

The Agency

Rhode Island Justice Commission

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Justice Commission (RIJC) develops comprehensive planning and programming for improving the state criminal justice system's overall response to crime issues. The RIJC was established in 1969 to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of system-wide criminal justice responses to the problem of crime. The commission pursues a variety of activities authorized by statute and executive designation. The support of these efforts is primarily obtained through the following federal grants: the Byrne Memorial Drug Control and Systems Improvement Formula Grant; the Juvenile Justice Formula, Block and other related grants; the Victims of Crime Act Victims Assistance Formula Grant; the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant and other related grants; the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program; the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Grant; the National Criminal Histories Improvement Grant Program; the Statistical Analysis Center Grant; the National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Program; Project Safe Neighborhoods, and other appropriate discretionary grant programs. In addition, the RIJC administers Rhode Island's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Act Grant Program.

The agency's primary responsibility is to plan and apply for, receive and administer federal grant programs. The RIJC typically administers over 200 grants/sub-grants annually totaling approximately \$10.0 million dollars.

Agency Objectives

To coordinate and implement a statewide integrated computerized Criminal Justice Information System, called the Justice Link Public Safety Network.

To continue comprehensive/specialized planning and grantsmanship efforts in support of the justice/criminal justice systems present and future.

To ensure that projects receiving funding use such funds consistent with federal and state grant administration regulations; and to initiate and support programs designed to impact crime and/or improve the criminal and juvenile justice system.

To continue to produce studies/reports describing the status of particular crime problems; and to perform detailed monitoring, evaluation, and analysis.

Statutory History

In 1969, Title 42, Chapter 62 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Rhode Island Justice Commission as a state criminal justice agency. The RIJC's legal re-authorization can be found in the state's General Laws, specifically Chapter 26, Sections 42-26.1 through 42-26-13 and 42-26-17.

The Budget

Rhode Island Justice Commission

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
	Actual	Actual	Revised	Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	590,047	618,652	842,534	843,223
Other State Operations	83,136	85,052	122,488	112,969
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,303,137	4,367,276	5,104,159	4,778,500
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,976,320	\$5,070,980	\$6,069,181	\$5,734,692
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,976,320	\$5,070,980	\$6,069,181	\$5,734,692
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	166,450	161,664	253,962	253,085
Federal Funds	4,798,274	4,888,895	5,785,219	5,451,607
Restricted Receipts	11,596	20,421	30,000	30,000
Total Expenditures	\$4,976,320	\$5,070,980	\$6,069,181	\$5,734,692
FTE Authorization	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	66.6%	66.6%	66.6%	66.6%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Percentage of Municipal Police Departments with the Records Management System Software that are Interfaced with Justice Link	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	95.0%
Percentage of Competitive Grant Applicants Provided Official Responses within 75 Work Days of Completed Application Date	NA	33.0%	65.0%	95.0%
Percentage of Noncompetitive Formula Grant Applicants Provided Official Responses within Five Work Days of Completed Applications	NA	75.0%	85.0%	95.0%