

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Technical Appendix



Fiscal Year 2015

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

Dedication

*This year's budget documents are dedicated to the
Memory of William V. Golas, Jr.
Sr. Budget Analyst 1987 - 2013*

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Changes in Budgeting Practices and Presentation

General Government

Department of Administration

Central Management

The FY 2014 enacted budget moved the Office of Digital Excellence from the General program to Central Management. The Governor's revised budget continues to reflect this change.

Capital Projects and Property Management/ Construction Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing

The FY 2014 enacted budget transferred the State Building Code Commission, the Fire Code Board of Appeals and Review, and the Contractor' Registration and Licensing Board from the program entitled "**Capital Projects and Property Management**" to a new stand-alone program entitled "**Construction Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing.**" The Governor's revised budget continues to reflect this change.

Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange

The FY 2014 enacted budget transferred the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Administration. The Governor's revised budget continues to reflect this change.

Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity

The Governor's recommended FY 2015 Budget proposes the establishment of a new Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity as a division within the Department of Administration. This new division will encompass the existing structure of the Office of Outreach and Diversity and the State Equal Opportunity Office from the Human Resources program and the Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs from the Purchasing program. The new division is a result of Governor Chafee's May 2013 Executive Order 13-05 "Promotion of Diversity, Equal Opportunity and Minority Business Enterprises in Rhode Island."

Changes in Budgeting Practices and Presentation

Health and Human Services

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Net Budgeting

The change to net budgeting proposed in the Governor's FY 2014 budget was not accepted by the General Assembly as part of the final FY 2014 enacted budget. The FY 2014 revised budget does not recommend any changes to this current budgeting practice.

Education

Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority

As part of the FY 2014 enacted budget, the General Assembly agreed with the Governor's recommendation to eliminate direct state general revenue support for the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority (Channel 36) as of July 1, 2013. The Governor's revised budget continues to reflect this change.

Public Safety

Military Staff

The Governor's recommended FY 2015 Budget proposes to amend RIGL 30-15-5 to reassign executive duties of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) from the Adjutant General of the Military Staff to the Executive Director of RIEMA and to establish the RIEMA as a stand-alone agency. The result will retain the National Guard as a single program within the Military Staff.

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

As described above, the Governor's recommended FY 2015 Budget proposes to transfer executive duties associated with the RIEMA from the Military Staff to a separate, stand-alone agency. For purposes of presentation, historical expenditure information of the RIEMA will remain under the Military Staff agency in the budget documents. The proposed change will be effective July 1, 2014, pending approval by the General Assembly