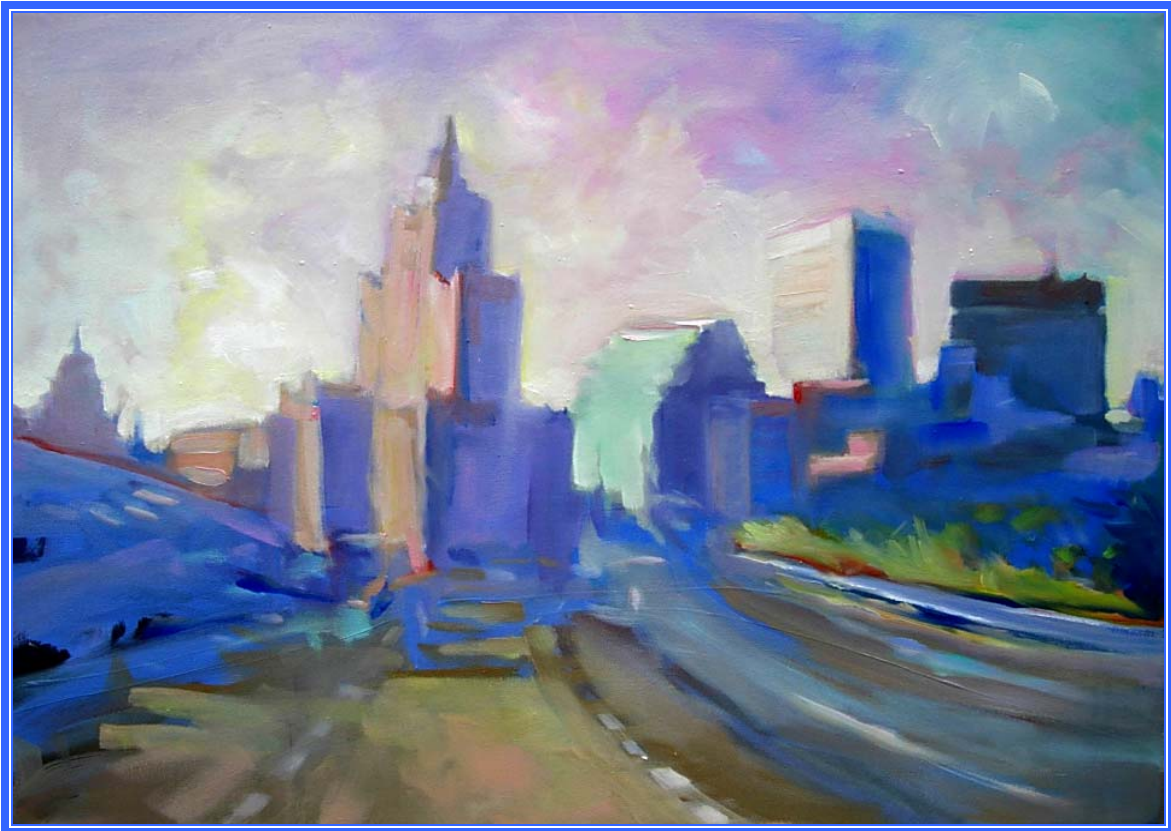


State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2009

Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

The Agency

Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority WSBE-TV/Channel 36

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority is the owner and license holder for WSBE-TV & WSBE-DT Rhode Island PBS, Rhode Island's public television station. WSBE broadcasts 111 hours per week and is headed by the President and Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for all activities, including private fundraising, which partially supports the Authority's budget.

WSBE-TV provides life-long learning opportunities to all Rhode Islanders, regardless of their ability to pay, through its programming and outreach services. Approximately 98,000 K-12 school children are served by 4.5 hours daily of in-school instructional programming that enhances and augments classroom learning. Other educational programming includes science and nature, documentaries, performing arts, history and music. A wide range of how-to programs enable adult viewers to develop skills in computers, painting, automotive repair, sewing, cooking, home improvement and other practical topics. The mandate to provide training in telecommunications is fulfilled through the internship programs in the production and technical areas. There are currently seven student interns employed at WSBE.

WSBE also provides "Learning Link," an interactive, computer-based telecommunications system connecting schools and libraries across the state, providing forums, national and international gateways, databases and Internet access, serving students and teachers in Rhode Island. WSBE manages and maintains a program, available to every K-12 student around the state, that brings inter-active educational video into the classrooms via the Internet. This program is a full-fledged educational offering and is underwritten with private funding.

WSBE is helping to fulfill and maintain its' number one of educating, to ensure that children are prepared to learn when they enter school, through pre-school program services and related outreach programs. Outreach programs include literacy, AIDS education, domestic violence and other topics of community concern.

Public affairs programs are aired to increase awareness of community problems and issues, and to help our citizens learn about and cope with an increasingly complex world around them.

Agency Objectives

Educate, inform, enlighten and entertain. Provide educational services to all citizens regardless of their ability to pay for services.

Statutory History

Title 16, Chapter 21 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority and defines the duties of its President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Budget

Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority WSBE - TV/Channel 36

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,699,622	1,794,782	1,917,239	1,813,332	1,890,875
Operating Supplies and Expenses	231,388	216,216	246,071	236,899	241,491
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,931,010	\$2,010,998	\$2,163,310	\$2,050,231	\$2,132,366
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,456,929	384,160	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,387,939	\$2,395,158	\$2,163,310	\$2,050,231	\$2,132,366
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,257,552	1,312,264	1,363,654	1,316,196	1,365,306
Other Funds	2,130,387	1,082,894	799,656	734,035	767,060
Total Expenditures	\$3,387,939	\$2,395,158	\$2,163,310	\$2,050,231	\$2,132,366
FTE Authorization					
	22.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	19.1%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	28.6%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures					
Average Annual Household Viewership of WSBE-TV/Rhode Island PBS Programs					
Weekday Daytime	141	95	104	104	114
Primetime	155	89	98	98	108
All Day	296	184	202	202	220