

VOLUME III: EDUCATION

**RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION**

Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Agency Mission

To preserve and protect places of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance as a means of illuminating an appreciation for the state's history and heritage among all of Rhode Island's diverse communities.

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 archaeological 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 people of the state and nation.

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 to bring attention to the many cultures of Rhode Island's citizens.

The Commission develops and implements programs for the preservation of historic resources. federal, state, and municipal 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

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,044,267	1,782,255	3,581,831	3,525,379	3,727,660
Total Expenditures	2,044,267	1,782,255	3,581,831	3,525,379	3,727,660
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,644,850	1,431,342	2,288,739	2,257,942	2,379,509
Contract Professional Services	4,094	8,679	8,000	10,000	16,575
Operating Supplies and Expenses	289,913	271,104	373,973	316,318	389,176
Assistance and Grants	104,709	71,130	555,619	585,619	585,400
Subtotal: Operating	2,043,566	1,782,255	3,226,331	3,169,879	3,370,660
Capital Purchases and Equipment	700	0	355,500	355,500	357,000
Subtotal: Other	700	0	355,500	355,500	357,000
Total Expenditures	2,044,267	1,782,255	3,581,831	3,525,379	3,727,660
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,305,113	1,040,750	1,905,557	1,735,012	1,898,100
Federal Funds	632,902	636,937	1,143,147	1,223,734	1,267,431
Restricted Receipts	0	12	422,800	422,800	419,300
Other Funds	106,252	104,557	110,327	143,833	142,829
Total Expenditures	2,044,267	1,782,255	3,581,831	3,525,379	3,727,660
FTE Authorization	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	14.6	1,250,946	14.6	1,279,504
Unclassified	1.0	124,690	1.0	140,340
Subtotal	15.6	1,375,636	15.6	1,419,844
Turnover		(30,000)		0
Total Salaries		1,345,636		1,419,844
Benefits				
FICA		102,941		108,617
Health Benefits		280,197		307,752
Payroll Accrual		7,852		8,227
Retiree Health		67,475		62,593
Retirement		400,689		416,392
Subtotal		859,154		903,581
Total Salaries and Benefits	15.6	2,204,790	15.6	2,323,425
Cost Per FTE Position		141,333		148,938
Statewide Benefit Assessment		53,152		56,084
Payroll Costs	15.6	2,257,942	15.6	2,379,509
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		10,000		14,575
Training and Educational Services		0		2,000
Subtotal		10,000		16,575
Total Personnel	15.6	2,267,942	15.6	2,396,084
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	9.6	1,343,094	9.6	1,458,349
Federal Funds	5.0	782,240	5.0	796,106
Other Funds	1.0	142,608	1.0	141,629
Total All Funds	15.6	2,267,942	15.6	2,396,084

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Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Central Management

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	1.0	87,094	1.0	91,380
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	0.6	43,814	0.6	44,703
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RIHPHC)	0138 A	1.0	96,895	1.0	100,503
FISCAL CLERK	0114 A	1.0	53,766	1.0	53,766
HERITAGE COMMISSION AIDE	0118 A	1.0	51,094	1.0	51,094
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH)	0135 A	1.0	111,027	1.0	111,027
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	0135 A	2.0	202,744	2.0	202,744
RESTORATION PROJECT MANAGER (RIHPHC)	0135 A	2.0	218,920	2.0	224,467
SENIOR HISTORIC GRANTS MANAGER (RIHPHC)	0131 A	1.0	74,509	1.0	77,250
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	0135 A	1.0	87,556	1.0	90,820
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HISTORIAN)	0131 A	1.0	74,509	1.0	77,250
SR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCHAEOLOGIST)	0131 A	1.0	74,509	1.0	77,250
SR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (PUBLIC INFO COORD)	0131 A	1.0	74,509	1.0	77,250
Subtotal Classified		14.6	1,250,946	14.6	1,279,504
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	0843 A	1.0	124,690	1.0	140,340
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	124,690	1.0	140,340
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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>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	\$197,687,924	\$197,687,924	\$155,607,860	\$242,458,949	\$206,041,845
Actual	\$248,245,114	\$11,900,000	\$123,329,732	--	--

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>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	40	40	20	20	20
Actual	4	55	17	--	--

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>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	50,000	50,000	25,000	35,000	55,000
Actual	16,789	42,848	46,919	--	--
