

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

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,141,262	2,473,364	3,448,631	3,526,513	3,651,691
Total Expenditures	2,141,262	2,473,364	3,448,631	3,526,513	3,651,691
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,719,320	1,983,136	2,493,072	2,475,184	2,532,067
Contract Professional Services	1,750	6,438	6,825	6,825	7,525
Operating Supplies and Expenses	281,809	330,411	345,354	391,124	452,099
Assistance and Grants	132,225	129,204	593,380	593,380	645,000
Subtotal: Operating	2,135,104	2,449,190	3,438,631	3,466,513	3,636,691
Capital Purchases and Equipment	6,158	24,175	10,000	60,000	15,000
Subtotal: Other	6,158	24,175	10,000	60,000	15,000
Total Expenditures	2,141,262	2,473,364	3,448,631	3,526,513	3,651,691
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,204,648	1,713,667	1,969,751	2,017,033	2,097,428
Federal Funds	807,741	724,841	822,451	807,253	893,987
Restricted Receipts	134	57	511,827	511,827	511,827
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	0	0	0	50,000	0
Other Funds	128,739	34,800	144,602	140,400	148,449
Total Expenditures	2,141,262	2,473,364	3,448,631	3,526,513	3,651,691
FTE Authorization	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	12.6	1,253,507	12.6	1,319,605
Unclassified	3.0	313,784	3.0	335,613
Subtotal	15.6	1,567,291	15.6	1,655,218
Turnover		(135,930)		(126,750)
Total Salaries		1,431,361		1,528,468
Benefits				
FICA		119,898		116,927
Health Benefits		317,650		318,825
Payroll Accrual		9,137		8,816
Retiree Health		50,936		47,075
Retirement		500,752		466,103
Subtotal		998,373		957,746
Total Salaries and Benefits	15.6	2,429,734	15.6	2,486,214
Cost Per FTE Position		155,752		159,373
Statewide Benefit Assessment		45,450		45,853
Payroll Costs	15.6	2,475,184	15.6	2,532,067
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		2,325		3,025
Training and Educational Services		4,500		4,500
Subtotal		6,825		7,525
Total Personnel	15.6	2,482,009	15.6	2,539,592
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	10.6	1,681,861	10.6	1,696,281
Federal Funds	4.0	660,948	4.0	696,062
Other Funds	1.0	139,200	1.0	147,249
Total All Funds	15.6	2,482,009	15.6	2,539,592

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Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Central Management

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
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Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	1.0	101,661	1.0	104,711
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0115 A	0.6	47,753	0.6	50,170
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RIHPHC)	0138 A	1.0	114,608	1.0	120,670
OFF & FACILITIES MGR (RIHPHC)	0125 A	1.0	77,343	1.0	82,636
PRIN HIS PRES SPEC (RIHPHC)ARC	0135 A	1.0	118,412	1.0	124,878
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PRIN HIS PRES SPEC(RIHPHC)PROJ	0135 A	1.0	102,967	1.0	108,590
RESTORATION PROJECT MANAGER (RIHPHC)	0135 A	2.0	245,118	2.0	252,471
SENIOR HISTORIC GRANTS MANAGER (RIHPHC)	0131 A	1.0	82,902	1.0	88,517
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HISTORIAN)	0131 A	1.0	83,968	1.0	90,204
SR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCHAEOLOGIST)	0131 A	1.0	81,429	1.0	86,923
SR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (PUBLIC INFO COORD)	0131 A	1.0	84,082	1.0	90,386
Subtotal Classified		12.6	1,253,507	12.6	1,319,605
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	0843 A	1.0	159,809	1.0	171,305
HERITAGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR (RIHPHC)	0128 A	1.0	72,546	1.0	77,385
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (RIHPHC)PROJECT REVI	0131 A	1.0	81,429	1.0	86,923
Subtotal Unclassified		3.0	313,784	3.0	335,613
Subtotal		15.6	1,567,291	15.6	1,655,218
Longevity Pay			77,584		81,254
Regular Wages			1,489,707		1,573,964
Turnover			(135,930)		(126,750)
Total Salaries			1,431,361		1,528,468
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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>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	\$155,607,860	\$242,458,949	\$206,041,845	\$212,541,845	\$159,146,845
Actual	\$123,329,732	\$36,963,237	\$65,473,119	--	--

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations

HPHC documents and nominates historic structures and archaeological sites to the National Register of Historic Places (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>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	20	20	20	20	20
Actual	17	0	18	--	--

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>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	25,000	35,000	55,000	50,000	40,000
Actual	46,919	49,300	54,745	--	--