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**COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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

	2019 Actuals	2020 Actuals	2021 Enacted Budget	2021 Revised Budget	2022 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	7,532,373	5,617,682	5,204,812	5,217,341	5,503,090
Total Expenditures	7,532,373	5,617,682	5,204,812	5,217,341	5,503,090
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	3,685,838	3,895,804	3,626,097	3,638,626	3,863,113
Contract Professional Services	1,986,807	655,173	200,770	200,770	388,770
Operating Supplies And Expenses	245,891	154,106	361,971	361,971	254,434
Assistance And Grants	1,524,386	846,682	881,823	879,664	378,658
Subtotal: Operating	7,442,922	5,551,765	5,070,661	5,081,031	4,884,975
Capital Purchases And Equipment	89,451	65,918	134,151	136,310	618,115
Subtotal: Other	89,451	65,918	134,151	136,310	618,115
Total Expenditures	7,532,373	5,617,682	5,204,812	5,217,341	5,503,090
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,650,012	2,831,189	2,580,300	2,588,632	2,852,347
Federal Funds	3,988,910	1,982,306	2,283,202	2,287,399	1,850,628
Restricted Receipts	265,000	265,189	250,000	250,000	250,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	628,451	538,998	91,310	91,310	550,115
Total Expenditures	7,532,373	5,617,682	5,204,812	5,217,341	5,503,090
FTE Authorization	30.0	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>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Actual	600.00	64.00	76.00	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>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Actual	30.40	33.60	23.20	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>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	180	180	180	180	180
Actual	334.00	250.00	159.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2022	
		FTE	Cost
Classified			
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00324A	1.0	51,885
APPLICATION COORDINATOR	00320A	1.0	59,128
CHIEF RESOURCE SPECIALIST	00131A	1.0	90,302
COASTAL GEOLOGIST	00326A	1.0	74,651
COASTAL POLICY ANALYST	00132A	2.0	160,019
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	1.0	50,216
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	00310A	1.0	38,222
DEPUTY DIRECTOR- COASTAL RESOURCES MGMT COUNCIL (CRMC)	00140A	1.0	128,452
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN IV (NATURAL RESOURCES)	00327A	1.0	77,342
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	1.0	71,591
MARINE RESOURCES SPECIALIST	00327A	1.0	72,657
OFFICE MANAGER	00323A	1.0	68,129
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00332A	1.0	91,320
PRINCIPAL OCEAN ENGINEER	00133A	2.0	153,606
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER (COASTAL RESOURCES)	00331A	1.0	74,162
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00330A	5.0	413,526
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	1.0	39,942
SUPERVISING CIVIL ENGINEER (WATER RESOURCES)	00335A	1.0	102,816
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00334A	1.0	100,893
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (DOS/MVS)	00328A	1.0	69,521
Subtotal Classified		26.0	1,988,380
Unclassified			
AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR	00829A	1.0	70,463
DIRECTOR	00845A	1.0	133,972
MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	00834A	1.0	95,488
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COORDINATOR	00824A	1.0	64,781
Subtotal Unclassified		4.0	364,704
Subtotal		30.0	2,353,084
Overtime (1.5)			15,000
Turnover			(12,791)
Total Salaries			2,355,293

Personnel

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Central Management

	FY 2022	
	FTE	Cost
Benefits		
FICA		164,814
Health Benefits		440,688
Payroll Accrual		13,576
Retiree Health		123,569
Retirement		672,731
Subtotal		1,415,378
Total Salaries and Benefits	30.0	3,770,671
Cost Per FTE Position		125,689
Statewide Benefit Assessment		92,442
Payroll Costs	30.0	3,863,113
Purchased Services		
Clerical and Temporary Services		14,000
Design and Engineering Services		2,000
Information Technology		55,000
Legal Services		158,000
Other Contracts		3,770
Training and Educational Services		3,000
University and College Services		153,000
Subtotal		388,770
Total Personnel	30.0	4,251,883
Distribution by Source of Funds		
General Revenue	20.0	2,813,980
Federal Funds	10.0	1,437,903
Total All Funds	30.0	4,251,883