

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# Budget



## Fiscal Year 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

# The Agency

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## Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority

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### Agency Operations

The Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA or “the Authority”) is organized into three divisions which administer respectively: the Scholarship and Grant Program; the Tuition Savings Program (CollegeBoundfund®); and the Loan Program. The Scholarship and Grant Program administers various student financial assistance programs funded by general revenue appropriations from the State of Rhode Island, as well as by funds received from the U.S. Department of Education and funds derived from other sources. These programs include State Scholarship/Grant Program, the Federal LEAP/SLEAP Programs and the College Access Challenge Grants. The Tuition Savings Program administers the activities of the CollegeBoundfund®, including the student financial assistance programs funded by revenues generated by CollegeBoundfund®. Those student financial assistance programs are the Academic Promise Scholarship Program, the CollegeBoundfund® Matching Grant Program and the Adult Education Grant Program. In addition, revenues from CollegeBoundfund® are used to supplement the State Grant Program. The Loan Program administers RIHEAA’s activities as the state designated guaranty agency in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) assisting students and their parents in financing higher education expenses with federally guaranteed student loans. As part of Loan Program’s federally mandated responsibilities to conduct early awareness and college outreach activities, RIHEAA has initiated WaytogoRI.org, an online web portal provided free to all Rhode Island residents, all elementary and secondary schools (public, private and parochial) and post-secondary institutions. WaytogoRI.org allows students, parents and educators to explore education and career options, plan and prepare for college and careers, conduct college and career searches and apply on-line and transmit academic transcripts electronically for college admission.

### Agency Objectives

The Authority provides a system of financial assistance programs consisting of the Scholarship and Grant Program, the Tuition Savings Program, and as a guaranty agency in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Together, these programs enhance the aspirational and motivational levels of students and provide tools for educators/administrators in every school district in Rhode Island by: enabling early awareness of the relevance, importance, and value of college and career planning; promoting access to higher education; supporting the state’s workforce needs; and providing financial assistance to qualified students and parents, many of whom are or might be discouraged and/or restricted from participating in post-secondary education because of insufficient financial resources.

### Statutory History

The Authority was created in 1977 to administer the grant, scholarship, and loan programs for the State of Rhode Island, replacing a previously existing loan entity and assuming some functions of the Department of Education. Title 16 Chapter 56 and 57 of the Rhode Island General Laws establish and provide for the organization, functions, and statutory award formula of the Authority.

# The Budget

## Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2011 Revised	FY 2012 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Scholarship and Grants	7,976,460	7,318,783	6,888,349	7,727,058	6,335,230
Loans	12,430,607	10,166,785	11,879,335	12,769,056	13,336,197
Tuition Savings	6,837,701	6,183,791	7,021,425	7,020,659	7,740,720
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,244,768</b>	<b>\$23,669,359</b>	<b>\$25,789,109</b>	<b>\$27,516,773</b>	<b>\$27,412,147</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	6,840,433	8,663,516	8,953,748	10,613,701	11,226,305
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,736,678	2,339,756	3,739,659	2,986,500	3,002,713
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	17,667,657	12,665,087	12,594,702	13,416,572	12,683,129
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,244,768</b>	<b>\$23,668,359</b>	<b>\$25,288,109</b>	<b>\$27,016,773</b>	<b>\$26,912,147</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	1,000	501,000	500,000	500,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,244,768</b>	<b>\$23,669,359</b>	<b>\$25,789,109</b>	<b>\$27,516,773</b>	<b>\$27,412,147</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	7,283,678	6,611,632	6,723,347	7,320,186	6,163,104
Federal Funds	13,123,389	10,873,936	12,044,337	13,175,928	13,508,323
Other Funds	6,837,701	6,183,791	7,021,425	7,020,659	7,740,720
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,244,768</b>	<b>\$23,669,359</b>	<b>\$25,789,109</b>	<b>\$27,516,773</b>	<b>\$27,412,147</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>41.6</b>
<b>Agency Measures</b>					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	10.3%	8.3%	8.3%	5.0%	7.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	79.5%	79.5%	79.5%	71.5%	71.5%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	7.7%	6.3%	6.3%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Program Measures</b>					
Percentage of Eligible Students Receiving Grants	47.6%	52.1%	52.1%	52.1%	52.1%
Average Grant Award	\$850	\$779	\$779	\$750	\$708
State Grant as a Percentage of Unmet Need Prior to State Grants	7.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.2%	5.8%