

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Executive Summary

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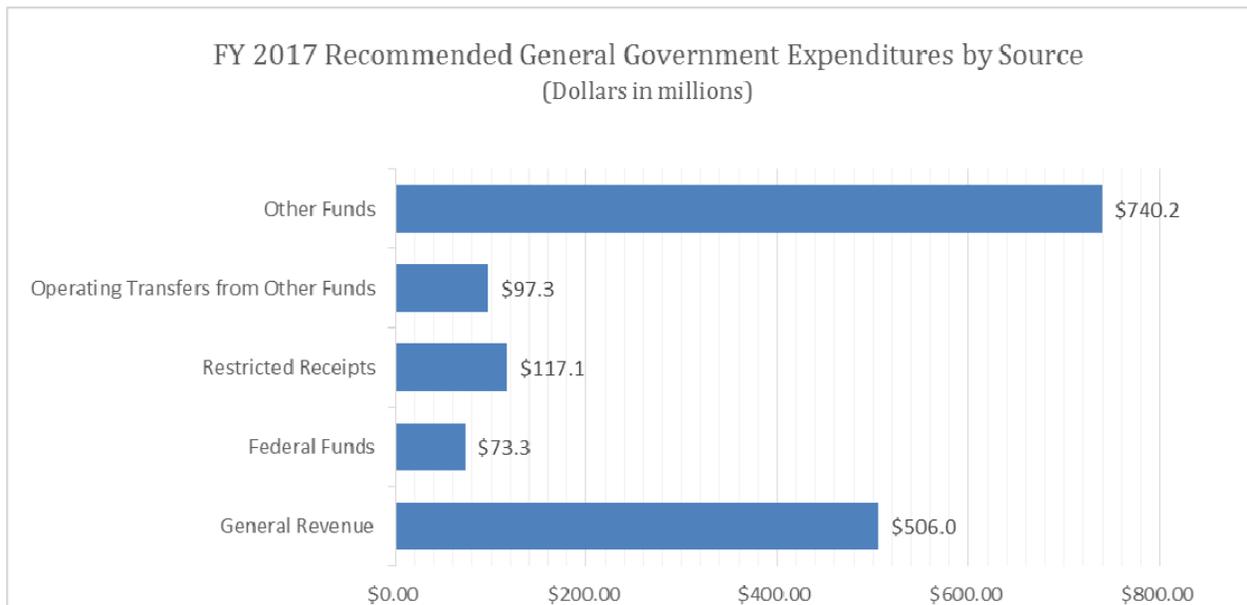
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Summary

General Government includes agencies that provide general administrative services to all other state agencies, and those that perform state licensure and regulatory functions. It includes: most *elected officials*, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, General Treasurer, the Secretary of State, and the Legislature; *administrative agencies*, including the Department of Administration, the Department of Revenue, Department of Commerce, the Department of Labor and Training, the Board of Elections, and the Commission for Human Rights; and *regulatory agencies*, including the Department of Business Regulation and the Public Utilities Commission.

The FY 2016 revised Budget for General Government agencies totals \$1.526 billion, including \$468.2 million from general revenue, \$121.2 million from federal funds, \$142.7 million from restricted receipts, and \$793.9 million from other funds. The revised FY 2016 Budget increase from all fund sources for General Government agencies is \$93.5 million, or 6.5 percent more than the FY 2016 enacted budget of \$1.433 billion. The largest share of this increase, \$36.9 million, is in restricted receipts, followed by a federal increase of \$23.3 million, general revenue increase of \$19.5 million, and other funds increase of \$13.7 million. Of the \$1.526 billion recommended for FY 2016, \$423.7 million is for grants and benefits, \$423.3 million for operating, \$304.0 million for personnel, \$79.9 million for local aid, \$165.0 million for debt service, \$57.5 million for capital purchases, and \$72.7 million for operating transfers.

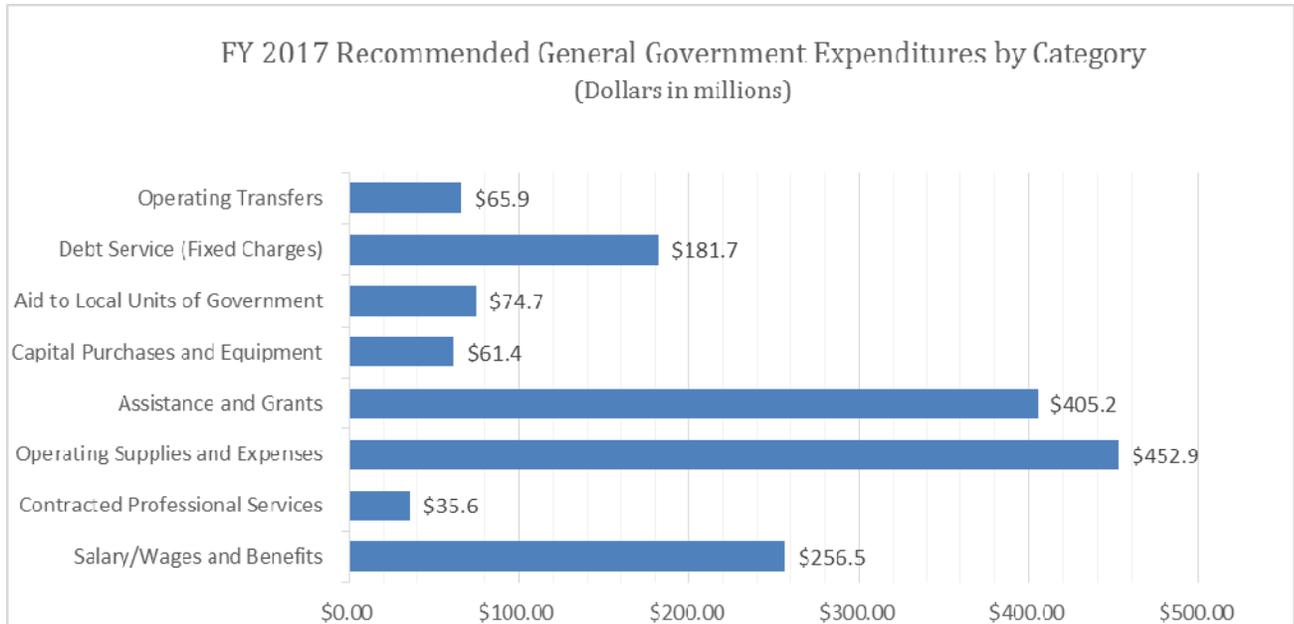
For FY 2017, the Governor recommends expenditures of \$1.532 billion for General Government programs. The programs are financed with \$504.0 million from general revenue, \$73.3 million from federal funds, \$117.1 million from restricted receipts, and \$837.5 million from other funds. The FY 2017 recommendation for General Government agencies is \$99.4 million, or 6.9 percent, more than the FY 2016 enacted level across all fund sources.



Of the \$1.531 billion recommended for FY 2017, \$403.2 million is for assistance, grants and benefits, \$452.9 million is for operating, \$292.1 million is for personnel, \$74.7 million is for local aid, \$181.7

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million is for debt service, \$61.4 million is for capital purchases, and \$65.9 million is for operating transfers. In the Governor's FY 2017 Budget, the General Government function represents 17.1 percent of the total budget for Rhode Island.



General revenue financing for General Government agencies in FY 2017 increases by \$55.3 million, or 12.3 percent, from the FY 2016 enacted appropriations, of which \$34.2 million is related to debt service payments. The FY 2016 enacted budget included \$43.5 million in debt restructuring savings used for a number of the Governor's Economic Development Initiative proposals. The FY 2017 recommended budget includes a total of \$35.0 million, also from debt restructuring savings, to continue these initiatives as described further under the Executive Office of Commerce.

Proposed in the Governor's budget are increases of \$15.8 million for personnel, \$7.4 million for operating expenses, \$3.2 million for capital purchases, and \$2.6 million for operating transfers in comparison to the FY 2016 enacted budget. There are savings of \$5.1 million for local aid and \$2.7 million in assistance and grants.

New positions have been added in the Division of Taxation and the Office of Revenue Analysis to implement new revenue enhancement initiatives of the Governor and to maximize revenues associated with current law, including reinstating the Nexus Program and an Internal Revenue Code 482 Audit Project. Personnel financing at the Division of Motor Vehicles is also increased to enable flexible scheduling of its workers and create career opportunities, with the ultimate goal of better service to registry users, including shortened wait times. Audit functions within the state have been centralized within the Department of Administration in order to enhance fraud detection and the sharing of resources within agencies in order to create government efficiency. A cyber security unit has been developed in order to secure the state's technological infrastructure, as well as a new Municipal Transparency Portal that would allow towns and cities to engage in and access information more readily.

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The Office of Regulatory Reform and Secretary of State will reform the Code of State Regulations to be more accessible to the public and businesses throughout the State. This key project will further the important work of creating a friendly business environment, which will make businesses want to operate in Rhode Island. Federally funded grants for the Rhode Island Insurance Resource, Education, and Assistance Consumer Helpline, which serves as Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's designated health insurance consumer assistance program, will expire in FY 2017. The Governor also recommends continuing this program with general revenue funding of \$400,000.

In FY 2017, federal funds recommended in General Government agencies decrease by \$26.2 million from the FY 2016 enacted level. The majority of this decrease is related to the expiration of federal funding related to the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange. Funding for this program has transitioned mostly to restricted receipts in FY 2017.

Recommended FY 2017 restricted receipt expenditures increase by \$11.3 million, or by 10.7 percent from the FY 2016 enacted level, including the shift of funding for the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange from federal funding to restricted receipts from the insurance providers. The Governor proposes several changes to the medical marijuana program. The Department of Business Regulation will become the licensing agency of compassion centers, compassion center staff, cultivators, and caregivers and will sell plant tags and maintain a tag database. The Department of Business Regulation will also interact with the Department of Health patient and caregiver databases to ensure that only legitimate caregivers are registered. The Governor includes \$1.2 million in general revenue as start-up costs for the program and \$481,836 in restricted receipts to maintain the Medical Marijuana program.

Other funds recommended in FY 2017 increased by a total of \$57.3 million, or 7.3 percent, to a total of \$837.5 million, from the FY 2016 enacted level of \$780.2 million. The majority of this change resides within the Department of Revenue and reflects expected payments through the Lottery Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$259,268,901	\$244,775,881	\$197,494,291	\$216,525,887	\$243,008,631
Federal Funds	\$72,702,362	\$77,782,063	\$43,302,629	\$43,989,894	\$14,896,706
Restricted Receipts	\$15,899,348	\$20,553,583	\$28,853,407	\$45,364,953	\$35,983,267
Other Funds	\$390,239,134	\$409,353,406	\$454,590,376	\$450,066,734	\$454,769,729
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$24,004,496	\$16,229,554	\$39,773,494	\$32,535,657	\$43,048,000
Total Funding	\$762,114,241	\$768,694,487	\$764,014,197	\$788,483,125	\$791,706,333
FTE Authorization	720.7	710.7	711.7	723.7	743.7

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$788.5 million for the Department of Administration, including \$216.5 million from general revenue, \$44.0 million from federal funds, \$45.4 million from restricted receipts, \$82.1 million from operating transfers, \$8.0 million from other funds, and \$392.5 million from internal service funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$19.0 million, federal financing by \$687,265, restricted receipts financing increases by \$16.5 million, while operating transfers financing decreases by \$7.6 million, other funds financing decreases by \$650,472, and internal service funds financing decreases by \$3.5 million.

The revised FY 2017 recommendation includes a redistribution of \$6.1 million of the \$8.2 million for personnel and operational reforms to departments, of which \$1.2 million remained in the Department of Administration for medical, electricity, and telephone savings. There is a reappropriation from FY 2015 of \$1.0 million, of which \$450,750 is for the State's Classification and Compensation Study, \$527,000 for a statewide e-permitting initiative, and \$45,241 for the legal review of regulations.

The Governor recommends a total authorization of 723.7 FTE positions for FY 2016, which includes an addition of 12.0 FTE positions from the enacted level of 711.7 FTE positions. This increase assumes the transfer of 5.0 FTE positions from outlying state agencies for the centralization of the capital projects function and an additional 4.0 FTE positions within Capital Asset Maintenance and Management to meet increased responsibilities and address management gaps in the organization. There are also 3.0 FTE positions added to the Office of Management and Budget in the Office of Performance Management in order to address the increasing scope and frequency of performance management meetings and for analyzing departmental performance data, providing management support to departments, and improving OMB's ability to target investments to programs with proven results.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.7 million, all from general revenues. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$109,220. This decrease includes a reduction of \$632,205 for personnel expenses due to the redistribution of medical savings, increased turnover, and the realignment of staff to other divisions. The FY 2015 reappropriation for the classification study resides within this program.

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Accounts and Control

Within the Accounts and Control program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$4.0 million, all from general revenues. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$43,997.

Office of Management and Budget

Within the Office of Management and Budget program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$4.6 million, including \$4.6 million from general revenue and \$26,308 from restricted receipts. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$461,716, mostly related to the reappropriation of \$527,000 for the e-permitting initiative, and restricted receipts financing increases by \$26,308.

- *Personnel.* The Governor recommends the addition of 3.0 FTE positions to address increased work associated with the performance management function. These additional costs are absorbed due to the increase in turnover within this program for the current fiscal year.

Purchasing

Within the Purchasing program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.9 million, including \$2.6 million from general revenue and \$275,237 from all other sources. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$142,728 and financing from all other sources decreases by \$45,250.

Auditing

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.4 million for the Auditing program, all from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases \$49,846.

Human Resources

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$10.0 million, including \$7.4 million from general revenue, \$750,641 from federal funds, \$468,147 in restricted receipts, and \$1.4 million in other funds. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$267,018, federal funds financing decreases by \$49,935, restricted receipts financing decrease by \$21,186, and other funds financing remains unchanged. The decrease in general revenue is mostly attributable to increased turnover and statewide savings.

Personnel Appeal Board

Within the Personnel Appeal Board, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$134,444, all from general revenues. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$14,570.

General

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$54.4 million, including \$17.1 million from general revenue, \$4.3 million from federal funds, \$421,500 from restricted receipts, and \$32.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.

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- RICAP Capital Plan Funds decreased by \$7.2 million from the enacted level. The majority of the recommended decreases reflects a shift of funding from the current fiscal year to FY 2017. Major changes are related to the following projects:
 - *Increase of \$516,499 for the Cranston Street Armory, \$705,000 for Zambarano Buildings, and \$925,954 for the Powers Building;*
 - *Increase of \$1.5 million for Rhode Island Convention Center, Dunkin Donuts Center, and Veterans Auditorium Land.*
 - *Decrease of \$2.5 million for the Pastore Center Electric Utility and \$830,000 for Pastore Center Parking;*
 - *Decrease of \$1.5 million for Pastore Center Building, \$3.2 million for Virks Building, \$696,000 for Mathias Building renovation, and \$1.0 million for the State Office Building.*

Debt Service

Within the Debt Service program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$165.1 million, including \$112.6 million from general revenue, \$2.7 million from federal funds, \$3.4 million from restricted receipts, and \$46.4 million from operating transfers. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$13.5 million and restricted receipts by \$1.3 million. The FY 2016 enacted budget included anticipated general revenue savings from a restructuring and refinancing of state general obligation debt. This refinancing resulted in \$64.0 million in debt services savings, however, portions of the savings are attributable to Transportation debt, which is funded with other funds, and to Higher Education debt, which is reflected in the budgets of the three institutions of higher education. As a result, general revenue funding within the Department of Administration increases by a net of \$13.5 million, but overall the debt refinancing result in savings of only \$440,000 less than anticipated in the enacted budget for FY 2016.

Energy Resources

Within the Energy Resources program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$19.6 million, the majority of which is from restricted receipts. This is \$9.0 million more than the enacted level and is related to the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative.

Legal Services

Within the Legal Services program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.2 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$10,614.

Facilities Management

Within the Facilities Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$38.4 million, including \$33.0 million from general revenue and \$5.4 million from all other sources of funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$858,994 and financing from all other sources decreases by \$126,169. Major general revenue changes within this program are attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Personnel.* The Governor recommends an increase of \$2.5 million related to the following changes:
 - Distribution of the statewide medical savings;
 - The shift of 6.0 FTE positions into this program;

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- Program realignments to prepare for the consolidation in FY 2017 of Capital Projects, Plan Design, Property Management, and Facilities Management.
- *Utilities.* The Governor recommends a decrease of \$1.4 million for utilities based on historical expenses and the cost of fuel declining.
- *Operating Expenditures.* The Governor includes an increase of \$784,518, mostly related to snow removal and building maintenance costs.

Capital Projects

Within the Capital Projects program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.6 million, all from general revenues. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$1.3 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Personnel*
 - Distribution of statewide medical and other savings;
 - The shift of 6.0 FTE positions to Facilities Management;
 - Program realignments to prepare for the consolidation in FY 2017 of Capital Projects, Plan Design, Property Management, and Facilities Management.

Information Technology

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$46.2 million, including \$20.1 million from general revenue, \$6.8 million from federal funds, \$16.7 from restricted receipts, and \$2.7 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing increases by \$6.5 million. Major changes within this program are attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor includes general revenues savings \$206,480 related to the distribution of statewide medical and other savings and turnover savings.
- *Technology Investment Fund:* The Governor recommends an increase of \$6.6 million for the projects included in the ITIF fund including UHIP; the statewide ePermit platform; Time, Leave and Attendance; DLT's unemployment insurance project; and the continuation of the Judicial Branch's court system development.

Library and Information Services

Within the Library and Information Services program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.5 million, including \$1.2 million from general revenue and \$1.3 million from federal funds.

Planning

Within the Division of Planning, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$5.3 million, including \$1.4 million from general revenue, \$1.1 million from federal funds, and \$2.9 million from other funds. From general revenues, there is a reduction of \$32,664 for personnel, which is related to turnover and the distribution of the statewide medical and an addition of \$56,079 for Land Use Plans.

Construction, Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing

Within the Construction, Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.0 million, including \$1.7 million from general revenue and \$1.3 million from

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restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, there is an all funds decrease of \$59,447.

Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange

Within the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$31.8 million, including \$2.6 million from general revenue, \$25.6 million from federal, and \$3.5 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, there is an all funds increase of \$847,175, most of which is from federal funds, for management and IT consultants to provide continual support to maintain the system.

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity

Within the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.2 million, including \$1.1 million from general revenue. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, general revenue financing decreases by \$31,311.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$791.7 million for the Department of Administration, including \$243.0 million from general revenue, \$14.9 million from federal funds, \$36.0 million from restricted receipts, \$95.0 million from operating transfers, \$8.8 million from other funds, and \$394.0 million from internal service funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$45.5 million, restricted receipts by \$7.1 million, operating transfers by \$5.3 million, and other funds by \$114,361. There is a decrease of \$28.4 million from federal funds, and decrease of \$2.0 million in the internal service funds.

For FY 2017, the Governor recommends a total of 743.7 FTE positions, which is 32.0 FTE positions more than the FY 2016 enacted level. This increase includes the addition of 12.0 FTE positions added in the FY 2016 revised budget. In FY 2017, the Auditing program merges into the Office of Management and Budget as the Office of Internal Audit. This newly created subprogram in the Department of Administration also transfers 19.0 FTE positions from the Department of Transportation, Executive Office and Health and Human Services, and Higher Education in order to improve government efficiency by improving fraud detection, reducing redundancy, and increasing data sharing. Finally, there is an increase of 1.0 FTE position in the Information Technology program to enhance cybersecurity within the state.

In FY 2017, the Capital Projects and Property Management and Facilities Management programs are merged into the newly created Capital Asset Management and Maintenance program. This Division has been tasked to increase the level of facility maintenance throughout the State for facilities under its purview. The merge will encourage higher levels of service with more consistency and redundancy. Anticipated outcomes also entail a better alignment of staff resources and clarification of roles and responsibilities in order to support the state's portfolio such that cost savings and efficiencies are achieved.

For FY 2017, the new Office of Supplier Diversity is created within the division of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity. This office will complement the work of the Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office and will be distinguishable from the MBECO through its proactive support for minority/women and disability business enterprises. This office will utilize existing funds within the program.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.8

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million, all from general revenues. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$1.0 million. The majority of this decrease is associated with the realignment of staff into other divisions and the Office of Digital Excellence being moved to the Information Technology program. An additional \$299,043 from general revenue is included for a new cybersecurity position to reside within this program.

Accounts and Control

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$4.1 million, all from general revenue. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$67,290.

Office of Management and Budget

Within the Office of Management and Budget program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$11.2 million, including \$9.6 million in general revenue, \$300,000 in restricted receipts, and \$1.3 million in other funds. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$5.5 million, restricted receipt financing increases by \$300,000, and other funds financing increases by \$1.3 million. Major changes within this program are attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Office of Internal Audit:* The aforementioned creation of the Office of Internal Audits accounts for an increase of \$3.9 million, which merges the personnel and operating expenses from the Department of Administration's Bureau of Audits, Department of Transportation's External Audit Unit, Department of Human Service's Fraud Investigation Unit, and auditors from Higher Education into one unit.
- *Personnel increase of \$601,569.* This increase assumes the costs associated with the additional 3.0 FTE positions added in the FY 2016 revised budget and other statewide adjustments for salaries and benefits.
- *Transitional Employment Grant.* The Governor includes a \$500,000 general revenue increase for the transitional employment initiative to be managed by the Office.
- *E-Permitting.* The Governor includes \$500,000 for the e-permitting initiative.
- *Fraud and waste data tool.* The Governor includes \$1.5 million for the implementation of the fraud and waste data tool, which is estimated to enhance revenues by approximately \$5.0 million.

Purchasing

Within the Purchasing program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.2 million, including \$2.9 million from general revenue and \$232,640 in other funds. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$183,787 and restricted receipts financing decreases by \$87,847. The general revenue increase is attributable to statewide salary and benefit changes.

Human Resources

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$10.8 million, including \$8.1million from general revenue, \$784,618 from federal funds, \$487,070 in restricted receipts, and \$1.5 million in other funds. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$404,143, federal funds financing decreases by \$15,958, restricted receipts financing decrease by \$2,263, and other funds financing increases by \$85,303. Major changes within this program from the enacted level are attributable to the following:

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- *Personnel.* The Governor includes an increase of \$471,225, which is associated with statewide adjustment for salaries and benefits.
- *Consultant Services.* The Governor recommends an increase of \$100,000 for consultant services to assist the state in identifying training programs and opportunities that will meet individual, group, and departmental needs and objectives.

Personnel Appeal Board

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$133,419 for the Personnel Appeal Board, all from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$13,545.

General

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$57.8 million for the General program, including \$14.3 million from general revenue, \$421,500 from restricted receipts, and \$43.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$2.8 million, including \$825,000 due to the one-time legislative grants, federal funds financing decreases by \$4.3 million, restricted receipts financing remains unchanged, and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$3.3 million. Major general revenue reductions are attributable to the following:

- *Statewide reference resource center.* The Governor recommends \$311,326 in savings related to the elimination of state funding for the online database for statewide reference resource center.
- *Library Construction Aid.* The Governor includes \$440,080 in general revenue savings from Library Construction Aid.
- *RIPTA Operating Support.* The Governor recommends \$2.0 million in savings due for the removal of the one-time appropriation of funding for RIPTA operating support.

Debt Service

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$181.8 million for the Debt Service program, including \$133.3 from general revenue, \$2.2 million from federal funds, \$111,453 from restricted receipts, and \$46.2 million from operating transfers. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, general revenue financing increases by \$34.3 million, federal funds financing decreases by \$421,837, restricted receipts financing decreases by \$2.0 million, operating transfers financing decreases by \$212,436.

Legal Services

Within the Legal Services program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.2 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$19,292.

Information Technology

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$41.7 million for the Information Technology program, including \$22.2 million from general revenues, \$6.8 million from federal funds, \$9.9 million from restricted receipts, and \$2.8 million from other funds. There is an increase of \$2.0 million from general revenue, which is attributable to the following items:

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- *Office of Digital Excellence:* This office is shifted from the Central Management program to Information Technology and accounts for a general revenue increase of \$926,060 to this program.
- *Cybersecurity.* The Governor recommends the inclusion of \$500,000 for Cybersecurity consultants and operating costs.
- *Personnel.* The Governor includes a general revenue increase of \$557,249 for all other personnel adjustments related to statewide salary and benefit changes.

Library and Information Services

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.5 million for the Library and Information Services, including \$1.3 million in general revenue and \$1.2 million from all other sources. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, general revenue financing increases by \$108,672.

Planning

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$5.4 million for the Planning program, including \$1.3 million in general revenue and \$4.0 million from all other sources. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, general revenue financing increases by \$25,612 and financing from all other sources decrease by \$315,442.

Energy Resources

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$14.7 million for the Energy Resources program, all from restricted receipts and federal funds. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, financing increases \$4.1 million. Significant changes within this program are attributable to the following items:

- *Regional Greenhouse Gas and Delivered Fuels.* The Governor includes an increase of \$3.6 million in restricted receipt financing for the Regional Greenhouse Gas and Delivered Fuels initiative.

Construction, Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.3 million for the Construction, Permitting, Approvals, and Licensing program, including \$1.8 million from general revenue. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 Budget, general revenue financing increases by \$208,039.

Health Benefits Exchange

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$12.4 million for the Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange, which is \$18.5 million less than the FY 2016 enacted budget. There is a decrease of \$23.6 million from federal funds and an increase of \$5.0 million from restricted receipts. Major changes within this program are attributable to the following:

- *Federal Funds.* The Governor includes a reduction in federal revenue totaling \$23.6 million due to the expiration of federal funding for this program.
- *Restricted Receipts.* The Governor includes \$5.0 million in restricted receipts for the Health Benefit Exchanges' as it moves to an operational mode from one in the program, development and implementation phase and moving from grant funding to a self-sustaining operation.

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Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.4 million for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Opportunity program, an increase of \$197,498 over the FY 2016 enacted Budget.

Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$42.4 million for the Capital Asset and Maintenance program, which includes \$35.0 million from general revenues, \$1.3 million from federal funds, \$443,424 from restricted receipts, \$1.3 million from operating transfers, and \$4.4 million from other funds.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$8,526,389	\$8,556,174	\$9,236,495	\$9,135,640	\$12,650,654
Federal Funds	\$2,038,842	\$2,216,757	\$2,795,240	\$2,768,904	\$1,100,710
Restricted Receipts	\$1,683,995	\$1,903,121	\$2,588,777	\$2,488,551	\$3,154,169
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$12,249,226	\$12,676,052	\$14,620,512	\$14,393,095	\$16,905,533
FTE Authorization	94.0	94.0	94.0	98.0	104.0

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The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$14.4 million for the Department of Business Regulation, including \$9.1 million from general revenue, \$54,900 of which is reappropriated from FY 2015; \$2.8 million from federal funds; and \$2.5 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$100,855, federal financing decreases by \$26,336, and restricted receipt financing decreases by \$100,226. The revised FY 2016 Budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$28,739 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of Business Regulation.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.4 million, all from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$77,711, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Contracted Professional Services.* The Governor includes \$83,452 in general revenue for Contracted Professional Services, an increase of \$80,000 from the 2016 enacted level. The request includes financing for two Lean Kaizen events and information technology services.

Banking Regulation

Within the Banking Regulation program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.9 million, including \$1.8 million from general revenue and \$50,000 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$133,051 and restricted receipts

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financing increases by \$13,000.

Insurance Regulation

Within the Insurance Regulation program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$5.3 million, including \$3.6 million from general revenue and \$1.8 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$332,033 and restricted receipt financing decreases by \$116,857, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Personnel.* The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.5 million from general revenue for personnel costs, a decrease of \$356,758 from the FY 2016 enacted level.

Securities Regulation

Within the Securities Regulation program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$984,696, including \$969,696 from general revenue and \$15,000 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$6,999, while restricted receipt financing increases by \$11,500.

Commercial Licensing, Racing & Athletics

Within the Commercial Licensing, Racing & Athletics program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.3 million, including \$636,951 from general revenue and \$651,193 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$75,130, while restricted receipt financing decreases by \$7,869.

Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

Within the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.3 million, including \$493,420 from general revenue, \$2.8 million from federal funds, and \$11,500 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$41,587, while federal financing decreases by \$26,336, and restricted receipt financing remains unchanged.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$16.9 million for the Department of Business Regulation, including \$12.7 million from general revenue, \$2.8 million from federal funds, and \$2.5 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$3.5 million, while federal financing decreases by \$1.7 million, and restricted receipt financing increases by \$565,392.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.4 million, all from general revenue. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 levels, general revenue financing increases by \$79,137.

- *Contracted Professional Services.* The Governor includes \$83,452 in general revenue for Contracted Professional Services, an increase of \$80,000 from the 2016 enacted level. The request includes financing for two Lean Kaizen events and information technology services.

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Banking Regulation

Within the Banking Regulation program, the Governor includes \$1.9 million from general revenue, including \$1.8 million from general revenue and \$50,000 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$171,350 and restricted receipt financing increases by \$13,000.

- *Personnel Financing – Banking Regulation.* The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.8 million from general revenue for personnel costs, an increase of \$143,942.

Insurance Regulation

Within the Insurance Regulation program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$5.8 million, including \$4.0 million from general revenue and \$1.8 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$121,467, while restricted receipts financing decreases by \$85,149.

Securities Regulation

Within the Securities Regulation program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.1 million, including \$1.1 million from general revenue and \$15,000 in restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$130,056 and restricted receipts financing increases by \$11,500.

Commercial Licensing, Racing & Athletics

Within the Commercial Licensing, Racing & Athletics program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.2 million, including \$1.9 million in general revenue and \$1.2 million in restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, general revenue financing increases by \$1.4 million and restricted receipt financing increases by \$626,041.

- *Medical Marijuana.* The Governor includes \$1.2 million in general revenue and \$481,836 in restricted receipts for the Medical Marijuana program. The Governor proposes several changes to the medical marijuana program. The Department of Business Regulation will become the licensing agency of compassion centers, compassion center staff, cultivators, and caregivers. The Department of Business Regulation will sell plant tags and maintain a tag database. While the Department of Health will have licensing authority over patients and authorized purchasers, patients choosing to grow for themselves will be required to purchase plant tags from the Department of Business Regulation. The Department of Business Regulation will interact with the Department of Health patient and caregiver databases to ensure that only legitimate caregivers are registered.
 - The \$1.2 million from general revenue is a one-time cost to setup the software needed to setup the tag tracking system.
 - The \$481,836 from restricted receipts will support ongoing personnel costs.

Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

Within the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.3 million, including \$2.2 million in general revenue, \$1.1 million in federal funds, and \$11,500 in restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, general revenue financing increases by \$1.6 million, federal funds financing decreases by \$1.7 million, and restricted receipt financing is unchanged.

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- *State Funding for Rate Review.* The Governor includes \$1.6 million in general revenue to finance staff and operating costs previously financed by the federal Rate Review II and III grants, which are scheduled to end September 30, 2016. The recommendation includes nine months of financing in FY 2017 (from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) as follows:
 - \$1,042,217 to finance salary and benefits for nine (9) FTE positions
 - \$400,000 to finance the RIREACH program
 - \$165,000 for contracted professional services to the following areas
 - \$75,000 for a technical advisory vendor
 - \$75,000 for a public communications vendor
 - \$15,000 for CMS data preparation fees

The Governor recommends 98.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget, consistent with the enacted FY 2016 FTE authorization level. In FY 2017, the Governor recommends 104.0 FTE positions, an increase of 5.0 FTE positions from the enacted FY 2016 authorization to accommodate the Department's Medical Marijuana program.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$0	\$203,145	\$60,840,542	\$61,014,948	\$63,281,421
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$10,983,803	\$11,063,878	\$15,290,927
Restricted Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,750,000
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total Funding	\$0	\$203,145	\$74,924,345	\$76,378,826	\$83,622,348
FTE Authorization	0.0	5.0	16.0	16.0	16.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$76.4 million for the Executive Office of Commerce, including \$61.0 million from general revenue, \$11.1 million from federal funds, \$4.0 million from restricted receipts, and \$300,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds. A total of \$43.5 million of general revenue is recommended to be supported with refinancing proceeds. The Governor's recommendation includes \$78.5 million in general revenue over two fiscal years for an Economic Development Initiatives Fund, which is financed through the restructuring of the State's debt beginning with the enacted FY 2016 Budget. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$174,406, federal financing increases by \$80,075, restricted receipt financing increases by \$1.2 million, and there is no change in Rhode Island Capital Plan financing. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$6,596 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Executive Office of Commerce.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$952,964 from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$3,290, attributable to the following adjustments:

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- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$3,097 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.
- *Reappropriation.* The Governor's general revenue recommendation includes a reappropriation of \$18,169 for operating funds to be utilized in setting up a new office and acquiring equipment for new staff in the current fiscal year. The Executive Office of Commerce was created during the 2013 session of the RI General Assembly effective February 1, 2015.
- *Current Personnel Costs.* The Governor's general revenue recommendation for personnel is \$886,708, an increase of \$13,546 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget. The recommendation reflects costs for the current staff of the Agency, which includes the establishment of new state positions with associated turnover savings for a Chief of Staff (Office of Commerce), General Counsel (Office of Commerce) and Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Housing and Community Development

Within Housing and Community Development, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$15.7 million. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$7,391, federal financing increases by \$80,075, and restricted receipt financing increases by \$1.2 million. The Governor recommends \$2,951 in statewide medical general revenue savings within this program.

Quasi-Public Appropriations

Within the Quasi-Public Appropriations program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$16.3 million. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$170,305, as a result of \$170,305 in reappropriations for the I-195 Redevelopment District.

Economic Development Initiatives Fund

Within the Economic Development Initiatives Fund program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$43.5 million from general revenue that is supported with refinancing proceeds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing does not change, however changes in financing among the various programs is recommended. The recommendation includes a reduction of \$1.0 million within the Anchor Institution Tax Credit program and corresponding increases of \$500,000 within Innovation Network Grants and \$500,000 in additional financing for Innovation Vouchers.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$83.6 million for the Executive Office of Commerce, including \$63.3 million from general revenue, \$15.3 million from federal funds, \$4.8 million from restricted receipts, and \$300,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. A total of \$35.0 million of general revenue is recommended to be supported with refinancing proceeds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$2.4 million, federal financing increases by \$4.3 million, and there is no change in Rhode Island Capital Plan fund financing. Relative to the FY 2016 revised recommendation, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$2.3 million, federal financing increases by \$4.2 million, restricted receipt financing increases by \$2.0 million, and there is no change to Rhode Island Capital Plan financing. Beginning in FY 2017 the Executive Office of Commerce budget includes an additional program entitled "Commerce Programs" which incorporates all economic

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development initiatives to be financed with state appropriations. In FY 2017, three programs grouped within the RI Commerce Corp. – Executive Office of Commerce Programs account within the Quasi-Public Appropriations Program are now budgeted separately under the Commerce Programs. These programs include PTech, Wavemaker Program and Innovation Vouchers.

Central Management

Within Central Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.2 million from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$243,944, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1,972 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.
- *Current Personnel Costs.* The Governor's general revenue recommendation for personnel is \$1.1 million, an increase of \$244,542 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget. The recommendation reflects a full year of costs for the current staff of the Agency including Chief of Staff (Office of Commerce), General Counsel (Office of Commerce) and Deputy Secretary of Commerce as well as a new Executive Assistant position.

Housing and Community Development

Within Housing and Community Development, the Governor recommends revised FY 2017 appropriations of \$20.7 million. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$24,123, federal financing increases by \$4.3 million, and restricted receipt financing increases by \$2.0 million. The Governor recommends \$1,798 in statewide medical general revenue savings within this program.

Quasi-Public Appropriations

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$13.0 million for the Quasi-Public Appropriations program. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$3.1 million as a result of the following adjustments:

- *Executive Office of Commerce Programs.* The Governor recommends transferring \$3.1 million in general revenue from the RI Commerce Corp. – Executive Office of Commerce Programs account within the Quasi-Public Appropriations program to the newly created Commerce Programs.
- *RI Commerce Corporation Base.* The Governor recommends \$7.5 million, an increase of \$141,612 from the enacted in order to finance rental of outside property costs.
- *I-195 Redevelopment District Commission.* The Governor recommends \$872,200, an increase of \$111,200 to finance a project manager for increased development activity.
- *Community Service Grants.* The Governor recommends \$589,492 in FY 2017 for this program, a decrease of \$437,000 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget, which reflects one-time legislative grants.

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- *RI College and University Research.* The Governor recommends \$165,000 in new general revenue in FY 2017 to support the work of the Rhode Island College and University Research Collaborative, which will leverage the research capacity of the State's institutions of higher learning to foster the development of policy that will expand the RI economy.

Economic Development Initiatives Fund

In FY 2017, the Governor recommends \$35.0 million in general revenue supported by refinancing proceeds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$8.5 million. The following recommended programs include those economic development initiatives, which will enable the Executive Office of Commerce to carry out its mission of promoting and developing commerce and creating opportunity for all Rhode Islanders.

- *Continued Support of FY 2016 Initiatives.* The Governor recommends \$9.9 million to continue the following economic development initiatives: Housing Opportunity (\$1.0 million), Main Street RI Streetscape (\$1.0 million), First Wave Closing Fund (\$5.0 million), PTech (\$1.4 million), and Innovation Vouchers (\$1.5 million).
- *Rhody Pass.* The Governor recommends \$1.5 million in FY 2017 for a new program to enhance rail connectivity between Rhode Island and the Boston area by providing peak period commuters and off-peak business travelers with additional affordable, frequent, and convenient rail service options.
- *Competitive Cluster Grants.* The Governor recommends \$1.3 million, an additional \$500,000 in general revenue from the enacted FY 2016 Budget. This grant program is meant to encourage the formation of industry clusters or to close industry cluster gaps in areas such as research and development, workforce development, and marketing.
- *Rebuild RI.* The Governor recommends \$20.6 million in FY 17 for the Rebuild RI Tax Credit program, which is \$19.6 million more general revenue financing than the enacted FY 2016 Budget for continued financing of the real estate development tax credit program and Tax Stabilization Incentives.
- *Impact Faculty.* The Governor recommends \$1.5 million for this new program in FY 2017. The program includes policies to support the hiring of top university faculty with track records of commercializing their research and to strengthen the link between such faculty and startup businesses in Rhode Island. The Governor also recommends an additional \$1.3 million of new appropriations in FY 2017 for this program under the Commerce Programs budget.
- *Building and Fire Permit Initiative.* The Governor recommends \$250,000 in FY 2017 to enhance the efficiency of building permit and fire inspection processes for State-sponsored projects.

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The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$13.8 million from general revenue.

- *SBIR State Match.* The Governor’s general revenue recommendation includes \$1.0 million of new appropriations in FY 2017 for this program. The Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Matching Funds Program will foster job creation and economic development in the State by providing grants to eligible businesses to match funds received by a business for commercializing technology and research.
- *Wavemaker Fellowship.* The Governor’s general revenue recommendation includes \$1.3 million of new appropriations in FY 2017 for this program. The program provides a competitive student loan reimbursement for college and university graduates who take jobs in STEAM fields in Rhode Island. Continued financing in FY 2017 will allow the Agency to accommodate more fellows and target undergraduate and graduate students prior to graduation with the guarantee of a fellowship after graduation if they remain in Rhode Island.
- *Air Service Development.* The Governor’s general revenue recommendation includes \$1.5 million of new appropriations in FY 2017 for this program, which will develop additional air service at TF Green Airport.
- *R&D Tax Credit.* The Governor’s general revenue recommendation includes \$5.0 million of new appropriations in FY 2017 in order to expand this program. RI falls far behind its peer and competitor states in commercial R&D per capita, though RI actually fares relatively well on academic R&D per capita. At the same time, the existing limit on the extent to which the R&D credit may be used to offset RI business corporation tax liability is far more restrictive than neighboring states’. The program would lift the cap and creating a discretionary refundable portion of the credit for certain targeted business clusters to increase the competitiveness of RI’s tax climate, and to spur the growth of commercial R&D activity in Rhode Island.

The Governor recommends 16.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and recommended FY 2017 Budget. This reflects no change from the enacted FY 16 Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$8,027,721	\$8,553,272	\$8,324,769	\$8,472,717	\$10,322,779
Federal Funds	\$72,019,823	\$35,913,567	\$38,164,061	\$56,691,604	\$38,514,938
Restricted Receipts	\$36,675,422	\$35,172,518	\$21,495,150	\$39,298,684	\$23,878,696
Other Funds	\$394,483,092	\$349,348,572	\$373,989,337	\$342,234,999	\$347,457,720
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$142,532	\$225,691	\$1,756,691	\$2,743,049	\$1,905,000
Total Funding	\$511,348,590	\$429,213,620	\$443,730,008	\$449,441,053	\$422,079,133
FTE Authorization	410.0	410.0	410.0	416.5	416.5

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FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$449.4 million for the Department of Labor and Training, including \$8.5 million from general revenue, \$56.7 million from federal funds, \$39.3 million from restricted receipts, \$2.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, and \$342.2 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$147,948, federal financing increases by \$18.5 million, restricted receipts financing increases by \$17.8 million, the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund increases by \$986,358, and other funds decreases by \$31.8 million. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$11,483 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of Labor and Training.

Central Management

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.6 million, including \$118,979 from general revenue, \$784,802 in restricted receipts, and \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund resources. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$8,442, restricted receipt financing increases by \$415,227, and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$986,358, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Capital Purchases and Equipment.* The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.7 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, an increase of \$986,358, to finance the repairs to the roof and HVAC system.

Workforce Development Services

Within the Workforce Development Services program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$56.1 million, including \$869,462 from general revenue, \$38.3 million from federal funds, \$16.7 million from restricted receipts, and \$222,932 from Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund resources. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$164,945, federal funds financing increases by \$18.8 million, restricted receipts financing increases by \$6.4 million, and other funds increase by \$222,932.

Workforce Regulation & Safety

Within the Workforce Regulation & Safety program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.9 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$16,842.

Income Support

Within the Income Support program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$377.6 million, including \$4.1 million from general revenue, \$18.4 million from federal funds, \$13.0 million from restricted receipts, and \$342.0 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$52,635, federal financing decreases by \$263,761, restricted receipts financing increases by \$10.7 million, and other funds financing decreases by \$32.0 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI).* The Governor includes \$183.6 million from other funds for TDI benefits, a decrease of \$10.3 from the enacted FY2016 level. The reduction reflects a decrease in claims filed with the Department.

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- *Employment Security.* The Governor includes \$158.9 million from for Employment Security, a \$600,000 decrease in federal funds financing and a \$21.6 million decrease in other funds financing from the enacted FY 2016 level. The decrease is due a lower number of unemployment insurance claims being filed with the Department due to an improving economy.
- *Contracted Professional Services.* The Governor includes \$6.9 million from federal funds for contracted professional services, an increase of \$2.7 million, to support IT projects.

Labor Relations Board

Within the Labor Relations Board program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$400,005, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$10,354.

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The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$420.0 million for the Department of Labor and Training, including \$8.3 million from general revenue; \$38.5 million from federal funds, \$23.9 million from restricted receipts; \$1.9 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund (RICAP) financing; and \$347.5 in other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$1,990, federal funds financing increases by \$350,877, restricted receipts financing increases by \$2.4 million, Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$148,309, and other funds financing decreases by \$26.5 million.

Central Management Program

Within the Central Management program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.6 million, including \$120,134 from general revenue, \$529,314 from restricted receipts, and \$1.9 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$9,597, restricted receipt financing increases by \$159,739, and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$148,309.

Workforce Development Services

Within the Workforce Development Services program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$39.2 million, including \$2,704,517 from general revenue, \$24.2 million from federal funds, \$12.2 million from restricted receipts, and \$104,042 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$2.0 million, federal funds financing increases by \$4.7 million, restricted receipt financing increases by \$1.9 million, and other funds increase by \$104,042.

The requested appropriation of \$2.0 million is for the TechHire Initiative. Rhode Island was selected by the White House to part of this initiative, which will empower Rhode Islanders with the skills they need, through universities and community colleges but also nontraditional approaches like “coding boot camps,” and high-quality online courses that can rapidly train workers for a well-paying job, often in just a few months. As part of this initiative, the Department of Labor & Training, the Executive Office of Commerce and Rhode Island higher education institutions and non-profit organizations will work in partnership with employers to use data and innovative hiring practices to expand openness to non-traditional hiring and create more fast track tech training opportunities by expanding models for training that prepare students in months, not years. The goal of Rhode Island’s TechHire initiative is to train and place 2,000 Rhode Islanders in IT jobs over the next five years.

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Workforce Regulation & Safety

Within the Workforce Regulation & Safety program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.9 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$9,921.

Income Support

Within the Income Support program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2017 appropriations of \$368.3 million, including \$4.2 million from general revenue, \$14.3 million from federal funds, \$2.5 million from restricted receipts, and \$347.4 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$34,348, federal financing decreases by \$4.4 million, restricted receipts financing increases by \$191,267, and other funds financing decreases by \$26.6 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI)*. The Governor includes \$186.9 million from other funds for TDI benefits, a decrease of \$7.0 from the enacted FY2016 level. The reduction reflects a decrease in claims filed with the Department.
- *Employment Security*. The Governor includes \$181.1 million from for Employment Security, a \$600,000 decrease in federal funds financing and a \$19.6 million decrease in other funds financing from the enacted FY 2016 level. The decrease is due a lower number of unemployment insurance claims being filed with the Department due to an improving economy.

Labor Relations Board

Within the Labor Relations Board program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2017 appropriations of \$402,491, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$12,840.

The Governor recommends 416.5 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and the recommended FY 2017 Budget, an increase of 6.5 FTE positions relative to the FY 2016 Enacted Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$99,768,361	\$106,969,845	\$113,198,446	\$110,571,771	\$111,231,248
Federal Funds	\$1,655,815	\$4,314,983	\$1,315,154	\$5,288,759	\$2,145,367
Restricted Receipts	\$1,696,101	\$1,718,666	\$3,894,326	\$4,935,486	\$5,947,043
Other Funds	\$319,138,805	\$335,714,112	\$304,799,323	\$357,173,740	\$383,275,881
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$28,173	\$300,026	\$0	\$258,697	\$0
Total Funding	\$422,287,255	\$449,017,632	\$423,207,249	\$478,228,453	\$502,599,539
FTE Authorization	492.0	505.0	514.5	514.5	523.5

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$478.2 million for the Department of Revenue, including \$110.6 million from general revenue, \$5.3 million from federal funds, \$4.9 million from restricted receipts, \$258,697 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, and \$357.2 million from other funds.

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Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$2.6 million, federal funds financing increases by \$4.0 million, restricted receipts financing increases by \$1.0 million, Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$258,697, and other funds financing increases by \$52.4 million. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$237,851 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of Revenue. There is a reappropriation within the Department of \$136,542 for the Municipal Incentive Aid program.

Director of Revenue

Within the Director of Revenue program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$787,580, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$356,658, which is attributable to the distribution of statewide medical and other savings, and increased turnover savings.

Office of Revenue Analysis

Within the Office of Revenue Analysis program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$553,232, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$21,258.

Lottery Division

Within the Lottery Division, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$356.5 million, including \$258,697 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and \$356.2 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$258,697 and other funds financing increases by \$52.3 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Lottery Sales.* The Governor includes an increase of \$52.1 million from Lottery Commission sales for lottery payments.
- *Lottery Building.* The Governor includes \$258,697 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan fund for Lottery Building renovations.

Municipal Finance

Within the Municipal Finance program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.5 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$275,728, which is attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Legal Costs.* The Governor includes an increase of \$321,388 from general revenue for legal costs associated with the Central Coventry Fire District and Central Falls bankruptcy.

Taxation

Within the Division of Taxation, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$22.8 million, including \$19.6 million from general revenues, \$1.3 million from federal funds, \$918,710 from restricted receipts, and \$978,235 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$99,813, federal funds financing increases by \$40,308, restricted receipt financing increases by \$41,160, and other funds financing increase by \$29,692.

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Within the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$26.8

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million, including \$19.8 million from general revenues, \$4.0 million from federal funds, and \$3.1 million in restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$2.6 million, federal funds financing increases by \$3.9 million, and restricted receipts financing increases by \$1.0 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Reissuance of license plates.* The Governor includes general revenue savings of \$3.0 million due to the delay in the reissuance of license plates until April 1, 2017.
- *DMV Modernization Project.* The Governor includes \$1.0 million in restricted receipts financing for continued implementation of the DMV Modernization Project.
- *Federal Grants.* The Governor recommends an increase of \$3.9 million in federal funds for the Commercial Vehicle Information System, Commercial Drivers' License Modernization 2012, and REAL ID 2011 federal awards.

State Aid

Within the State Aid program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$68.3 million, including \$67.4 million from general revenues and \$922,013 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$136,542 and restricted receipt financing is unchanged.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$502.6 million for the Department of Revenue, including \$111.2 million from general revenue, \$2.1 million from federal funds, \$5.9 million from restricted receipts, and \$383.3 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$2.0 million, while federal financing increases by \$830,213, restricted receipts financing increases by \$2.1 million, and other funds financing increases by \$78.5 million.

Director of Revenue

Within the Director of Revenue program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.1 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$2,809.

Office of Revenue Analysis

Within the Office of Revenue Analysis, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$806,836, all from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted Budget, general revenue financing increases by \$232,346, which is attributable to statewide salary and benefits changes, and the addition of 2.0 FTE positions to meet new statutory reporting obligations.

Lottery Division

Within the Lottery Division, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$382.3 million, all from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended financing increases by \$78.4 million. Major changes are attributable to the following factors:

- *Lottery Sales.* The Governor includes an increase of \$76.1 million from Lottery Commission sales for lottery payments.
- *Advertising.* The Governor recommends a \$1.3 million increase in advertising expenses.

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Municipal Finance

Within the Municipal Finance program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.4 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted level, general revenue financing increases by \$204,186 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Personnel.* The Governor recommends an \$116,509 increase in general revenue financing for 1.0 FTE position to support the Municipal Transparency Portal.
- *Municipal Transparency Portal.* The Governor includes \$120,000 in additional general revenue for the Municipal Transparency Portal.

Taxation

Within the Division of Taxation, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$23.6 million, including \$20.3 million from general revenue, \$1.3 million from federal funds, \$930,967 from restricted receipts, and \$1.0 million from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$568,480, federal funds financing increases by \$75,300, restricted receipts financing increases by \$52,717, and other funds financing increase by \$55,468.

- *Personnel.* The Governor includes \$594,370 in general revenue financing for the addition of 6.0 FTE positions to enhance revenue collections and support the reestablishment of the Nexus program, which had existed in the Field Audit section of the Division of Taxation between 1993 and 2010, but was discontinued due to staff turnover.

The recommendation for the Division of Taxation encompasses the following revenue generating items:

- *Internal Revenue Code 482 Audit Project.* The Governor recommends enhanced revenues related to a proposed Internal Revenue Code 482 Audit Project, which will allow the Division to perform comprehensive economic analyses related to IRC 482 transactions in order to recover corporate income taxes.
- *Nexus Program.* The Governor recommends enhanced revenues by reestablishing the Nexus Program. This program will identify and register out-of-state entities that legally do business in Rhode Island, but are not registered, and will assess corporate, income withholding and potentially sales and use taxes back to when the entity was legally obligated to file.

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Within the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$28.6 million, including \$23.7 million from general revenue, \$802,076 from federal funds, and \$4.1 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$1.3 million, federal funds financing increases by \$754,913, restricted receipts financing increases by \$2.0 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Personnel.* The Governor includes an increase of \$724,033 from general revenues primarily for personnel costs associated with the expansion of service hours.
- *Operating Costs.* The Governor includes a general revenue increase of \$621,113 for facility operations expenses.
- *DMV Modernization Project.* The Governor recommends increased restricted receipts financing of \$2.0 million for the DMV Modernization Project.

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- *Federal Funds.* The Governor includes a \$754,913 increase in federal funds financing associated with Commercial Vehicle Information and Commercial Drivers' License grants.

State Aid

Within the State Aid program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$63.8 million, including \$62.9 million from general revenue and \$922,013 from restricted receipts. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$4.3 million, attributable to the following:

- *Sunset of Municipal Incentive Aid.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$5.0 million in general revenue savings due to the sunset of the municipal incentive aid program, which by statute was intended to provide aid to municipalities for three fiscal years, ending with FY 2106.
- *PILOT.* The Governor increases general revenue financing by \$1.9 million to fully fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program at 27 percent of assessed property taxes on eligible tax exempt properties.
- *Property Revaluation.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.2 million in general revenue savings in the property revaluation program based on the number of communities scheduled to undertake revaluations and statistical updates in FY 2017.

The Governor recommends 514.5 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget, consistent with the enacted FY 2016 level. The FY 2017 Budget includes 523.5 FTE positions, an increase of 9.0 FTE positions compared to the enacted FY 2016 authorization for the positions described above.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CONSTITUTION

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$34,498,448	\$34,865,422	\$39,474,071	\$42,490,012	\$41,352,730
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$1,183,250	\$1,325,000	\$1,680,873	\$1,615,823	\$1,696,572
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$35,681,698	\$36,190,422	\$41,154,944	\$44,105,835	\$43,049,302
FTE Authorization	298.5	298.5	298.5	298.5	298.5

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$44.1 million for the Legislature, including \$42.5 million in general revenue, \$4.3 million of which is reappropriated from FY 2015, and \$1.6 million in restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$3.0 million, while restricted receipt financing decreases by \$65,050. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$312,578 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Legislature.

- *Personnel Financing – Except General Assembly.* The Governor includes \$29.1 million from general revenue, a \$1.0 million decrease.

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- *Personnel Financing – General Assembly.* The Governor includes \$3.5 million from general revenue for personnel expenditures for the 113 legislators, a decrease of \$219,537 from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Contracted Professional Services –* The Governor includes \$620,805 from general revenue for contracted profession, an increase of \$211,300 from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Operating Expenditures –* The Governor includes \$5,662,124 from general revenue for operating costs, an increase of \$2.9 million from the enacted FY 2016 Budget which will support technology upgrades and building maintenance.
- *Capital Purchases and Equipment –* The Governor includes \$1.3 from general revenue for capital purchases and equipment, an increase of \$1.1 million from the enacted FY 2016 level.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$43.1 million for the Legislature, including \$41.4 million from general revenue and \$1.7 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$1.9 million, while restricted receipt financing increases by \$15,699.

- *Personnel Financing – Except General Assembly.* The Governor includes \$31.2 million from general revenue for personnel expenditures, an increase of \$1.2 million from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Personnel Financing – General Assembly.* The Governor includes \$3.6 million from general revenue for personnel expenditures for the 113 legislators, a decrease of \$118,673 from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Contracted Professional Services –* The Governor includes \$526,500 from general revenue for contracted professional services, an increase of \$116,995 from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Operating Expenditures –* The Governor includes \$2,967,765 from general revenue for operating expenditures, an increase of \$242,691 from the enacted FY 2016 level. Financing will support technology upgrades, including Cloud 365, Computer Upgrades, Routers/Firewall/Redundancy, and Website/Host Upgrades.
- *Capital Purchases and Equipment –* The Governor includes \$731,500 from general revenue for capital purchases and equipment, an increase of \$477,000 from the enacted FY 2016 level.
- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor’s recommendation includes \$486,735 in general revenue savings allocated to the Legislature.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$3,975,744	\$4,401,947	\$4,903,467	\$5,139,589	\$5,091,069
Federal Funds	\$0	-\$53	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$0	-\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$3,975,744	\$4,401,893	\$4,903,467	\$5,139,589	\$5,091,069
FTE Authorization	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0

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FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 general revenue appropriations of \$5.1 million for the Office of the Governor. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$236,122. The general revenue increase includes a reappropriation of \$253,779 for unspent balances in the Governor's Office account and the Governor's Contingency Fund to support unforeseen expenses that may occur in FY 2016. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$16,308 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Office of the Governor.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 general revenue appropriations of \$5.1 million for the Office of the Governor. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$187,602. Relative to the FY 2016 Revised recommendation, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$48,520. The Governor's recommendation includes \$6,989 in statewide medical and other general revenue savings allocated to this program.

The Governor recommends 45.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and 45.0 FTE positions in the recommended FY 2017 Budget.

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$957,446	\$959,864	\$1,127,621	\$1,043,068	\$1,109,576
Federal Funds	\$1,583,196	\$9	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$132,648	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$2,673,290	\$971,873	\$1,192,621	\$1,043,068	\$1,109,576
FTE Authorization	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.0 million for the Office of Lieutenant Governor, all from general revenue. Relative to the 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$84,553 and federal financing decreases by \$65,000. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$5,616 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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- *Personnel.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$114,553 in general revenue savings which is related to the distribution of statewide personnel savings and additional turnover savings due to the delay in hiring 2.0 FTE positions.
- *Elimination of Federal Funds.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$65,000 decrease in federal funds financing for the State Innovation Model Initiative.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.1 million for the Office of Lieutenant Governor, all from general revenue. Relative to the 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$18,045 and federal financing decreases by \$65,000.

- *Personnel.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$17,990 in general revenue savings due to the filling of 1.0 FTE position at a lower pay grade than in the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- *Elimination of Federal Funds.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$65,000 decrease in federal funds financing for the State Innovation Model Initiative.

The Governor recommends 8.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and the recommended FY 2017 Budget, consistent with the enacted FY 2016 level.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$6,196,251	\$7,164,977	\$6,951,530	\$6,747,368	\$10,092,686
Federal Funds	\$16,040	\$11,264	\$0	\$22,859	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$456,222	\$478,183	\$599,108	\$531,285	\$556,519
Other Funds	\$870,625	\$817,194	\$813,687	\$896,250	\$907,177
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$37,079	\$436,246	\$462,921	\$100,000
Total Funding	\$7,539,138	\$8,508,697	\$8,800,571	\$8,660,683	\$11,656,382
FTE Authorization	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	59.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$8.7 million for the Secretary of State, including \$6.7 million from general revenue, \$22,859 from federal funds, \$531,285 from restricted receipts, \$462,921 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, and \$896,250 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$204,162, federal financing increases by \$22,859, restricted receipts financing decreases by \$67,823, Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$26,675, and other funds financing increases by \$82,563. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$77,662 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Department of State.

Administration

Within the Administration program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.6

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million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$23,047.

Corporations

Within the Corporations program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.2 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$87,898, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$50,662 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.
- *Current Operating Costs.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$48,959 decrease in general revenue financing primarily to reflect the current property lease cost.

Elections and Civics

Within the Elections and Civics program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$892,316, including \$869,457 from general revenue and \$22,859 from federal funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$125,583 and federal financing increases by \$22,859 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Projected Turnover Costs.* The Governor includes a decrease of \$117,160 from general revenue to reflect projected turnover savings within the program.
- *Capital Purchases and Equipment.* The Governor includes a decrease of \$42,845 from general revenue to reflect current costs for computer equipment for the program.
- *Effective Absentee Systems for Elections.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$22,859 in federal financing in order to close out federal grant spending for the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), which grants Central Voter Registration System (CVRS) access to overseas voters.

Office of Public Information

Within the Office of Public Information, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$949,433, including \$461,512 from general revenue, \$25,000 from restricted receipts, and \$462,921 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$4,972, restricted receipts financing increases by \$10,000, and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$26,675. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of \$2,831 in statewide general revenue medical and other savings allocated to this program.

State Library

Within the State Library, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 general revenue appropriations of \$555,903, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$4,159. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of \$1,139 in general revenue statewide medical and other savings allocated to this program.

State Archives

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Within the State Archives, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$575,551, including \$69,266 from general revenue and \$506,285 from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing does not change and restricted receipt financing decreases by \$77,823.

Record Center

Within the Record Center, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$896,250, all from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended other funds financing increases by \$82,563.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$11.7 million for the Secretary of State, including \$10.1 million from general revenue, \$556,519 from restricted receipts, \$100,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, and \$907,177 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$3.1 million, while restricted receipt financing decreases by \$42,589, Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing decreases by \$336,246, and other funds financing increases by \$93,490.

Administration

Within the Administration program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.5 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$985,829, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Supporting State Regulatory Reform Initiative.* The Governor includes \$706,652 from general revenue for this item. The Office of Regulatory Reform and Secretary of State will undertake a project that will seek to allow the Code of State Regulations to be more accessible to the public and businesses throughout the State. This key project will further the important work of creating a friendly business environment, which will make businesses want to operate in Rhode Island. During FY 2017 the State's Administrative Procedures Act will be revised and an online, indexed and searchable Code of State Regulations will be created. Funding for the project is as follows:
 - \$300,000 for hardware, licensing and maintenance
 - \$325,307 for contractual expenses
 - \$81,345 for 2.0 FTE positions including one junior application developer within Administration and one copy editor within State Archives
- *Strengthening eGovernment.* The Governor includes \$99,415 from general revenue for this item. This initiative will ensure that the IT department of the Department of State will be able to maintain the technology necessary to continue to operate the current environment and planned projects.
- *Personnel Costs of Current Administration.* The Governor includes an increase of \$266,857 from general revenue to finance salary and benefit costs of the current administration.
- *Visitors Center Fund.* The Governor recommends transferring the personnel cost of the visitor center administrator from the general revenue budget of the Administration division to the restricted receipt budget of the Office of Public Information.

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Corporations

Within the Corporations program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.2 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$110,064, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$87,334 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.
- *Current Operating Costs.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$101,254 decrease in general revenue financing primarily to reflect the projected property lease cost.

Elections and Civics

Within the Elections and Civics program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.2 million, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$2.2 million attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Online Voter Registration Portal.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$130,000 in order to allow the Secretary State to propose the legislation needed to make Rhode Island the 29th state to pass online voter registration meant to offer a convenient, secure and cost-effective alternative method for registering to vote or updating voter registration information.
- *Voting Equipment Replacement.* The Governor includes an increase of \$1.4 million from general revenue to allow the Secretary of State to procure new voting equipment, an authority recently transferred to the Secretary of State in July 2015 and to carry out a key mission of the Secretary of State to ensure that elections are fair, fast and accurate. The Secretary State will implement goals reached by the Voting Equipment Task Force to replace the current 20-year old voting equipment in time for the April 2016 presidential primary. The Secretary of State was able to procure the equipment in FY 2016 without an increase in costs and apply a portion of the maintenance payment towards procurement of the new equipment. The total State cost for voting equipment in FY 2017 is \$2.4 million, which represents a net general revenue increase in FY 2017 of \$1.0 million and includes the following adjustments:
 - Increase the current maintenance budget for current voting equipment from \$98,469 to \$1,385,000 within the Secretary of State to purchase licensing, maintenance, services, supplies and hardware costs for the new equipment
 - Reduce the Board of Elections budget by \$282,504 to \$0 in order to locate all financing for voting equipment within the Secretary of State budget going forward.

Office of Public Information

Within the Office of Public Information, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$524,232, which includes \$484,232 from general revenue financing, and \$40,000 from restricted receipt financing. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$27,692, restricted receipt financing increases by \$25,000, and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing decreases by \$436,246 attributable to the following adjustments:

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- *Printing of Owner's Manual.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$20,700 in general revenue financing for the biennial printing of the Rhode Island Owner's Manual.
- *Charter Encasement RICAP Project.* The Governor's recommendation includes a reduction of \$436,246 to reflect the completion of this project.

State Library

Within the State Library, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$560,784, all from general revenue. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$9,040.

State Archives

Within the State Library, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$750,240, including \$133,721 from general revenue, \$516,519 from restricted receipts, and \$100,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$64,455, restricted receipt financing decreases by \$67,589 and Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund financing increases by \$100,000 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Preserving the State's Digital Data and Records.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$15,150 in general revenue financing for the digital preservation of state records. State agencies are using and are being encouraged to use, digital means to conduct the business of government which has enabled them to create and store an unprecedented volume and variety of records and data. State Archives must acquire the technology to accept, process, preserve, and protect Rhode Island permanent digital records, which have administrative, legal, social, environmental, health, and historical value to the government and its citizens.
- *Regulatory Reform Initiative.* The Governor recommends \$49,542 in general revenue financing to hire a copy editor for the implementation of the Regulatory Reform Initiative in FY 2017.

Record Center

Within the Record Center, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$907,177, all from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended other funds financing increases by \$93,490.

The Governor recommends 57.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and 59.0 FTE positions in the recommended FY 2017 Budget. The revised FY 2016 FTE authorization is consistent with the enacted FY 2016 level and the recommended FY 2017 includes an increase of 2.0 FTE positions to provide the resources needed to execute the Governor's Regulatory Reform Initiative.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$2,384,819	\$2,400,368	\$2,420,250	\$2,407,642	\$2,856,231
Federal Funds	\$852,195	\$649,120	\$891,955	\$1,019,884	\$952,881
Restricted Receipts	\$34,602,288	\$38,279,369	\$35,263,670	\$35,875,484	\$32,286,796
Other Funds	\$200,434	\$203,337	\$518,818	\$589,434	\$675,247
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$38,039,736	\$41,532,194	\$39,094,693	\$39,892,444	\$36,771,155
FTE Authorization	83.0	83.0	84.0	87.0	88.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$39.9 million for the Office of the General Treasurer, including \$2.4 million from general revenue, \$1.0 million from federal funds, \$35.9 million from restricted receipts, and \$589,434 in other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$12,608, federal financing increases by \$127,929, restricted receipt financing increases by \$611,814, and other funds financing increases by \$70,616. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$9,775 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Office of the General Treasurer.

General Treasurer

Within the General Treasurer program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$3.1 million, including \$2.2 million from general revenue, \$307,913 from federal funds, and \$589,434 in other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$10,863, federal fund financing increases by \$40,662, and other funds increase by \$70,616, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Additional FTE for CollegBoundfund Program.* The Governor includes an increase of \$55,020 in other funds for the Tuition Savings Program Administration. The FY 2016 Enacted Budget transferred management of the CollegeBoundfund from the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority to the Office of the General Treasurer effective July 1, 2015. The additional 1.0 FTE position will fill a program director role and assist with monitoring investments of the fund, ensuring proper management, and assisting in developing the strategy to grow the program.
- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$8,636 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.

State Retirement System

Within the State Retirement System program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$12.7 million, all from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing increases by \$951,060, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Reduction of Legal Expenses.* The Governor's recommendation includes an \$800,000 decrease in restricted receipt financing for litigation expenses previously budgeted, but no longer needed as a result of the State reaching the pension settlement.

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- *Enhanced Line of Business Systems Implementation.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$1.7 million increase in restricted receipts primarily related to required system changes resulting from the recent pension settlement.
- *Defined Contribution Decrease.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$216,885 decrease in restricted receipts for Defined Contribution Administration and reflects a decrease in spending due to an anticipated reduction in restricted receipt funds available for use within the program. The settlement of various pension lawsuits required that the state reimburse fees for certain defined contribution plan participants. This fee waiver has reduced available revenue to support the program.
- *Additional positions for Retirement Administration.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$192,990 increase in restricted receipt financing primarily 2.0 additional FTE positions for the Retirement Program. The principal projects manager will assist in the implementation of a new IT system and will develop strategies to assess and improve member interactions with the retirement system. An intermediate accountant will enhance financial reporting capabilities of the retirement system.

Unclaimed Property

Within the Unclaimed Property Program, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$22.0 million in restricted receipt financing. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing decreases by \$338,791, attributable primarily due to the change in administration. In addition, the budget includes a \$5,000 increase in overtime as outreach continues to be a focus of the division.

Crime Victim Compensation

Within the Crime Victim Compensation, the Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$2.1 million, including \$224,709 from general revenue, \$711,971 from federal funds, and \$1.1 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$1,745, federal funds financing increases by \$87,267, and restricted receipts financing decreases by \$455 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Software Updates.* The Governor's recommendation includes an additional \$87,267 in federal funds financing from Vision 21 technology grants awarded to update the Crime Victim Compensation Program software and annual program reporting capabilities.
- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1,139 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$36.8 million for the Office of the General Treasurer, including \$2.9 million from general revenue, \$952,881 from federal funds, \$32.3 million from restricted receipts, and \$675,247 from other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$435,981, federal financing increases by \$60,926, restricted receipt financing

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decreases by \$3.0 million, and other funds financing increases by \$156,429.

General Treasurer

Within the General Treasurer program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$3.5 million, including \$2.5 million from general revenue, \$328,594 from federal funds, and \$675,247 in other funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$313,983, federal funds financing increases by \$61,343, and other funds increase by \$156,429 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *New Office of Debt Management.* The Governor includes an additional \$303,921 in general revenues in FY 2017 to be financed with a revenue enhancement to fees charged by the Public Finance Management Board from debt issuance. The funding will be utilized to finance a new Office of Debt Management including an additional FTE position to monitor and manage the process by which the State and governmental units issue and manage public debt as well as technology upgrades, including a public-facing web portal to track Rhode Island's public debt and enhancements to the State's internal debt-management software.
- *Additional FTE Position for CollegeBoundfund Program.* The Governor includes an increase of \$124,837 in other funds for the Tuition Savings Program Administration. The FY 2016 Enacted Budget transferred management of the CollegeBoundfund from the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority to the Office of the General Treasurer effective July 1, 2015. Successful administration of this program requires 1.0 FTE position. The additional FTE position will fill a program director role and assist with monitoring investments of the fund, ensuring proper management, and assisting in developing the strategy to grow the program.
- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$366 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.

State Retirement System

Within the State Retirement System program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$10.0 million, all from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing decreases by \$1.7 million, attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Reduction of Legal Expenses.* The Governor's recommendation includes an \$800,000 decrease in restricted receipt financing for litigation expenses previously budgeted, but no longer needed as a result of the State reaching the pension settlement.
- *Enhanced Line of Business Systems Implementation.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$1.3 million decrease in restricted receipts as the implementation costs of the new retirement system will be phased out in FY 2017.
- *Defined Contribution Decrease.* The Governor's recommendation includes a \$247,822 decrease in restricted receipts for Defined Contribution Administration and reflects a decrease in spending due to an anticipated reduction in receipt funds available for use within the program. The settlement of various pension lawsuits required that the state reimburse fees for certain defined

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contribution plan participants. This fee waiver has reduced available revenue to support the program.

- *Personnel Costs of Retirement Administration.* The Governor's recommendation includes an increase of \$263,649 in personnel costs to continue financing for the two additional FTE positions for the Retirement Program, but also includes transferring the personnel costs of a debt manager position so that it is allocated 100 percent to the General Treasurer Program to work within the new Office of Debt Management.

Unclaimed Property

Within the Unclaimed Property Program, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$21.1 million, all from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing decreases by \$1.2 million, attributable primarily to the division's anticipation of a reduction in surplus transfers from lower audit receipts and claim payments in FY 2017.

Crime Victim Compensation

Within the Crime Victim Compensation, the Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.1 million, including \$348,452 from general revenue, \$624,287 from federal funds, and \$1.1 million from restricted receipts. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$121,998, federal funds financing decreases by \$417, and restricted receipts financing decreases by \$375 attributable to the following adjustments:

- *Expanding Victim's Compensation Benefits.* The Governor's recommendation includes an additional \$120,000 in general revenue financing from a Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The Governor's recommendation includes proposals developed through the working group established by executive order to examine investments that would break the cycle of crime and incarceration and improve public safety. Aided by the Council on State Governments, and composed of representatives from the court system, the legislature and the executive branch, the working group analyzed policy and practice changes that could produce savings allowing for the reinvestment of funds that would benefit public safety. The reinvestment funds will help expand the maximum payout for relocation benefits and create a transportation benefit for the first three years of the program. Future general revenue funding is expected to decline as federal VOCA state matching grant funding becomes available after three years of investment.
- *Distribution of Statewide Medical and Other Savings.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$510 in general revenue savings allocated to this program.

The Governor recommends 87.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and 88.0 FTE positions in the recommended FY 2017 Budget. Relative to the enacted FY 2016 level of 84.0 FTE positions, the revised FY 2016 Budget adds 3.0 FTE positions and the FY 2017 Budget adds 4.0 FTE positions.

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$1,573,262	\$4,656,136	\$1,818,305	\$1,797,868	\$1,982,707
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$1,573,262	\$4,656,136	\$1,818,305	\$1,797,868	\$1,982,707
FTE Authorization	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	12.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.8 million for the Board of Elections, which is funded solely from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$20,437. The revised FY 2016 budget is inclusive of enacted medial benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in a total of \$9,159 in general revenue savings allocated to the Board of Elections.

- *Personnel.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.1 million from general revenue, a decrease of \$63,816 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- *Contract Services.* The Governor includes \$79,883 from general revenue for various contract services, including legal services, information technology services, and stenographic services. The recommendation is \$6,395 more than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- *Assistance and Grants.* The Governor includes \$85,000 from general revenue for assistance and grants, which is \$85,000 more than the enacted FY 2016 Budget. The additional \$85,000 is associated with an unanticipated legal settlement.
- *Operating/Capital.* The Governor includes \$500,458 for operating expenses and capital purchases and equipment. The recommendation is \$48,016 less than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$2.0 million from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$164,402.

- *Personnel.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.4 million from general revenue, an increase of \$243,601 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget. Of the \$243,601 increase, \$210,000 is for temporary staff to support the 2016 primaries and presidential election.
- *Contract Services.* The Governor includes \$79,883 from general revenue for various contract services. The recommendation is \$6,395 more than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.

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- Operating/Capital.** The Governor includes \$462,880 for operating expenses and capital purchases and equipment. The recommendation is \$85,594 less than the enacted FY 2016 Budget. The decrease is associated with the transfer of voting equipment maintenance costs of \$282,504 to the Secretary of State based on the planned purchase of new voting equipment.

The Governor recommends 11.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and 12.0 FTE positions in the recommended FY 2017 Budget. The additional 1.0 FTE position will assist with implementing new campaign finance laws enacted during the 2015 legislative session.

RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$1,541,741	\$1,579,038	\$1,644,876	\$1,611,119	\$1,653,383
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restricted Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$1,541,741	\$1,579,038	\$1,644,876	\$1,611,119	\$1,653,383
FTE Authorization	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.6 million for the Rhode Island Ethics Commission, which is funded solely from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$33,757. The revised FY 2016 Budget is inclusive of enacted medial benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in a total of \$4,971 in general revenue savings allocated to the Ethics Commission.

- Personnel.** The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.4 million from general revenue, a decrease of \$27,616 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- Contract Services.** The Governor includes \$29,100 from general revenue for various contract services, including legal services and other temporary services. The recommendation is \$4,100 greater than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- Operating/Capital.** The Governor includes \$171,486 for operating expenses and capital purchases and equipment. The recommendation is \$10,241 less than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.7 million from general revenue. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted level, recommended general revenue financing increases by \$8,507.

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- *Personnel.* The Governor's recommendation includes \$1.5 million from general revenue, an increase of \$14,647 from the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- *Contract Services.* The Governor includes \$27,000 from general revenue for various contract services. The recommendation is \$2,000 greater than the enacted FY 2016 Budget.
- *Operating/Capital.* The Governor includes \$173,587 for operating expenses and capital purchases and equipment. The recommendation is \$8,140 less than the enacted FY 2016 Budget of \$181,727.

The Governor recommends 12.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and the recommended FY 2017 Budget, consistent with the enacted FY 2016 level.

RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$1,138,859	\$1,225,335	\$1,252,174	\$1,243,892	\$1,258,128
Federal Funds	\$350,720	\$331,403	\$295,836	\$310,874	\$323,295
Restricted Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$1,489,579	\$1,556,738	\$1,548,010	\$1,554,766	\$1,581,423
FTE Authorization	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$1.6 million for the Commission for Human Rights, including \$1.2 million from general revenue and \$310,874 from federal funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$8,282, while federal funds financing increases by \$15,038. The revised FY 2016 Budget is inclusive of enacted statewide medical benefit and other savings distributed to state agencies, which resulted in \$5,380 of general revenue savings being allocated to the Commission. The decrease in general revenue financing is attributable to personnel savings resulting from the waiver of health insurance by an employee.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$1.5 million, including \$1.2 million from general revenue and \$323,295 from federal funds. Relative to the FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended general revenue financing decreases by \$5,954 and federal funds financing increases by \$27,459. The decrease in general revenue financing is attributable to personnel savings resulting from the waiver of health insurance by an employee.

The Governor recommends 14.5 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget and the recommended FY 2017 Budget, the same level authorized in the enacted FY 2016 Budget.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Source Of Funds	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Recommended
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$207,575	\$81,792	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$104,669
Restricted Receipts	\$6,616,307	\$6,680,573	\$8,594,685	\$8,582,349	\$8,822,304
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funding	\$6,823,882	\$6,762,365	\$8,684,685	\$8,672,349	\$8,926,973
FTE Authorization	49.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	51.0

FY 2016 Revised Budget

The Governor recommends revised FY 2016 appropriations of \$8.7 million for the Public Utilities Commission, including \$8.6 million from restricted receipts and \$90,000 from federal funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing decreases by \$12,336, while federal financing remains the same. The Governor includes all funds financing of \$6.0 million for personnel, \$1.7 million for contract services, and \$951,530 for operating expenses.

FY 2017 Recommended Budget

The Governor recommends FY 2017 appropriations of \$8.9 million for the Commission, including \$8.8 million from restricted receipts and \$104,669 from federal funds. Relative to FY 2016 enacted levels, recommended restricted receipt financing increases by \$227,619 while federal financing increases by \$14,669. The Governor includes all funds financing of \$6.3 million for personnel and \$1.7 million for contract services and \$951,531 for operating expenses. The FY 2017 recommendation includes an additional legal counsel to assist with the growing number of utility termination cases.

The Governor recommends 50.0 FTE positions in the revised FY 2016 Budget (consistent with the enacted FY 2016 level). In FY 2017 the Governor recommends 51.0 FTE positions an increase of 1.0 FTE position from the FY 2016 enacted level. Positions include commission members, accountants, auditors, public utilities analysts, consumer agents, engineering specialists, legal counsel, and administrative and information technology services support staff.

