

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 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; the Juvenile Justice Formula, Block and other related grants; the Victims of Crime Act Assistance Formula Grant; the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant and other related grants; 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 the state 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 makes over 200 grants/sub-grants totaling approximately six million dollars annually.

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 utilize their funds consistent with federal and state grant regulations.

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.

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

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	809,884	833,797	627,102	660,084
Operating Supplies and Expenses	59,526	42,738	45,686	52,042
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,423,361	4,517,196	3,780,000	3,630,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$5,292,771	\$5,393,731	\$4,452,788	\$4,342,126
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,110	-	200	200
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$5,295,881	\$5,393,731	\$4,452,988	\$4,342,326
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	253,856	253,280	154,303	160,815
Federal Funds	5,017,915	5,140,113	4,268,685	4,151,511
Restricted Receipts	24,110	338	30,000	30,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,295,881	\$5,393,731	\$4,452,988	\$4,342,326
FTE Authorization	9.0	8.5	7.6	7.6
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	66.6%	66.6%	66.6%	62.5%
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	55.0%	82.0%	95.0%	100.0%
Percentage of Competitive Grant Applicants Provided Official Responses within 75 Work Days of Completed Application Date	43.0%	46.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percentage of Noncompetitive Formula Grant Applicants Provided Official Responses within Five Work Days of Completed Applications	68.5%	83.0%	95.0%	100.0%