

\$3.2 million to rehab Brookside

State bond board expected to OK Waterbury project

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The State Bond Commission is expected to authorize \$3.2 million on Friday to finance the rehabilitation of the Brookside Cooperatives in Waterbury.

Brookside remains the region's largest cooperative housing project more than two decades after a coalition of churches, unions and citizen groups called the Naugatuck Valley Project established the 102-unit complex.

It was designed as affordable housing for people working toward being able to afford traditional homeownership. It was also intended to foster self-sufficiency within the low- and middle-income population.

Brookside consists of 102 two-, three- and four-bedroom units within six individual co-ops on Waterbury's Fulkerson Drive.

The NVP assisted Brookside in successfully applying for the \$3,292,300 grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The bond commission is scheduled to authorize the release of that grant on Friday. An item's inclusion on an agenda is generally tantamount to approval unless it is withdrawn.

The commission is also expected to take action on a \$1.1 million grant to the Oxford Housing Authority for rehabilitating 34 units at the Crestwood Ridge Senior Housing Complex.

The governor's office and Oxford officials announced the grant's approval last August.

Additionally, the commission is set to authorize \$2.2 million to the Department of Transportation to rehabilitate the state bridge on Waterbury Road in Thomaston that crosses the Naugatuck River.

The commission's agenda Friday includes the following additional items:

- \$182,499 for building renovations at Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury Inc.
- \$139,000 for the city of Waterbury to match federal funding for construction of a 7.1-mile section of the Naugatuck Valley Greenway.
- \$317,500 for the Naugatuck YMCA for pool, gym and office renovations.
- \$35,405 for NAFI of CT Inc. for boiler replacement.



The Brookside Cooperatives in Waterbury.