

The Agency

Office of the Governor

Agency Operations

The Office of the Governor is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five general offices subject to election by the voters.

The Governor's Office is responsible for the enactment of reform and change in state government for the betterment of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. In accomplishing this task, the Governor's Office coordinates the services of a staff of professionals to include the Policy Office, Executive Counsel Office, Legislative Affairs Office, Media Office, Constituent Affairs Office, Community Relations Office, Washington Office and the Business Office.

Agency Objectives

To fulfill all responsibilities and duties in accordance with the Rhode Island Constitution and Law.

To initiate reform and change in both government and economy for the betterment of all Rhode Island citizens.

Statutory History

Each Administration creates its own Office of the Governor for the purpose of governing the State of Rhode Island. The first Governor's Office of the colony of Rhode Island was authorized by the Charter of 1663, with Benedict Arnold as its first Governor. Executive Order 91-27, signed August 2, 1991, reorganized the Executive Department to include nine divisions. The Governor's Office is one of the divisions within the Executive Department. Under Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, the chief executive power of the State rests upon the elected Governor of the State. Article IX, Section 2, enumerates Executive Power such that the Governor shall take care that the laws of the State be faithfully executed; Article IX, Section 3, that the Governor shall be the captain general and commander in chief of the military and naval forces of the State; Article IX, Section 4, that the Governor shall have the power to grant reprieves; Article IX, Section 5, that the Governor has the power to fill vacancies not otherwise provided by law; Article IX, Section 13, that the Governor may grant pardons; Article IX, Section 14, that the Governor has the power to approve or veto legislation; and Article IX, Section 15, that the Governor shall have prepared and presented to the General Assembly an annual state budget.

The Budget

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| | FY 2003 Actual | FY 2004 Actual | FY 2005 Revised | FY 2006 Recommended |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Expenditures By Object | | | | |
| Personnel | 5,663,670 | 3,874,008 | 3,923,942 | 4,101,779 |
| Other State Operations | 542,655 | 506,802 | 473,183 | 428,716 |
| Aid To Local Units Of Government | - | - | - | - |
| Assistance, Grants and Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal: Operating Expenditures | \$6,206,325 | \$4,380,810 | \$4,397,125 | \$4,530,495 |
| Capital Improvements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Debt Service | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | \$6,206,325 | \$4,380,810 | \$4,397,125 | \$4,530,495 |
| Expenditures By Funds | | | | |
| General Revenue | 6,206,325 | 4,380,810 | 4,397,125 | 4,530,495 |
| Total Expenditures | \$6,206,325 | \$4,380,810 | \$4,397,125 | \$4,530,495 |
| FTE Authorization | | | | |
| | 47.5 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 47.5 |
| Agency Measures | | | | |
| Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce | 6.0% | 17.0% | 18.0% | 18.0% |
| Females as a Percentage of the Workforce | 62.0% | 59.0% | 62.0% | 62.0% |
| Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce | - | - | - | - |
| Program Measures | | | | |
| | NA | NA | NA | NA |