

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 and change in state government for the betterment of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. In accomplishing this task, the Office of the Governor 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. The Governor 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 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 and change in both government and the economy for the betterment of all Rhode Island Citizens.

Statutory History

The Governor is the head of the Executive Branch of State government. Among the powers and duties of the Governor under the State Constitution are: faithfully executing the laws (Art IX, Section 2); commanding the state's military and naval forces (Article IX, Section 3); granting reprieves (Articles IX, Section 2); and pardons (Article IX, Section 13); convening special sessions of the general assembly (Article IX, Section 7); and; preparing and presenting to the general assembly an annual state budget (Article IX, Section 15). Each Administration creates its own Office of the Governor for the purpose of governing the State of Rhode Island. The administration of Governor Donald L. Carcieri began on January 7, 2003.

The Budget

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	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,393,154	4,652,359	4,307,211	4,593,980	5,007,304
Operating Supplies and Expenses	339,196	290,798	343,900	317,876	317,950
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	5,121	500,000	500,000	500,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,732,350	\$4,948,278	\$5,151,111	\$5,411,856	\$5,825,254
Capital Purchases and Equipment	5,867	9,602	7,500	11,500	11,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,738,217	\$4,957,880	\$5,158,611	\$5,423,356	\$5,836,754
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,672,436	4,957,880	5,158,611	5,423,356	5,836,754
Restricted Receipts	(3,617)	-	-	-	-
Other Funds	69,398	-	-	-	-
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FTE Authorization	46.0	44.0	39.0	39.0	42.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	9.5%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	49.4%	54.3%	51.7%	51.7%	57.1%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA