

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

Agency Summary

Office of Energy Resources

Agency Mission

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- To manage the tracking and reporting of State energy data.
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Statutory History

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Budget

Office of Energy Resources

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	0	34,120,322	76,312,027	77,585,536	86,655,825
Internal Service Programs	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	34,120,322	106,678,669	107,952,178	117,022,467
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[30,366,642]</i>	<i>[30,727,175]</i>	<i>[30,727,175]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	2,619,610	2,967,224	2,817,133	3,725,047
Contract Professional Services	0	1,739,584	2,449,964	4,196,191	3,397,852
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	19,236,749	34,881,905	36,190,876	35,692,020
Assistance and Grants	0	9,840,384	60,770,010	50,352,795	59,825,842
Subtotal: Operating	0	33,436,327	101,069,103	93,556,995	102,640,761
Contract Professional Services	0	170,514	0	0	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	513,482	1,039,566	42,566	34,566
Operating Transfers	0	0	4,570,000	14,352,617	14,347,140
Subtotal: Other	0	683,996	5,609,566	14,395,183	14,381,706
Total Expenditures	0	34,120,322	106,678,669	107,952,178	117,022,467
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	224,687	0	275,313	0
Federal Funds	0	17,734,073	31,554,214	24,035,259	32,548,662
Restricted Receipts	0	14,659,953	39,089,028	37,704,824	38,536,799
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	0	1,501,608	5,668,785	15,570,140	15,570,364
Other Funds	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	34,120,322	106,678,669	107,952,178	117,022,467
FTE Authorization	0.0	16.0	17.0	17.0	21.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of Energy Resources

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	16.0	1,797,747	20.0	2,250,123
Unclassified	1.0	155,632	1.0	166,030
Subtotal	17.0	1,953,379	21.0	2,416,153
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		78,748		78,748
Turnover		(279,593)		(167,182)
Total Salaries		1,804,100		2,383,603
Benefits				
FICA		138,015		182,342
Health Benefits		208,296		304,851
Payroll Accrual		10,055		13,286
Retiree Health		56,078		70,988
Retirement		550,552		700,830
Subtotal		962,996		1,272,297
Total Salaries and Benefits	17.0	2,767,096	21.0	3,655,900
Cost Per FTE Position		162,770		174,090
Statewide Benefit Assessment		50,037		69,147
Payroll Costs	17.0	2,817,133	21.0	3,725,047
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,262,513		1,220,437
Design and Engineering Services		1,015,000		1,015,000
Legal Services		40,000		40,000
Management & Consultant Services		1,855,505		1,004,342
Other Contracts		6,173		6,173
Training and Educational Services		17,000		111,900
Subtotal		4,196,191		3,397,852
Total Personnel	17.0	7,013,324	21.0	7,122,899
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Federal Funds	2.0	2,867,583	6.0	2,721,030
Restricted Receipts	15.0	2,928,218	15.0	3,178,645
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	1,217,523	0.0	1,223,224
Total All Funds	17.0	7,013,324	21.0	7,122,899

Program Summary

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Central Management

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Assistance and Grants	0	9,840,384	60,770,010	50,352,795	59,825,842
Subtotal: Operating	0	33,436,327	70,702,461	63,190,353	72,274,119
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ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0137 A	1.0	118,004	1.0	122,490
ADMINISTRATOR OF ENERGY PROGRAMS	0137 A	2.0	223,599	2.0	233,316
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	0.0	0	1.0	99,591
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	1.0	96,606	1.0	104,710
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	0141 A	1.0	156,909	1.0	161,617
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	2.0	195,860	2.0	209,422
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	0137 A	1.0	118,693	1.0	122,092
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER- OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES	0145 A	1.0	158,244	1.0	162,991
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTOR POLICY AND PROGRAMS	0140 A	2.0	254,736	2.0	262,377
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	124,330	1.0	128,877
LEGAL COUNSEL	0134 A	1.0	89,680	1.0	92,368
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	3.0	261,086	3.0	268,919
SENIOR RESOURCE SPECIALIST	3530 A	0.0	0	3.0	281,353
Subtotal Classified		16.0	1,797,747	20.0	2,250,123
Unclassified					
COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY RESOURCES	0743 A	1.0	155,632	1.0	166,030
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	155,632	1.0	166,030
Subtotal		17.0	1,953,379	21.0	2,416,153
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Regular Wages			1,975,956		2,426,624
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Performance Measures

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State EV Charging Stations

As part of the Lead by Example executive order, the Office of Energy Resources works to increase the number of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on State properties. The figures below represent the number of Rhode Island State EV charging stations on State properties.

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	65	70	85	110	130
Actual	65	72	85	--	--

Renewable Electricity for State Operations

As part of the Lead by Example executive order, the Office of Energy Resources is pursuing procurement of 100% renewable electricity for State operations, subject to funding opportunities and constraints. The figures below represent the percent of the State facilities' electricity consumption comes from renewable sources.

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	100%	100%	100%	--	--

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Central Utilities Fund	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[30,366,642]</i>	<i>[30,366,642]</i>	<i>[30,366,642]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Subtotal: Operating	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Other Funds	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642
Total Expenditures	0	0	30,366,642	30,366,642	30,366,642