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Project ID/Name: CRST1 Cranston Career & Tech. Projects

Project Description:

The Regents request \$3,278,260 to cover remaining miscellaneous code required life and fire safety repairs, roof replacement and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement at the Cranston Career and Technical Center. The Cranston School District has agreed to accept transfer of the Career and Technical Center. The prior year's budget request has been increased by \$1,428,260 to allow the district to take ownership of the facility. This year's budget has divided the work over three years spanning FY 2013 to FY 2015, with a request of \$1,328,000 for FY 2013, \$1,428,260 for FY 2014, and \$443,740 for FY 2015. In addition, Cranston executed a design grant in FY 2011 to assess building condition, spending \$78,260 in FY 2012.

Similar to the Chariho, Newport, and East Providence transfer agreement process, this amount will allow the district to take ownership of the facility. Currently, there are two district career and technical centers remaining that are still under State-control and that have no transfer agreement in place. These centers are Warwick and Woonsocket. This request will partially cover the shortfall from a \$15 million bond issued in November of 2004 needed to address "high priority" renovations and repairs at the career and technical centers. Voters had approved the \$15 million bond to make long-overdue repairs and improvements to the state's career and technical centers. The \$15 million figure was determined by adding preliminary estimates provided by the individual schools. There was considerable variation in the quality of these estimates and concerns that the \$15 million might not cover even the most urgent facilities needs. Architects were engaged to prioritize needed work and to develop a scope of work of the highest needs for each school, including building, fire, energy, security codes, life safety requirements, and ADA compliance. The work was prioritized into the following categories: 1 - immediately; 2 - within one to five years; or 3 - within five to ten years.

Project Justification:

The existing membrane roofing system at the Cranston Career and Technical Center is over 20 years and in need of replacement. There are numerous roof leaks throughout the facility. These Priority 1 repairs are necessary for the safety of students and staff in these buildings, to protect investments the State has already made with the \$15 million bond proceeds and to address the final issues to ensure the State-owned centers are in compliance with RI's fire and life safety codes.

The State has proposed that the State-owned career and technical centers be transferred back to the districts that house them, which would result in State savings on insurance and emergency repairs. The State has committed significant funds to renovate these facilities, including the \$15 million bond referenced above, as well as RICAP funds to cover life safety issues in an attempt to get districts to take ownership of these facilities. Cranston was unwilling to take the building back in its current condition. This request will address the abovementioned repairs so that Cranston will accept the transfer of the facility. Cranston Public Schools conducted a feasibility study that indicated the building had \$5 million in need. RIDE negotiated with Cranston Public Schools and they will accept transfer for \$3.2 million.

Project Status:

This request is for \$3,200,000 to cover remaining miscellaneous code required life and fire safety repairs, roof replacement, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement at the Cranston Career and Technical Area Center. Cranston Public Schools has agreed to accept transfer of the building for \$3,200,000. The previous year's budget request has been increased by \$1,428,260 to allow the district to take ownership of the facility. This year's budget has divided the work over three years spanning FY 2013 to 2015. In addition, Cranston executed a

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design grant in FY 2011 to assess building condition, but only spent \$78,260 in FY 2012. The remaining work for the assessment will be spent in FY 2013 and the balance of FY 2013 spending will be for repair work.

Strategic Criteria

Safety Concerns Major

Safety Narrative

Without an operating HVAC system at Cranston, there will be climate control issues throughout the year.

Code Violations Major

Code Narrative

Funding will only cover critical building code violations, HVAC, and fire alarm repairs, needed to meet building codes and the new fire code standards.

Energy Impact Major Positive

Energy Narrative

HVAC repairs are expected to have a major positive impact on the energy efficiency of these facilities.

Customer Service Major

Customer Narrative

Students and teachers expect and deserve a safe learning environment. Prospective students and their parents touring the school would find buildings in need of critical repair. Since these are state-owned schools, the state is responsible for every individual in these buildings.

Geographic Significance Statewide

Geographic Narrative

The state-owned career and technical centers are located throughout Rhode Island and their presence has a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhoods, including the increase of property values.

Agency Mission High

Agency Narrative

The mission of schools is to educate the students in a safe and healthy learning environment and provide a safe work environment for all staff. Appropriate measures must be implemented by the state so that students are able to learn and staff is able to teach the skills needed to prosper in a chosen trade. As they now stand, the current facilities are not equipped to offer the state-of-the-art training needed in order to successfully enter careers in growth industries.

User Financing 0

User Narrative

Asset Management Rehabilitation

Asset Narrative

These funds will support needed repair and/or renovation projects at the state-owned career and technical center.

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Operating Minor

Operating Narrative

Undertaking necessary repairs and renovations to the building will facilitate the transfer back to the district and thereby reduce the state's future costs. Districts are unwilling to accept the buildings in their current condition. If the buildings are transferred back to the districts, RIDE would save funds related to emergency repairs at and insurance costs for the facilities.

Historic Preservation No

Historic Narrative

Budgeted Yes

Budget Narrative

Critical Criteria

Critical Life Safety Yes

Critical Life Safety Narrative

The life safety updates and HVAC improvements are critical life safety emergency issues.

Critical Legal Liability Yes

Critical Legal Liability Narrative

Since this is a state-owned school, the state would be liable for any injuries resulting from an out-of-code building.

Prior Binding Commitment No

Prior Binding Commitment Narrative



FY 2014 - FY 2018

Capital Improvement Plan Request System Agency Request vs. Plan

Department of Administration

Funding Source	Pre FY 2013	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Post FY 2018	Total
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Status: Plan									
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$906,260	\$350,000	\$550,000	\$43,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850,000
Subtotal Plan	\$906,260	\$350,000	\$550,000	\$43,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850,000
Status: Request									
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$78,260	\$1,328,000	\$1,428,260	\$443,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,278,260
Subtotal Request	\$78,260	\$1,328,000	\$1,428,260	\$443,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,278,260