

**VOLUME I: GENERAL GOVERNMENT
AND QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES
OFFICE OF ENERGY**

Agency Summary

Office of Energy Resources

Agency Mission

The mission of the Office of Energy Resources (OER) is to lead Rhode Island toward a clean, cost-effective, reliable, and equitable energy future. OER is actively supporting the development of a clean energy economy that will create good-paying jobs; foster new business investment opportunities; reduce long-term energy costs and mitigate price volatility; ensure reliability through the diversification of our energy portfolio; and advance sustainable energy and climate policy goals by reducing our reliance on carbon emitting sources of energy. Core functions of the office include:

- To seek federal funding opportunities and implement grant--funded programs that establish Rhode Island as a national leader on energy policy and innovation.
- To offer technical assistance and funding opportunities for end-users including residents, businesses, and municipalities.
- To develop, administer, and monitor a variety of programs designed to promote and support energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative fuels, energy security, clean energy workforce development.
- To work in partnership with municipalities and state partners to reduce public sector energy consumption and costs; increase the use of clean energy resources at public facilities; and reduce public sector carbon emissions.
- To manage the tracking and reporting of State energy data.
- To develop the Rhode Island Energy Security Plan to prepare for and respond to energy emergencies and enhance energy security.
- To leverage coordinate, and align interagency, public-private, regional, and federal efforts to reach and exceed energy goals.

Agency Description

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Statutory History

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Budget

Office of Energy Resources

	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	0	0	0	68,374,151	76,770,481
Internal Service Programs	0	0	0	0	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	68,374,151	107,137,123
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[30,366,642]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	0	0	2,753,773	3,425,678
Contract Professional Services	0	0	0	3,056,190	2,432,964
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	0	0	2,179,129	32,898,905
Assistance and Grants	0	0	0	53,954,965	60,770,010
Subtotal: Operating	0	0	0	61,944,057	99,527,557
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	0	1,849,994	3,039,566
Operating Transfers	0	0	0	4,580,100	4,570,000
Subtotal: Other	0	0	0	6,430,094	7,609,566
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	68,374,151	107,137,123
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	0	0	500,000	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	35,438,362	31,842,712
Restricted Receipts	0	0	0	26,431,400	39,258,984
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	0	0	0	6,004,389	5,668,785
Other Funds	0	0	0	0	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	68,374,151	107,137,123
FTE Authorization	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	20.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of Energy Resources

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	15.0	1,620,909	19.0	2,067,462
Unclassified	1.0	149,646	1.0	161,194
Subtotal	16.0	1,770,555	20.0	2,228,656
Transfer In		49,576		0
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		95,000		95,000
Turnover		(144,014)		(147,614)
Total Salaries		1,771,117		2,176,042
Benefits				
FICA		135,494		166,472
Health Benefits		189,512		275,163
Payroll Accrual		9,807		12,146
Retiree Health		66,041		67,638
Retirement		533,192		667,866
Subtotal		934,046		1,189,285
Total Salaries and Benefits	16.0	2,705,163	20.0	3,365,327
Cost Per FTE Position		169,073		168,266
Statewide Benefit Assessment		48,610		60,351
Payroll Costs	16.0	2,753,773	20.0	3,425,678
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		678,591		717,652
Design and Engineering Services		13,000		15,000
Legal Services		40,000		40,000
Other Contracts		2,324,599		1,660,312
Subtotal		3,056,190		2,432,964
Total Personnel	16.0	5,809,963	20.0	5,858,642
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Federal Funds	2.0	2,435,739	4.0	2,166,514
Restricted Receipts	14.0	3,279,346	16.0	3,593,343
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	94,878	0.0	98,785
Total All Funds	16.0	5,809,963	20.0	5,858,642

Program Summary

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Central Management

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ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0137 A	1.0	97,808	1.0	105,436
ADMINISTRATOR OF ENERGY PROGRAMS	0137 A	3.0	314,105	3.0	330,063
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	1.0	89,538	1.0	96,606
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	0141 A	1.0	144,981	1.0	156,908
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	90,406	1.0	98,011
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	0137 A	1.0	114,337	1.0	118,693
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER- OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES	0145 A	1.0	152,158	1.0	158,244
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTOR POLICY AND PROGRAMS	0140 A	2.0	244,938	2.0	254,736
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	119,487	1.0	125,048
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	3.0	253,151	6.0	521,873
SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL	0136 A	0.0	0	1.0	101,844
Subtotal Classified		15.0	1,620,909	19.0	2,067,462
Unclassified					
COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY RESOURCES	0743 A	1.0	149,646	1.0	161,194
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Performance Measures

Office of Energy Resources

Central Management

State Government Energy Consumption

As part of its efforts to provide cost-effective services, the Office of Energy Resources is pursuing energy efficiency initiatives that will reduce overall consumption of gas and electricity by state agencies. The figures below represent Rhode Island State Government's energy consumption (natural gas and electricity), measured in million BTU (MMBTU).

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	1,456,611	1,398,346	1,342,413	1,284,076	1,232,712
Actual	1,384,269	1,351,659	1,294,233	--	--

Program Summary

Office of Energy Resources

Internal Service Programs

Mission

To provide the most cost-effective delivery of goods and services to other state programs.

Description

There are various services required by state-operated programs and activities are provided on a centralized basis. The costs of these operations are borne by the user agencies that allocates the cost of delivery of the goods or services. The operational expenses of these programs are shown for display purposes only, the costs to state agencies are reflected in the budget of the user agency both on an actual and budget basis. The Internal Service Program that is operated by the Office of Energy Resources are utility services. Central utilities provide for the administration and fiscal management of electricity and natural gas services.

Statutory History

The Director of Administration is authorized by R.I. General Laws § 35-5 to establish a system of rotary or rotating funds in any state department or agency.

Budget

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Internal Service Programs

Expenditures by Sub Program	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Central Utilities Fund	0	0	0	0	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0	30,366,642
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