

VOLUME III: EDUCATION

**RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION**

Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and 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 Ch. 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 Ch. 42-79, establishing the commission as a permanent state agency. In the 1994 legislative session the General Assembly repealed RIGL Ch. 42-79 and amended Ch. 42-45 to add Heritage Commission responsibilities creating the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

Budget

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,079,836	2,044,267	3,512,736	3,441,710	3,615,971
Total Expenditures	2,079,836	2,044,267	3,512,736	3,441,710	3,615,971
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,680,048	1,644,850	2,064,088	1,957,262	2,072,879
Contract Professional Services	8,598	4,094	8,000	8,000	8,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	312,177	289,913	306,529	342,329	373,973
Assistance and Grants	79,013	104,709	530,619	530,619	555,619
Subtotal: Operating	2,079,836	2,043,566	2,909,236	2,838,210	3,010,471
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	700	603,500	603,500	605,500
Subtotal: Other	0	700	603,500	603,500	605,500
Total Expenditures	2,079,836	2,044,267	3,512,736	3,441,710	3,615,971
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,382,358	1,305,113	1,572,452	1,551,670	1,689,697
Federal Funds	585,246	632,902	1,359,283	1,359,037	1,393,147
Restricted Receipts	19,983	0	424,100	424,100	422,800
Other Funds	92,249	106,252	156,901	106,903	110,327
Total Expenditures	2,079,836	2,044,267	3,512,736	3,441,710	3,615,971
FTE Authorization	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	14.6	1,046,705	14.6	1,094,872
Unclassified	1.0	116,617	1.0	125,293
Subtotal	15.6	1,163,322	15.6	1,220,165
Total Salaries		1,163,322		1,220,165
Benefits				
FICA		88,998		93,344
Health Benefits		273,135		287,274
Payroll Accrual		0		7,082
Retiree Health		52,115		55,149
Retirement		333,744		361,671
Subtotal		747,992		804,520
Total Salaries and Benefits	15.6	1,911,314	15.6	2,024,685
Cost Per FTE Position		122,520		129,788
Statewide Benefit Assessment		45,948		48,194
Payroll Costs	15.6	1,957,262	15.6	2,072,879
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		8,000		8,000
Subtotal		8,000		8,000
Total Personnel	15.6	1,965,262	15.6	2,080,879
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	9.6	1,195,391	9.6	1,270,124
Federal Funds	5.0	664,543	5.0	701,653
Other Funds	1.0	105,328	1.0	109,102
Total All Funds	15.6	1,965,262	15.6	2,080,879

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Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Central Management

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	1.0	81,476	1.0	86,621
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	0.6	42,730	0.6	44,694
FISCAL CLERK	0114 A	1.0	52,477	1.0	53,766
HERITAGE COMMISSION AIDE	0118 A	1.0	49,464	1.0	51,094
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH)	0128 A	1.0	82,691	1.0	84,758
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	0128 A	3.0	222,905	3.0	228,479
RESTORATION PROJECT MANAGER (RIHPHC)	0135 A	2.0	204,093	2.0	218,876
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCHEOLOGIST)	0125 A	1.0	55,880	1.0	59,274
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	0125 A	2.0	114,162	2.0	120,965
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	0125 A	1.0	55,880	1.0	59,274
SUPERVISING HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST	0131 A	1.0	84,947	1.0	87,071
Subtotal Classified		14.6	1,046,705	14.6	1,094,872
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	0843 A	1.0	116,617	1.0	125,293
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	116,617	1.0	125,293
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Performance Measures

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Central Management

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).

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	\$120,000,000	\$197,687,924	\$197,687,924	\$155,607,860	\$242,458,949
Actual	\$301,654,442	\$248,245,114	\$11,900,000	--	--

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations

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 each year.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	150	40	40	20	20
Actual	81	4	55	--	--

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>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	50,000	50,000	50,000	25,000	35,000
Actual	58,830	16,789	42,848	--	--
