

**Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
FY 2017 Revised and FY 2018 Request  
BR-10 Narrative Information**

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**Agency:** Elementary & Secondary Education  
**Program:** Housing Aid  
**Subprogram:** N/A

**Program Explanation:**

School Housing Aid provides school districts and charter schools with a reimbursement for approved and completed school construction, repair, and renovation projects supported by bonds or capital reserve funds. The 2015 General Assembly established a School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education (RIDE) to ensure equitable and adequate school housing for all public school children. The SBA within the department shall oversee and manage the school housing aid program and the SBA capital fund. The fund will administered by the RI Health and Educational Building Corporation (RIHEBC). Upon transfer of the funding from RIDE, RIHEBC will hold the funds in trust until they are ready for release to the appropriate LEA.

The impact of the School Construction Regulations (SCR) is evident as the department's housing aid has decreased and is projected to remain level over the next few years. Since the adoption of the SCR, the School Construction Office has worked closely with local education agencies to find efficiencies in design, construction, and programming that have resulted in over \$100 million in project approval savings. As a result of the fiscal prudence set in place by the SCR, the necessity of school construction approvals were reduced from a ten year average of \$182 million to an average of \$75 million in the three years prior to the moratorium. With the increased departmental oversight, projects are being built to higher educational, energy efficiency, and sustainable (green) standards. Projects are responding to 21st century educational needs and creating healthier and more productive environments for students and staff that will cost less to operate and maintain. In addition, districts are being more diligent about only submitting projects that have gained community support and are close to implementation. Therefore, the level of inactive projects built into future year projections is minimal. In general, the collaborative approach between RIDE, districts, and other state agencies has been successful, resulting in unprecedented quality facilities and substantial state savings.

The Board of Education's FY 2018 request of \$80,000,000 is consistent with the budget target and includes \$70,907,110 for school housing aid and \$9,092,890 for the SBA capital fund.

Agency: 072 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Program: 07 School Construction Aid

	FY 2015 Actuals:	FY 2016 Actuals:	FY 2017 Enacted:	FY 2017 Working:	FY 2017 Revised Budget:	FY 2018 Unconstrained Budget:	FY 2018 Constrained Budget:
<b>By Subprogram</b>							
0701 School Housing Aid	\$68,100,072	\$90,907,110	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000
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<b>By Category</b>							
30 Contracted Professional Services	\$0	\$3,702,286	\$0	\$0	\$830,146	\$0	\$0
70 Aid to Local Units of Government	\$68,100,072	\$23,341,262	\$70,907,110	\$70,907,110	\$18,944,745	\$15,907,110	\$15,907,110
90 Operating Transfers	\$0	\$63,863,562	\$9,092,890	\$9,092,890	\$60,225,109	\$64,092,890	\$64,092,890
	\$68,100,072	\$90,907,110	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000
<b>By Source</b>							
01 General Revenue	\$68,100,072	\$90,907,110	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000
	\$68,100,072	\$90,907,110	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000

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