

Highlights of the General Government Area Committee Budget

The Conference Budget for agencies under the purview of the General Government Area Committee in FY 2023-24 includes net appropriations of \$550.3 million, which is \$47.7 million above the base budget, a 9.5% increase. FY 2024-25 includes net appropriations of \$524.7 million, which is \$25.7 million less than FY 2023-24, a 4.7% decrease. Highlights of the General Government budget adjustments follow below.

Executive Summary

Selected highlights in the General Government area budget include \$29.0 million over the biennium to target homelessness and housing insecurity for veterans and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and \$70.0 million over the biennium to support construction of multi-family affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income residents.

The budget also includes an additional \$15.0 million over the biennium to support volunteer fire and rescue/emergency medical services departments and units across the State.

Various State agency budgets were also increased to address some of the most pressing needs in the areas of staffing, operating support, and equipment replacement.

Department of Administration (DOA)

DOA Committee Report Items

- Provides \$1.0 million in recurring funds in FY 2023-24 and \$1.5 million in recurring funds in FY 2024-25 for organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. (Page F9, Items 9 and 10)

Office of State Budget and Management-Special Appropriations (OSBM)

OSBM Committee Report Items

- Provides \$1.25 billion in nonrecurring funds in FY 2023-24 and \$4.7 million in nonrecurring funds in FY 2024-25 from the Regional Economic Development Reserve for various local projects to support economic development across the State. (Pages F40 – F115, Items 51 - 943)

State Board of Elections (SBOE)

SBOE Committee Report Items

- Provides \$2.7 million in nonrecurring funds in FY 2023-24 to implement the voter identification requirements enacted in 2018. (Page F136, Item 1001)
- Provides \$5.6 million in nonrecurring funds in FY 2023-24 to replace the Statewide Election Information Management System. (Page F136, Item 1002)

SBOE Special Provisions

- Eliminates the recurring funding and prohibits the State Board of Elections from joining the consortium of election officials, ERIC, Inc. (Sec. 26.3)
- Authorizes a \$5.0 million nonrecurring carryforward in FY 2023-24 (from a FY 2021-22 appropriation) to implement election law changes and support voter identification requirements. (Sec. 26.6)

Housing Finance Agency (HFA)

HFA Committee Report Items

- Provides \$35.0 million nonrecurring in each year for the Workforce Housing Loan Program from the Housing Reserve to assist with the production of multi-family affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income residents. (Page F159, Item 1028)
- Provides \$10.0 million nonrecurring in each year for the Housing Trust Fund from the Housing Reserve to provide housing for homeless veterans and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. (Page F159, Items 1029 and 1030)

Office of State Human Resources (OSHR)

OSHR Committee Report Items

- Provides \$5.6 million in nonrecurring funds in FY 2023-24 to plan and design the replacement of the human capital resources management system. (Page F169, Item 1045)

Department of Insurance (DOI)

DOI Committee Report Items

- Provides \$1.0 million nonrecurring in each year for grants up to \$10,000 to eligible volunteer fire departments for the replacement of fire truck tires. (Page F185, Item 1070)
- Provides \$1.0 million nonrecurring in each year for grants up to \$25,000 for equipment and up to \$200,000 for capital improvements for standalone Volunteer Rescue Units. (Page F185, Item 1071)
- Provides \$5.0 million nonrecurring in each year biennium to extend the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program for eligible firefighters, which provides cash payments to firefighters with new cancer diagnoses. (Page F186, Item 1072)

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA)

DMVA Committee Report Items

- Provides \$1.5 million nonrecurring in each year for grants to County Veterans Offices. (Page F202, Item 1088)
- Provides \$500,000 nonrecurring in each year to continue support for various activities focused on maintaining the military presence and defense industry across the State. (Page F202, Item 1089)
- Provides \$3.0 million nonrecurring in each year for a grant to Purple Heart Homes, Inc. to assist disabled and aging veterans experiencing housing insecurity. (Page F206, Item 1096)
- Provides a \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds in FY 2023-24 to Military Missions in Action to provide support to disabled veterans needing assistance with housing modifications and to assist homeless veterans. (Page F206, Item 1097)

Department of Revenue (DOR)

DOR Committee Report Items

- Provides \$25.0 million nonrecurring in each year for the first phase of the State's legacy tax systems replacement project. (Page F222, Item 1135)