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Senator Julian Cyr Local Funding Priorities and Statewide Programs for Cape Cod

Total Budget Money and Total Bonding Authorizations for FY2018-2019: *\$1.2 million in direct appropriations and \$75 million in bonding authorizations*

Economic Development Bonding Law: \$10,200,000

- **Aviation Job Training at Cape Cod Community College - \$100,000** to support Cape Cod Community College's FAA-Certified Airframe and Powerplant Program. In 2012, Cape Cod Community College worked with federal, state, local, and industry officials to develop a program that not only addresses a shortage of certified aircraft mechanics in the region, but one that creates a pathway for a career with significant potential for advancement.
- **High Speed Internet Access in Hyannis - \$300,000** to expand fiber optic cable in Hyannis.
- **High Speed Internet Access in Provincetown - \$300,000** to expand fiber optic cable in Provincetown.
- **Hyannis Oceanside Performing Arts Center - \$200,000** for the planning and design of Oceanside Performing Arts Center in the Town of Barnstable. Oceanside Performing Arts Center would be a regional facility which would stimulate economic development and promote tourism.
- **Hyannis Visitor Center and Main Street Improvement - \$500,000** to the Hyannis Main Streets Business Improvement District to purchase a building in Hyannis to create a visitor's center.
- **Wellfleet and Provincetown Small Business Development - \$1,175,000.** The Town of Wellfleet would receive \$1,100,000 to develop an incubator space that could be shared by up to six businesses. Each small business would have a small interior space where they could sell their product and grow their business. \$75,000 would be designated to Provincetown Commons for the development of a digital studio.

- **Mashpee Watershed Management - \$3,250,000** to design, engineer and construct a wastewater discharge force main and related disposal site. Placement of a new wastewater discharge force main would protect the Waquoit Bay and Popponesset Bay watersheds and support reasonable economic development in the Town of Mashpee's central business district.
- **Bonding Authorization for Multiple Dredging Projects - \$3,375,00**
 - **Cotuit - \$2,000,000** for dredging from the western end of Sampson's Island, with disposal occurring on the eastern end of Dead Neck.
 - **Yarmouth - \$250,000** for dredging of the Bass River and Parkers River coastal waterways.
 - **Chatham - \$375,000** to modify the town's existing Comprehensive Dredge and Disposal Permit and to dredge critical shoal locations to restore navigation access and emergency response.

Environmental Bonding Law: \$5,550,000

- **Barnstable Blish Point and Commerce Road: \$1,300,000** to study, design and construction of methods for storm relief and marsh restoration and provide residents egress from the Commerce Road Area during significant flooding events.
- **Barnstable Snow's Creek Restoration: \$1,400,000** to upgrade the existing culvert for Snow's Creek in Barnstable, which will result in storm relief and marsh restoration. The funding may also be used for Installation of a sidewalk on the south side of Ocean Street in the culvert vicinity and construction of safety railings in Hyannis.
- **Yarmouth Run Pond Salt Marsh: \$1,215,000** for improvements to the Run Pond culvert in the Town of Yarmouth to improve tidal flushing and reduce nutrient influxes and algal blooms.
- **Dennis Recycling Facility: \$300,000** for the Town of Dennis to enter into a public-private-partnership to build and operate a regional glass sorting and recycling facility.
- **Coastal Restoration or Resiliency Plans - \$1,335,000 to Lower Cape Towns**
 - **Town of Chatham - \$650,000** for construction associated with hydraulic dredging and beach nourishment at town owned beaches; also includes flood water drainage and tide gate analysis and replacement.
 - **Town of Truro - \$535,000** for a climate resiliency study of Beach Point; also funds planning, engineering design, permitting, and other bid-phase expenses for the repairs to the East Harbor Culvert and surrounding infrastructure in North Truro.

- **Town of Provincetown - \$150,000** for the survey, design, engineering, materials estimating, and permitting to enhance shoreline protection and other measures necessary to protect vulnerable roadway and utilities infrastructure.

State Capital Bonding Law: \$51,250,000

- **\$41 million (secured in partnership with Rep. Vieira and the entire Cape delegation)** for the construction of a science building at Cape Cod Community College.
- **\$6.5 million** to construct a new building for the Barnstable Regional Government on existing town property, primarily for the Cape Cod Commission.
- **\$1.6 million** to fund improvements to the Hyannis National Guard Armory.
- **\$150,000** to the Town of Truro to connect a municipal water main to a parcel on Highland road and improve pedestrian infrastructure.
- **\$2 million** for the new Wellfleet Center segment and the Beach Point/North Truro segment of the Cape Cod Rail bike trail

FISCAL YEAR 2019

FY2019 State Budget Priorities for Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket

Opioid Crisis and Public Safety: \$190,000

- **Anti-Addiction Programs in Schools: \$50,000** for Calmer Choice, an innovative Cape-based non-profit, to offer substance abuse prevention programs in school districts on Cape Cod.
- **Narcan Bulk Purchase for Cape Cod: \$20,000** to Barnstable County for a bulk purchase of naloxone/Narcan, for distribution to public safety agencies and non-profits on Cape Cod.
- **Overdose follow up study. \$20,000** for a study the feasibility of replicating the highly successful "Plymouth County Outreach" program, which provides follow-up after an overdose by means of a collaboration of public safety, health, and human services agencies.
- **Barnstable County Fire and Rescue Training Academy: Funds \$100,000** for the Barnstable County Fire and Rescue Training Academy. It is the only training academy available to fire fighters on Cape Cod and is essential to providing continuing education for fire departments, as well as training new fire fighters.

Environment: \$100,000

- **Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Decommissioning: \$100,000 (secured in partnership with Sen. deMacedo)** for an interagency working group to monitor the pre and post shutdown decommissioning process at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The working group leads and coordinates state agency involvement in any matters pertaining to the plant's decommissioning including: radiological and environmental standards, emergency preparedness and funding, and site restoration. Senator Cyr pushed successfully to have Attorney General Maura Healey sit on the working group.

Housing Affordability: \$65,000

- **Housing Assistance: Funds \$65,000 for Housing Assistance Corporation of Cape Cod.** HAC provides emergency shelter, homelessness prevention assistance, and employment services to individuals and families to enable family self-sufficiency.

Small Business/Food Access & Affordability: \$35,000

- **Truro-based non-profit Sustainable Cape -\$35,000.** Sustainable Cape would expand a coalition of farmers' markets throughout Barnstable and Dukes Counties to promote SNAP, WIC, senior and veteran benefits at farmers' markets as well as the creation of site-specific programs targeted at schools, libraries and community centers.

Statewide and Cape & Islands District Programs in FY19 Budget and Bonding Laws

Small Business and Tourism:

- **Small Business Technical Assistance:** Increased annual appropriation to \$2 million to support technical assistance and training programs to Massachusetts businesses with 20 or fewer employees. These grants strengthen locally-owned businesses while stimulating local economic development, supporting commercial & mixed-use development, and helping to sustain vibrant local business districts. **The Community Development Partnership in Eastham and Coastal Community Capital in Barnstable receive resources from this program.**
- **Tourism Promotion and Marketing:** requires that funds from the Tourism Trust Fund be released no later than September 1st of the Fiscal Year. This is a priority of the Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Chambers of Commerce.

- **Employer Medical Assistance Contribution Hardship Exemption:** Requires the Department of Unemployment Assistance to establish, for certain Massachusetts employers, an exemption hardship waiver to Employer Medical Assistance Contribution (EMAC) health contribution assessment established in the FY18 budget. Dozens of seasonal, non-profit and health care businesses reached out to Senator Cyr about the unexpected burden of the EMAC surcharge implemented by the Baker-Polito administration.
- **Promoting Employee Ownership \$300,000.** Re-established the Massachusetts Office of Employee Involvement and Ownership (MASSEIO) with \$250,000 in FY18 and an additional \$50,000 in FY19. MASSEIO operations were suspended in 2008 due to the fiscal crisis confronting our nation and state government, and the functions of the office are in the process of being re-started. This funding would allow MASSEIO to resume providing education, outreach and promotional efforts to create an environment in the Commonwealth which will expand and enhance employee involvement and ownership.

Housing Affordability:

Mortgage Licensing Exemptions for Certain Nonprofits. This amendment protects access to housing assistance programs by creating a narrow exemption for affordable housing nonprofits from state licensing requirements for mortgage loan originators.

- **Many affordable housing nonprofit organizations administer loan programs that help families buy homes, address home repair needs or lead paint remediation, prevent foreclosure, and acquire or preserve housing.**
- These loans offer terms that are favorable to the borrower, in some cases loans at no interest with repayment deferred. Frequently, the nonprofit is administering loans from completely publicly-funded programs.
- Creating an exemption from mortgage loan originator licensing requirements for certain affordable housing nonprofits would re-establish in state law an exemption provided by the Division of Banks (DOB) for the past decade. Unfortunately, the DOB rescinded this exemption last year based on a reinterpretation of state law.
- **Without this exemption, the low-and moderate-income households and their communities would be harmed by losing access to programs that help create and preserve affordable homes.**

Tenancy Preservation Program for the Housing Court (TPP) \$1,300,000. Senator Cyr increased funding to \$1.3 million to serve new areas covered by the Housing Court. TPP prevents very vulnerable tenants with disabilities from becoming homeless and is based only in Housing Court. Senator Cyr fought to expand the Housing Court to Barnstable County during last year's budget debate.

Statewide Education Funding:

- The budget adopted historic investments prioritized by the **Senate for K-12 education, including \$4.9 billion in Chapter 70 funding, a 3.4% increase over the prior fiscal year.**
- The FY19 budget also invests in Cape & Island schools, by **including a 75% reimbursement to schools through the special education circuit breaker.** Cyr successfully filed the amendment to an FY18 Supplemental Budget to raise reimbursement to 75% and pushed for its annualization in the FY19 budget.
- **The state budget provides \$68 million – an unprecedented level- for regional school transportation, which represents an 80% reimbursement level** for regional school district transportation costs.
- Senator Cyr strongly supported a new state funding stream for **rural school districts on the Cape and Islands**, which will be implemented in 2019.

Public Safety:

- Children's Advocacy Centers: Provides critical level funding for Children's Cove of Barnstable County. Senator Cyr also successfully worked to annualize funding for these vital programs across the state, so they are not subject to variable funding.
- Municipal Police Training. Championed by Senator Cyr, this legislation (H.4516) funds **up to \$10,000,000 in annual revenue for municipal police training.** This funding will eliminate the responsibility of local communities to cover the cost of training police recruits.

FISCAL YEAR 2018

FY18 State Budget Amendments for Cape Cod: \$1,750,000

- **\$140,000 to Children's Cove:** The Cape and Islands Child Advocacy Center to support their work in providing an efficient and child-friendly facility for child abuse intervention.
- **\$85,000 for the Housing Assistance Corporation of Cape Cod** to fund a caseworker specifically for people on Martha's Vineyard and for the work they do to provide a continuum of housing programs for those facing housing instability.
- **\$25,000 for Sight Loss Services, Inc.** allowing them to continue to serve Cape Codders who are gradually losing their sight.

- **\$50,000 for The Community Development Partnership** to advance public participation in the development of affordable and middle-income housing.
- **\$100,000 for the Barnstable County Fire and Rescue Training Academy** to cover urgent capital expenses.

FY18 Statewide budget accomplishments

Massachusetts Office of Employee Involvement and Ownership \$150,000. In 2008, the office was forced to suspend its operations due to the recession. This funding will allow the office to resume providing education, outreach, and promotional efforts to create an environment in the Commonwealth which will expand and enhance opportunities for employee ownership.

\$500,000 for the statewide Youth at Risk competitive grant program administered by the Department of Public Health. During the Senate budget debate, Cyr championed this amendment about the importance of these programs for at-risk youth.

Small Business Technical Assistance grant program \$750,000, which Senator Cyr advocated for during his maiden speech in the Massachusetts Senate Chamber was funded.

Supplemental Budget FY2018

Education: \$5,300,000

- **Cape Cod Regional Technical High School:** increased the state's contribution to building the new facility by \$5.3 million, for a total of \$128 million, with the state's contribution of the project increased to 51.12%, from the 45.45%. This additional contribution will save Cape Cod taxpayers an estimated \$10 million over the life of the project. Senator Cyr worked collaboratively with Rep. Peake to get the amendment.