

June 25, 2025

TO:	Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM:	Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA
RE:	Project Budget for Avery Point Housing Development (Amended) (Design: \$3,000,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a Design Budget of \$3,000,000, as detailed in the attached project budget, for the Design phase, development agreement, and commencement of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) process for the Avery Point Housing Development project. This reflects an increase of \$2,250,000 to the previously approved Planning budget of \$750,000. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

RESOLUTION:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$3,000,000 for the Avery Point Housing Development project; of which \$2,250,000 of UCONN 2000 bond funds is contingent upon Board of Trustees approval of a comprehensive strategic plan for the Avery Point Campus."

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$3,000,000 in University funds for the Avery Point Housing Development project."

BACKGROUND:

The University published a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) in May 2024 for development of a residence hall, dining facility, and recreation field at the Avery Point campus in Groton, CT. Submissions were reviewed and a preferred Developer was selected to proceed with a proposal under which the Developer designs, constructs, and develops the Project on a turn-key basis under a Development Agreement. The University will be responsible for the project financing and the long-term operation of the Project after completion.

The proposed Project consists of a 250-bed suite-style residence hall with a 125-seat dining facility, totaling approximately 83,400 square feet of building area on a 1.1-acre site near the center of campus. The Project will also relocate an existing baseball practice field from the development site to a nearby location on Shennecossett Road. The Developer shall endeavor and use best efforts to substantially complete the Project by July 2028. If certain conditions are met, the Developer will deliver the Project sooner.

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The intent is that the Project will conform to Connecticut High Performance Building regulations and will be registered as a LEED project, with a target for a certification level of Gold to be further evaluated during the Planning phase. The Development Agreement will require delivery of Project consistent with University Design Guidelines and Performance Standards, outline specifications, and conformance with contracting compliance goals for small and minority businesses. The proposed Project is on university property and is subject to CEPA.

At its April meeting this year, the Board of Trustees approved a Planning Phase that encompasses a feasibility report to be completed no later than August 2025, and its progress was shared in June 2025. This Design Phase will allow the Developer to transition into design of the Project immediately upon completion of the Planning Phase in August. Concurrently, the University will begin the CEPA process.

This project is specifically funded from fees generated through the Residential Life program.

The Design Budget is attached for your information.

Attachment

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET REPORTING FORM

TYPE BUDGET: DESIGN

PROJECT NAME: AVERY POINT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		PPROVED LANNING /23/2025	PROPOSED DESIGN 6/25/2025
CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OTHER AE SERVICES (including Project Management) ART RELOCATION ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE AND LEGAL MISCELLANEOUS OTHER SOFT COSTS	\$	- 500,000 - - 40,000 - - 100,000 10,000 - -	\$ _ 2,350,000 - - 90,000 - - 200,000 35,000 - -
SUBTOTAL		650,000	\$ 2,675,000
PROJECT CONTINGENCY		100,000	325,000
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		750,000	\$ 3,000,000
SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING*			
UNIVERSITY FUNDS UCONN 2000 BOND FUNDS	\$	750,000	\$ 750,000 2,250,000
TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDING		750,000	\$ 3,000,000

* This budget reflects the University's current intended source(s) of funding for the specified project. The University may adjust this funding plan in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law(s) or to strategically utilize all fund sources, within the approved budget amount, as appropriate.

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AVERY POINT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT Project Budget (DESIGN) June 25, 2025



Schematic of Potential Residence Hall & Dining Facility



Concept Diagram for Relocated Baseball Practice Facility