

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

The Agency

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Agency Operations

The Commission consists of 24 Commissioners appointed by the Governor; a staff of 4; several college fellows; and many volunteers.

The Commission is responsible for protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities: coordinating the state compliance with federal and state disability rights laws; providing technical assistance to public and private agencies, businesses, and citizens in complying with those laws; managing the state's ADA/504 Accessibility renovation projects, to overcome physical and communication barriers in state owned facilities; making polling places accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities; training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office; providing individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about their rights; and investigating disability discrimination complaints involving physical barriers at public or private facilities, and ordering corrective action.

The Commission also advocates for the adoption of public policies so that each person with a disability is able to reach her/his maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

The Commission's Disability Business Enterprise program assists small disadvantaged businesses owned by persons with disabilities; firms where sixty percent (60%) of the employees are persons with disabilities; and non-profit rehabilitation facilities to win state funded and state directed public construction contracts and state contracts for goods and services.

Agency Objectives

The Commission's objective is to ensure that all people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities to exercise all the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of this State and each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

Statutory History

The Commission's responsibilities are defined in RI General Laws: 42-51; 42-87; 37-8-15 & 15.1; 42-46-5(b); 42-46-13(f); 23-6-22; 37-2.2; 30-15-6; 28-5.1-9; 31-28-7.3; 42-102-2(e) and 17-9.1-31, Article I § 2, RI Constitution and federal laws: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability (29 USC 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101 et. seq.); and Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act, Election Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities (42 USC 15461).

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	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2011 Revised	FY 2012 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	377,562	362,394	386,275	389,428	419,445
Operating Supplies and Expenses	27,749	22,075	31,376	50,070	24,812
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	67,349	49,860	154,921	127,250	133,754
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$472,660	\$434,329	\$572,572	\$566,748	\$578,011
Capital Purchases and Equipment	118,680	142,250	251,881	226,881	226,881
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	7,780	2,250	-	25,000	25,000
Total Expenditures	\$599,120	\$578,829	\$824,453	\$818,629	\$829,892
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	383,043	343,441	367,229	363,308	388,786
Federal Funds	56,245	85,780	193,598	196,213	181,842
Restricted Receipts	8,432	7,931	13,626	9,108	9,264
Operating Transfers	151,400	141,677	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total Expenditures	\$599,120	\$578,829	\$824,453	\$818,629	\$829,892
FTE Authorization	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	35.7%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	28.6%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	100.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Program Measures					
Percentage of State Legislation Affecting Persons with Disabilities that is Favorably Disposed	52.0%	76.0%	76.0%	70.0%	65.0%
Percentage of Disability Discrimination Complaints Resolved Prior to Hearing	93.0%	99.0%	99.0%	49.0%	56.0%