

**VOLUME IV: PUBLIC SAFETY,
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
TRANSPORTATION**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL**

Agency Summary

Office of Attorney General

Agency Mission

To represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction. To provide public protection on behalf of the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers, and taxpayers. To provide criminal history information and descriptive data on demand to federal and local law enforcement agencies seven days a week, 24-hours a day.

Agency Description

The Attorney General is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five general officers subject to election by the voters. As the State's central legal agency, the Attorney General is responsible for the prosecution of all felony criminal cases, misdemeanor appeals, and misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement action in the various district courts. The Attorney General initiates legal action to protect the interests of the citizens of Rhode Island regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act, and protection of the public from deceptive business practices and anti-trust violations. Additionally, the Attorney General provides legal advice to state officers and represents all agencies, departments, and commissions in litigation. The State Bureau of Criminal Identification, the central repository for all criminal records in the State, is operated and maintained by the Attorney General. The Office of Attorney General is divided into four programs: Criminal, Civil, Bureau of Criminal Identification, and General.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 42-9 establish the Office of the Attorney General. R.I.G.L. 12-9 relates to extradition; R.I.G.L. 9-31 relates to governmental tort liability; R.I.G.L. 12-12 relates to indictments and information; R.I.G.L. 12-1 relates to criminal identification; and R.I.G.L. 11-57 relates to weapons.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Criminal	19,845,042	21,466,291	23,602,947	23,673,218	24,525,155
Civil	6,157,891	6,642,029	8,209,897	8,314,126	8,534,023
Bureau of Criminal Identification	3,277,584	3,286,272	3,229,705	3,579,356	3,441,808
General	4,109,269	4,361,563	6,460,478	6,583,199	4,818,933
Total Expenditures	33,389,786	35,756,155	41,503,027	42,149,899	41,319,919
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	27,771,898	30,051,407	32,855,763	32,782,092	34,399,429
Contract Professional Services	1,504,079	2,190,009	2,348,128	2,449,190	2,368,208
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,299,071	3,239,826	3,980,059	4,105,531	4,218,404
Assistance and Grants	166,667	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	32,741,715	35,481,243	39,183,950	39,336,813	40,986,041
Capital Purchases and Equipment	648,072	274,912	2,319,077	2,813,086	333,878
Subtotal: Other	648,072	274,912	2,319,077	2,813,086	333,878
Total Expenditures	33,389,786	35,756,155	41,503,027	42,149,899	41,319,919
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	28,341,623	30,772,379	33,505,968	33,730,488	34,862,891
Federal Funds	2,622,863	2,776,619	2,884,123	3,087,352	2,909,219
Restricted Receipts	2,401,041	2,206,820	3,222,936	3,288,863	3,397,809
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	24,259	336	1,890,000	2,043,196	150,000
Total Expenditures	33,389,786	35,756,155	41,503,027	42,149,899	41,319,919
FTE Authorization	239.1	247.1	249.1	249.1	249.1

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of Attorney General

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	249.1	21,091,867	249.1	21,755,038
Subtotal	249.1	21,091,867	249.1	21,755,038
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		21,361		21,629
Turnover		(788,755)		(634,009)
Total Salaries		20,324,473		21,142,658
Benefits				
FICA		1,597,002		1,648,383
Health Benefits		2,979,227		3,135,382
Payroll Accrual		0		126,320
Retiree Health		944,914		983,330
Retirement		6,103,357		6,504,026
Subtotal		11,624,500		12,397,441
Total Salaries and Benefits	249.1	31,948,973	249.1	33,540,099
Cost Per FTE Position		128,258		134,645
Statewide Benefit Assessment		833,119		859,330
Payroll Costs	249.1	32,782,092	249.1	34,399,429
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		231,286		238,224
Clerical and Temporary Services		400,625		268,026
Design and Engineering Services		35,000		36,050
Information Technology		890,720		916,873
Legal Services		276,395		280,819
Management & Consultant Services		296,773		305,676
Medical Services		66,337		68,327
Other Contracts		248,439		250,491
Training and Educational Services		3,615		3,722
Subtotal		2,449,190		2,368,208
Total Personnel	249.1	35,231,282	249.1	36,767,637
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	230.1	30,870,683	230.1	32,394,816
Federal Funds	12.0	2,231,420	12.0	2,169,485
Restricted Receipts	7.0	2,129,179	7.0	2,203,336
Total All Funds	249.1	35,231,282	249.1	36,767,637

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

Mission

The Criminal Program's mission is to represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction.

Description

The Criminal Program, with offices in Providence, Kent, Washington, and Newport counties, is responsible for the prosecution of felony cases and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The Narcotics and Organized Crime Prosecution Unit is composed of legal and support staff who prosecute all narcotics and organized crime cases. The Forfeiture Unit handles all asset forfeiture cases. The information Charging Unit prepares information for all felony cases filed in Providence County, except for Grand Jury indictments. The Victim/Witness Unit administers a comprehensive assistance program for victims and state witnesses, which is mandated by the Victim's Bill of Rights. The Diversion Unit provides alternatives to court prosecution for selected first-time, non-violent felony offenders. The Juvenile Unit is responsible for prosecuting all juveniles charged with felonies by local police and state agencies, and all adults charged with criminal child abuse. The Appellate Unit represents the State in all criminal appeals before the Rhode Island Supreme Court and post-conviction cases filed in federal court. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit prosecutes fraud and abuse by providers of Medicaid services to Rhode Island and the Welfare Fraud Unit investigates and prosecutes all cases of welfare fraud.

Statutory History

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Budget

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Operations	19,845,042	21,466,291	23,602,947	23,673,218	24,525,155
Total Expenditures	19,845,042	21,466,291	23,602,947	23,673,218	24,525,155
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	16,876,939	18,386,965	19,929,688	19,864,038	20,911,047
Contract Professional Services	466,352	1,009,817	940,599	1,076,249	962,381
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,899,939	1,805,934	2,424,333	2,420,708	2,484,791
Assistance and Grants	166,667	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	19,409,897	21,202,716	23,294,620	23,360,995	24,358,219
Capital Purchases and Equipment	435,145	263,575	308,327	312,223	166,936
Subtotal: Other	435,145	263,575	308,327	312,223	166,936
Total Expenditures	19,845,042	21,466,291	23,602,947	23,673,218	24,525,155
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	17,021,103	18,586,292	20,115,052	20,257,997	21,038,345
Federal Funds	2,517,766	2,737,294	2,884,123	2,849,352	2,909,219
Restricted Receipts	306,173	142,704	603,772	565,869	577,591
Total Expenditures	19,845,042	21,466,291	23,602,947	23,673,218	24,525,155

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	8722 A	2.0	141,398	2.0	144,932
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8740 A	2.0	278,401	2.0	285,361
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8742 A	1.0	136,186	1.0	139,591
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (A.G.)	8742 A	2.0	292,801	2.0	300,121
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (A.G.)	8744 A	1.0	147,249	1.0	150,930
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8737 A	1.0	108,538	1.0	111,251
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8742 A	4.0	571,980	4.0	586,283
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8745 A	4.0	683,669	4.0	700,758
ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8746 A	1.0	182,059	1.0	186,611
CASE INTAKE COORDINATOR	8716 A	1.0	45,863	1.0	48,086
CASE INTAKE COORDINATOR (AG)	8717 A	3.0	155,891	3.0	160,787
CHIEF PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8729 A	1.0	93,264	1.0	95,595
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO ATTORNEY GENERAL	8717 A	1.0	51,431	1.0	52,717
FAMILY CRISIS AIDE	8716 A	1.0	49,069	1.0	51,216
INTAKE COORD/SUPERVISOR (AG)	8726 A	2.0	151,362	2.0	155,146
INTAKE UNIT LEGAL CLERK	8716 A	1.0	45,863	1.0	48,086
INTAKE UNIT LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8717 A	1.0	47,908	1.0	50,242
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8723 A	1.0	63,841	1.0	65,437
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8726 A	1.0	68,475	1.0	70,187
LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8729 A	1.0	95,291	1.0	97,673
LEGAL ASSISTANT	8720 A	1.0	62,036	1.0	63,530
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8720 A	1.0	59,751	1.0	61,245
LEGAL CLERK	8717 A	0.6	28,095	0.6	29,474
LEGAL CLERK (A.G.)	8719 A	4.0	230,080	4.0	235,834
LEGAL CLERK (A.G.)	8722 A	1.0	70,699	1.0	72,466
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8717 A	4.0	197,704	4.0	205,918
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8718 A	1.0	50,436	1.0	53,330
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	1.0	57,520	1.0	58,959
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8718 A	2.0	102,313	2.0	106,107
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8720 A	1.0	59,751	1.0	61,245
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8717 A	1.0	46,956	1.0	49,240
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8719 A	4.0	234,965	4.0	240,841
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8724 A	1.0	73,085	1.0	74,912
PARALEGAL (AG)	8717 A	2.0	95,264	2.0	99,858
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8717 A	1.0	60,431	1.0	61,942
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8719 A	3.0	183,517	3.0	188,106

Personnel

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Criminal

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8720 A	4.6	280,312	4.6	288,770
PARALEGAL CLERK	8717 A	2.0	99,063	2.0	102,646
PARALEGAL CLERK	8719 A	1.0	54,781	1.0	56,151
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8718 A	5.0	268,489	5.0	277,388
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	8.0	458,716	8.0	471,953
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	8719 A	2.0	109,562	2.0	112,302
SENIOR ECONOMIC CRIME INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8724 A	1.0	61,237	1.0	64,989
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8728 A	1.0	77,944	1.0	79,893
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8729 A	2.0	162,198	2.0	166,253
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8726 A	7.0	533,581	7.0	546,871
SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT	8724 A	1.0	66,441	1.0	68,101
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8731 A	6.0	482,577	6.0	514,390
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8732 A	4.0	364,176	4.0	373,280
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8734 A	3.0	293,802	3.0	301,146
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8736 A	4.0	424,926	4.0	435,549
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATOR	8724 A	1.0	66,441	1.0	68,101
STAFF ATTORNEY I	8731 A	7.0	585,109	7.0	619,390
STAFF ATTORNEY I (AG)	8731 A	9.0	788,859	9.0	808,578
STAFF ATTORNEY I (AG)	8732 A	2.0	182,088	2.0	186,640
STAFF ATTORNEY I (ATTORNEY GEN)	8731 A	2.0	170,451	2.0	179,684
STAFF ATTORNEY I (ATTORNEY GEN)	8733 A	1.0	90,315	1.0	96,779
STAFF ATTORNEY III	8732 A	1.0	91,044	1.0	93,320
STAFF ATTORNEY III	8734 A	4.0	396,364	4.0	409,615
STAFF ATTORNEY III (AG)	8736 A	5.0	535,092	5.0	548,469
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (A.G.)	8736 A	1.0	104,920	1.0	107,543
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8738 A	1.0	131,174	1.0	134,453
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8740 A	1.0	125,124	1.0	128,252
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8742 A	1.0	163,779	1.0	167,779
STAFF ATTORNEY V (AG)	8739 A	3.0	364,765	3.0	373,884
STAFF ATTORNEY V (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8740 A	1.0	141,159	1.0	144,600
VICTIM SERVICES ADVOCATE (A.G.)	8719 A	2.0	119,149	2.0	122,128
Subtotal Unclassified		154.2	12,816,780	154.2	13,212,914
Subtotal		154.2	12,816,780	154.2	13,212,914
Turnover			(574,843)		(409,074)
Total Salaries			12,241,937		12,803,840

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		970,967		1,001,666
Health Benefits		1,863,682		1,961,327
Payroll Accrual		0		76,679
Retiree Health		574,188		597,227
Retirement		3,707,010		3,948,394
Subtotal		7,115,847		7,585,293
Total Salaries and Benefits	154.2	19,357,784	154.2	20,389,133
Cost Per FTE Position		125,537		132,225
Statewide Benefit Assessment		506,254		521,914
Payroll Costs	154.2	19,864,038	154.2	20,911,047
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		214,113		220,536
Clerical and Temporary Services		377,585		244,295
Design and Engineering Services		35,000		36,050
Information Technology		120,034		123,066
Legal Services		76,395		83,119
Medical Services		66,337		68,327
Other Contracts		186,601		186,799
Training and Educational Services		184		189
Subtotal		1,076,249		962,381
Total Personnel	154.2	20,940,287	154.2	21,873,428
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	142.2	18,409,574	142.2	19,400,925
Federal Funds	12.0	2,231,420	12.0	2,169,485
Restricted Receipts	0.0	299,293	0.0	303,018
Total All Funds	154.2	20,940,287	154.2	21,873,428

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Civil

Mission

The Civil program provides cost effective legal representation to the State, its agencies, boards, and commissions. It also publicly protects the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers and taxpayers.

Description

The Attorney General of Rhode Island is the State's Chief Legal Officer for both criminal and civil matters and is charged with conducting the State's legal affairs and representing the State in all legal proceedings. By law, the Attorney General represents the State, its agencies and employees in the Rhode Island Supreme Court and all lower state courts; institutes actions in state and federal courts whenever warranted; ensures that representation is provided to state officers, employees, and agencies in all courts; advises state officers and agencies on legal issues and gives written opinions on legal issues when requested by an appropriate governmental officer; and represents the interests of the people.

Statutory History

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Budget

Office of Attorney General

Civil

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Operations	6,157,891	6,642,029	8,209,897	8,314,126	8,534,023
Total Expenditures	6,157,891	6,642,029	8,209,897	8,314,126	8,534,023
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	5,440,734	5,698,921	6,790,212	6,863,747	7,149,103
Contract Professional Services	23,306	393,573	617,245	610,903	620,928
Operating Supplies and Expenses	646,904	546,990	738,622	731,897	753,653
Subtotal: Operating	6,110,944	6,639,484	8,146,079	8,206,547	8,523,684
Capital Purchases and Equipment	46,948	2,545	63,818	107,579	10,339
Subtotal: Other	46,948	2,545	63,818	107,579	10,339
Total Expenditures	6,157,891	6,642,029	8,209,897	8,314,126	8,534,023
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,447,481	5,791,048	6,778,199	6,849,990	7,010,429
Restricted Receipts	710,410	850,981	1,431,698	1,464,136	1,523,594
Total Expenditures	6,157,891	6,642,029	8,209,897	8,314,126	8,534,023

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Civil

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8741 A	1.0	130,653	1.0	133,919
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8745 A	2.0	336,106	2.0	344,506
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8729 A	1.0	89,209	1.0	91,439
CHIEF OF CIVIL (AG)	8750 A	1.0	180,438	1.0	184,949
CLASSIFICATION CLERK (AG)	8715 A	1.0	45,557	1.0	47,600
ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY UNIT CHIEF (A.G.)	8740 A	1.0	115,553	1.0	124,222
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	8720 A	1.0	55,049	1.0	58,329
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8718 A	1.0	50,390	1.0	53,255
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8714 A	1.0	43,839	1.0	45,793
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8721 A	2.0	118,458	2.0	121,420
LEGAL CLERK (ATTY GENERAL)	8716 A	1.0	52,465	1.0	53,777
LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT (AG)	8724 A	1.0	58,575	1.0	62,095
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8715 A	1.0	45,557	1.0	47,600
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8717 A	1.0	47,592	1.0	49,885
PARALEGAL (AG)	8719 A	1.0	50,140	1.0	51,471
PARALEGAL (AG)	8722 A	1.0	61,477	1.0	63,014
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8719 A	1.0	53,252	1.0	56,151
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8720 A	1.0	62,597	1.0	64,162
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	1.0	53,091	1.0	56,151
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8726 A	1.0	79,285	1.0	81,267
SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT	8724 A	1.0	76,407	1.0	78,317
SPEC ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	8742 A	1.0	136,186	1.0	139,591
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8731 A	1.0	87,651	1.0	89,842
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8732 A	4.0	350,851	4.0	363,882
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8733 A	3.0	281,392	3.0	290,337
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8734 A	3.0	293,802	3.0	301,146
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8738 A	1.0	119,767	1.0	122,762
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8740 A	2.0	250,248	2.0	256,504
STAFF ATTORNEY I	8732 A	2.0	172,717	2.0	180,149
STAFF ATTORNEY I (AG)	8732 A	3.0	273,132	3.0	279,960
STAFF ATTORNEY I (AG)	8734 A	1.0	97,934	1.0	100,382
STAFF ATTORNEY II	8733 A	1.0	93,300	1.0	96,779
STAFF ATTORNEY II (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8736 A	1.0	104,920	1.0	107,543
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	8736 A	1.0	103,857	1.0	107,543
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8737 A	1.0	108,538	1.0	111,251
STAFF ATTORNEY V (AG)	8739 A	1.0	119,595	1.0	122,585
Subtotal Unclassified		49.0	4,399,580	49.0	4,539,578

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Civil

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Subtotal	49.0	4,399,580	49.0	4,539,578
Turnover		(136,161)		(158,705)
Total Salaries		4,263,419		4,380,873
Benefits				
FICA		331,890		342,705
Health Benefits		624,351		657,372
Payroll Accrual		0		26,350
Retiree Health		197,100		205,189
Retirement		1,273,207		1,357,301
Subtotal		2,426,548		2,588,917
Total Salaries and Benefits	49.0	6,689,967	49.0	6,969,790
Cost Per FTE Position		136,530		142,241
Statewide Benefit Assessment		173,780		179,313
Payroll Costs	49.0	6,863,747	49.0	7,149,103
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		23,040		23,731
Information Technology		25,908		26,685
Legal Services		200,000		197,700
Management & Consultant Services		296,773		305,676
Other Contracts		61,751		63,603
Training and Educational Services		3,431		3,533
Subtotal		610,903		620,928
Total Personnel	49.0	7,474,650	49.0	7,770,031
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	42.0	6,389,063	42.0	6,636,341
Restricted Receipts	7.0	1,085,587	7.0	1,133,690
Total All Funds	49.0	7,474,650	49.0	7,770,031

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

Mission

The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) provides criminal history information and descriptive data to federal and local law enforcement agencies, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Description

The BCI is a repository and central clearinghouse for information on individuals who have been arrested or convicted of crimes in Rhode Island. This information includes criminal history records, fingerprints, and warrant information. The unit operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This unit also receives and processes requests for records from law enforcement agencies across the country. Additionally, BCI issues and maintains pistol permits, issues security guard licenses, and conducts background checks.

Statutory History

Section 12-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Bureau of Criminal Identification within the Office of the Attorney General. The duties of this unit are further outlined in Sections 12-1-5 through 12-1-12.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Operations	3,277,584	3,286,272	3,229,705	3,579,356	3,441,808
Total Expenditures	3,277,584	3,286,272	3,229,705	3,579,356	3,441,808
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,640,694	1,876,132	1,896,148	1,880,310	1,973,066
Contract Professional Services	990,497	769,918	758,388	744,501	766,836
Operating Supplies and Expenses	528,555	633,238	555,111	676,738	696,897
Subtotal: Operating	3,159,746	3,279,288	3,209,647	3,301,549	3,436,799
Capital Purchases and Equipment	117,838	6,983	20,058	277,807	5,009
Subtotal: Other	117,838	6,983	20,058	277,807	5,009
Total Expenditures	3,277,584	3,286,272	3,229,705	3,579,356	3,441,808
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,793,386	2,033,812	2,042,239	2,082,498	2,145,184
Federal Funds	99,740	39,325	0	238,000	0
Restricted Receipts	1,384,458	1,213,134	1,187,466	1,258,858	1,296,624
Total Expenditures	3,277,584	3,286,272	3,229,705	3,579,356	3,441,808

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8727 A	1.0	75,007	1.0	76,882
BCI CLERK (A G)	8714 A	1.0	44,091	1.0	45,999
BCI CLERK (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8716 A	2.0	101,208	2.0	103,706
CHIEF BCI UNIT (ATTY GENERAL)	8739 A	1.0	119,595	1.0	122,585
CLASSIFICATION CLERK	8714 A	2.0	91,351	2.0	95,250
CLASSIFICATION CLERK (AG)	8720 A	1.0	50,862	1.0	53,663
DEPUTY CHIEF BCI (AG)	8733 A	1.0	94,419	1.0	96,779
FINGERPRINT EXPERT (A.G.)	8722 A	1.0	61,477	1.0	63,014
FINGERPRINT EXPERT (A.G.)	8728 A	1.0	77,944	1.0	79,893
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8723 A	1.0	63,841	1.0	65,437
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8724 A	2.0	127,593	2.0	132,928
LEGAL ASSISTANT	8720 A	1.0	59,751	1.0	61,245
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8721 A	1.0	62,190	1.0	63,746
LEGAL CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8714 A	1.0	45,293	1.0	47,214
LEGAL SECRETARY (AG)	8715 A	1.0	48,380	1.0	49,590
SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT	8724 A	1.0	78,068	1.0	80,020
Subtotal Unclassified		19.0	1,201,070	19.0	1,237,951
Subtotal		19.0	1,201,070	19.0	1,237,951
Turnover			(30,490)		(19,296)
Total Salaries			1,170,580		1,218,655
Benefits					
FICA			91,882		94,700
Health Benefits			168,944		177,459
Payroll Accrual			0		7,184
Retiree Health			53,809		55,955
Retirement			347,652		370,213
Subtotal			662,287		705,511
Total Salaries and Benefits		19.0	1,832,867	19.0	1,924,166
Cost Per FTE Position			96,467		101,272
Statewide Benefit Assessment			47,443		48,900
Payroll Costs		19.0	1,880,310	19.0	1,973,066
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			744,501		766,836
Subtotal			744,501		766,836

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Personnel	19.0	2,624,811	19.0	2,739,902
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	19.0	1,880,512	19.0	1,973,274
Restricted Receipts	0.0	744,299	0.0	766,628
Total All Funds	19.0	2,624,811	19.0	2,739,902

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

General

Mission

The General program provides the infrastructure necessary for the efficient operation of the Office of the Attorney General.

Description

The General program provides administrative support to ensure that the department operates efficiently and consists of eight units:

- The Executive Unit consists of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and support staff, and coordinates all parts of the department.
- The Fiscal Unit is responsible for all of the department's financial operations, including the preparation of the budget, monitoring and controlling expenditures, and processing all financial paperwork.
- The Personnel Unit processes all paperwork regarding hiring, transfers, promotions, terminations, and monitors payroll records submitted to Accounts and Control. This unit ensures that all state and federal laws and regulations are upheld, including equal employment opportunities and affirmative action requirements.
- The Operations Unit is responsible for purchasing, maintenance, and repair of the department's buildings and automobiles and monitoring the department's telephone and mail systems.
- The Management Information System Unit administers and operates the department's computer systems. The system consists of five central processing units and multiple application servers. The Attorney General's computer system is linked to the court's computer system and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.
- The Public Information Unit handles all communication with the media, and supports the entire Office with preparation and dissemination of communications and materials for consumption by the general public.
- The Policy and Legislation Unit is responsible for the development and advancement of the Office's legislative agenda, as well as fielding inquiries regarding other legislative proposals. The Policy unit also provides legal support to the Attorney General and criminal and civil divisions based on the needs and priorities of the Office and the Attorney General.
- The Community Engagement Unit coordinates the Attorney General's community outreach efforts.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 42-9 establish the Office of the Attorney General.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

General

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Operations	4,109,269	4,361,563	6,460,478	6,583,199	4,818,933
Total Expenditures	4,109,269	4,361,563	6,460,478	6,583,199	4,818,933
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	3,813,531	4,089,389	4,239,715	4,173,997	4,366,213
Contract Professional Services	23,923	16,701	31,896	17,537	18,063
Operating Supplies and Expenses	223,673	253,664	261,993	276,188	283,063
Subtotal: Operating	4,061,128	4,359,754	4,533,604	4,467,722	4,667,339
Capital Purchases and Equipment	48,141	1,809	1,926,874	2,115,477	151,594
Subtotal: Other	48,141	1,809	1,926,874	2,115,477	151,594
Total Expenditures	4,109,269	4,361,563	6,460,478	6,583,199	4,818,933
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	4,079,653	4,361,227	4,570,478	4,540,003	4,668,933
Federal Funds	5,357	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	24,259	336	1,890,000	2,043,196	150,000
Total Expenditures	4,109,269	4,361,563	6,460,478	6,583,199	4,818,933

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

General

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8745 A	1.0	152,775	1.0	156,594
ASSISTANT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (A.G.)	8735 A	1.0	101,431	1.0	103,967
ATTORNEY GENERAL	0535 F	1.0	137,536	1.0	146,107
BUSINESS ANALYST (AG)	8741 A	1.0	127,676	1.0	133,919
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8752 A	1.0	198,669	1.0	203,636
DEPUTY POLICY OFFICER (A.G.)	8740 A	1.0	125,124	1.0	128,252
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION (AG)	8741 A	1.0	153,517	1.0	157,355
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (AG)	8743 A	1.0	141,723	1.0	145,266
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES (AG)	8728 A	1.0	77,944	1.0	79,893
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (A.G.)	8734 A	1.0	89,821	1.0	95,707
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (AG)	8740 A	1.0	143,893	1.0	147,490
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	8740 A	1.0	131,380	1.0	134,665
EXECUTIVE ASST ADMINISTRATOR	8741 A	1.0	143,718	1.0	147,311
EXECUTIVE SCHEDULER (AG)	8719 A	1.0	49,480	1.0	52,078
FAMILY CRISIS AIDE (AG)	8715 A	1.0	48,323	1.0	49,590
FISCAL CLERK (A.G.)	8723 A	1.0	63,841	1.0	65,437
FISCAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR	8729 A	1.0	85,154	1.0	87,282
FISCAL OFFICER (A.G.)	8728 A	1.0	89,636	1.0	91,877
FISCAL OFFICER (AG)	8733 A	1.0	103,861	1.0	106,457
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (A G)	8716 A	1.0	49,967	1.0	51,216
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8723 A	1.0	63,726	1.0	65,437
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8725 A	1.0	69,257	1.0	70,988
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (AG)	8740 A	1.0	116,617	1.0	125,293
RECEPTIONIST (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8714 A	1.0	46,760	1.0	48,292
SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT	8724 A	1.0	58,902	1.0	62,388
SYSTEMS ANALYST	8719 A	0.9	49,303	0.9	50,536
TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEER (AG)	8722 A	1.0	54,403	1.0	57,562
Subtotal Unclassified		26.9	2,674,437	26.9	2,764,595
Subtotal		26.9	2,674,437	26.9	2,764,595
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			21,361		21,629
Turnover			(47,261)		(46,934)
Total Salaries			2,648,537		2,739,290

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

General

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		202,263		209,312
Health Benefits		322,250		339,224
Payroll Accrual		0		16,107
Retiree Health		119,817		124,959
Retirement		775,488		828,118
Subtotal		1,419,818		1,517,720
Total Salaries and Benefits	26.9	4,068,355	26.9	4,257,010
Cost Per FTE Position		151,240		158,253
Statewide Benefit Assessment		105,642		109,203
Payroll Costs	26.9	4,173,997	26.9	4,366,213
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		17,173		17,688
Information Technology		277		286
Other Contracts		87		89
Subtotal		17,537		18,063
Total Personnel	26.9	4,191,534	26.9	4,384,276
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	26.9	4,191,534	26.9	4,384,276
Total All Funds	26.9	4,191,534	26.9	4,384,276