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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer 

Date: March 8, 2023

Subject: Amendments to FY 2024 Appropriations Act (23-H-5200)

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Section 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2024; FTE position authorizations in Section 11, FY 2024 FTE Position Authorizations; and State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects Fund Appropriations in Section 16. A description of each amendment requested is provided below.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

JC:23-Amend-5

Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024

Department of Administration

Decrease Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Municipal Roads Grant Program, Page 2, Line 16 by \$20,000,000. This amendment shifts funding for the proposed Municipal Roads Grant Program from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to reflect an update to project administration (24-DOA1).

Insert New Line for Other Funds – National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program in the Energy Resources Program, Page 5, in the amount of \$4,000,000. This amendment reflects the creation of an operating transfer for federal funds awarded under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (24-DOA2). This is a technical adjustment necessary to recognize a subaward between the Departments of Administration and Transportation in recognition that expenditures will be drawn from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund.

Decrease General Revenue – Library Construction Aid, Page 3, Line 9 by \$209,237. This amendment reduces funding for Library Construction Aid from \$2,118,554 to \$1,909,317 resulting from a change in the Jamestown project reimbursement based on a delay in the project's completion date (24-DOA3).

Decrease Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Homeowner Assistance Program. Page 1, Line 14 by \$25,000,000 from \$109,029,495 to \$84,029,495. This amendment reduces funding for the proposed Homeowner Assistance Program from \$25,000,000 to \$0.00 as the amount is projected to be fully expended in FY 2023 (24-DOA4).

General Treasurer

Increase General Revenue, Office of the General Treasurer - Investment Operations, Page 11, Line 21 by \$142,310 from 2,873,945 to \$3,016,255. This amendment adds 1.0 FTE funding for a Cash Management Risk Mitigation Coordinator with the Office of the General Treasurer's Investment Operations unit.

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Increase General Revenue in Office of Postsecondary Commissioner, Page 23, Line 27 by \$250,000 from \$28,102,355 to \$28,352,355. This amendment increases Last Dollar Scholarship funding for qualified students attending participating, independent, non-profit, higher education institutions in Rhode Island to \$1,750,000 from \$1,500,000 (24-OPC1).

Emergency Management Agency

Increase federal funds for the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, Page 31, Line 28, by \$210,221 from \$38,294,380 to \$38,504,601. This increase covers 2.0 new federally funded positions recommended by the Governor in this amendment (24-EMA1).

Department of Transportation

Insert New Line for Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Municipal Roads Grant Program in the Infrastructure - Engineering Program, Page 33, in the amount of \$20,000,000. This amendment shifts funding for the proposed Municipal Roads Grant Program from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (24-RIDOT1).

SECTION 11, FY 2024 FTE POSITION AUTHORIZATION

Office of the General Treasurer

Page 37, Line 13 strike 89.0 and replace with 90.0. The Governor requests this amendment adding one new FTE position funded by General Revenue to the Office of the General Treasurer's Investment Operations unit. The Cash Management Risk Mitigation Coordinator will manage the day-to-day cash movement and provide relief for the Cash Manager to implement risk mitigation plans.

Emergency Management Agency

Page 38, Line 22 strike 35.0 and replace with 37.0. The Governor requests this amendment adding two new FTE positions to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. The two positions, Fiscal Management Officer and Emergency Communications Technician, are federally funded and will provide financial reporting support for the finance and grants office and support the RISON system, respectively.

SECTION 16, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF 2024

Page 44, Remove Lines 26 through 28 “DOA – Municipal Roads Grant Program. These funds shall support a program for the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to distribute grants to municipalities for the construction and maintenance of roads, sidewalks, and bridges.” This amendment shifts funding for the proposed Municipal Roads Grant Program from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (24-DOA1).

Page 45, On Line 32, strike seven and replace with twelve to correct a typo.

Page 47, Strike all text on lines 26 through 31 and insert the following. The language removes redundancy from the Homelessness Infrastructure project summary in Section 16 of Article 1 Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2023:

Housing – Homelessness Infrastructure. These funds shall be used to support a program to respond to and prevent homelessness, including but not limited to, acquisition or construction of temporary or permanent shelter and other housing solutions and stabilization programs.

Page 49, Insert New Lines 17 through 19 “Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) – Municipal Roads Grant Program. These funds shall support a program to distribute grants with a required local match for the replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and maintenance of existing roads, sidewalks, and bridges. Any funding that is not obligated to municipal projects by June 30, 2024 may be used by RIDOT for statewide paving projects.” This amendment shifts funding for the proposed Municipal Roads Grant Program from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (24-RIDOT1).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2024 Appropriations Act (23-H-5200)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (24-AGENCY#)
FY 2024 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,302,778,725	5,526,017,996	386,814,952	2,535,441,068	13,751,052,741	
February 14, 2023 Amendments	25,667	(320,000)	(169,608)	5,237,284	4,773,343	
March 8, 2023 Amendments						
Department of Administration						
<i>Shift of Municipal Roads Grant Program from RIIB to RIDOT</i>		(20,000,000)			(20,000,000)	24-DOA1
<i>OER - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program</i>				4,000,000	4,000,000	24-DOA2
<i>General - Library Construction Aid</i>	(209,237)				(209,237)	24-DOA3
<i>ARPA - Homeowner Assistance Program</i>		(25,000,000)			(25,000,000)	24-DOA4
General Treasurer						
<i>Treasury - Investment Operations - Cash Management Risk Mitigation Coordinator</i>	142,310				142,310	24-TRS1
Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner						
<i>Last Dollar Scholarship Private Institutions Increase</i>	250,000				250,000	24-OPC1
Emergency Management Agency						
<i>2.0 FTE Increase - Comms Technician and Fiscal Management Officer</i>		210,221			210,221	24-EMA1
Department of Transportation						
<i>Shift of Municipal Roads Grant Program from RIIB to RIDOT</i>		20,000,000			20,000,000	24-RIDOT1
Total	183,073	(24,789,779)	-	4,000,000	(20,606,706)	
Grand Total	5,302,987,465	5,500,908,217	386,645,344	2,544,678,352	13,735,219,378	