
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$4.0 million annually in FY 2022, 2023 and FY 2024, assuming resources are available in the fund.

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

Capitol Hill Campus Projects

Capitol Hill Projects – The Governor recommends expenditures of $33.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for infrastructure upgrades at the Capitol Hill Campus. The Capital Hill Campus consists of the Chapin Health Laboratory, Cannon Building, State Office Building, William Powers Building, and the Old State House. The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures of $4.4 in FY 2019, $3.9 million in FY 2020, and $5.1 million in FY 2021, $6.3 million in FY 2022, $6.2 million in FY 2023, and $7.4 million in FY 2024. The following reflects the project summary of each location on the Capital Hill Campus:

Chapin Health Laboratory Building – The Capital Hill Campus Budget includes funding in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to address mechanical systems, including electric and HVAC, additional morgue space and general asset protection emergencies at the Chapin Health Laboratory.

Cannon Building – The Cannon Building, which houses the Department of Health’s functions except for the Health Laboratory and State Medical Examiner. The capital budget plan includes exterior window replacement, electrical upgrades, restroom renovations, installation of LED fixtures, a new standby generator, and HVAC control upgrades.

Old State House (Providence) – The Old State House is located on Benefit Street in Providence. The building is currently occupied by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and is open to the public for touring. The Governor recommends funding to complete the masonry and window projects in FY 2019, and asset protection funding for FY 2020 through FY 2014.

State Office Building – The building is currently occupied by the Department of Transportation (RIDOT). The Capital Budget as proposed includes funding for exterior masonry, interior abatement, ceiling and lighting upgrades, HVAC system and general asset protection.

William Powers Building – The William Powers building, houses the Departments of Administration and Revenue, and other ancillary operations of boards and commissions. Planned projects include HVAC upgrades, bathroom renovations, window and envelope repairs, and elevator renovations.

South County Capital Projects

South County Capital Projects – The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for repairs to the facilities in South County. The South County facilities consist of the Old Colony House, the Washington County Government Center, and the LADD Center in Exeter. The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures of $567,344 in FY 2019, $150,000 in FY 2020 and FY 2021, and $500,000 annually from FY 2022 through FY 2024. The following reflects the project summary of each location in the South County region:

Old Colony House (Newport) – This building was built in Newport between 1739 and 1743 and is the fourth oldest State House still standing in the United States. The State owns the building, but the Newport Historical Society runs the day-to-day operation of the building, which includes daily public viewing. The building requires asset protection funding to preserve the historic nature of the building.

Washington County Government Center – The building tenants include the Department of Labor and Training, Department of Human Services, Department of Children, Youth and Families, Coastal Resources Management Council, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Judiciary, and the South County Tourism Council. Projects include
bathroom upgrades, generator, and funding for continued asset protection.

**Environmental Projects**

Environmental Compliance – The Governor recommends expenditures of $1.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for on-going monitoring and remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater at State properties as mandated by the Department of Environmental Management. The Governor recommends expenditures of $268,095 in FY 2019 and $200,000 annually for the fiscal years 2020 through 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $1.7 million.

Replacement of Fueling Tanks – The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the replacement of fuel tanks at numerous State properties. The State owns and operates 15 fueling stations for State owned vehicles. Underground tanks that have reached fifteen years of age should be replaced. The Governor recommends expenditures of $355,610 in FY 2019; $330,000 in FY 2020, $300,000 in FY 2021, and $330,000 annually for the fiscal years 2022 through 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.7 million.

**State Facility Projects**

Statewide Facility Master Plan – The Governor recommends a total of $7.5 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for a comprehensive statewide real estate evaluation of Executive Branch property. The evaluation will recommend options for consideration including downsizing the State’s footprint, sale of buildings, and lease opportunities versus ownership. The funding recommended includes funding the implementation of recommendations from the real estate evaluation. The project funding also includes funding for a Pastore Center Master Plan and feasibility study of 55 Colorado Avenue in Warwick. This plan will allow DCAMM to prioritize and plan future capital improvements on the Pastore Center Complex, address deferred maintenance issues, and make financially sound decisions regarding investments in state-owned buildings. The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.0 million in FY 2019, $2.5 million in FY 2020, and $2.0 million in FY 2021. Prior to FY 2019, $1.8 million had been expended on this project for a facilities condition assessment.

DoIT Enterprise Operations Center – The Governor recommends expenditures of $7.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to continue to upgrade the data center facility at 50 Service Ave. in Warwick. The building has been renovated and is occupied by the Division of Enterprise Technology Strategy Service and Treasury. The planned projects at the facility include HVAC upgrades, roof replacement, and replacement of the generator and transfer switch. The Governor recommends expenditures of $850,000 in FY 2019, $500,000 in FY 2020, $1.0 million annually in FY 2021 and FY 2022, and $2.0 annually in FY 2023 and FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $10.1 million.

EXPO Center (Springfield) – The EXPO Center in Springfield, Ma is the home of the Rhode Island exhibit home at the Big E, New England’s largest agricultural fair held each year in September. The exhibit home is a replica of the Old State House in Newport. The exhibit home is utilized to promote Rhode Island as a tourism destination. The Governor recommends expenditures of $250,000 in FY 2020 to initiate remodeling this exhibit.

Shepard Building – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for repairs and renovations to the to the Shepard building, including main entrance repairs, asset protection, and bathroom flooring. The Governor recommends expenditures of $250,000 in FY 2019 through FY 2021, and $750,000 annually from FY 2022 through FY 2024.

**Pastore Center Campus Projects**

Pastore Center Projects – The Governor recommends expenditures of $39.9 million from
the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for major maintenance and capital repairs of 35 buildings at the Pastore Government Center in Cranston. The Governor’s Budget includes merging the Center General Project from the Department of Labor and Training and BHDDH Administrative Office’s project within DOA. The Governor recommends expenditures of $13.3 million in FY 2019; $4.8 million in FY 2020; $4.6 million in FY 2021; $5.2 million in FY 2022; $6.3 million in FY 2023; and $5.8 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $14.2 million. The following reflects the project summary of each location on the Pastore Center Campus:


**BHDDH Administration Buildings Asset Protection (formally funded in BHDDH)** – This project consists of upgrades or the replacement of roofs, exterior masonry, windows, HVAC systems, replacement of asbestos pipes, interior painting, new elevator, ADA compliance, lighting and fire code update, and carpeting.

**Hospital Building(s) Asset Protection (formally funded in BHDDH)** The scope of funding from BHDDH merged into the Department of Administration is related to the Mathias Building projects scheduled for FY 2019 through FY 2024. The projects include HVAC upgrades, lighting, and ceiling improvements, window and exterior envelop improvements.

**Center General Asset Protection** - The Center General is comprised of six buildings. Occupants include the Department of Labor and Training, Department of Business Regulation, as well as support staff of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and the Division of Information Technology, both part of the Department of Administration. Capital repair deficiencies compiled by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance include: remediation of water infiltration issues, elevator replacement, repair of concrete walkways, installation of an HVAC system, replacement of water fountains, exterior masonry work, and window restoration.

**Hospital Reorganization** – The Governor recommends $43.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund ($21.4 million) and Certificate of Participation ($22.0 million) for the consolidation of the Hospital units to improve the quality of care and gain operation efficiencies. Recommended financing totals $13.2 million in FY 2019, $23.4 million in FY 2020, and $6.7 million in FY 2021. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $6.5 million. The Governor’s Budget assumes that $11.0 million will be expended from Certificate of Participation in FY 2019 and FY 2020.

**Pastore Center Building Demolition** – The Governor recommends $3.2 million to fund the demolition of buildings at the Pastore Government Center. The BHDDH Laundry Building is scheduled for demolition in FY 2022. The Department of Correction’s Pinel Building is scheduled for demolition in FY 2023 and FY 2024.

**Pastore Center Parking** – The Governor recommends expenditures of $193,040 in FY 2019 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to complete the parking project which was contracted to improve parking for staff, clients, customers, and visitors at the Pastore Government Center. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $3.3 million.

**Pastore Power Plant Rehabilitation** – The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the Pastore Center Power Plant Rehabilitation project. The Pastore Government Center has a Central Power Plant with the capability to co-generate electricity. This project includes the installation of a redundant DA
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Tank, replacement of aged steam piping, pump renewal, and repairs to steam turbines. The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures of $1.0 million in FY 2019, $750,000 in FY 2020, and $500,000 in FY 2021. Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.4 million.

Pastore Government Center Utilities Upgrade – The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.6 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for upgrades to the utility infrastructure at the Pastore Government Center and Zambarano Campus in FY 2019. Upgrades to Zambarano include switch gear, and electrical overhaul. Funding at the Pastore Center include funding for a generator at Harrington Hall, power plant transformer and overhead powerlines. These systems are beyond its useful life and needs to be replaced and upgraded. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $6.9 million.

Pastore Center Water Utility System – The Governor recommends expenditures of $1.8 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to enhance the water supply and distribution system of the underground water supply pipe network at the Pastore Government Center. Cleaning and replacing selected underground lines will continue. The Governor recommends expenditures of $365,000 in FY 2019 and $280,000 annually from FY 2020 to FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $938,342.

State House Asset Protection Projects

State House Renovations – The Governor recommends expenditures of $7.9 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the continuing renovation and rehabilitation of the Rhode Island State House. The project includes repairs to exterior wall and dome repairs to remediate water infiltration issues and elevator replacement in FY 2019 and FY 2020. Future projects include improvements to grounds and walkways, replace the Kemper roof, and asset protection emergencies. The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.5 million in FY 2019; $1.3 million in FY 2020; $877,169 in FY 2021; $428,000 in FY 2022; and $900,000 in FY 2023 and FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $7.6 million.

Zambarano Campus Projects

Zambarano Utilities and Infrastructure – The Governor recommends expenditures of $10.1 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to facilitate asset protection for buildings, equipment, road, parking, open space, and utilities at the Zambarano Campus in Burrillville. The Governor’s Budget proposes to merge BHDDH’s Zambarano Campus Asset Protection into the Department of Administration under DCAMM’s oversight. This multi-year project will make the repairs necessary to ensure the reliability of the campus infrastructure, to include the domestic water supply, the wastewater disposal system, the steam heat, and the electricity provided to the buildings that house institutional patients on the campus. Other projects include slate roof repairs, window replacement, and HVAC upgrades. The Governor recommends expenditures of $2.4 million in FY 2019; $1.4 million in FY 2020, $2.8 million in FY 2021, $550,000 in FY 2022, $1.3 million in FY 2023, and $1.8 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $10.7 million.

BHDDH Zambarano Campus Asset Protection – The funding recommended from BHDDH includes asset protection of the Zambarano facility related to Hospital operations.

Other Projects

Accessibility – Facility Renovations – The Governor recommends expenditures of $6.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for ADA and accessibility renovations at state buildings. This funding was previously included under the Governor’s Commission of Disabilities budget but shifted to the Department of Administration in FY 2016. The Governor recommends $1.0 million annually from FY 2019 through FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.9 million.
Board of Elections (Medical Examiner) – The Governor recommends a $670,000 in FY 2019 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for a feasibility study of the building that currently houses the Board of Elections as a new location for the Medical Examiner’s Office.

Virks Building Renovation – The Governor recommends expenditures of $0.3 million in FY 2019 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the renovation and upgrades to the Virks Building at the Pastore Government Center in Cranston. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) occupies the newly renovated building. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $21.6 million.

Cranston Street Armory – The Governor recommends expenditures of $6.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for ongoing rehabilitation of the Cranston Street Armory. The Armory is listed as one of “America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Military Staff vacated this early 1900s era building during the fall of 1996 and transferred ownership to the Department of Administration. The Governor recommends expenditures of $500,000 annually from FY 2019 through FY 2021; $1.1 million in FY 2022; $2.0 million in FY 2023; and $2.1 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $4.9 million.

Energy Efficiency - The Governor recommends expenditures of $10.8 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund ($4.8 million) and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funding ($6.0 million) to support the implementation of comprehensive, cost-effective energy efficiency measures and renewable energy installations at state-owned properties. This initiative will reduce state facility operating and on-going maintenance costs and reduce energy costs across state government and shrink state government’s footprint by reducing overall energy demand and adopting renewable energy resources. This recommendation includes Rhode Island Capital Plan funding of $784,342 in FY 2019; $500,000 annually in FY 2020 and FY 2021; and $1.0 million in FY 2022 through FY 2024. The Regional Greenhouse Gas funding includes $1.5 million in FY 2019 and FY 2020; and $1.0 million annually from FY 2021 through FY 2023. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan total $215,658.

McCoy Stadium – The Governor recommends expenditures of $800,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for necessary repairs at McCoy Stadium including joint repairs, walkway, and remediation of water infiltration in the stadium. The funding requested includes a feasibility study for future uses of McCoy Stadium. This recommendation includes $600,000 in FY 2019; and $200,000 in FY 2020, annually from FY 2020 through FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.0 million.

Security – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for security measures within State Buildings. This recommendation includes $750,000 in FY 2019; and $500,000 annually from FY 2020 through FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $395,197.

BHDDH Projects

DD Group Homes – Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $3.5 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to maintain and repair 270 group homes, of which 149 are state-owned and 121 are privately-owned. The funds are used to maintain and upgrade roofs, HVAC systems, individual sewage disposal systems, water wells, flooring, windows, siding, and to complete kitchen and bathroom renovations. Recommended financing by fiscal year is as follows: $1.0 million in FY 2019, and $500,000 annually in FY 2020 through FY 2024.

DD & Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrade – The Governor recommends $4.1 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to install or upgrade fire alarm and sprinkler systems in state-owned private owned residential, workshop, day program operated for the Division of Developmental Disabilities including Community Living and Supports, and Behavioral Health Services. Recommended financing by fiscal year
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is as follows: $2.5 million in FY 2019; $350,000 in FY 2020; and $325,000 annually in FY 2021 through FY 2024.

DD & Mental Health Community Facilities Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $1.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for maintenance and repairs to 30 group homes, 12 outpatient facilities, and one regional work center. The funds are used to maintain the physical structure and make emergency repairs, including roofs, siding, windows, HVAC systems, emergency generators, individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS), water wells, flooring, and kitchen and bathroom renovations. Recommended financing by fiscal year totals $255,868 in 2019, and $200,000 annually in FY 2020 through FY 2023.

DD Regional Centers Asset Protection – The Governor recommends $2.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for repairs to the Developmental Disability Regional Centers. Repair projects may include HVAC systems, roofs, septic systems and interior and exterior modifications. Recommended financing includes $500,000 in FY 2019, and $300,000 annually in FY 2020 through FY 2024.

Water Resources Board

Big River Management Area – The Governor recommends total project expenditures of $999,204 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for on-going administration of real estate in the perimeter of the Big River Management Area pursuant to state statute (RIGL 46-15.1-19.1). Covering 8,400 acres, it contains 27 single-family occupied, rented dwellings, three commercial buildings, a 79-pad mobile home court, a nine-hole golf course, seven miles of public roads, and three bridges. The Governor recommends expenditures of $119,204 in FY 2019; $100,000 in FY 2020; $330,000 in FY 2021; and $150,000 annually from FY 2022 through FY 2024 Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $903,764.

South County Groundwater Site Acquisition Program – The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.3 million from Public Law 2004, Chapter 595 general obligation bonds issued to preserve and protect valuable groundwater resources in the State through the purchase of wellhead lands and development rights to such sites in order to assure the future availability of water and water independence for the State of Rhode Island. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $4.7 million.

Statewide Emergency Water Interconnections – The Governor recommends expenditures of $1.1 million in FY 2019 and $890,899 in FY 2020 from Public Law 2004, Chapter 595 issued general obligation bond proceeds to establish emergency interconnections between the State’s thirty large water systems and other systems. Interconnections are determined dependent on the ease of redundancy, quality, and quantity of water as well as the benefits to the health and safety of one or more systems. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $3.0 million.

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority

Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium and Office Building – The Governor recommends expenditures of $475,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for renovations to the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium. The renovations include upgrades to furniture and fixtures, box office improvements, restroom updates, a lobby and video audio system, the installation of WiFi, and base board heat in the gallery. The renovations are currently in the final phase. The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures of $200,000 in FY 2019; $90,000 in FY 2020; and $185,000 in FY 2021. Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $16.8 million.

Dunkin’ Donuts Center – The Dunkin’ Donuts Center was purchased by the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority by the issuance of revenue bonds (2006 Series A Bonds) and leased back to the State. Rental payments from the Dunkin’ Donuts Center lease are applied to the debt service payments on the revenue bonds. The Governor recommends expenditures of
$10.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to be deposited into the Renewal and Replacement Fund in accordance with yearly requirements specified by the bond covenants of the 2006 Series A Bonds. The Governor recommends expenditures of $3.0 million in FY 2019; $1.5 million annually in FY 2020 and FY 2021; $1,850,000 in FY 2022; $1.3 million in FY 2023; and $1.0 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $2.8 million.

Rhode Island Convention Center – The Governor recommends expenditures of $25.3 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for repairs and maintenance to the Convention Center. These asset protection expenditures include roof replacement, electrical, common area improvements, parking garage improvements, elevator, and escalator replacement. As the facility continues to age, proactive maintenance is required to maintain the asset and ensure the safety of staff and attendees. The Governor recommends expenditures of $6.8 million in FY 2019; $5.5 million in FY 2020; $2.0 million in FY 2021; $3.5 million in FY 2022 and 2023; and $4.0 million in FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $5.8 million.
Agency Responsibilities
The Department of Business Regulation’s primary function is to implement state laws mandating the regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations and other specified activities. The department is composed of five divisions and Central Management, which includes the budget, regulatory standards, compliance and enforcement. The department also houses other commissions including the Real Estate Commission, Real Estate Appraisal Board, Rhode Island Board of Accountancy, the Certified Constables’ Board, and the Racing and Athletics Hearing Board. The Fire Marshall’s Office overseas the Fire Training Academy. The Fire Marshall’s Office was moved to the Department in FY 2019.

Governor’s Recommendations
Fire Academy Building – The Governor recommends expenditures of $799,717 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to construct a cold storage building at the Fire Training Academy. The storage building will house vehicles, tools, and equipment that are currently stored outside, exposed to the elements, or stored in mini-trailers. The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures of $489,717 in FY 2019, and $310,000 in FY 2020, which coincides with the construction schedule. The expenditures at the Fire Training Academy prior to FY 2019 total $3.8 million.
Executive Office of Commerce

Agency Responsibilities

The Executive Office of Commerce was established February 1, 2015 to oversee and serve as the lead agency of the Executive Branch for managing the promotion of commerce and the state’s economy. This Office implements economic development initiatives and programs that seek to create opportunity for all Rhode Islanders. The Office of Housing and Community Development, which is comprised of the staffing and operations of the Housing Resources Commission (HRC) and the Office of Community Development, administers the federal Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant and related programs. The Housing Resources Commission (HRC) is responsible for the rental assistance program, which provides housing to homeless individuals and families by non-profit homeless service providers. The Executive Office of Commerce also has power to oversee functions of the Department of Business Regulation, the Office of Health Insurance Commissioner, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, and the I-195 Redevelopment Commission.

Governor’s Recommendations

I-195 Redevelopment District Commission – The Governor recommends a total of $875,000, which includes $425,000 in FY 2019 and $450,000 in FY 2020, in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing for development of the I-195 Surplus Land pursuant to the I-195 Redevelopment Act of 2011. The financing will continue to be utilized for permitting, environmental modeling, and other architectural/engineering services to prepare the property for acquisition and development. Prior to FY 2018, a total of $1.5 million was spent for work related to development of this land.

Quonset Point/Davisville Pier – The Port of Davisville has two piers (Pier 1 and Pier 2), each with one primary Roll-on Roll-off berth. Both piers are significantly older than their expected useful lives. The aging of the port infrastructure has created conditions that are impacting operating parameters and could influence future business decisions of its users. Pier 2 is comprised of land fill placed in Narragansett Bay supported along its edges by a retaining wall and requires repairs more urgently than Pier 1. Quonset has put forth a plan to extend and rehabilitate Pier 2 by building an east extension and installing a sheet pile bulkhead. Although other, more robust options were considered, this option is most sensible as it is cost effective and will allow for continued operations at the Port. In order to build the improvements and continue operations, the east berth of Pier 2 will need to be extended to accommodate docking and unloading of a car carrier. By adding a pier extension to Pier 2, Quonset can sequence the repairs without impacting the Port’s ability to service customers while repairs are under way. Ultimately, the added berth at Pier 2 could also replace the berth at Pier 1 if needed.

The Governor recommends $88.4 million for the project, including a total of $13.4 million in RICAP funds as follows: $3.4 million in FY 2019 and $5.0 million in each year for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Other funding includes $50 million in general obligation bonds as follows: $24.0 million in FY 2019, $20.0 million in FY 2020, and $5.5 million in FY 2021. Quonset Development Corporation funds totaling $4.0 million and revenue bonds totaling $21.0 million, to be repaid from QDC funds, are also included in the recommendation.

Innovation Campuses – The Governor recommends $17.5 million in general obligation bond financing to build one or more innovation campuses involving business collaborations with the University of Rhode Island, and potentially other higher education institutions, where cutting-edge research can be turned into new products, services, and businesses. The Executive Office of Commerce will run a competitive selection process to determine the location and type of center or centers to build. The winning proposals must match the public’s investment with private or federal funds and
create substantial numbers of new jobs at a wide variety of skill levels. The recommendation finances $10.0 million in FY 2019 and $7.5 million in FY 2020.

**Affordable Housing** – The Governor recommends $40.0 million from general obligation bond financing to be allocated for affordable housing projects through the existing Building Homes Rhode Island (BHRI) program. The program develops affordable housing opportunity programs through the redevelopment of existing structures and/or new construction. The Governor recommends $20.0 million in FY 2019, and $10.0 million in FY 2020 and FY 2021.

**Urban Revitalization and Blight Remediation** – The Governor recommends $5.0 million in FY 2020 from the 2016 general obligation bond authorization to provide funding for the improvement of properties that are blighted or in need of revitalization, including residential and commercial properties and public and community spaces.

**Port of Providence** – The Governor recommends $10.0 million from the 2016 general obligation bond authorization to increase terminal capacity at the Port of Providence, specifically by financing the acquisition of up to 25 acres of land located between Allens Avenue in the City of Providence and the Providence River, and associated infrastructure improvements. Once acquired and improved, the State anticipates leasing the land to ProvPort, the City of Providence’s current port operator. ProvPort, in turn, will enter into subleases with one or more private terminal operators. Those entities will make private investments in their terminal operations as well as pay fees to ProvPort for the land they lease. The State will share in the gross revenues, including sublease payments, generated from the expanded port area. The State will also realize additional income taxes from expanded employment. The recommendation totals $5.0 million in each FY 2019 and FY 2020.

**Quonset Industrial Park Renovations** – Included in the Governor’s recommendation is $14.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for various infrastructure improvements at the Park, such as road infrastructure improvements, including increasing roadway crossings capacity for heavier shipping, electrical system, and gas and sewer line relocation, in preparation for potential future expansion and additional development. The recommendation totals $4.0 million each year in fiscal years 2019 and 2020, and $6.0 million in FY 2021.

**Site Readiness**. The Governor recommends $1.0 million in FY 2020 to streamline the state administered planning and/or zoning approval and permitting process.
The Department of Labor and Training is responsible for administering income support programs (Unemployment Insurance, and Temporary Disability Insurance) and employment and training programs; enforcing laws relating to prevailing wages, labor standards, weights and measures, professional regulations, and occupational health and safety; operating a rehabilitation facility (Donley Center) for individuals with work-related injuries; administering Workers’ Compensation programs, including claims monitoring and education programs; and providing administrative support for the Labor Relations Board and the Board of Review. The Department has a network of six full service field offices (Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Providence, West Warwick, Warren, and Wakefield) to provide a full range of employment and training services; a headquarters in the Center General Complex at the Pastore Government Center, Cranston; an auxiliary office for the Board of Review in Providence (Westminster Street), and the Donley Rehabilitation Center in Providence (249 Blackstone Blvd).

Center General Asset Protection - The Governor recommends merging this project within the Department of Administration’s Pastore Rehabilitation project. The project detail for this project can be reviewed in the Department of Administration, Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $1.9 million.
Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Revenue has eight programmatic functions, including Central Management (Director of Revenue), Taxation; State Lottery, Registry of Motor Vehicles, Revenue Analysis, Municipal Finance, State Aid, and Collections. Currently, the Department is responsible for two capital projects. The first project is the implementation of the cashering and reporting modules within the Integrated Tax System, funded by the Information Technology Investment Fund in DOA. The second project is the Lottery roof project.

Governor's Recommendations

Lottery Roof – The Governor recommends $115,000 from agency funds in FY 2019 to replace the Lottery building’s existing roof which is eighteen years old.
Secretary of State

**Agency Responsibilities**

One of the five general offices subject to voter election, the Secretary of State administers all activities of the Office as prescribed by the Rhode Island Constitution and state law. As the custodian of state records, the Office has a vital role in providing the public with basic information about the workings of state government and consists of six divisions and one internal service fund. Divisions of the Secretary of State include Administration, Corporations, Elections and Civics, Public Information, State Archives, and the Record Center.

**Governor's Recommendations**

State Archives - The Governor recommends $100,000 in FY 2022 to commence site development for a permanent facility to house the State Archives. Archival documents are currently held in leased space. Pre-FY 2019 expenditures total $146,065.
Agency Responsibilities

Comprised of two distinct regulatory bodies, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Utilities Commission serves as a quasi-judicial tribunal with jurisdiction, powers, and duties to implement and enforce the standards of conduct for all public utilities and common carriers of property and persons. Both divisions also hold hearings and investigations involving rates, tariffs, tolls, and charges.

Additionally, while the Commission exercises jurisdiction over the sites of potential energy facilities, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers supervises and regulates Community Antenna Television Systems (CATV), transactions between public utilities and affiliates, as well as public utility debt and equity issuances.

Governor's Recommendations

Facility Asset Protection/Renovations. This project seeks to bring the facility housing the Public Utilities Commission into compliance with state fire code regulations and federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The Commission has undertaken various improvements and renovations to its state-owned office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard since its relocation in FY 2001.

The Governor recommends project funding of $998,351 in restricted receipts, consisting of $235,448 in FY 2019, $260,000 in FY 2020, $200,000 in FY 2021, $100,000 in FY 2022, and $100,000 in FY 2023. These funds will be used for various asset protection and renovation projects and capital asset acquisition including, but not limited to: 1) replacement of the membrane roof, 2) replacement of exterior windows, 3) pavement resurfacing, and 4) replacement of handicapped railings and ramps. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total $102,903.

The Governor recommends $30,318 in FY 2019 to complete the Solar canopy project which is funded in part by the renewable energy fund of the Commerce Corporation, and also by regional greenhouse gas initiative funds from the Office of Energy Resources. Expenditures total $69,382 prior to FY 2019.