

The Agency

Office of the Governor

Agency Operations

The Office of the Governor is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the general offices and is subject to election by the voters of the state. The Office of the Governor is responsible for the enactment of reform in state government for the betterment of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. In accomplishing this task, the Governor's Office coordinates the services of a staff of professionals to include the Executive Counsel Office, Business Administrative Services, Policy Office, Legislative Affairs Office, Media Office, Constituent Affairs Office, and Municipal Affairs/Community Relations Office.

Governor Donald L. Carcieri was inaugurated on January 7, 2003 and re-elected in November 2006. Governor Carcieri has initiated the Fiscal Fitness Program to review and evaluate the proficiency of all RI State agencies to result in a fiscally sound budget for the State of Rhode Island.

Agency Objectives

To fulfill all responsibilities and duties in accordance with the Rhode Island Constitution and Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

To monitor all federal legislation and the federal budget for impact upon Rhode Island.

To process legislative and regulatory opportunities for the State of Rhode Island.

To obtain maximum federal funding for the State of Rhode Island.

To initiate reform in both government and economy for the betterment of all Rhode Island citizens.

Statutory History

Each Administration creates its own Office of the Governor. The first Governor's Office of the colony of Rhode Island was authorized by the Charter of 1663, with Benedict Arnold as its first Governor. Executive Order 91-27, signed August 2, 1991, reorganized the Executive Department to include nine divisions. The Governor's Office is one of these divisions. Under Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, the chief executive power of the State rests upon the elected Governor. Article IX, Section 2, enumerates Executive Power such that the Governor shall take care that the laws of the State be faithfully executed; Article IX, Section 3, that the Governor shall be the captain general and commander in chief of the military and naval forces of the State; Article IX, Section 4, that the Governor shall have the power to grant reprieves; Article IX, Section 5, that the Governor has the power to fill vacancies not otherwise provided by law; Article IX, Section 13, that the Governor may grant pardons; Article IX, Section 14, that the Governor has the power to approve or veto legislation; and Article IX, Section 15, that the Governor shall have prepared and presented to the General Assembly an annual state budget.

The Budget

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	3,980,047	4,496,936	4,363,599	4,588,025
Operating Supplies and Expenses	396,211	417,445	399,298	399,298
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	4,376,258	4,914,381	4,762,897	4,987,323
Capital Purchases and Equipment	(13,293)	15,579	7,500	7,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	4,362,965	4,929,960	4,770,397	4,994,823
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	4,362,965	4,763,177	4,681,601	4,899,774
Restricted Receipts	-	117,777	-	-
Other Funds	-	49,006	88,796	95,049
Total Expenditures	\$4,362,965	\$4,929,960	\$4,770,397	\$4,994,823
FTE Authorization	47.5	49.5	46.0	46.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	14.6%	18.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	62.0%	62.0%	51.0%	51.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA