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**RHODE ISLAND
HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION**

Agency Summary

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION

Agency Mission

Identify and protect historic and prehistoric sites, buildings, and districts throughout the State of Rhode Island, and commemorate the history and culture of the State; promote and preserve the State's ethnic and cultural traditions; and provide a better understanding of the various ethnic cultures, which comprise the State's population.

Agency Description

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission is the state office for historic preservation and for sponsorship of state heritage activities. It is Rhode Island's only statewide preservation program to identify and protect historic buildings, districts, and archeological sites. The commission is responsible for developing a state historical preservation plan, and for survey and planning activities which provide for in-depth studies of each city and town to identify, evaluate, and record sites, structures, districts, and objects of historical, architectural, cultural, or archeological significance to the State.

The Commission sponsors and/or coordinates heritage festivals, heritage seminars, conferences and symposia, and publishes scholarly and popular works relating to the social, political, and cultural development of the State. It also coordinates programs with other private or public groups or agencies which will meet the cultural needs of Rhode Island's citizens.

The Commission develops and implements programs for the preservation of historic resources. Federal and state projects are reviewed by the Commission to assess their effect on specific cultural resources. The Commission administers programs of financial assistance, which include grants, loans, and tax credits for restoration projects. A wide range of information and technical assistance is provided to citizens who own historic properties or are interested in preserving the heritage of their neighborhood and community. The Commission certifies municipal historic district zoning programs, which meet minimum standards, and annually administers funds to these "certified local governments."

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 42-45 established the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission and defined the duties of the Executive Director and commission members. Executive Order Number 10, issued July 1, 1977, initially created the Heritage Commission. In 1981, the General Assembly enacted RIGL § 42-79, establishing the commission as a permanent state agency. In the 1994 legislative session the General Assembly repealed RIGL § 42-79 and amended § 42-45 to add Heritage Commission responsibilities creating the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

Budget

Historical Preservation And Heritage Commission

	2019 Actuals	2020 Actuals	2021 Enacted Budget	2021 Revised Budget	2022 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,087,994	2,145,440	2,675,751	2,780,446	2,851,625
Total Expenditures	2,087,994	2,145,440	2,675,751	2,780,446	2,851,625
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	1,641,420	1,690,669	1,751,870	1,754,996	1,849,111
Contract Professional Services	1,750	300	0	0	0
Operating Supplies And Expenses	207,338	332,961	415,678	415,678	450,445
Assistance And Grants	227,355	120,297	507,203	608,772	548,569
Subtotal: Operating	2,077,863	2,144,227	2,674,751	2,779,446	2,848,125
Capital Purchases And Equipment	10,131	1,213	1,000	1,000	3,500
Subtotal: Other	10,131	1,213	1,000	1,000	3,500
Total Expenditures	2,087,994	2,145,440	2,675,751	2,780,446	2,851,625
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,191,271	1,351,210	1,562,984	1,564,237	1,562,034
Federal Funds	721,865	642,863	544,043	647,118	715,112
Restricted Receipts	29,972	20,074	422,100	422,100	424,100
Other Funds	144,886	131,293	146,624	146,991	150,379
Total Expenditures	2,087,994	2,145,440	2,675,751	2,780,446	2,851,625
FTE Authorization	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6

Performance Measures

Historical Preservation And Heritage Commission

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (HPHC) documents and nominates historic structures and archaeological sites to the NRHP, the official list of properties that possess historical significance and are worthy of preservation. Properties entered on the NRHP become eligible for the benefits of HPHC programs. The figures below represent the number of properties nominated to the NRHP.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	232.00	150.00	150.00	40.00	40.00
Actual	726.00	37.00	81.00	0.00	

Architectural Reviews

HPHC architects oversee the programs that provide financial assistance to projects to rehabilitate historic buildings and leverage private investment. This program preserves historic buildings by adapting them for new use and helps revitalize communities. HPHC conducts architectural reviews in three phases: Phase I certifies the historical significance of a project; Phase II certifies the rehabilitation plan; and Phase III certifies project completion. The figures below represent the number of architectural reviews conducted in a given year.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	40.00	40.00	40.00	25.00	25.00
Actual	52.00	35.00	25.00	0.00	

Architectural Review - Investment

The figures below represent the dollar value of investment of historic preservation projects that complete HPHC's Phase III architectural review (i.e., completed projects). [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	111,770,000	323,003,291	120,000,000	197,687,924	197,687,924
Actual	492,115,245	74,008,268	301,654,442	0.00	

Heritage Program Attendance

The HPHC Heritage program works with ethnic subcommittee members to document, support and celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people through publications and events. The figures represent the number of people who participate in Heritage programs each year.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	55,700.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Actual	50,000.00	47,500.00	58,830.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2022	
		FTE	Cost
Classified			
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00115A	0.6	40,774
FISCAL CLERK	00114A	1.0	48,796
HERITAGE COMMISSION AIDE	00118A	1.0	44,521
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH)	00128A	2.0	139,997
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00128A	3.0	206,990
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	00128A	1.0	76,787
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (HIST ARCH)	00128A	2.0	155,243
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (HISTORIAN)	00128A	1.0	66,116
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00125A	1.0	52,978
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	00125A	1.0	59,141
SUPERVISING HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST	00131A	1.0	78,882
Subtotal Classified		14.6	970,225
Unclassified			
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	00843A	1.0	131,604
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	131,604
Subtotal		15.6	1,101,829
Total Salaries			1,101,829
Benefits			
FICA			84,291
Health Benefits			234,970
Payroll Accrual			6,433
Retiree Health			58,177
Retirement			319,890
Subtotal			703,761
Total Salaries and Benefits		15.6	1,805,590
Cost Per FTE Position			115,743
Statewide Benefit Assessment			43,521
Payroll Costs		15.6	1,849,111
Total Personnel		15.6	1,849,111
Distribution by Source of Funds			
General Revenue		9.6	1,147,639
Federal Funds		5.0	602,668
Other Funds		1.0	98,804
Total All Funds		15.6	1,849,111