

**VOLUME IV:  
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**COASTAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## **Agency Summary**

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### **Coastal Resources Management Council**

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#### **Agency Mission**

To preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. Maintain a balance between conservation and development and between conflicting private and public interests that will provide the greatest long-term benefits. To protect and preserve valuable natural and cultural features such as historic sites, barrier beaches, coastal ponds, wetlands, and fishing grounds that are subject to development and misuse. To protect and promote public access to the shore and provide high quality recreational opportunities to all who come to the Rhode Island shore. Provide suitable waterfront sites for industries and businesses needing direct coastal access. To direct new development away from sensitive areas and into already developed areas. To establish a working partnership among the public and local, state, and federal governments.

#### **Agency Description**

Rhode Island law mandates the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) to preserve, protect, develop and, where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State. The council is administered by 16 appointed representatives from the public and state and local governments and is staffed by professional engineers, biologists, environmental scientists, and marine resource specialists. The public is given regular opportunities at public hearings to comment on the management of state coastal resources. The council carries out its permitting, enforcement and planning functions primarily through its management programs. Coastal Resources Management Plans are considered to be the environmental management “blueprint” for coastal zone management in the State and are drafted to meet federal mandates. Special Area Management Plans address specific issues associated with designated management areas. Municipal Harbor Management Plans address issues at the municipal level regarding the management of activities occurring in, or on, the waters of a town. The Coastal Resources Management Council is closely involved with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce in a series of initiatives to improve the management of the State’s coastal resources. In 1996, legislation authorized the CRMC as the lead agency (including permitting and planning activities) for dredging and aquaculture, as well as transferring certain freshwater wetlands and permitting responsibility from the Department of Environmental Management to the Council. The CRMC oversees the Coastal Habitat Restoration Program to include and is charged with developing a Marine Resources Development Plan and an Ocean Special Area Management plan. CRMC is also the lead agency on siting of off-shore windfarms, the first of which in the United States was built off the coast of New Shoreham.

#### **Statutory History**

R.I. General Laws § 46-23 establishes the duties and functions of the council. Federally, 16 U.S.C. 1451 (Coastal Zone Management Act) establishes the authority to develop management programs.

# Budget

## Coastal Resources Management Council

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Central Management	5,617,682	4,354,930	5,460,276	6,155,198	7,407,579
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,617,682</b>	<b>4,354,930</b>	<b>5,460,276</b>	<b>6,155,198</b>	<b>7,407,579</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary And Benefits	3,895,804	3,418,664	3,816,804	4,027,340	4,178,448
Contract Professional Services	655,173	233,149	388,770	450,770	496,770
Operating Supplies And Expenses	154,106	173,529	257,929	415,824	313,361
Assistance And Grants	846,682	505,637	378,658	566,840	351,000
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>5,551,765</b>	<b>4,330,979</b>	<b>4,842,161</b>	<b>5,460,774</b>	<b>5,339,579</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	65,918	23,951	618,115	694,424	2,068,000
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>65,918</b>	<b>23,951</b>	<b>618,115</b>	<b>694,424</b>	<b>2,068,000</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,617,682</b>	<b>4,354,930</b>	<b>5,460,276</b>	<b>6,155,198</b>	<b>7,407,579</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	2,831,189	2,456,607	2,809,533	2,988,872	3,177,275
Federal Funds	1,982,306	1,657,083	1,850,628	2,296,902	1,980,304
Restricted Receipts	265,189	220,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	538,998	21,241	550,115	619,424	2,000,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,617,682</b>	<b>4,354,930</b>	<b>5,460,276</b>	<b>6,155,198</b>	<b>7,407,579</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>

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## Performance Measures

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### Coastal Resources Management Council

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#### Coastal Habitat Restoration

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The Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) works to protect and restore coastal ecosystems of the state. This goal is accomplished through the Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. With a maximum annual funding allocation of \$225,000, the Trust Fund supports projects that primarily propose on-the-ground restoration work. To maximize impact in restoring ecosystems, CRMC strives to fund projects that demonstrate other sources of funding (leveraging), thereby increasing the number of sites and/or acres being restored in the state. The figures below represent the number of acres of coastal habitat restored. [Notes: The 2016 total represents 20 acres of physical habitat restored plus 2,000 acres of fish spawning habitat made accessible by opening 33 miles of river habitat. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Target</b>	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Actual</b>	64.00	152.00	300.00	0.00	

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#### Timeliness of Administrative Application Processing

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CRMC works to efficiently process applications for activities within its jurisdiction. The majority of these applications are categorized as administrative. In an effort to gauge its responsiveness to the public, CRMC tracks the average turnaround time from CRMC's receipt of an application to assent issuance. CRMC's target for administrative activity application review is two weeks to two months (14-60 days), depending on the type of application. The figures below represent the average processing time for administrative applications. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Target</b>	0.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
<b>Actual</b>	33.60	46.40	40.50	0.00	

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#### Timeliness of Formal Application Processing

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Formal applications are those subject to judicial or open meeting legal processes (e.g., formal comment periods, hearing schedules, contested cases, etc.) that impact CRMC's ability to control the review period for this subset of applications. CRMC's standard for formal activity application review times is ninety days to six months (90-180 days), and includes those activities for which a 30-day public comment period is required. The figures below represent the average processing time for formal applications. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Target</b>	0	180	180	180	180
<b>Actual</b>	250.00	318.00	167.00	0.00	

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# Personnel

## Agency: Coastal Resources Management Council

### Central Management

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Classified</b>					
APPLICATION COORDINATOR	00320A	1.0	62,119	1.0	63,672
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00321A	1.0	47,623	1.0	50,223
CHIEF RESOURCE SPECIALIST	00131A	1.0	94,768	1.0	97,087
COASTAL GEOLOGIST	00326A	1.0	56,628	1.0	59,983
COASTAL POLICY ANALYST	00132A	2.0	148,869	3.0	236,475
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00315A	1.0	52,756	1.0	54,076
DEPUTY DIRECTOR- COASTAL RESOURCES MGMT COUNCIL (CRMC)	00140A	1.0	104,961	1.0	113,215
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN III (NATURAL RESOURCES)	00323A	1.0	51,717	1.0	54,493
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00326A	1.0	56,628	1.0	59,983
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	1.0	75,214	1.0	77,094
MARINE RESOURCES SPECIALIST	00327A	1.0	76,204	1.0	78,045
OFFICE MANAGER	00323A	1.0	71,463	1.0	73,194
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00332A	1.0	95,797	1.0	98,120
PRINCIPAL OCEAN ENGINEER	00133A	2.0	169,933	2.0	174,874
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER (COASTAL RESOURCES)	00331A	1.0	77,914	1.0	79,862
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00330A	5.0	416,233	5.0	428,805
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	1.0	41,963	1.0	43,012
SUPERVISING CIVIL ENGINEER (WATER RESOURCES)	00335A	1.0	107,922	1.0	110,572
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (DOS/MVS)	00328A	1.0	73,039	1.0	74,865
<b>Subtotal Classified</b>		<b>25.0</b>	<b>1,881,751</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>2,027,650</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>					
AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR	00829A	1.0	74,038	1.0	79,494
DIRECTOR	00845A	1.0	168,214	1.0	178,780
MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	00834A	1.0	100,320	1.0	102,828
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COORDINATOR	00824A	1.0	68,059	1.0	69,761
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	00134A	1.0	89,255	1.0	94,722
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>5.0</b>	<b>499,886</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>525,585</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>30.0</b>	<b>2,381,637</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>2,553,235</b>
Overtime			16,504		16,154
Turnover			0		(15,063)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			52,063		0
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>2,450,204</b>		<b>2,554,326</b>

# Personnel

## Agency: Coastal Resources Management Council

### Central Management

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		28,500		28,500
FICA		186,919		194,688
Health Benefits		413,410		448,261
Payroll Accrual		14,036		0
Retiree Health		130,111		114,985
Retirement		706,613		736,304
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,479,589</b>		<b>1,522,738</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>3,929,793</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>4,077,064</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>130,993</b>		<b>131,518</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		97,547		101,384
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4,027,340</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>4,178,448</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		15,000		15,000
Design and Engineering Services		3,000		2,000
Information Technology		77,000		110,000
Legal Services		194,000		209,000
Other Contracts		4,770		4,770
Training and Educational Services		4,000		3,000
University and College Services		153,000		153,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>450,770</b>		<b>496,770</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4,478,110</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>4,675,218</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	20.0	2,919,085	21.0	3,127,143
Federal Funds	10.0	1,559,025	10.0	1,548,075
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4,478,110</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>4,675,218</b>