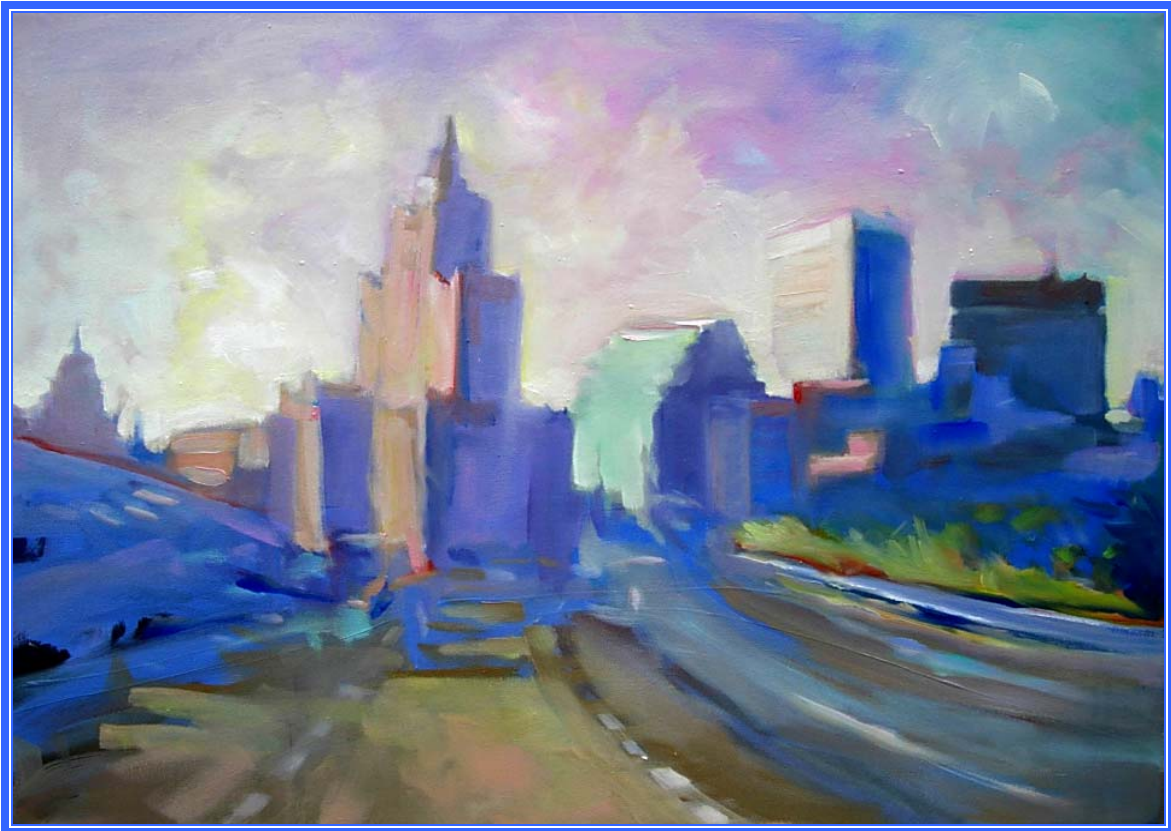


State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2009

Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

The Agency

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission is the state office for historic preservation and for sponsorship of state heritage activities. It is Rhode Island's only statewide preservation program to identify and protect historic buildings, districts, and archeological sites. The commission is responsible for developing a state historical preservation plan, and for survey and planning activities which provide for in-depth studies of each city and town to identify, evaluate, and record sites, structures, districts, and objects of historical, architectural, cultural, or archeological significance to the State.

The commission sponsors and/or coordinates heritage festivals, heritage seminars, conferences, and symposia, and publishes scholarly and popular works relating to the social, political, and cultural development of the State. It also coordinates programs with other private or public groups or agencies which will meet the cultural needs of Rhode Island's citizens. The commission also organizes the operation of the Eisenhower House at Fort Adams State Park in Newport.

The commission develops and implements programs for the preservation of historic resources. Federal and state projects are reviewed by the commission to assess their effect on specific cultural resources. The commission administers programs of financial assistance, which include grants, loans, and tax credits for restoration projects. A wide range of information and technical assistance is provided to citizens who own historic properties or are interested in preserving the heritage of their neighborhood and community. The commission certifies municipal historic district zoning programs, which meet minimum standards, and annually administers funds to these "certified local governments."

Agency Objectives

Identify and protect historic and prehistoric sites, buildings, and districts throughout the State of Rhode Island and commemorate the history and culture of the State; promote and preserve the State's ethnic and cultural traditions; and provide a better understanding of the various ethnic cultures, which comprise the State's population.

Statutory History

Title 42, Chapter 45 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission and defined the duties of the Executive Director and commission members. Executive Order Number 10, issued July 1, 1977, initially created the Heritage Commission. In 1981, the General Assembly enacted Title 42, Chapter 79 of the Rhode Island establishing the commission as a permanent state agency. In the 1994 legislative session the General Assembly repealed Title 42, Chapter 79 and amended Title 42, Chapter 45 to add Heritage Commission responsibilities creating the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.

The Budget

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,388,170	1,448,737	1,575,354	1,453,129	1,509,926
Operating Supplies and Expenses	347,292	105,677	503,601	96,859	111,262
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	535,712	650,278	503,909	937,712	681,426
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,271,174	\$2,204,692	\$2,582,864	\$2,487,700	\$2,302,614
Capital Purchases and Equipment	12,935	5,251	20,300	20,500	20,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,284,109	\$2,209,943	\$2,603,164	\$2,508,200	\$2,323,114
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,395,341	1,615,594	1,577,792	1,487,312	1,348,825
Federal Funds	581,658	508,937	529,078	528,895	479,640
Restricted Receipts	307,110	85,412	496,294	491,993	494,649
Total Expenditures	\$2,284,109	\$2,209,943	\$2,603,164	\$2,508,200	\$2,323,114
FTE Authorization	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	16.6
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.8%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	66.6%	66.6%	66.6%	66.6%	66.7%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures					
Cumulative Percentage of the Estimated 2,500 Historic Properties Nominated to the National Registry Annually	191.2%	197.2%	240.8%	240.8%	250.8%
Public Attendance at Heritage Program Assisted Events Stated as a Percentage of the Base Year	132.1%	106.7%	110.0%	110.0%	110.0%
Percentage of Projects Reviewed Within Fifteen Business Days of Review Request	80.7%	79.7%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Percentage of Completed Tax Credit Applications Reviewed within Thirty Business Days from Time of Submission	30.9%	52.1%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%