

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# Budget



## Fiscal Year 2016

Executive Summary

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# **General Government**



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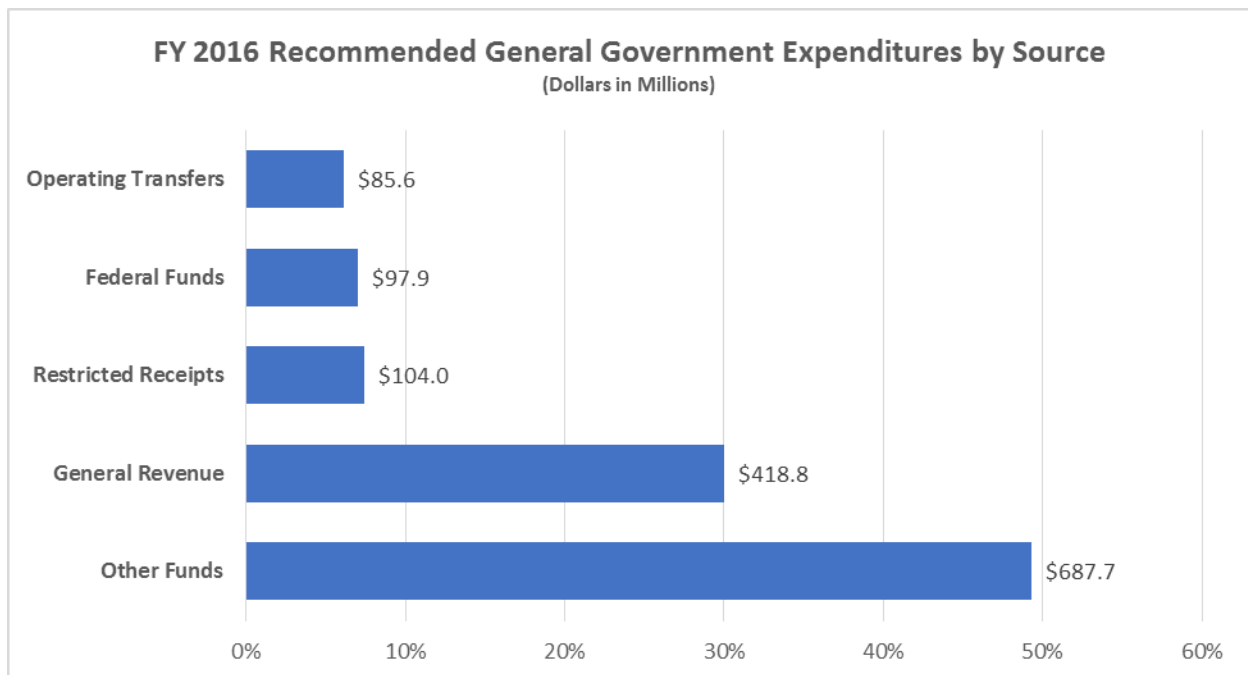
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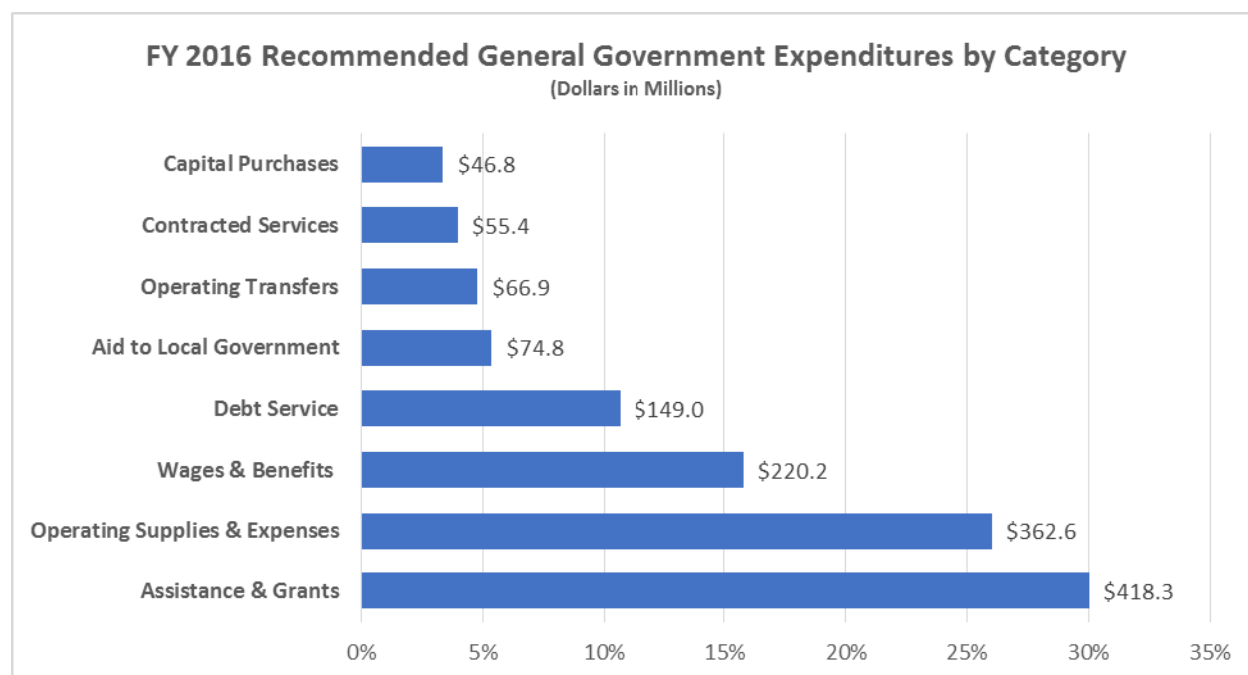
General Government includes agencies that provide general administrative services to all other state agencies, and those that perform state licensure and regulatory functions. It includes: most *elected officials*, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, General Treasurer, the Secretary of State and the Legislature; *administrative agencies*, including the Department of Administration, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Labor and Training, the Board of Elections and the Commission for Human Rights; and *regulatory agencies*, including the Department of Business Regulation and the Public Utilities Commission. New in FY 2015 as of February 1, 2015 is the Executive Office of Commerce, overseen by the Secretary of Commerce, to coordinate and administer an integrated system of economic development activities for the State.

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends expenditures of \$1.394 billion for General Government programs. The programs are financed with \$418.8 million of general revenue, \$97.9 million of federal funds, \$104.0 million of restricted receipts, and \$773.30 million of other funds. The FY 2016 recommendation for General Government agencies is \$119.5 million, or 7.9 percent, less than the FY 2015 enacted level across all fund sources. General revenue decreases by \$34.2 million, federal funds decline by \$4.2 million, restricted receipts are \$22.1 million less, other funds are \$79.0 million less, offset by increase of \$20.0 million in operating transfers.



Of the \$1.393 billion recommended for FY 2016, \$418.3 million is for assistance, grants and benefits, \$362.6 million is for operating, \$220.2 million is for personnel, \$74.8 million is for local aid, \$149.0 million is for debt service, \$46.8 million is for capital, and \$66.9 million is for operating transfers. In the Governor's FY 2016 Budget, the General Government function represents 16.2 percent of the total budget for Rhode Island.

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General revenue financing for General Government agencies in FY 2016 decreases by \$34.2 million, or 7.5 percent, from the FY 2015 enacted appropriations, in part attributable to debt restructuring in the Department of Administration based on favorable market opportunities and timing of interest and principal payments. Of the \$64.5 million in debt restructuring savings, \$44.0 million will be transferred to the new Executive Office of Commerce, also within the general government function, for a new Economic Development Initiatives Fund for various endeavors, further described herein, to revitalize Rhode Island's economy. Also from the debt restructuring is \$22.0 million for a new School Building Authority Capital Fund to provide resources to local education agencies as the moratorium on school construction reimbursements ends in time for FY 2016. Personnel and operating reforms proposed in the Governor's budget provide a combined general revenue savings of \$25.3 million in FY 2016. These declines are offset by addition of new positions in the Division of Taxation to implement new revenue enhancement initiatives of the Governor, including performance contracts for tax compliance and a taxation self-audit program. Personnel financing at the Division of Motor Vehicles is also increased to enable flexible scheduling of its workers and create career opportunities, with the ultimate goal of better service to registry users, including shortened wait times.

In FY 2016, federal funds recommended in General Government agencies decrease by \$4.2 million, or 4.1 percent from the FY 2015 enacted level. A shift of \$10.9 million from the Department of Administration to the Executive Office of Commerce redirects the efforts of the Housing and Community Development program towards economic revitalization. In the Department of Labor and Training, a reduction \$4.1 million in federal financing is attributable to adjustments to federal awards which had provided either one-time or initiative financing for disability employment and workforce innovation. Federal financing for this office is \$34.2 million in the Governor's recommendation.

Recommended FY 2016 restricted receipt expenditure decreases by \$22.1 million, or by 17.5 percent from the FY 2015 enacted level, including decreases of \$18.4 million for the Department of Labor and Training, \$6.6 million less for Administration, and \$819,087 less for Treasury, offset by increase of \$2.8 million for the Executive Office of Commerce. The decline for Labor and Training reflects pay-off of a federal loan in FY 2015, which the Department had utilized to finance the Job Development fund in that

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year. The decrease in restricted receipts in Administration reflects projected financing levels in the IT Investment Fund, based on expected collections from sale of state land and other resources available to the fund. In Treasury, the decrease in restricted receipts corresponds to changes in claim payouts and liability holdbacks, which is adjusted each year as part of the annual calculation for the transfer of revenues to the general fund surplus.

Other funds recommended in FY 2016 decline by a total of \$59.0 million or 7.1 percent, to a total of \$773.3 million, from the FY 2015 enacted level of \$832.2 million. This change includes a decrease of \$43.7 million for the Department of Labor and Training due to expected levels of financing from the federal government for the Unemployment Insurance program due to the end of federal stimulus funds for extended benefits. In the Department of Revenue, a decrease of \$38.5 million reflects expected terminal and table game revenue, as determined by the November, 2014 Revenue Estimating Conference results. In the Department of Administration, other funds increase by \$23.0 million, due to adjustments to Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing for various projects under its purview.

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## *Department of Administration*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends revised FY 2015 appropriations of \$457.7 million for the Department of Administration. This includes \$250.4 million in general revenue, \$89.3 million in federal funds, \$32.0 million in restricted receipts, \$77.9 million in operating transfers from other funds (including \$27.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund), and \$8.2 million in other funds. Relative to the enacted FY 2015 Budget, the general revenue recommendation is \$18.5 million less, or 6.9 percent. The revised FY 2015 recommendation includes a redistribution of the \$8.3 million statewide medical benefit savings (\$3.4 million in general revenue) to departments, which was consolidated in the Department's enacted budget. The revised recommendation includes \$197,714 in additional statewide medical savings.

The \$18.5 million decrease in general revenue for FY 2015 is mainly attributable to debt service savings of \$25.0 million. These savings are a result of the change in timing the enacted FY 2015 Budget had assumed for issuance of general obligation bonds and certificates of participation (COPS). The resulting scheduled interest and principal payments for new issuances will not occur until FY 2016. The debt service savings are offset mostly by three (3) items. First, Governor Chafee re-appropriated \$1.6 million in August 2014 for unspent general revenue balances in the Department's budget from FY 2014 to FY 2015. This included \$615,901 for I-195 Redevelopment District Commission operations, \$527,000 for the Office of Regulatory Reform's e-permitting project, \$223,218 in housing rental subsidies, and \$280,000 to complete a statewide classification and compensation personnel study. The recommendation includes an additional \$220,000 coupled with the \$280,000 re-appropriation for total resources of \$500,000 to complete the personnel study. Second, utility costs increased by \$2.0 million (\$1.6 million in general revenue) mainly as a result of the Public Utilities Commission approving an electric rate increase for National Grid beginning in January 2015. Finally, the redistribution of the \$8.3 million statewide medical benefit savings (\$3.4 million in general revenue) to other departments' budgets increased the Department's revised budget.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends appropriations of \$339.1 million, which includes \$173.9 million in general revenue, \$43.3 million in federal funds, \$29.8 million in restricted receipts, \$83.4 million in operating transfers from other funds (\$33.4 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund), and \$8.6 million in other funds. Relative to the enacted FY 2015 Budget, the recommendation is \$86.7 million less in all funds (20.4 percent) and \$94.9 million less in general revenue (35.3 percent).

The Governor recommends \$149.1 million in debt service payments for FY 2016, which includes \$98.0 million in general revenue. The recommendation is \$70.2 million less than the enacted FY 2015 Budget. This is a result of two (2) items below:

<b>Statewide Debt Restructuring</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Debt Service</i>	(\$64,458,000)	(\$64,458,000)	0.0
The Governor recommends restructuring the state's GO bond debt, while ensuring a positive net present value, to achieve savings in FY 2016 that can be redirected to economic development.			

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<b>Debt Service Savings</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Debt Service</i>	(\$5,639,855)	(\$5,721,323)	0.0
The Governor recommends debt service savings as a result from lower than anticipated issuances and a change in the assumed timing of interest and principal payments.			

The Governor's FY 2016 recommendation includes two (2) statewide items consolidated into the Department's budget. These initiatives total \$25.3 million in savings:

<b>Personnel and Operational Reforms</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Flexible Personnel Rules Reduction</i>	(\$22,000,000)	(\$22,000,000)	0.0
The Governor's recommended budget includes legislative proposals to provide state government with greater flexibility in hiring and managing personnel. The Department of Administration also expects to negotiate with representatives of state employees to achieve costs savings in personnel costs and address structural challenges facing the state.			

<b>Personnel and Operational Reforms</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Contract/Operating Reforms</i>	(\$3,325,000)	(\$3,325,000)	0.0
The Division of Purchases, with support of the Bureau of Audits and contracted service providers, will survey existing state contracts to recoup costs -- particularly in the areas of commodities and deliverable-based contracts (\$2,000,000).			
The Office of Energy Resources will establish a competitive procurement program for the state's electricity supply. OER expects additional savings may be attained through energy efficiency efforts (\$1,000,000).			
The Division of Information Technology will conduct a review of state printing to reduce the number of office printers and to encourage the use of managed printing services when practical (\$125,000).			
The Division of Information Technology will conduct a review of office phone services to identify unused and underused telephone lines. The review will also survey office teleconferencing and videoconferencing capabilities to encourage remote-access meetings instead of offsite meetings that require travel and mileage reimbursement (\$100,000).			
The Governor's budget proposes eliminating public notice requirements for print media and to develop an online portal for public notices to promote transparency and to reach a broader audience (\$100,000).			

Per RIGL 42-64.19, the Governor recommends funding for the new Executive Office of Commerce. As a result, several functions from the Department are transferred to the new agency. The corresponding decrease in funding for the Department is \$8.8 million in general revenue and \$22.9 million in all funds.

<b>Transfer Functions to Executive Office of Commerce</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel and Operating</i>	(\$8,812,437)	(\$22,896,240)	(13.6)
The Governor's recommendation includes transferring the functions of Housing and Community Development (Division of Planning), the Rhode Island Television and Film Office, and other items from the			



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General program. This includes appropriations made to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission.

The Governor recommends the following statewide re-organization for FY 2016:

<b>Consolidate Statewide Capital Project Oversight</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel</i>	\$1,284,109	\$1,829,897	2.0
The Governor's budget recommends consolidating construction, property, and asset management functions in numerous departments to within the Department of Administration. The consolidation supports the Department's efforts to provide greater oversight of capital projects, as well as to develop a more strategic approach to project planning and management, as well as asset management. The recommendation includes the transfer of personnel costs from other departments and additional funding for administrative support of capital project oversight.			

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends the following increase within the Division of Facilities Maintenance:

<b>Increased Utility and Building Maintenance Costs</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Utilities and Operating</i>	\$2,169,835	\$2,719,980	0.0
The Governor's recommendation includes anticipated increased utility and operating costs for the Division of Facilities Management. The Public Utilities Commission approved an electric rate increase for National Grid beginning in January 2015. The recommendation reflects these anticipated increased costs along with additional funding to support building maintenance costs.			

The Governor recommends the following non-general revenue items within the Department:

<b>Information Technology Investment Fund</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Capital</i>	\$0	\$4,387,213	0.0
The Governor's recommendation includes anticipated increased spending from the Information Technology Investment Fund. The funding for expenditures is anticipated to be from the sale of the previous Training School Property in Cranston. Beginning in FY 2016, the fund will receive approximately \$1.5 million in revenue generated from E-911 fees collected by the Division of Taxation.			

<b>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Grants</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Assistance and Grants</i>	\$0	\$4,700,000	0.0
The Governor's recommendation includes new Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) grants managed by the Office of Energy Resources in FY 2016. The increase in grant spending is from proceeds received in 2014 to support approved plans.			

<b>HealthSource RI (Health Benefits Exchange)</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel and Operating</i>	\$0	\$7,493,398	7.0

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The Governor's recommendation includes \$6.2 million in a new restricted revenue stream to finance operations of HealthSource RI (HSRI). The remaining balance of \$24.7 million in federal funding is for DDI costs (Design, Development, and Implementation). The recommendation includes transferring 6.0 unclassified FTE positions from the Governor's Office to the program within the Department. It also includes 1.0 new FTE position to be supported by the federal SIM grant (State Innovation Models Initiative).

The Governor recommends an FTE position authorization of 710.7 positions in both FY 2015 and FY 2016, which is consistent with the enacted FY 2015 authorization. The FY 2016 recommendation transfers out 14.6 FTE positions to other departments, transfers in 6.0 FTE positions, and creates 9.0 new FTE positions. The Governor recommends a FTE position reconciliation of (9.4) to keep the Department at the enacted FY 2015 authorization.

### *Department of Business Regulation*

#### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends revised FY 2015 appropriations totaling \$13.8 million for the Department of Business Regulation, including \$8.8 million from general revenue, \$2.5 million from federal funds, and \$2.5 million from restricted receipts. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$31,134 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of Business Regulation.

The Governor's FY 2015 recommendation represents an increase of \$840,915 from the FY 2015 enacted budget, attributable to a \$210,824 reduction in general revenue funds, an increase of \$447,678 in federal funds, and an increase of \$604,061 in restricted receipts. The Governor recommends additional turnover for 8.0 vacant FTE positions through the end of FY 2015 and \$28,341 in additional statewide medical benefit savings, which comprises the bulk of general revenue savings for the Department. The increases in federal funds and restricted receipt expenditures is due to increases in the Rate Review II and III federal grants and the Insurance Company Assessment for Actuary Costs restricted receipt account.

#### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

The Governor recommends FY 2016 appropriations totaling \$14.7 million for the Department of Business Regulation, including \$9.3 million in general revenue, \$2.8 million in federal funds, and \$2.6 million in restricted receipts. The FY 2016 budget represents a net increase of \$1.8 million from the FY 2015 enacted budget, which is composed of a \$331,535 increase in general revenue, a \$773,410 increase in federal funds, and a \$647,654 increase in restricted receipts. As with the Governor's FY 2015 recommendation, it is recommended to keep the above mentioned 8.0 FTE positions vacant for FY 2016, which assists in limiting the general revenue increase in FY 2016. The Governor also recommends increases of federal funds in the Rate Review grants II and III and the State Innovations Model Initiative (SIM) grant. Financing in the SIM grant will support a new 1.0 FTE position that will have primary oversight for the adoption of value based paradigm payment models among commercial payers under the auspices of the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. The Rhode Island SIM Model Test is a project shared by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health, HealthSource RI, the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, and the Department of Business Regulation.

The Governor recommends an FTE position authorization of 98.0 in FY 2015, an increase of 4.0 from the

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enacted FY 2015 authorization of 94.0 to accommodate 3.0 new positions financed by the Rate Review Cycle III federal grant and 1.0 from the State Innovations Model Initiative grant. In FY 2016, the Governor recommends an FTE position authorization of 99.0, an increase of 5.0 from the enacted FY 2015 authorization to accommodate the federally funded positions and the transfer of a Business Ombudsman position from the Office of Management and Budget in the Department of Administration to the Central Management program in the Department of Business Regulation.

### ***Department of Labor and Training***

#### ***FY 2015 Revised Budget***

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 budget of \$487.6 million for the Department of Labor and Training, including \$9.0 million in general revenue; \$51.5 million in federal funds, \$51.4 million in restricted receipts; \$750,000 in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing; and \$374.9 million in other funds. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$14,936 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of Labor and Training.

General revenue increases a total of \$344,834 from the FY 2015 enacted level of \$8.7 million and includes a re-appropriation of \$454,010 within the Job Training Partnership Act and other training programs sub-program. The funding was appropriated in FY 2014 for the Work Immersion, Non-Trade Apprenticeship, and Back-to-Work RI programs. Most of the funding had been obligated but not spent as of June 30, 2014. The revised budget also includes an additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$11,254.

#### ***FY 2016 Recommended Budget***

The Governor recommends FY 2016 appropriations of \$445.2 million for the Department of Labor and Training, including \$8.4 million in general revenue; \$38.2 million in federal funds, \$23.1 million in restricted receipts; \$1.5 million in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing; \$190.1 million in Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI); and \$184.4 in Unemployment Insurance. Relative to the FY 2015 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$244,334, or 2.8 percent. The reduction from the FY 2015 recommend relates to the re-appropriation given in the Job Training Partnership Act and other training programs sub-program which is not carried over into FY 2016. The recommendation also includes an additional \$1.6 million in the Job Development Fund restricted receipt account to fund the continued development of the Department of Labor & Training's new Unemployment Insurance benefit payment system and the Department of Revenue's new UI employer tax system.

The Governor recommends 410.0 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 budgets, the same as in the enacted authorization.

### ***Department of Revenue***

#### ***FY 2015 Revised Budget***

The Governor recommends revised FY 2015 appropriations of \$446.1 million for the Department of Revenue. This includes \$107.3 million in general revenue, \$4.7 million in federal funds, \$2.3 million in restricted receipts, \$542,377 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (operating transfers from other funds),

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and \$331.2 million in other funds (of which \$330.3 million is Lottery Funds). Relative to the enacted FY 2015 Budget, the general revenue recommendation is \$494,017 less, or 0.5 percent. The revised FY 2015 general revenue recommendation also includes additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$155,245.

The \$494,107 decrease in general revenue is a result of turnover savings with the Division of Taxation and the Division of Municipal Finance. It also includes operating maintenance cost savings with the Division of Motor Vehicles for the new DMV RIMS (Rhode Island Motor Vehicle System) IT project, which has not yet been launched. These costs were included in the enacted FY 2015 Budget. Some of these savings are re-programmed for capital upgrades necessary to ensure the legacy system continues operating as a bridge to the new system.

The savings described are offset by several increases in the Department's budget. First, Governor Chafee re-appropriated \$166,266 in August 2014 for an unspent balance in the Municipal Incentive State Aid program from FY 2014 to FY 2015. This unspent balance was an allocation for the Town of Coventry, which did not meet the eligibility requirements to receive the funding in FY 2014. Second, the revised recommendation restores turnover savings included by the General Assembly in the enacted FY 2015 Budget for the Division of Motor Vehicles. This restoration is required to keep personnel staffing at levels required in order to mitigate a negative impact of customer wait times. Finally, the Division of Municipal Finance requires outside legal counsel costs for the Central Coventry Fire District receivership, which were not included in the enacted FY 2015 Budget.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends appropriations of \$415.2 million, which includes \$105.2 million in general revenue, \$1.3 million in federal funds, \$3.9 million in restricted receipts, and \$304.8 million in other funds (of which \$303.9 million is Lottery Funds). Relative to the enacted FY 2015 Budget, the recommendation is \$45.0 million less in all funds (9.8 percent) and \$2.6 million less in general revenue (2.4 percent).

The decrease of \$2.6 million in general revenue is mostly attributable to a one-time \$5.0 million increase in the enacted FY 2015 Budget for the PILOT State Aid program. This decrease in FY 2016 is offset by the following initiatives:

<b>New DMV Part-time Customer Service Positions and Improved DMV Career Hierarchy</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel – 6.5 New FTE Positions (12.0 Part-time)</i>	\$304,560	\$304,560	6.5
The Governor recommends 12.0 new part-time Customer Service Representative I positions (6.5 FTE positions) for the Division of Motor Vehicles to assist in covering the busiest times at DMV branches. This would enable flexible scheduling to avoid wait times from increasing for customers. The Division is utilizing existing staff with the implementation of the DMV RIMS IT project. The proposal also includes adding a classification to the existing DMV Customer Service Representative hierarchy, and updating the scope of duties and authority for supervisor positions. This initiative is designed to give entry-level personnel a better defined career track.			

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<b>Analytical Support for New Revenue Initiatives</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel – 3.0 New FTE Positions</i>	\$268,001	\$268,001	3.0
The Governor recommends 3.0 new FTE positions for the Division of Taxation to provide analytical and operational support for two (2) new revenue initiatives beginning in FY 2016. These two new initiatives include performance contracts for tax compliance and a taxation self-audit program. The new FTE positions include 1.0 Principal Revenue Agent and 2.0 Revenue Agent I positions in the Assessment and Compliance sub-program of the Division.			

It should be noted that the Governor proposes delaying the license plate re-issuance requirement of the Division of Motor Vehicles from FY 2015 to FY 2016. The recommendation is made with the understanding that costs for the re-issuance project are higher than originally anticipated. These costs were originally estimated to be \$2,639,389 in FY 2016 with revenues collected of \$2,561,952.

The Governor recommends an FTE position authorization of 505.0 positions in FY 2015, which is consistent with the enacted FY 2015 authorization. The FY 2016 recommendation includes 9.5 new FTE positions for a total authorization of 514.5 positions. This includes 6.5 FTE positions for 12.0 part-time DMV Customer Service Representatives and 3.0 FTE positions to carry-out and provide analytical support for new revenue initiatives in the Division of Taxation.

### *Executive Office of Commerce*

#### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends revised FY 2015 appropriations of \$335,644 in general revenue to support the newly established Executive Office of Commerce. The recommendation supports personnel and operating costs for the Secretary of Commerce and central management staff.

#### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends appropriations of \$76.3 million, which includes \$62.2 million in general revenue, \$11.0 million in federal funds, \$2.8 million in restricted receipts, and \$300,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. The Governor's recommendation includes \$44.5 million in general revenue for a new Economic Development Initiatives Fund, which is financed through the restructuring of the State's debt in FY 2016.\* This fund will be utilized for economic development initiatives and programs, which are identified below.

<b>Small Business Assistance Program</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$5,220,699	\$5,220,699	0.0
The Governor recommends \$5.2 million in FY 2016 for the Small Business Assistance Program. This program will help expand access to capital for small and growing businesses to thrive and expand in Rhode Island. Unlike neighboring states, Rhode Island lacks a state-backed small business loan fund.			

\* The availability of these funds depends on the appropriation of this amount for appropriate economic development purposes. If the funds are not appropriated for appropriate economic development purposes, then the restructuring action will not be completed. Due to changing market conditions, the precise amount that will be yielded from the debt restructuring will not be known until the transaction is executed. Accordingly, these amounts may have to be adjusted depending upon how much the restructuring transaction ultimately yields.

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<b>Anchor Institution Tax Credits</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$1.8 million in FY 2016 for the Anchor Institution Tax Credits program. This program will incentivize the State's large and most innovative businesses —the anchors of our economy—to attract their suppliers, affiliates, and customer companies here to Rhode Island. These employers will benefit, for example, from having their suppliers close by, and the state will gain new businesses and jobs.			

<b>Innovation Initiative</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$500,000 in FY 2016 for the Innovation Initiative. This initiative provides funds to organizations, including non-profits, for-profits, and universities, that offer technical assistance, space, and access to capital to companies in industries such as advanced manufacturing, technology, life science, maritime, and other sectors as identified by the RI Commerce Corporation.			

<b>Cluster Grants</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$750,000 in FY 2016 for a Cluster Grants program. This program will catalyze stronger partnerships among companies in key industry clusters. This program will foster new clusters where they do not yet exist and strengthen clusters where they do, using Rhode Island's size to maximum advantage and equipping key sectors to grow.			

<b>I-195 Development Fund</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$25.0 million in FY 2016 for an I-195 Development Fund. This fund will catalyze major real estate developments in the I-195 District that will bring large numbers of jobs and opportunities to Rhode Island. These funds shall not be used for a stadium or a sports-type complex.			

<b>Affordable Housing Fund</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$3.0 million in FY 2016 for an Affordable Housing Fund. Through Rhode Island Housing, this fund will finance the production and preservation of affordable housing.			

<b>Main Street RI Streetscape Improvements</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$1.0 million in FY 2016 for the Main Street RI Streetscape Improvements program. This program provides funds to upgrade streetscapes in local business districts, including such elements as lighting, street furniture, and medians. These improvements will help to create an environment more hospitable to business and will help to attract customers to the commercial corridors of our cities and			

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<b>Infrastructure Bank</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$2.0 million in FY 2016 for an Infrastructure Bank program. This program will combine energy-related programs from across State government and create an accessible set of resources for businesses and residents seeking green solutions and savings. Access to finance will help Rhode Island create jobs, reduce energy costs, and conserve energy by becoming a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy development. This appropriation will be combined with \$5.0 million from reprogrammed ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds and RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) funds will provide a total of \$7.0 million.			

<b>First Wave Closing Fund</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Financed by Economic Development Initiatives Fund *</i>	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	0.0
The Governor recommends \$5.0 million in FY 2016 for a First Wave Closing Fund. This will provide the flexibility to make critical investments, resolve make-or-break issues, and close big deals that bring good jobs to Rhode Island.			

In addition to these programs, the Governor recommends an additional \$4.0 million in general revenue to support operations at the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

<b>Increased Funding for Operations at the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel and Operating</i>	\$3,950,000	\$3,950,000	0.0
The Governor recommends an additional \$4.0 million in general revenue for operations at the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. This includes funding for additional personnel to concentrate on small business assistance, larger transaction work, concierge services for businesses, and the coordination of tourism activities. This funding will also support operations of new initiatives from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund and new Executive Office of Commerce programs at the Corporation.			

The Governor recommends \$3.6 million in general revenue and transferring \$6.4 million in hotel tax revenue to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation to support new initiatives of the Executive Office of Commerce. These programs are identified below. It should be noted that the funding for each program identified below is financed through a combination of an additional \$3.6 million appropriation and new \$6.4 million hotel tax revenue stream to the Corporation. The dollar amount figures are not specific appropriations made to the Corporation.

<b>Tourism Marketing Campaign</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	0.0
Enhanced Tourism Program – this enhanced program will promote Rhode Island as a vacation and leisure destination across the region and country. The program will devise a compelling brand for the state and deploy resources across diverse media. The program aims to turn heads, change minds, and drive decisions.			

\* The availability of these funds depends on the appropriation of this amount for appropriate economic development purposes. If the funds are not appropriated for appropriate economic development purposes, then the restructuring action will not be completed. Due to changing market conditions, the precise amount that will be yielded from the debt restructuring will not be known until the transaction is executed. Accordingly, these amounts may have to be adjusted depending upon how much the restructuring transaction ultimately yields.

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<b>Business Marketing Campaign</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.0
Business Marketing Campaign – in partnership with chambers of commerce and local businesses, to promote Rhode Island at conventions across the country, in conversations among chief executives, and on the roadways and airwaves. The campaign will build on the commitment of businesses to leverage private dollars and to put Rhode Island back on the map for investment and growth.			

<b>Innovation: Increase SBIR State Match</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.0
This match to the Innovation Fund will combine public and private dollars to invest in promising companies in such areas as advanced industries, technology, and other strategically important sectors.			

<b>Innovation: Innovation Vouchers</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.0
For small and midsize businesses, a competitive program that allows businesses to earn \$5,000 to \$50,000 vouchers for research, technology, and engineering assistance from colleges, universities, and other institutions. Not only will this R & D program enable advanced-industry businesses to innovate, but also it will connect them more closely with the world-class research institutions in Rhode Island, establishing an ecosystem of mutual support and progress.			

<b>Workforce: Employer/CCRI/High School Partnerships</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$900,000	\$900,000	0.0
The State must have a more coordinated method of connecting high schools, community colleges, and businesses to forge clear pathways to good careers. The P-TECH program, recently introduced at several high schools in Connecticut and New York, moves cohorts of entering freshman through 5 to 6 years of curriculum and mentorship designed in collaboration with IBM, with an associate’s degree and good job waiting at the end. For Rhode Island’s large employers, and clusters of employers, these partnerships mean reliable pipelines of talented, trained workers; for our young people, the program means opportunity.			

<b>Workforce: Wavemaker Student Loan Forgiveness</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	0.0
Each year the competitive “Wavemaker Fellowship” will offer four years debt free for over100 graduates pursuing careers and starting businesses in technology, engineering, design, and other key sectors. The program will reserve two-thirds of the spots for Rhode Islanders and will also aim to attract Wavemakers from across the country, further fueling our economy.			

<b>Building and Fire Permit Initiatives</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$250,000	\$250,000	0.0
This program will enhance the efficiency of building permit and fire inspection processes for State-supported projects.			



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<b>Economic Empowerment Center</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Executive Office of Commerce Program</i>	\$300,000	\$300,000	0.0
This program will help economically impacted, unemployed, underemployed, and low-income families build household wealth and achieve self-sufficiency.			

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends transferring functions of the Department of Administration to the Executive Office of Commerce per Rhode Island General Law 61.19.

<b>Transfer Functions from Department of Administration</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel and Operating</i>	\$8,812,437	\$22,896,240	13.6
The Governor's recommendation includes transferring the functions of Housing and Community Development (Division of Planning), the Rhode Island Television and Film Office, and other items from the General program in the Department of Administration to the newly established Executive Office of Commerce. This includes appropriations made to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission.			

The Governor recommends an FTE position authorization of 5.0 positions in FY 2015 and 18.6 positions in FY 2016. The FY 2016 recommendation includes the transfer of 13.6 positions from the Department of Administration.

It should be noted that the Governor is also introducing legislation for economic development that will not have a budgetary impact until FY 2017. The legislation includes a package of real estate tax credits that will make investing in construction and development in Rhode Island a compelling proposition. The legislation encourages construction of job-producing projects, with a special emphasis on investment near transit hubs and in historic structures throughout our state.

### *Legislature*

#### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor's revised FY 2015 Budget for the Legislature totals \$40.9 million, including \$39.2 million in general revenue and \$1.5 million in restricted receipts. The general revenue recommendation includes the FY 2015 enacted amount of \$36.4 million, plus \$3.1 million of the total \$4.3 million in reappropriated funds from FY 2014 with the balance of \$1.1 million reverting to the general fund surplus. Restricted receipts for audits of federal programs in FY 2015 decrease by \$71,761 from the FY 2015 enacted amount of \$1.6 million to a total of \$1.5 million. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$333,641 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Legislature. The Governor's recommendation is otherwise the same as the Legislature's FY 2015 Revised request.

<b>FY 2015 Legislature</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel Financing – Except General Assembly</i>	\$917,084	\$834,056	n/a
Increase to accommodate the 2.0 percent cost of living adjustment effective October, 2014 offset by a			

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decrease of \$83,028 in restricted receipts personnel financing.			
<i>Personnel Financing – General Assembly</i>	\$34,372	\$34,372	n/a
Personnel financing for the 113 legislators increases for health benefit and accrual adjustments.			
<i>Consultant Financing</i>	\$130,500	\$130,500	n/a
Increase for IT programming and special legal counsel.			
<i>Operating Financing</i>	\$1,163,291	\$1,168,558	n/a
Increase to a total of \$3.9 million for computer and equipment maintenance of recent IT improvements to legislative data and voting systems. .			
<i>Grant Financing</i>	\$141,330	\$141,330	n/a
Carry-over legislative grant financing from FY 2014.			
<i>Capital Financing</i>	\$586,674	\$586,674	n/a
Increase for computer equipment as part of modernization of the legislative process including initiatives to enhance efficiency and transparency.			

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends \$41.2 million, comprised of \$39.5 million in general revenue and \$1.7 million in restricted receipts. The recommendation is an increase of \$3.0 million from the FY 2015 enacted amount for general revenue, and an increase of \$165,555 in restricted receipts. The Governor's recommendation for FY 2016 is the same as the Legislature's budget request.

<b>FY 2016 Legislature</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel Financing – Except General Assembly</i>	\$2,762,152	\$2,836,136	n/a
Personnel financing increases in FY 2016 from the FY 2015 enacted level for the annualization of the FY 2014, 2015 and 2016 cost of living increases for the Legislature's 298.5 FTE positions. Associated benefit increases and adjustments to the rates for retirement and retiree health also contribute to the year over year increase.			
<i>Adjustment to Legislator Salaries</i>	\$202,123	\$202,123	n/a
Per the Rhode Island Constitution, the Legislators' rate of compensation is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the cost of living, as determined by the United States government during the twelve (12) month period ending in the preceding year. This increase is determined by the Legislature to be 2.5 percent, contributing \$52,325 to the year over year increase. Associated benefit adjustments and voluntary changes to Legislator contributions for the health care co-share comprise the remaining increase in FY 2016 for the 113 Legislators and the pages, door-keepers and clerks that serve them.			
<i>Operating Financing</i>	\$99,275	\$111,435	n/a
Increase to a total of \$2.9 million for computer and equipment maintenance of recent IT improvements to			

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legislative data and voting systems.

## *Office of the Lieutenant Governor*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 budget of \$1.1 million for Office of the Lieutenant Governor, including \$1.0 million in general revenue, \$40,134 in federal funds, and \$17,500 in restricted receipts. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$3,662 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

General revenue decreases a total of \$7,876 from the FY 2015 enacted level of \$1.0 million. The decrease includes an additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$2,930.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

The Governor recommends FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.3 million for Office of the Lieutenant Governor, including \$1.2 million in general revenue and \$65,000 in federal funds. Relative to the FY 2015 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$212,537, or 21.1 percent, and reflects full year salaries and benefits for the new administration. Also included is \$100,000 for a municipal incentive grants program to be administered by the Lt. Governor. This program will provide an incentive to municipal leaders to collaborate on creative ways to deliver services more efficiently and build partnerships that are likely to reduce redundancies and the unnecessary spending of taxpayer dollars. The program would provide assistance to local jurisdictions in the development of regional projects, from their conception through implementation.

The Governor recommends 8.0 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 budgets, the same as in the enacted authorization.

## *Secretary of State*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 budget of \$8.8 million for the Secretary of State, including \$7.3 million in general revenue; \$34,123 in federal funds, \$541,262 in restricted receipts; \$63,754 in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing; and \$874,022 in other funds. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$20,400 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Secretary of State.

General revenue decreases a total of \$41,196 from the FY 2015 enacted level of \$7.3 million and includes an additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$19,598. The FY 2015 enacted budget included \$500,000 in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing for the restoration and other work associated with the encasement of the Rhode Island Charter. The recommend includes shifting \$436,246 of the funding to FY 2016 for the completion of the project.

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## *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

The Governor recommends a FY 2016 budget of \$8.8 million for the Secretary of State, including \$6.9 million in general revenue; \$599,108 in restricted receipts; \$436,246 in Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing; and \$813,687 in other funds. Relative to the FY 2015 enacted levels recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$400,673, or 0.05 percent. This reflects state elections held in FY 2015 and not in FY 2016.

The Governor recommends 57.0 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 budgets, the same as in the enacted authorization.

## *Office of the General Treasurer*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 Budget of \$35.7 million for the Office of the General Treasurer, including \$2.4 million in general revenue, \$902,766 in federal funds, \$32.1 million in restricted receipts, and \$218,994 in other funds. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$12,033 of general revenue savings being allocated to the General Treasurer. The Revised Budget for all funds is an increase of \$424,284 from the enacted level.

<b>FY 2015 General Treasury</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Transitional Staff Financing</i>	(\$60,638)	(\$331,705)	n/a
The Governor provides financing for part-year transitional staff of the new administration including re-base of salaries for new unclassified employees to lower steps and adjusting turnover for departing unclassified employees. Other adjustments include reduced offsets to the Retirement program from other units within Treasury and department-wide constrained hiring for the first half of the fiscal year.			
<b>FY 2015 Retirement Program</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Contracted Legal Services for pension reform challenges</i>	\$0	\$880,000	0.0
The Governor adds additional financing for outside legal services, if required, for defense of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island program against pension reform challenges. Total amount provided in FY 2015 is \$1.0 million.			
<b>FY 2015 Retirement Program</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>'Ariel' System Implementation, Phase out of 'Anchor'</i>	\$0	\$625,995	0.0
The Governor provides an additional \$625,995 for a total of \$2.4 million for the annual installment for the new pension administration system called Ariel, to replace the out-dated Anchor System. Underlying financing in the amount of \$600,000 remains for the Anchor System, as a period of dual system operation during the implementation phase is expected.			

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<b>FY 2015 Unclaimed Property</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>FY 2015 Transfer to the General Fund Surplus</i>	\$0	\$465,042	0.0
The Governor adjusts claim payouts, the annual change in holdback liability, and the FY 2015 transfer to the general fund surplus to reflect the November, 2014 Revenue Estimating Conference results. Total to be transferred is \$10.7 million, contingent on volume of unclaimed property remittances and claim payouts during the year.			

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends total expenditures of \$34.4 million for the Office of the General Treasurer, comprised of \$2.4 million in general revenue, \$891,955 in federal funds, \$30.9 million in restricted receipts and \$218,818 in other funds. The FY 2016 budget recommendation is \$811,115 less than the FY 2015 enacted budget, including \$11,855 less in general revenue, \$21,617 more in federal funds, and \$819,087 less in restricted receipts.

<b>FY 2016 All Divisions</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Personnel Financing</i>	\$3,495	\$445,982	n/a
The Governor provides full year financing for personnel for all divisions of the Treasury in FY 2016, totaling \$9.0 million, which is \$445,982 more than the enacted, and \$754,803 more than the FY 2015 revised recommendation. The Treasury's full time equivalent authorization is 83.0 FTE positions.			
<b>FY 2016 Retirement Program</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>Contracted Legal Services for pension reform challenges</i>	\$0	\$877,000	0.0
The Governor adds additional financing for outside legal services, if required, for defense of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island program against pension reform challenges. Total amount provided in FY 2016 is \$1.0 million. A shorter or longer schedule for a court challenge could increase or decrease the additional requirement for outside legal services.			
<b>FY 2016 Retirement Program</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>'Ariel' System Implementation – Phase out of 'Anchor'</i>	\$0	\$227,654	0.0
The Governor provides an additional \$227,654 for a total of \$2.6 million for continuing implementation of the Ariel System. The continued phase-out of the Anchor system requires \$560,000 in FY 2016, which is also included in the Governor's recommendation.			
<b>FY 2016 Unclaimed Property</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>All Funds</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<i>FY 2016 Transfer to the General Fund Surplus</i>	\$0	(\$2,388,147)	0.0
The Governor adjusts claim payouts, the annual change in holdback liability, and the FY 2016 transfer to the general fund surplus to reflect the November, 2014 Revenue Estimating Conference results. Total to be transferred is \$8.1 million, contingent on volume of unclaimed property remittances and claim payouts during the year. The May 2015 Revenue Estimating Conference will likely adjust this recommendation.			

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## *Board of Elections*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 budget of \$4.7 million for the Board of Elections, funded solely with general revenue. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$5,001 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Board of Elections.

General revenue increases a total of \$511,072 from the FY 2015 enacted level of \$4.1 million and includes an increase of \$620,273 for the Public Matching Funds Program. Candidates for general office are eligible to receive matching funds based on the dollar amount of the private funds they have raised. The FY 2015 enacted budget for this program was \$2.0 million; however, matching funds expenditures for the November 2014 election totaled \$2,620,273. The adjustment also includes additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$5,049.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

The Governor recommends FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.9 million for the Board of Elections, funded solely with general revenue. Relative to the FY 2015 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$1.8 million, or 1.8 percent. The FY 2015 budget included funding related to holding elections in November 2014. This funding is not required in FY 2016.

The Governor recommends 11.0 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 budgets, the same as in the enacted authorization.

## *Rhode Island Ethics Commission*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 Budget for the Rhode Island Ethics Commission of \$1.6 million, composed entirely of general revenue. The revised budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$3,244 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Ethics Commission. The revised general revenue amount is \$40,922 more than the FY 2015 enacted level. The revised budget includes increases of \$24,238 for salaries and benefits, \$11,940 for operating costs, and \$8,000 for computer-related data storage equipment, which are partially offset by a decrease of \$6,500 for contract professional services.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends expenditures of \$1.6 million in general revenue. This amount is \$63,671 higher than the FY 2015 enacted budget and fully funds current services of the Commission. The \$63,671 general revenue change includes increases of \$60,074 for salaries and benefits and \$10,097 for operating expenses, and a decrease of \$6,500 for contract professional services. The increase in salary and benefit costs is associated with statewide cost-of-living adjustments and medical benefits inflation.

The Governor recommends the FY 2015 enacted staffing level of 12.0 FTE positions in the revised FY

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2015 and FY 2016 budgets.

## *Office of the Governor*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 Budget for the Office of the Governor of \$4.7 million, all in general revenue. The recommendation is an increase of \$128,165 from the FY 2015 Enacted Budget. The FY 2014 recommendation provides \$4.0 million for personnel, \$277,250 for operating, \$250,000 for the contingency fund, \$130,000 for transition expenses, as well as \$19,900 for capital equipment expenditures. The revised FY 2015 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$11,194 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Office of the Governor.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

The Governor recommends a FY 2016 Budget for the Office of the Governor of \$4.9 million, all in general revenue. The recommendation is an increase of \$375,905 from the FY 2015 Enacted Budget. The Governor's FY 2016 recommendation provides \$4.4 million for personnel, \$268,250 for operating, \$250,000 for the contingency fund, as well as \$19,900 for capital expenditures.

The Governor recommends 45.0 FTE positions in FY 2015 and FY 2016, which is the same as the enacted level for the Office.

## *Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights*

### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 Budget of \$1.5 million for the Commission for Human Rights, including \$1.2 million from general revenue and \$310,692 from federal funds. The revised FY 2015 Budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$5,984 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Commission. The recommended level is \$52,276 more than the FY 2015 enacted level and consists of \$28,680 more in general revenue and \$23,596 more in federal funds. The general revenue increase is attributable to cost of living adjustments and other planning value changes of \$33,496, offset partially for additional statewide medical benefit savings of \$5,336.

### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends total expenditures of \$1.5 million, including \$1.3 million from general revenue and \$295,836 from federal funds. Compared to the FY 2015 enacted level, the FY 2016 recommended expenditures are \$67,831 greater, reflecting \$59,091 more in general revenue and \$8,740 more in federal funds. The increase in general revenue is due primarily to a higher allocation of employee costs to state funds as a result of limited growth in the agency's federal fund sources from the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Governor recommends 14.5 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 Budgets, the same level authorized in the enacted FY 2015 Budget.

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### *Public Utilities Commission*

#### *FY 2015 Revised Budget*

The Governor recommends a revised FY 2015 Budget of \$8.4 million for the Public Utilities Commission. This revised level of funding consists of \$87,733 from federal funds and \$8.3 million from restricted receipts. The budget is \$29,000 less than the FY 2015 enacted budget, all in restricted receipts. All funds personnel expenditure of \$5.8 million increases by \$53,606. Contracted Professional Services expenditure of \$1.7 million decrease by \$49,438. Operating and Capital expenditure of \$966,763 decrease by \$33,168.

#### *FY 2016 Recommended Budget*

For FY 2016, the Governor recommends total expenditures of \$8.7 million, consisting of \$90,000 from federal funds and \$8.6 million from restricted receipts. The budget is \$224,799 greater than the FY 2015 enacted appropriations and reflects increases in federal funds of \$2,267 and restricted receipts of \$222,532. All funds personnel expenditure of \$6.0 million increases by \$278,638. Contracted Professional Services expenditure of \$1.7 million decreases by \$49,438. Operating and Capital expenditure of \$995,530 decreases by \$4,401.

The Governor recommends 50.0 FTE positions in the FY 2015 revised and FY 2016 budgets, the same as in the enacted authorization. Positions include commission members, accountants, auditors, public utilities analysts, consumer agents, engineering specialists, legal counsel, and administrative and information services support staff.



