
Department of Children, Youth and Families

Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Children, Youth and Families provides services to children and youth, both directly and in partnership with private sector agencies. A number of state and privately-owned facilities are used to provide these services. The Department is responsible for facilities at the Rhode Island Training School for Youth at the Pastore Center, the Groden School on Cowesett and Mt. Hope Avenues, and the building occupied by the North American Family Institute.

In the past, the Department's Capital Improvement Plan has primarily focused on the construction and repair needs of the Rhode Island Training School for Youth. Projects at the Training School, many of which were mandated by court order, have included the renovation of the Youth Correctional Center, the construction of a new school building, and the installation of an air conditioning system and additional fencing. In FY 2009, the Thomas C. Slater Training School opened, and the old facility was vacated by the Department.

Governor's Recommendations

Thomas C. Slater Training School

Training School Repairs and Improvements – The Governor recommends financing of \$5.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for various repairs and improvements to the Rhode Island Training School for Youth. Repairs and improvements include the resolution of leak issues and structural issues. The Governor recommends \$750,000 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to fund asset protection projects, complete the roof study and initiate the design of the corrections required to resolve the leak issues. The FY 2021 and FY 2022 recommendation totals \$1.25 million in each year along with \$1.2 million in FY 2023 for asset protection projects and roof repairs. The FY 2024 total is \$200,000 for asset protection projects. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total \$1.0 million.

Generators – The Governor recommends \$650,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for the purchase and installation of generators at the Thomas C. Slater Training School. The generators will facilitate the use of the HVAC system during power failures. The FY 2019 recommendation totals \$225,000, and \$425,00 is recommended in FY 2020.

Department of Human Services

Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Human Services has utilized the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and agency funds to continually rehabilitate fixed assets essential to providing basic and specialized services to needy individuals and families. The current Capital Improvement Plan focuses primarily on infrastructural improvements at the facilities operated by the Division of Veterans' Affairs. These include the Veterans' Home in Bristol and the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. Most of these projects are financed via the Veterans' Home restricted receipt account, established pursuant to RIGL 35-24-10.

Governor's Recommendations

Veterans' Home. Construction of the new home is complete; however, \$4.0 million in general obligation bonds and \$100,000 in federal funds second phase includes the demolition of the old facility and installation of an exercise park. Prior to FY 2019, the Veterans' Home expenditures totaled \$56.5 million from general obligation bonds and \$60.5 million from federal funds.

Establishment and Refurbishment of Blind Vending Facilities – The Business Enterprises Program (BEP) of the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) operates fifteen Blind Vending Facilities, which are managed exclusively by legally blind individuals. The facilities are located within state, local, or federally-owned or occupied properties, and significant convenience to both governmental employees and the public at large, while also providing a source of meaningful employment to the client-entrepreneurs. The Governor recommends financing of \$165,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund each year from FY 2019 through FY 2024 totaling \$990,000 to support ongoing improvements at the facilities. Prior to FY 2019, the Blind Vending Facilities have undergone \$1.4 million in renovations.

Veterans' Cemetery

In FY 2019, the Department of Human Services requested several projects to update and expand the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. The Governor recommends \$368,450 from restricted receipts in FY 2019, \$3.0 million in federal and \$152,000 in restricted receipt funding in FY 2020, and \$300,000 in restricted receipts in FY 2021 for the Veterans' Cemetery. The projects are detailed below:

In-Ground Watering Expansion. Expand in-ground water piping and install hydrants at the Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The addition of 1,860 feet of water piping and three hydrants will increase water capacity throughout the cemetery grounds.

Outdoor Committal Shelter. Rebuild one of the three existing committal shelters at the Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Staging Area Construction. Construction of a staging area for funeral processions at the Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Land Survey and Mapping. Conduct a survey of the Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery's existing parcels to determine future expansion potential within its existing acreage.

Crypt Installation and Cemetery Expansion. Expansion of crypts at the Rhode Island Veterans' Cemetery and install a new columbarium wall.

Department of Health

Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Health's Laboratory is located at 50 Orms Street in Providence. The State Health Laboratories mission is to provide accurate, timely, and effective laboratory services for public health, environmental protection, and forensic science purposes. Key program functions include early detection and identification of infectious diseases, identification and measurement of environmental contaminants, and the characterization of evidence collected at crime scene. Services are provided to state and municipal agencies, health care providers, and individuals in support of public health and safety goals.

Capital Improvements for the Department of Health's Office Building on the Capital Hill Campus are funded within the Department of Administration's Capital Budget.

Governor's Recommendations

Health Laboratory

Health Laboratory Equipment – The Governor recommends financing of \$2.0 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for replacement of Health Laboratory equipment in its Biological, Forensic and Environmental Sciences sections. The Governor recommends \$400,000 annually from FY 2020 through FY 2024.

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Agency Responsibilities

The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH) has an extensive capital improvement program, which primarily reflects the increased fixed asset demands resulting from the deinstitutionalization of patients into residential facilities. The Department is responsible for both administrative and patient care facilities at the Pastore Center, the Zambarano Hospital Campus, and community and residential facilities statewide.

The Department provides grants, through its capital program, to regional centers that serve mentally ill and developmentally disabled clients, in addition to having responsibility for all substance abuse related facilities. The Department provides and/or manages substance abuse prevention and treatment programs through a community-based network of residential and outpatient treatment facilities, owned by state and private providers. These facilities are located in various communities throughout Rhode Island and on the grounds of the Pastore Center in Cranston.

The Department's Capital Improvement Plan is composed of the following major categories, detailed below, which include both infrastructure improvement to state facilities and support to non-state agencies.

Institutional Facilities – The institutional facilities plan provides for the physical plant requirements of the BHDDH facilities on the Pastore Center campus and the Zambarano Hospital campus. These requirements include major interior and exterior repairs to protect buildings and the replacement of worn out heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Renovations and repairs to buildings and HVAC systems, as well as the implementation of energy conservation initiatives, have been ongoing requirements for the Department.

Community Services – The Department is responsible for making certain capital improvements to residential facilities statewide through its residential programs, including group homes and mental health community facilities. This includes the acquisition, renovation or repair of community residences, and the purchase of home modifications and specialized equipment to allow disabled family members to stay at home.

Community Mental Health Centers – The Department is responsible for making certain capital improvements to regional community centers that are owned by the Department and operated by licensed non-profit organizations that lease the facilities.

Regional Centers for the Developmentally Disabled – The Department is responsible for the acquisition, construction, renovation, equipment, and furnishing costs associated with regional centers for the developmentally disabled.

Day Programs – The Department is responsible for capital improvements to Day Treatment Facilities for the chronically mentally ill.

Governor's Recommendations

Hospital Building(s) 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 \$4.2 million.

Administration Buildings 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 \$11.7 million.

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Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrade – 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 \$2.1 million.

Zambarano Campus Asset Protection – 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 \$1.1 million.

Hospital Equipment Asset Protection – The Governor recommends \$1.8 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to replace hospital beds and medical equipment and to continue the systematic replacement of critical basic needs on an ongoing basis at the Eleanor Slater Hospital. Recommended financing totals \$331,949 in FY 2019 and \$300,000 annually for fiscal years 2020 through 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2018 total \$747,280.

Mental Health Services

Mental Health Residences – The Governor recommends \$3.2 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund that would be principally provided to the Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation to provide low-cost housing for people with mental illness. Recommended financing by fiscal year totals \$800,000 annually for fiscal years 2021 through 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2018 total \$6.7 million.

Long-Term Care Information System – The Governor recommends \$1,250,000 from federal funds for the development of a long-term care information system that supports the administrative, financial, clinical, and reporting needs of Eleanor Slater Hospital. The State share will be funded within the Department of

Administration's Information Technology Fund.

Mental Health Community Facilities Asset Protection – 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 \$2.4 million.

Developmental Disabilities

DD Group Homes – Asset Protection – 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 \$6.8 million.

DD Residential Support - The Governor recommends \$3.0 million in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund resources for the Access to Independence program and continuation of the development of housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Access to Independence program provides funding to families for adaptations to their homes, including the installation of ramps, modifications of bathrooms, installation of lifts or other equipment purchases. The residential program also provides grants to individuals and agencies for down payments and contributions toward ownership, enabling individuals to reside in the community rather than in group-homes. Recommended financing includes \$500,000 annually for fiscal years 2019 through 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total \$5.0 million.

DD Regional Centers Asset Protection – 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 \$2.7 million.

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DD Private Waiver Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrade – 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. The FY 2019 Department Budget reflects \$100,000 available from federal sources for this project. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total \$1.6 million in RICAP and \$3.0 million from federal funds.

Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Asset Protection – The Governor recommends \$1.5 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for substance abuse asset protection projects. Projects include general renovations to state-owned substance abuse facilities to include remodeling for A.D.A. compliance, replacement of roofs, HVAC systems, and emergency repairs. Recommended financing by fiscal year is as follows: \$233,413 in FY 2019, and \$250,000 annually in FY 2020 through FY 2024. Expenditures prior to FY 2019 total \$767,616.