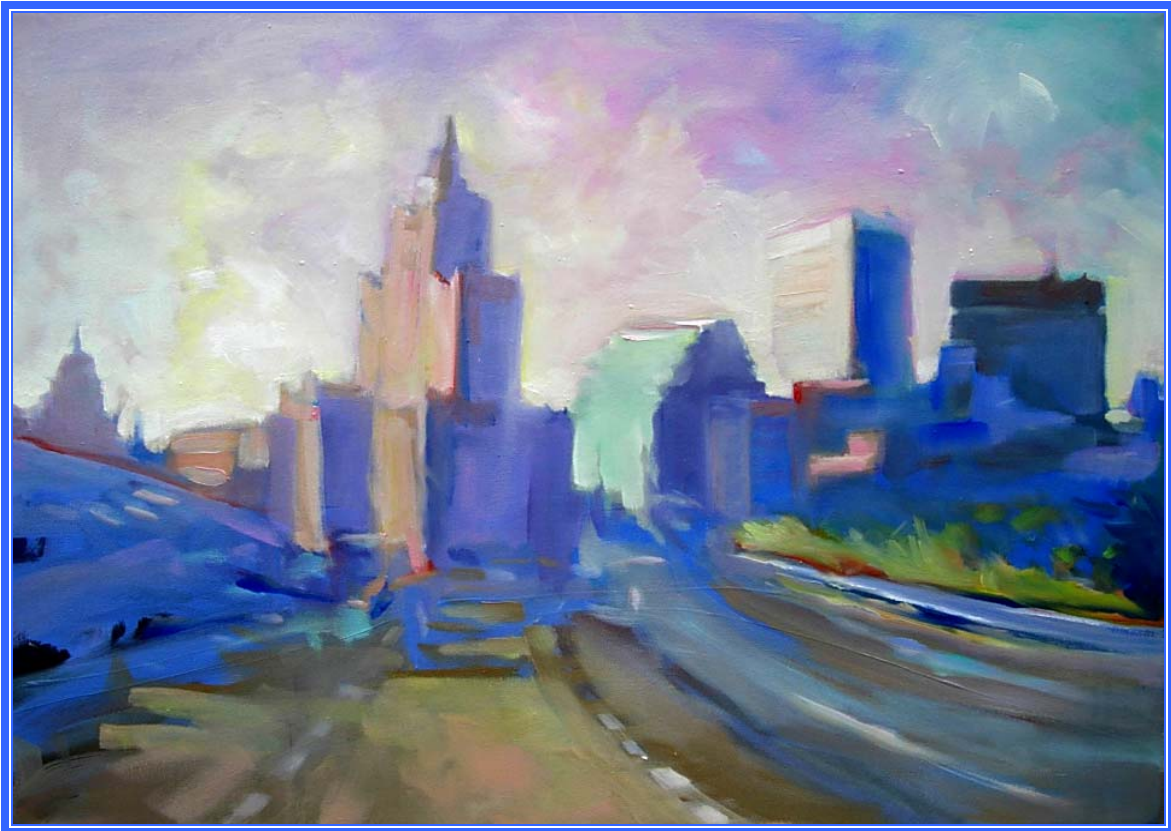


State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2009

Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

The Agency

Attorney General

Agency Operations

The Attorney General is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five general officers subject to election by the voters. As the State's central legal agency, the Attorney General is responsible for the prosecution of all felony criminal cases, misdemeanor appeals, and misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement action in the various district courts.

The Attorney General initiates legal action to protect the interests of the citizens of Rhode Island regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act, and protection of the public from deceptive business practices and anti-trust violations. Additionally, the Attorney General provides legal advice to state officers and represents all agencies, departments, and commissions in litigation. The State Bureau of Criminal Identification, the central repository for all criminal records in the State, is operated and maintained by the Attorney General.

The Office of Attorney General is divided into four programs: Criminal, Civil, Bureau of Criminal Identification, and General.

Agency Objectives

To represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction.

To provide public protection on behalf of the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers, and taxpayers.

To provide criminal history information and descriptive data on demand to federal and local law enforcement agencies seven days a week, 24-hours a day.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 42-9 establish the Office of the Attorney General. R.I.G.L. 12-9 relates to extradition; R.I.G.L. 9-31 relates to governmental tort liability; R.I.G.L. 12-12 relates to indictments and information; R.I.G.L. 12-1 relates to criminal identification; and R.I.G.L. 11-57 relates to weapons.

The Budget

Attorney General

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Criminal	13,651,255	13,849,948	14,650,414	14,661,273	14,992,360
Civil	5,004,259	4,630,021	5,531,568	4,741,385	4,797,213
Bureau of Criminal Identification	1,178,397	1,014,496	1,074,134	1,057,976	1,066,099
General	2,391,565	2,420,142	2,647,200	2,878,679	2,875,842
Total Expenditures	\$22,225,476	\$21,914,607	\$23,903,316	\$23,339,313	\$23,731,514
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	20,385,849	20,088,655	22,019,719	21,266,084	21,705,979
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,461,322	1,585,254	1,597,665	1,584,652	1,665,330
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$21,847,171	\$21,673,909	\$23,617,384	\$22,850,736	\$23,371,309
Capital Purchases and Equipment	378,305	240,698	285,932	488,577	360,205
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$22,225,476	\$21,914,607	\$23,903,316	\$23,339,313	\$23,731,514
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	19,895,945	19,799,873	21,335,305	20,626,429	21,212,039
Federal Funds	1,390,957	1,274,491	1,379,464	1,367,430	1,263,609
Restricted Receipts	719,263	678,356	973,547	940,574	980,866
Other Funds	219,311	161,887	215,000	404,880	275,000
Total Expenditures	\$22,225,476	\$21,914,607	\$23,903,316	\$23,339,313	\$23,731,514
FTE Authorization	234.5	234.8	234.8	234.8	231.1
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	14.9%	13.7%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	55.9%	59.4%	57.3%	57.3%	57.3%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	4.0%	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

The Program

Attorney General Criminal

Program Operations

The Criminal Program, with offices in Providence, Kent, Washington, and Newport counties, is responsible for the prosecution of felony cases and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The Narcotics and Organized Crime Prosecution Unit is composed of legal and support staff. This unit prosecutes all narcotics and organized crime cases. The Forfeiture Unit handles all asset forfeiture cases. The Information-Charging Unit prepares information for all felony cases filed in Providence County, with the exception of Grand Jury indictments. The Victim/Witness Unit administers a comprehensive assistance program for victims and state witnesses; this unit's existence is mandated by the Victim's Bill of Rights. The Diversion Unit provides alternatives to court prosecution for selected first-time, non-violent felony offenders. The Juvenile Unit is responsible for prosecuting all juveniles charged with felonies by local police and state agencies, and all adults charged with criminal child abuse. The Appellate Unit represents the State in all criminal appeals before the Rhode Island Supreme Court and post-conviction cases filed in federal court. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit prosecutes fraud and abuse by providers of Medicaid services to Rhode Island and the Welfare Fraud Unit investigates and prosecutes all cases of welfare fraud.

Program Objectives

To represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction.

Statutory History

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The Budget

Attorney General Criminal

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	12,652,127	12,893,194	13,553,484	13,654,295	13,920,924
Operating Supplies and Expenses	966,559	899,913	1,049,386	951,669	1,014,844
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$13,618,686	\$13,793,107	\$14,602,870	\$14,605,964	\$14,935,768
Capital Purchases and Equipment	32,569	56,841	47,544	55,309	56,592
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$13,651,255	\$13,849,948	\$14,650,414	\$14,661,273	\$14,992,360
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	12,270,526	12,468,411	12,988,267	13,054,506	13,441,955
Federal Funds	1,160,924	1,216,434	1,322,964	1,274,630	1,207,109
Restricted Receipts	219,805	165,103	339,183	332,137	343,296
Total Expenditures	\$13,651,255	\$13,849,948	\$14,650,414	\$14,661,273	\$14,992,360
Program Measures					
Percentage of Cases Dismissed	8.1%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%

The Program

Attorney General Civil

Program Operations

The Civil Program is comprised of six units, each with very different responsibilities. The General Litigation Unit handles most lawsuits brought against the State and its employees. There are approximately 1,500 active cases, ranging from small claims to issues involving millions of dollars and constitutional claims. Additionally, this unit acts as the legal advisor for 11 boards and commissions, state departments, and agencies. The Regulatory Unit represents the interests of consumers before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, and the Rhode Island Insurance Commissioner. The Charitable Trusts Unit maintains records relating to the registration of charitable trusts in Rhode Island. The Environmental Advocacy Unit enforces civil and criminal environmental laws of the State and acts as an environmental advocate on public policy issues. The Attorney General's Office provides specialized legal counsel to the Department of Human Services. The Consumer Protection Unit monitors activity in the marketplace and represents the consumer's interest where patterns of fraud or deception have been identified. The unit investigates allegation of improper business operation and initiates settlements and enforcement actions designed to provide restitution, if required. Attempts are made to resolve consumer complaints through a mediation process.

Program Objectives

To provide cost effective legal representation to the State, its agencies, boards and commissions.

To provide public protection on behalf of the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers and taxpayers.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 41-9 establish the office of the Attorney General. R.I.G.L. 12-9 relates to extraditions; R.I.G.L. 9-31 relates to governmental tort liability; R.I.G.L. 12-12 relates to indictments and information; R.I.G.L. 12-1 relates to criminal identification; and R.I.G.L. 11-47 relates to weapons.

The Budget

Attorney General Civil

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,749,347	4,209,455	5,171,035	4,394,430	4,436,144
Operating Supplies and Expenses	254,480	407,179	341,245	322,667	336,556
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$5,003,827	\$4,616,634	\$5,512,280	\$4,717,097	\$4,772,700
Capital Purchases and Equipment	432	13,387	19,288	24,288	24,513
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$5,004,259	\$4,630,021	\$5,531,568	\$4,741,385	\$4,797,213
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,504,795	4,116,768	4,897,204	4,132,948	4,159,643
Federal Funds	6	-	-	-	-
Restricted Receipts	499,458	513,253	634,364	608,437	637,570
Total Expenditures	\$5,004,259	\$4,630,021	\$5,531,568	\$4,741,385	\$4,797,213
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Attorney General Bureau of Criminal Identification

Program Operations

The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) is a repository and central clearinghouse for information on individuals who have been arrested or convicted of crimes in Rhode Island. This information includes criminal history records, fingerprints, and warrant information. The unit operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week. This unit receives and processes requests for records from law enforcement agencies across the country. Additionally, BCI issues and maintains pistol permits, issues security guard licenses, and conducts background checks.

Program Objectives

To provide criminal history information and descriptive data on demand to federal and local law enforcement agencies, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Statutory History

Section 12-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Bureau of Criminal Identification within the Office of the Attorney General. The duties of this unit are further outlined in Sections 12-1-5 through 12-1-12.

The Budget

Attorney General Bureau of Criminal Identification

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	959,999	911,031	967,675	957,701	963,829
Operating Supplies and Expenses	91,873	97,965	104,359	98,175	100,170
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,051,872	\$1,008,996	\$1,072,034	\$1,055,876	\$1,063,999
Capital Purchases and Equipment	126,525	5,500	2,100	2,100	2,100
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,178,397	\$1,014,496	\$1,074,134	\$1,057,976	\$1,066,099
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	948,370	956,439	1,017,634	965,176	1,009,599
Federal Funds	230,027	58,057	56,500	92,800	56,500
Total Expenditures	\$1,178,397	\$1,014,496	\$1,074,134	\$1,057,976	\$1,066,099
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Attorney General General

Program Operations

The General Program provides administrative support to ensure that the department operates efficiently. This program consists of six units.

The Executive Unit consists of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and support staff. The function of the Executive Unit is to coordinate the efforts of all parts of the department.

The Fiscal Unit is responsible for all financial operations of the department. This includes the preparation of the departmental budget, monitoring and controlling expenditures, and processing all financial paperwork.

The Personnel Unit processes all paperwork regarding hiring, transfers, promotions, and terminations, and monitors payroll records submitted to Accounts and Control. This unit must ensure that all state and federal laws and regulations are upheld, including equal employment opportunities and affirmative action requirements.

The Operations Unit is responsible for purchasing, maintenance and repair of the department's buildings and automobiles, and monitoring the department's telephone and mail systems.

The Management Information System Unit administers and operates the department's computer systems. The system consists of five central processing units, multiple application servers, over 220 desktop computers, and 30 printers. The Attorney General's computer system is linked to the court's computer system and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

The Public Information/Legislation Unit handles all communication with the media, submits legislation on the Attorney General's behalf, and coordinates the Attorney General's education, and community outreach efforts.

Program Objectives

To provide the infrastructure necessary for the efficient operation of the Office of the Attorney General.

Statutory History

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The Budget

Attorney General General

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,024,376	2,074,975	2,327,525	2,259,658	2,385,082
Operating Supplies and Expenses	148,410	180,197	102,675	212,141	213,760
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,172,786	\$2,255,172	\$2,430,200	\$2,471,799	\$2,598,842
Capital Purchases and Equipment	218,779	164,970	217,000	406,880	277,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,391,565	\$2,420,142	\$2,647,200	\$2,878,679	\$2,875,842
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,172,254	2,258,255	2,432,200	2,473,799	2,600,842
Other Funds	219,311	161,887	215,000	404,880	275,000
Total Expenditures	\$2,391,565	\$2,420,142	\$2,647,200	\$2,878,679	\$2,875,842
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA