

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2016

Technical Appendix

Gina M. Raimondo, Governor

Changes in Budgeting Practices and Presentation

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General Government

Executive Office of Commerce

Section 42-64.19-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Executive Office of Commerce, effective February 1, 2015. This agency will serve as the principal agency of the executive branch of government for managing the promotion of commerce and the economy within the State.

Department of Administration

Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity

The FY 2015 Budget established a new Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity as a division within the Department of Administration. This division encompasses the existing structure of the Office of Outreach and Diversity and the State Equal Opportunity Office from the Human Resources program and the Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs from the Purchasing program. The new division is a result of Executive Order 13-05 "Promotion of Diversity, Equal Opportunity and Minority Business Enterprises in Rhode Island."

Housing and Community Development Corporation

Effective in FY 2016, the Housing and Community Development Corporation shall operate as a division of the Executive Office of Commerce pursuant to section 42-64.19-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Rhode Island Film and Television Office

Effective in FY 2016, the Housing and Rhode Island Film and Television Office shall operate as a division of the Executive Office of Commerce pursuant to section 42-64.19-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

Effective in FY 2016, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation shall operate as a division of the Executive Office of Commerce pursuant to section 42-64.19-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

I-195 Redevelopment Commission

Effective in FY 2016, the I-195 Redevelopment Commission shall operate as a division of the Executive Office of Commerce pursuant to section 42-64.19-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Consolidation of Capital Funding

The Governor's budget proposes consolidation of construction, property, and asset management functions in numerous departments within the Department of Administration. The Consolidation supports the Department's efforts to provide greater oversight of capital projects, as well as to develop a more strategic approach to project planning and management, as well as asset management.

Health and Human Services

Division of Advocacy/Governor's Commission on Disabilities

The Governor's recommended FY 2016 Budget proposes the establishment of a new Division of Advocacy within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and subsequent transfer of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities to that program.

Division of Advocacy/Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Governor's recommended FY 2016 Budget proposes the establishment of a new Division of Advocacy within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and subsequent transfer of the Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to that program.

Division of Advocacy/Office of the Child Advocate

The Governor's recommended FY 2016 Budget proposes the establishment of a new Division of Advocacy within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and subsequent transfer of the Office of the Child Advocate to that program.

Division of Advocacy/Office of the Mental Health Advocate

The Governor's recommended FY 2016 Budget proposes the establishment of a new Division of Advocacy within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and subsequent transfer of the Office of the Mental Health Advocate to that program.

Education

Public Higher Education/

Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority

In the FY 2016 budget, the functions of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority are transferred to the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC) within Public Higher Education. The RIHEAA functions are created in the OPC as the Division of Higher Education Assistance.

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Public Safety

Military Staff / Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

The FY 2015 enacted budget amended RIGL 30-15-5 to reassign executive duties of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) from the Adjutant General of the Military Staff to the Executive Director of RIEMA and to establish the RIEMA as a stand-alone agency. The result retained the National Guard as a single program within the Military Staff. For purposes of presentation, historical expenditure information of the RIEMA will remain under the Military Staff agency in the budget documents. This change became effective July 1, 2014.