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**RHODE ISLAND
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
AND HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Agency Summary

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Agency Mission

Identify and protect historic and prehistoric sites, buildings, and districts throughout the State of Rhode Island, and commemorate the history and culture of the State; promote and preserve the State's ethnic and cultural traditions; and provide a better understanding of the various ethnic cultures, which comprise the State's population.

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 archeological 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 State.

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 which will meet the cultural needs of Rhode Island's citizens.

The Commission develops and implements programs for the preservation of historic resources. Federal and state 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

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,145,440	2,079,836	2,662,345	2,786,148	2,912,736
Total Expenditures	2,145,440	2,079,836	2,662,345	2,786,148	2,912,736
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	1,690,669	1,680,048	1,799,111	1,873,214	2,014,088
Contract Professional Services	300	8,598	0	0	8,000
Operating Supplies And Expenses	332,961	312,177	329,115	378,815	356,529
Assistance And Grants	120,297	79,013	530,619	530,619	530,619
Subtotal: Operating	2,144,227	2,079,836	2,658,845	2,782,648	2,909,236
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,213	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Subtotal: Other	1,213	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total Expenditures	2,145,440	2,079,836	2,662,345	2,786,148	2,912,736
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,351,210	1,382,358	1,390,704	1,462,059	1,572,452
Federal Funds	642,863	585,246	697,162	741,889	759,283
Restricted Receipts	20,074	19,983	424,100	424,588	424,100
Other Funds	131,293	92,249	150,379	157,612	156,901
Total Expenditures	2,145,440	2,079,836	2,662,345	2,786,148	2,912,736
FTE Authorization	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6

Performance Measures

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nominations

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (HPHC) documents and nominates historic structures and archaeological sites to the 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.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	150.00	40.00	40.00	20.00
Actual	37.00	81.00	4.00	0.00	

Architectural Reviews

HPHC architects oversee the programs that provide financial assistance to projects to rehabilitate historic buildings and leverage private investment. This program preserves historic buildings by adapting them for new use and helps revitalize communities. HPHC conducts architectural reviews in three phases: Phase I certifies the historical significance of a project; Phase II certifies the rehabilitation plan; and Phase III certifies project completion. The figures below represent the number of architectural reviews conducted in a given year.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	22.00
Actual	35.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	

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). [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0	120,000,000	197,687,924	197,687,924	155,607,860
Actual	74,008,268	301,654,442	248,245,114	0.00	

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>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00
Actual	47,500.00	58,830.00	16,789.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00115A	0.6	43,648	0.6	45,911
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RIHPHC)	00138A	1.0	96,126	1.0	102,133
HERITAGE COMMISSION AIDE	00118A	1.0	46,778	1.0	49,457
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (FISCAL/ PROPERTY MGR)	00121A	1.0	56,176	1.0	59,083
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH)	00128A	2.0	147,098	2.0	154,594
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00128A	3.0	217,465	3.0	222,902
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	00128A	1.0	63,147	1.0	67,031
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (HISTORIAN)	00128A	1.0	69,475	1.0	71,904
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	00131A	1.0	70,876	1.0	75,290
RESTORATION PROJECT MANAGER (RIHPHC)	00135A	2.0	191,829	2.0	203,809
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00125A	1.0	55,047	1.0	58,275
Subtotal Classified		14.6	1,057,665	14.6	1,110,389
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	00843A	1.0	124,559	1.0	133,203
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	124,559	1.0	133,203
Subtotal		15.6	1,182,224	15.6	1,243,592
Turnover			(84,815)		(20,282)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			25,070		0
Total Salaries			1,122,479		1,223,310
Benefits					
FICA			85,771		93,586
Health Benefits			229,968		240,691
Payroll Accrual			6,400		0
Retiree Health			59,319		54,803
Retirement			324,788		353,377
Subtotal			706,246		742,457
Total Salaries and Benefits		15.6	1,828,725	15.6	1,965,767
Cost Per FTE Position			117,226		126,011
Statewide Benefit Assessment			44,489		48,321
Payroll Costs		15.6	1,873,214	15.6	2,014,088

Personnel

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Central Management

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		0		8,000
Subtotal		0		8,000
Total Personnel	15.6	1,873,214	15.6	2,022,088
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	9.6	1,119,294	9.6	1,251,973
Federal Funds	5.0	647,395	5.0	664,789
Restricted Receipts	0.0	488	0.0	0
Other Funds	1.0	106,037	1.0	105,326
Total All Funds	15.6	1,873,214	15.6	2,022,088