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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 *Joseph M. Codega Jr.*

Date: April 22, 2024

Subject: Amendments to FY 2025 Appropriations Act (24-H-7225)

Governor's Budget Amendment #12

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2025 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2025.

Notable amendments which reflect updated policy recommendations by the Governor include:

- **Homelessness Assistance Program.** This amendment allocates \$16.6 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the existing Homelessness Assistance Program in the Department of Housing. These funds will support a program to expand housing navigation, behavioral health, and stabilization services to address pandemic-related homelessness. Furthermore, this amendment provides the Secretary of Housing with the authority to reallocate up to \$2.0 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to the Department of Housing in FY 2025 to the Homelessness Assistance or the Homelessness Infrastructure projects, which are currently funded with State Fiscal Recovery Funds as well.
- **Unemployment Trust Fund Contribution.** This amendment includes \$24.0 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to the Unemployment Trust Fund administered by the Department of Labor and Training.
- **Foster Care Youth Scholarship.** This amendment includes \$1.0 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds, which will be distributed by the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner to the Rhode Island College Foundation, to support a last dollar scholarship program for Department of Children, Youth, and Families foster care youth exiting the system to attend Rhode Island College and would fully fund tuition, room and board, and/or support services.

- **Department of Transportation Funding.** This amendment includes \$20.0 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used for priority transportation projects, including but not limited to the non-federal share of the Washington Bridge project.

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

Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor
Jonathan Womer, Director of Administration
Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025

Department of Housing

Page 8, insert two new lines after line 24:

- (1) "Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund"
- (2) "Homelessness Assistance Program" in the amount of \$16,600,000.

These funds will support a program to expand housing navigation, behavioral health, and stabilization services to address pandemic-related homelessness. The program will support both operating subsidies for extremely low-income housing units and services for people transitioning from homelessness to housing, including individuals transitioning out of the adult correctional institutions (25-Housing1).

Department of Labor and Training

Page 9, insert two new lines after line 14:

- (1) "Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund"
- (2) "Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution" in the amount of \$24,000,000.

These funds will be allocated to the Employment Security Fund prior to determining the experience rate for each eligible employer for calendar year 2025 (25-DLT1).

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Page 23, insert two new lines after line 22:

- (1) "Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund"
- (2) "Foster Care Youth Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,021,859.

These funds shall support a last dollar scholarship program for DCYF foster care youth exiting the system to attend Rhode Island College and would fully fund tuition, room and board, and/or support services, including during the summer months. Funding would be distributed through the Rhode Island College Foundation (25-OPC1).

Department of Transportation

Page 33, insert new line after line 15:

"Washington Bridge Project" in the amount of \$20,000,000.

These funds shall support the non-federal share or matching requirement on federal funds for priority infrastructure projects, including but not limited to the Washington Bridge project. (25-DOT1).

SECTION 17, FY 2025 State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects Fund Projects

Page 44, after line 24, insert the following:

Department of Housing

Housing - Homelessness Assistance Program. These funds shall support a program to expand housing navigation, behavioral health, and stabilization services to address pandemic-related homelessness. The program will support services for people transitioning from homelessness to housing, including individuals transitioning out of the adult correctional institutions.

Page 44, after line 24, insert the following:

Department of Labor and Training

DLT - Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution. The director of labor and training shall allocate these appropriations to the employment security fund prior to determining the experience rate for each eligible employer for calendar year 2025.

Page 44, after line 34: Insert the following language:

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

OPC - Foster Care Youth Scholarship. These funds shall support a last dollar scholarship program for DCYF foster care youth exiting the system to attend Rhode Island College and would fully fund tuition, room and board, and/or support services, including during the summer months. This grant funding would be distributed through the Rhode Island College Foundation.

Page 45, after line 5, insert the following:

DOT - Washington Bridge Project. These funds shall support the non-federal share or matching requirement on federal funds for priority transportation projects, including but not limited to the Washington Bridge project.

NEW SECTION 20

Page 45, After line 28: Insert the following new Section 20 and renumber the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION 20. At the discretion of the Secretary of Housing, up to two million of State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated or reappropriated within the Department of Housing that remain unspent as of September 30, 2024, may be redirected to the Homelessness Assistance or the Homelessness Infrastructure projects from any other State Fiscal Recovery Fund project funding appropriated to the Department of Housing.

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2025 Appropriations Act (24-H-7225)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (25-AGENCY#)
FY 2025 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,500,088,983	4,929,239,756	450,860,737	2,795,864,892	13,676,054,368	
March 11, 2024 Amendments	545,020	380,000	(3,107,558)	(4,959,000)	(7,141,538)	
April 8, 2024 Amendments	880,133	816,745	-	53,198	1,750,076	
April 2024 Amendments						
Department of Housing <i>Homelessness Assistance Program</i>		16,600,000			16,600,000	25-HOUSING1
Department of Labor and Training <i>Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution</i>		24,000,000			24,000,000	25-DLT1
Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner <i>Foster Care Youth Scholarship</i>		1,021,859			1,021,859	25-OPC1
Department of Transportation <i>Washington Bridge Project</i>		20,000,000			20,000,000	25-DOT1
Total	-	61,621,859	-	-	61,621,859	
Grand Total	5,501,514,136	4,992,058,360	447,753,179	2,790,959,090	13,732,284,765	