
Agency Summary

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Agency Mission

To preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. Maintain a balance between conservation and development and between conflicting private and public interests that will provide the greatest long-term benefits. To protect and preserve valuable natural and cultural features such as historic sites, barrier beaches, coastal ponds, wetlands, and fishing grounds that are subject to development and misuse. To protect and promote public access to the shore and provide high quality recreational opportunities to all who come to the Rhode Island shore. Provide suitable waterfront sites for industries and businesses needing direct coastal access. To direct new development away from sensitive areas and into already developed areas. To establish a working partnership among the public and local, state, and federal governments.

Agency Description

Rhode Island law mandates the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) to preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. The council is administered by 16 appointed representatives from the public and state and local governments and is staffed by professional engineers, biologists, environmental scientists, and marine resource specialists. The public is given regular opportunities at public hearings to comment on the management of state coastal resources. The council carries out its permitting, enforcement and planning functions primarily through its management programs. Coastal Resources Management Plans are considered to be the environmental management “blueprint” for coastal zone management in the State and are drafted to meet federal mandates. Special Area Management Plans address specific issues associated with designated management areas. Municipal Harbor Management Plans address issues at the municipal level regarding the management of activities occurring in, or on, the waters of a town. The Coastal Resources Management Council is closely involved with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce in a series of initiatives to improve the management of the State’s coastal resources. In 1996, legislation authorized the CRMC as the lead agency (including permitting and planning activities) for dredging and aquaculture, as well as transferring certain freshwater wetlands and permitting responsibility from the Department of Environmental Management to the Council. The CRMC oversees the Coastal Habitat Restoration Program to include and is charged with developing a Marine Resources Development Plan and an Ocean Special Area Management plan. CRMC is also the lead agency on siting of off-shore windfarms, the first of which in the United States was built off the coast of New Shoreham.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 46-23 establishes the duties and functions of the council. Federally, 16 U.S.C. 1451 (Coastal Zone Management Act) establishes the authority to develop management programs.

Budget

Coastal Resources Management Council

	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	5,297,030	7,532,373	5,220,930	6,382,522	5,041,233
Total Expenditures	5,297,030	7,532,373	5,220,930	6,382,522	5,041,233
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	3,500,626	3,685,838	3,998,060	3,892,790	3,773,730
Contract Professional Services	165,332	1,986,807	209,660	505,770	216,770
Operating Supplies And Expenses	176,987	245,891	188,230	354,579	211,733
Assistance And Grants	1,335,510	1,524,386	318,980	861,268	321,000
Subtotal: Operating	5,178,455	7,442,922	4,714,930	5,614,407	4,523,233
Capital Purchases And Equipment	118,575	89,451	506,000	768,115	518,000
Subtotal: Other	118,575	89,451	506,000	768,115	518,000
Total Expenditures	5,297,030	7,532,373	5,220,930	6,382,522	5,041,233
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,470,459	2,650,012	2,883,195	2,870,443	2,740,539
Federal Funds	2,704,146	3,988,910	1,557,735	2,556,655	1,575,694
Restricted Receipts	101,300	265,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	21,125	628,451	530,000	705,424	475,000
Total Expenditures	5,297,030	7,532,373	5,220,930	6,382,522	5,041,233
FTE Authorization	29.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0

Performance Measures

Coastal Resources Management Council

Coastal Habitat Restoration

The Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) works to protect and restore coastal ecosystems of the state. This goal is accomplished through the Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. With a maximum annual funding allocation of \$225,000, the Trust Fund supports projects that primarily propose on-the-ground restoration work. To maximize impact in restoring ecosystems, CRMC strives to fund projects that demonstrate other sources of funding (leveraging), thereby increasing the number of sites and/or acres being restored in the state. The figures below represent the number of acres of coastal habitat restored. [Notes: The 2016 total represents 20 acres of physical habitat restored plus 2,000 acres of fish spawning habitat made accessible by opening 33 miles of river habitat. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Actual	2,048.00	600.00	32.00	0.00	

Timeliness of Administrative Application Processing

CRMC works to efficiently process applications for activities within its jurisdiction. The majority of these applications are categorized as administrative. In an effort to gauge its responsiveness to the public, CRMC tracks the average turnaround time from CRMC's receipt of an application to assent issuance. CRMC's target for administrative activity application review is two weeks to two months (14-60 days), depending on the type of application. The figures below represent the average processing time for administrative applications. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Actual	19.00	30.40	17.00	0.00	

Timeliness of Formal Application Processing

Formal applications are those subject to judicial or open meeting legal processes (e.g., formal comment periods, hearing schedules, contested cases, etc.) that impact CRMC's ability to control the review period for this subset of applications. CRMC's standard for formal activity application review times is ninety days to six months (90-180 days), and includes those activities for which a 30-day public comment period is required. The figures below represent the average processing time for formal applications. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
Actual	122.00	334.00	125.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00324A	1.0	68,525	1.0	68,863
APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	00320A	1.0	52,595	1.0	53,513
CHIEF RESOURCE SPECIALIST	00131A	1.0	89,865	1.0	90,302
COASTAL GEOLOGIST	00326A	1.0	74,295	1.0	74,651
COASTAL POLICY ANALYST	00132A	2.0	159,228	2.0	160,019
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	1.0	49,967	1.0	50,216
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	00310A	1.0	38,033	1.0	38,222
DEPUTY DIRECTOR- COASTAL RESOURCES MGMT COUNCIL (CRMC)	00140A	1.0	127,837	1.0	128,452
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN IV (NATURAL RESOURCES)	00327A	1.0	76,963	1.0	77,342
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	1.0	71,236	1.0	71,591
MARINE RESOURCES SPECIALIST	00327A	1.0	72,310	1.0	72,657
OFFICE MANAGER	00323A	1.0	67,802	1.0	68,129
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00332A	1.0	90,882	1.0	91,320
PRINCIPAL OCEAN ENGINEER	00133A	2.0	142,662	2.0	143,372
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER (COASTAL RESOURCES)	00331A	1.0	73,795	1.0	74,162
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00330A	5.0	411,538	5.0	413,526
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	1.0	39,744	1.0	39,942
SUPERVISING CIVIL ENGINEER (WATER RESOURCES)	00335A	1.0	102,316	1.0	102,816
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00334A	1.0	100,410	1.0	100,893
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (DOS/MVS)	00328A	1.0	69,177	1.0	69,521
Subtotal Classified		26.0	1,979,180	26.0	1,989,509
Unclassified					
AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR	00829A	1.0	82,428	1.0	82,839
DIRECTOR	00845A	1.0	174,066	1.0	174,909
MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	00834A	1.0	95,016	1.0	95,488
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COORDINATOR	00824A	1.0	64,461	1.0	64,781
Subtotal Unclassified		4.0	415,971	4.0	418,017
Subtotal		30.0	2,395,151	30.0	2,407,526
Overtime (1.5)			10,000		10,000
Turnover			(13,390)		(121,439)
Total Salaries			2,391,761		2,296,087

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Central Management

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		179,935		172,839
Health Benefits		409,081		420,157
Payroll Accrual		13,850		13,329
Retiree Health		158,386		134,193
Retirement		645,695		646,823
Subtotal		1,406,947		1,387,341
Total Salaries and Benefits	30.0	3,798,708	30.0	3,683,428
Cost Per FTE Position		126,624		122,781
Statewide Benefit Assessment		94,082		90,302
Payroll Costs	30.0	3,892,790	30.0	3,773,730
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		14,000		14,000
Design and Engineering Services		2,000		0
Information Technology		25,000		20,000
Legal Services		158,000		158,000
Other Contracts		3,770		2,770
Training and Educational Services		3,000		2,000
University and College Services		300,000		20,000
Subtotal		505,770		216,770
Total Personnel	30.0	4,398,560	30.0	3,990,500
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	20.0	2,833,563	20.0	2,703,440
Federal Funds	10.0	1,564,997	10.0	1,287,060
Total All Funds	30.0	4,398,560	30.0	3,990,500