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TRANSPORTATION**

**COASTAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## Agency Summary

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### Coastal Resources Management Council

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#### Agency Mission

To preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. Maintain a balance between conservation and development and between conflicting private and public interests that will provide the greatest long-term benefits. To protect and preserve valuable natural and cultural features such as historic sites, barrier beaches, coastal ponds, wetlands, and fishing grounds that are subject to development and misuse. To protect and promote public access to the shore and provide high quality recreational opportunities to all who come to the Rhode Island shore. Provide suitable waterfront sites for industries and businesses needing direct coastal access. To direct new development away from sensitive areas and into already developed areas. To establish a working partnership among the public and local, state, and federal governments.

#### Agency Description

Rhode Island law mandates the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) to preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. The council is administered by 10 appointed representatives from the public and state and local governments and is staffed by professional engineers, biologists, environmental scientists, and marine resource specialists. The public is given regular opportunities at public hearings to comment on the management of state coastal resources. The council carries out its permitting, enforcement and planning functions primarily through its management programs. Coastal Resources Management Plans are considered to be the environmental management “blueprint” for coastal zone management in the State and are drafted to meet federal mandates. Special Area Management Plans address specific issues associated with designated management areas. Municipal Harbor Management Plans address issues at the municipal level regarding the management of activities occurring in, or on, the waters of a town. The Coastal Resources Management Council is closely involved with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce in a series of initiatives to improve the management of the State’s coastal resources. In 1996, legislation authorized the CRMC as the lead agency (including permitting and planning activities) for dredging and aquaculture, as well as transferring certain freshwater wetlands and permitting responsibility from the Department of Environmental Management to the Council. The CRMC oversees the Coastal Habitat Restoration Program to include and is charged with developing a Marine Resources Development Plan and an Ocean Special Area Management plan. CRMC is also the lead agency on siting of off-shore windfarms, the first of which in the United States was built off the coast of New Shoreham.

#### Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 46-23 establishes the duties and functions of the council. Federally, 16 U.S.C. 1451 (Coastal Zone Management Act) establishes the authority to develop management programs.

# Budget

## Coastal Resources Management Council

	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Central Management	6,651,149	5,228,623	6,176,963	11,226,436	9,660,746
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,651,149</b>	<b>5,228,623</b>	<b>6,176,963</b>	<b>11,226,436</b>	<b>9,660,746</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	3,768,961	4,244,995	4,689,417	5,015,901	5,098,362
Contract Professional Services	196,072	221,481	481,770	376,770	376,770
Operating Supplies and Expenses	270,412	329,426	294,886	495,945	589,884
Assistance and Grants	2,368,712	292,848	642,890	5,169,820	1,527,730
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>6,604,157</b>	<b>5,088,750</b>	<b>6,108,963</b>	<b>11,058,436</b>	<b>7,592,746</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	46,992	113,473	68,000	168,000	2,068,000
Operating Transfers	0	26,400	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>46,992</b>	<b>139,873</b>	<b>68,000</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>2,068,000</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,651,149</b>	<b>5,228,623</b>	<b>6,176,963</b>	<b>11,226,436</b>	<b>9,660,746</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	2,744,410	3,331,462	3,607,384	3,957,427	3,704,812
Federal Funds	1,776,739	1,672,161	2,319,579	6,919,009	3,331,166
Restricted Receipts	230,000	225,000	250,000	250,000	624,768
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	1,900,000	0	0	100,000	2,000,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,651,149</b>	<b>5,228,623</b>	<b>6,176,963</b>	<b>11,226,436</b>	<b>9,660,746</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>

# Personnel Agency Summary

## Coastal Resources Management Council

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	27.0	2,483,646	27.0	2,609,240
Unclassified	5.0	612,327	5.0	640,995
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>3,095,973</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>3,250,235</b>
Overtime		16,962		17,640
Turnover		(106,464)		(150,364)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>3,006,471</b>		<b>3,117,511</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Reserve		86,602		0
FICA		226,910		235,260
Health Benefits		530,658		553,817
Payroll Accrual		17,462		18,040
Retiree Health		117,785		100,745
Retirement		943,318		983,094
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,922,735</b>		<b>1,890,956</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>4,929,206</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,008,467</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>154,038</b>		<b>156,515</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		86,695		89,895
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,015,901</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,098,362</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		15,000		15,000
Design and Engineering Services		2,000		2,000
Information Technology		110,000		110,000
Legal Services		242,000		242,000
Other Contracts		4,770		4,770
Training and Educational Services		3,000		3,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>376,770</b>		<b>376,770</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,392,671</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,475,132</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	22.0	3,754,850	22.0	3,801,019
Federal Funds	10.0	1,637,821	10.0	1,674,113
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,392,671</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5,475,132</b>

# Personnel

## Coastal Resources Management Council

### Central Management

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Classified</b>					
APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR	0320 A	2.0	130,008	2.0	136,759
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0321 A	1.0	58,959	1.0	61,317
CHIEF RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0131 A	1.0	104,337	1.0	108,430
COASTAL GEOLOGIST	0332 A	1.0	82,946	1.0	89,809
COASTAL POLICY ANALYST	0132 A	3.0	265,112	3.0	281,536
DEPUTY DIRECTOR- COASTAL RESOURCES MGMT COUNCIL (CRMC)	0140 A	1.0	136,592	1.0	149,048
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER II	0333 A	1.0	82,813	1.0	89,148
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER III	0336 A	1.0	103,109	1.0	107,233
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IV	0039 A	1.0	137,256	1.0	142,746
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST II	0332 A	5.0	487,357	5.0	510,398
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST III	0334 A	2.0	192,729	2.0	200,362
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST IV	0336 A	1.0	115,239	1.0	119,775
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0B26 A	1.0	82,975	1.0	86,294
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	46,110	1.0	48,899
MARINE RESOURCES SPECIALIST	0327 A	1.0	83,803	1.0	87,053
PRINCIPAL OCEAN ENGINEER	0133 A	2.0	188,212	2.0	195,742
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	1.0	105,513	1.0	110,892
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (DOS/MVS)	0328 A	1.0	80,576	1.0	83,799
<b>Subtotal Classified</b>		<b>27.0</b>	<b>2,483,646</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>2,609,240</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>					
AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR	0829 A	1.0	87,282	1.0	90,774
CHIEF HEARING OFFICER	0711 F	1.0	151,473	1.0	157,532
DIRECTOR	0845 A	1.0	197,491	1.0	205,219
MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	0834 A	1.0	93,006	1.0	96,726
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COORDINATOR	0828 A	1.0	83,075	1.0	90,744
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>5.0</b>	<b>612,327</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>640,995</b>
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## Performance Measures

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### Coastal Resources Management Council

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#### Central Management

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##### Coastal Habitat Restoration

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The Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) works to protect and restore coastal ecosystems of the state. This goal is accomplished through the Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. With a maximum annual funding allocation of \$225,000, the Trust Fund supports projects that primarily propose on-the-ground restoration work. To maximize impact in restoring ecosystems, CRMC strives to fund projects that demonstrate leveraging other sources of funding, thereby increasing the number of sites and/or acres being restored in the state. The figures below represent the number of acres of coastal habitat restored.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Actual</b>	10	429	50	--	--

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##### Timeliness of Formal Application Processing

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Formal applications are those subject to judicial or open meeting legal processes (formal comment periods, hearing schedules, contested cases, etc.) that impact CRMC's ability to control the review period for this subset of applications. CRMC's standard for formal activity application review times is ninety days to six months (90-180 days), and includes those activities for which a 30-day public comment period is required. The figures below represent the average processing time for formal applications in days.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	180	180	180	180	180
<b>Actual</b>	180	160	160	--	--

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##### Timeliness of Administrative Application Processing

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CRMC works to efficiently process applications for activities within its jurisdiction. The majority of these applications are categorized as administrative. In an effort to gauge its responsiveness to the public, CRMC tracks the average turnaround time from CRMC's receipt of an application to assent issuance. CRMC's target for administrative activity application review is two weeks to two months (14-60 days), depending on the type of application. The figures below represent the average processing time for administrative applications in days.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	60	60	60	60	60
<b>Actual</b>	75	45	57	--	--

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