

**VOLUME I: GENERAL GOVERNMENT
AND QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES**

**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR**

Agency Summary

Office of Lieutenant Governor

Agency Mission

To fulfill the constitutional and statutory functions of the law for the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

Agency Description

The Lieutenant Governor was established under the Constitution of Rhode Island as one of the five general offices subject to voter election. The Lieutenant Governor fulfills the executive responsibilities of the Governor upon his or her death, resignation, impeachment, or inability to serve. The Lieutenant Governor appoints members of the general public to serve on boards and commissions established by the General Assembly. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor chairs and serves on various commissions and advisory boards. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor initiates legislation and has assumed advocacy and leadership roles in such areas as emergency management, veterans' affairs, education, economic development, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, long-term care, health care, and older adults. The Office also serves as a liaison between the public and state agencies.

Statutory History

Article IX, Sections 1 and 9 through 11 of the Constitution of Rhode Island specify the Lieutenant Governor's elected power; duties in the case of death, resignation, or impeachment of the Governor; responsibilities in the case of a vacancy of position; and compensation. Article IV, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution of Rhode Island address the quadrennial election process by the voters of Rhode Island and the transition responsibility for the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor is statutorily appointed to chair the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (R.I. General Laws § 23-17.3-2), the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (RIGL § 30-15-6), and the Small Business Advocacy Council (RIGL § 42-91-2).

Budget

Office of Lieutenant Governor

	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Lt. Governor's Office - General	1,316,262	1,255,655	1,447,015	1,370,103	1,519,219
Total Expenditures	1,316,262	1,255,655	1,447,015	1,370,103	1,519,219
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,119,335	1,063,257	1,239,116	1,153,533	1,305,099
Contract Professional Services	59,750	52,000	43,000	48,000	48,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	122,778	140,398	164,149	168,570	166,120
Assistance and Grants	5,795	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	1,307,659	1,255,655	1,446,265	1,370,103	1,519,219
Capital Purchases and Equipment	8,603	0	750	0	0
Subtotal: Other	8,603	0	750	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,316,262	1,255,655	1,447,015	1,370,103	1,519,219
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,316,886	1,255,655	1,447,015	1,370,103	1,519,219
Federal Funds	(624)	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,316,262	1,255,655	1,447,015	1,370,103	1,519,219
FTE Authorization	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of Lieutenant Governor

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	8.0	756,274	8.0	799,510
Subtotal	8.0	756,274	8.0	799,510
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		41,600		41,600
Turnover		(47,444)		0
Total Salaries		750,430		841,110
Benefits				
FICA		57,409		64,347
Health Benefits		68,009		90,688
Payroll Accrual		4,146		4,661
Retiree Health		27,929		25,984
Retirement		225,054		255,122
Subtotal		382,547		440,802
Total Salaries and Benefits	8.0	1,132,977	8.0	1,281,912
Cost Per FTE Position		141,622		160,239
Statewide Benefit Assessment		20,556		23,187
Payroll Costs	8.0	1,153,533	8.0	1,305,099
Purchased Services				
Legal Services		48,000		48,000
Subtotal		48,000		48,000
Total Personnel	8.0	1,201,533	8.0	1,353,099
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	8.0	1,201,533	8.0	1,353,099
Total All Funds	8.0	1,201,533	8.0	1,353,099

Personnel

Office of Lieutenant Governor

Lt. Governor's Office - General

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
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Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE (LT GOV)	4512 A	1.0	44,775	1.0	47,549
CHIEF OF STAFF (LT GOV)	8443 A	1.0	138,361	1.0	150,087
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (LT GOVERNOR)	8433 A	1.0	92,272	1.0	99,466
DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS (LT GOV)	8431 A	1.0	94,334	1.0	98,107
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	0531 F	1.0	137,510	1.0	137,510
POLICY & ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE (LT GOV)	8431 A	1.0	84,797	1.0	91,412
SENIOR ADVISOR (LT. GOV)	8432 A	1.0	86,439	1.0	91,543
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST/PUBLIC INFORMATION	0831 A	1.0	77,786	1.0	83,836
Subtotal Unclassified		8.0	756,274	8.0	799,510
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