

Component Units

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Rhode Island Economic Policy Council

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Economic Policy Council (Council) is a private-public partnership founded in March 1995, by an Executive Order of the Governor. The Council was re-established and expanded by Executive Orders 98-2 and Executive Order 03-06. The Council is organized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation for tax purposes. The Council consists of the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Mayor of Providence and representatives from higher education, business, labor and the community, chosen by the Governor. The private sector and the State of Rhode Island equally fund the Council.

Effective July 1, 2008 staff support for the Council is provided by the Economic Development Corporation.

Agency Objectives

The Council's function is to focus the state's economic development efforts on game-changing initiatives that enhance the business climate, improve quality of place and increase capacity for innovation. As a cross-sector network, the Policy Council is particularly fertile ground for new ideas, both original and borrowed, which it converts to strategy and takes to practical application by telling stories with data, creating the organizational capacity for catalytic change, and forming successful legislative coalitions. The aim of these efforts is to unleash the creative potential of the state and its citizens in ways that increase median household income and preserve and enhance the state's distinctive quality of place. Working in close partnership with the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, the Council is helping to make Rhode Island a test bed for business and government innovation.

The Budget

Rhode Island Economic Policy Council

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Opening Balance:	\$52,147	(\$50,546)	-	-
Revenues				
State Operating Transfers	300,000	291,900	-	-
Private Contributions	301,503	260,406	-	-
Interest Earnings	152	104	-	-
Other Support	109,160	105,000	-	-
	710,815	657,410	-	-
Total Resources	\$762,962	\$606,864	-	-
Expenditures				
Personnel Expenses	400,277	260,533	-	-
Operating Expenses	134,903	141,784	-	-
Consulting Expenses	248,813	170,659	-	-
Capital Outlay	29,515	33,888	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$813,508	\$606,864	-	-
Closing Balance	(\$50,546)	\$0	-	-

The FY 2007 deficit is due to accrual of certain accounts payable that were disbursed on a cash basis during FY 2008.
Support for the Economic Policy Council is assumed by the Economic Development Corporation in FY 2009.

The Agency

The College Crusade of Rhode Island

Agency Operations

The College Crusade of Rhode Island (The Crusade) offers a range of age-appropriate supports for students as they progress from grades 6-12. Through its direct services and grant-making programs, it partners with over 50 schools and community agencies to serve Crusaders – with special emphasis on youth from the five RI cities and towns with the greatest numbers of low-income families. Currently there are approximately 4,000 Crusaders in grades 6-12. We have now graduated eight cohorts of Crusaders – those who enrolled in 1991-1998. Through fiscal year 2008, we have provided scholarships to approximately 2,600 Crusaders valued at \$19.2 million. The Crusade has a \$5.4 million scholarship fund as well as pledges of donated scholarships from 61 colleges, universities and trade schools. The Crusade is supported by an annual allocation from the State of Rhode Island and by federal and private grants and gifts from individuals.

Agency Objectives

The College Crusade of Rhode Island's mission is to increase educational and career success for youth in Rhode Island's low income communities. We help Crusaders get ready to succeed in college by providing caring advisors and sustained academic and social support from grades 5-12, combined with scholarship incentives. We advocate for expanded opportunities for pre-K-16 success while helping Crusaders to develop as responsible, productive members of the community.

Statutory History

The Crusade was founded as an independent 501(c)(3) organization in November of 1989 by the Board of Governors for Higher Education as a long-range strategy to increase high school graduation and college going rates for low-income students. It is governed by up to a 19-member Board of Directors. Legislation enacted in 1990 (see R.I.G.L. 16-70-2) established a mechanism for state support of the Crusade as a line item in the Office of Higher Education's budget. In FY 2008 the state support changed to a Legislative Grant within the Office of Higher Education's budget.

The Budget

The College Crusade of Rhode Island

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Carry Forward Funds	114,010	8,897	93,586	47,218 *
Scholarship Fund/Cash & Pledges	1,614,427	1,051,225	1,210,000	738,000
Support & Revenue				
State Appropriation/BOG Support	1,408,544	1,062,408	528,204	528,204 *
Private Donations/Miscellaneous Grants	207,023	207,851	200,000	200,000
Special Events	31,395	-	-	-
Public/Private In-Kind Contributions	725,979	684,638	530,000	530,000
Federal Grant Funds	2,405,300	4,217,670	2,926,514	2,876,514
Carnegie Foundation Grant	1,146,204	92,757	-	-
Investment Income	13,390	6,718	5,000	5,000
Prior Year Grant Adjustments	1,210	-	-	-
Subtotal	\$5,939,045	\$6,272,042	\$4,189,718	\$4,139,718
Total Resources	\$7,667,482	\$7,332,164	\$5,493,304	\$4,924,936
Expenses				
Personnel Cost	3,152,931	2,591,116	2,365,211	2,436,167
Special Services	251,361	178,462	117,400	117,400 *
Special Events	15,365	3,099	8,700	8,700
Program Support Services	2,257,172	1,255,280	1,219,128	1,219,128
Operating Expenses	601,329	478,733	335,421	355,546
Cost of Scholarships	1,380,427	1,236,881	935,000	738,000
Total Expenses	\$7,658,585	\$5,743,571	\$4,980,860	\$4,874,941
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	-	1,495,007	465,226	49,995 *
Closing Fund Balance	\$8,897	\$93,586	\$47,218	\$0

The information presented for FY 2010 is preliminary and has not been reviewed nor approved by the College Crusade of Rhode Island Board of Directors and is subject to change.

*Reflects Budget Office change that level funds state support at \$528,204 in FY 2009 and in FY 2010.