
Agency Summary

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & 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 § 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 § 42-79, establishing the commission as a permanent state agency. In the 1994 legislative session the General Assembly repealed RIGL § 42-79 and amended § 42-45 to add Heritage Commission responsibilities creating the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

Budget

Historical Preservation And Heritage Commission

	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	1,984,028	2,087,994	2,595,330	2,595,475	2,730,229
Total Expenditures	1,984,028	2,087,994	2,595,330	2,595,475	2,730,229
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	1,504,240	1,641,420	1,834,407	1,779,530	1,806,348
Contract Professional Services	4,714	1,750	0	0	0
Operating Supplies And Expenses	146,856	207,338	249,195	284,792	415,678
Assistance And Grants	325,708	227,355	505,728	525,153	507,203
Subtotal: Operating	1,981,518	2,077,863	2,589,330	2,589,475	2,729,229
Capital Purchases And Equipment	2,510	10,131	6,000	6,000	1,000
Subtotal: Other	2,510	10,131	6,000	6,000	1,000
Total Expenditures	1,984,028	2,087,994	2,595,330	2,595,475	2,730,229
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,031,076	1,191,271	1,488,293	1,464,425	1,598,029
Federal Funds	794,495	721,865	557,028	566,643	563,476
Restricted Receipts	67,462	29,972	421,439	422,100	422,100
Other Funds	90,995	144,886	128,570	142,307	146,624
Total Expenditures	1,984,028	2,087,994	2,595,330	2,595,475	2,730,229
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>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	232.00	232.00	150.00	150.00	40.00
Actual	282.00	726.00	37.00	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>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	30.00
Actual	27.00	52.00	35.00	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>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	111,770,000.00	111,770,000.00	323,003,291.00	120,000,000.00	122,500,000.00
Actual	323,003,291.00	492,115,245.00	74,008,268.00	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>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	55,700.00	55,700.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Actual	50,475.00	50,000.00	47,500.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
DATA CONTROL CLERK	00115A	0.6	39,650	0.6	39,650
FISCAL CLERK	00114A	1.0	48,559	1.0	48,796
HERITAGE COMMISSION AIDE	00118A	1.0	42,440	1.0	43,579
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH)	00128A	1.0	66,441	1.0	66,771
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00128A	3.0	201,029	3.0	204,511
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	00128A	1.0	76,407	1.0	76,787
PRINCIPAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (HIST ARCH)	00128A	2.0	154,475	2.0	155,243
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCHEOLOGIST)	00125A	1.0	67,675	1.0	68,012
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (ARCH HIST)	00125A	1.0	58,848	1.0	59,141
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (GRANTS MGR)	00125A	1.0	58,848	1.0	59,141
SENIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (HISTORIAN)	00125A	1.0	58,848	1.0	59,141
SUPERVISING HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST	00131A	1.0	78,492	1.0	78,882
Subtotal Classified		14.6	951,712	14.6	959,654
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RI HISTORIC PRES & HERITAGE COMM)	00843A	1.0	130,952	1.0	131,604
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	130,952	1.0	131,604
Subtotal		15.6	1,082,664	15.6	1,091,258
Total Salaries			1,082,664		1,091,258
Benefits					
FICA			82,821		83,483
Health Benefits			195,688		205,877
Payroll Accrual			6,311		6,377
Retiree Health			71,995		64,054
Retirement			297,289		312,197
Subtotal			654,104		671,988
Total Salaries and Benefits		15.6	1,736,768	15.6	1,763,246
Cost Per FTE Position			111,331		113,029
Statewide Benefit Assessment			42,762		43,102

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Central Management

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Payroll Costs	15.6	1,779,530	15.6	1,806,348
Total Personnel	15.6	1,779,530	15.6	1,806,348
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	10.6	1,210,983	10.6	1,228,451
Federal Funds	4.0	477,615	4.0	482,648
Other Funds	1.0	90,932	1.0	95,249
Total All Funds	15.6	1,779,530	15.6	1,806,348