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Department of Housing and Community Development
Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Senator Craig .J. Zucker, Chair

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House Appropriations Committee
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Delegate Mark Chang, Chair

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DLS Recommendations and Responses

- 1. DLS PAYGO Recommendation (page 3):** *Adopt the following narrative: Federal Funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP): The committees request that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) program estimates of federal funds anticipated to be made available from the American Rescue Plan Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in the annual CIP submission. This should include estimates for the proposed budget and each of the out-years programmed in the CIP. The committees recognize that these estimates may be subject to change based on changing federal guidance or program implementation schedules*

DHCD Response: The Department respectfully agrees with this recommendation

- 2. DLS GO Bond Recommendation (page 4):** *Approve the general obligation bond authorization for the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

DHCD Response: The Department respectfully agrees with this recommendation

- 3. DLS Issue (Page 14):** *DHCD should comment on the status and anticipated timeline for the Connecting Public Housing and Rural and Digital Connectivity Block Grants programs*

DHCD Response: Connecting Public Housing: The \$45M available for this program is being provided by the ARPA Capital Projects Fund. To access the funds, DHCD submitted a program and spending plan to the US Treasury in September 2022. Treasury is reviewing the plan and DHCD has responded to initial comments. DHCD expects to receive more detailed comments in the next few weeks. Overall, DHCD expects approval for the program to be received in the spring of 2023 with a grant window opening in early summer and grant awards in early fall.

Digital Connectedness: The \$24.2M available for this program is being provided by the ARPA Capital Projects Fund. To access the funds, DHCD submitted a program and spending plan to the US Treasury in September 2022. Treasury is reviewing the plan and DHCD has responded to initial comments. DHCD expects to receive more detailed comments in the next few weeks. Overall, DHCD expects approval for the program to be received in the spring of 2023 with a grant window opening in early summer and grant awards in early fall.