

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget



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Agency Summary

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agency Mission

The General Assembly meets annually and is responsible for enactment of laws, formation of state policy, and evaluation of programs through the appropriation process.

Agency Description

The Rhode Island Legislature, the General Assembly, consists of two chambers. The Senate is composed of 38 members. The House of Representatives is composed of 75 members. The Office of the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate Staff, the Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs, the Legislative Council, the Fiscal Advisory Staff, the Office of the Auditor General, the Legislative Press Bureau, State Government Internship Office, the Law Revision Office, the Research and Proofing Offices, and the Special Legislative Commissions assist the General Assembly in executing its constitutional role.

Statutory History

The Legislature is one of the three branches of government authorized in the Rhode Island Constitution. Article VI establishes the powers of the Legislature, and Articles VII and VIII define the composition of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

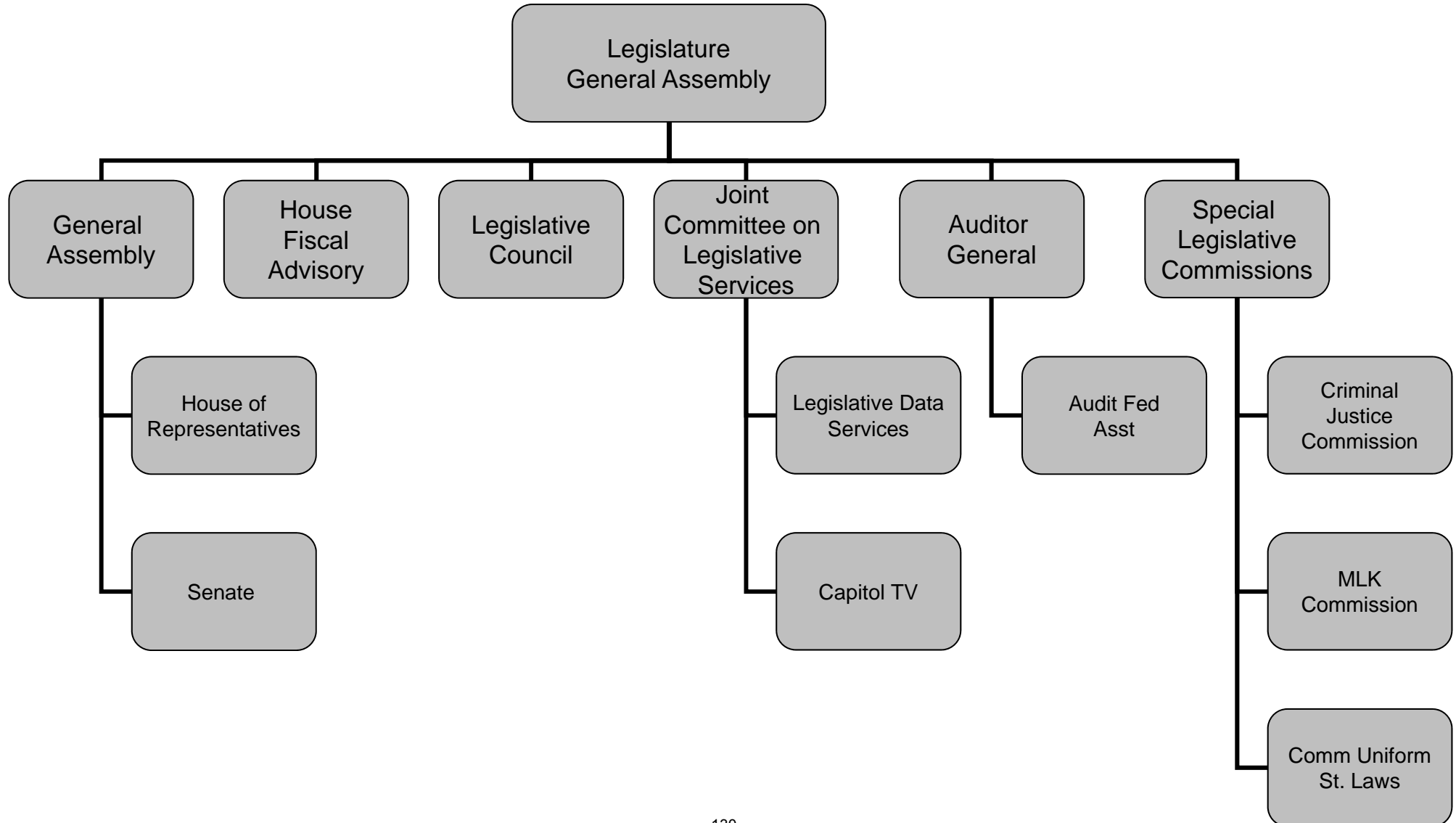
Budget

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
General Assembly	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071
Fiscal Advisory Staff	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535
Legislative Council	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747
Joint Comm. on Legislative Services	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695
Auditor General	4,833,990	4,591,882	5,748,004	5,486,511	5,740,085
Special Legislative Commissions	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	37,669,916	38,325,853	42,252,464	47,064,142	44,635,033
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	31,599,113	32,309,927	35,026,369	35,735,679	37,316,955
Contract Professional Services	382,085	367,395	555,500	755,300	680,500
Operating Supplies And Expenses	3,179,171	3,071,103	3,545,595	6,858,163	3,551,078
Assistance And Grants	2,238,865	2,051,025	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating	37,399,234	37,799,450	41,427,464	45,649,142	43,848,533
Capital Purchases And Equipment	270,682	526,403	825,000	1,415,000	786,500
Subtotal: Other	270,682	526,403	825,000	1,415,000	786,500
Total Expenditures	37,669,916	38,325,853	42,252,464	47,064,142	44,635,033
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	36,219,919	36,925,853	40,522,507	45,419,385	42,914,338
Restricted Receipts	1,449,997	1,400,000	1,729,957	1,644,757	1,720,695
Total Expenditures	37,669,916	38,325,853	42,252,464	47,064,142	44,635,033

The Agency

Legislature General Assembly



Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly

Mission

The General Assembly meets annually and is responsible for the enactment of laws, the formation of basic state policy, and the evaluation of existing programs through the appropriation process.

Description

The General Assembly consists of two chambers. The Senate is composed of 38 members. The House of Representatives is composed of 75 members.

Statutory History

The legislative power of the State is vested in the Legislature as set forth in Article VI of the State Constitution. The composition of the General Assembly is established in Articles VII and VIII of the State Constitution.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071
Total Expenditures	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	3,520,493	3,635,028	3,844,475	3,805,631	3,890,252
Contract Professional Services	279,408	312,308	317,000	462,000	442,000
Operating supplies and Expenses	1,595,742	1,541,266	1,808,350	3,467,962	1,937,819
Subtotal: Operating	5,395,643	5,488,603	5,969,825	7,735,593	6,270,071
Capital Purchases And Equipment	46,511	82,951	110,500	380,500	492,000
Subtotal: Other	46,511	82,951	110,500	380,500	492,000
Total Expenditures	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071
Total Expenditures	5,442,154	5,571,554	6,080,325	8,116,093	6,762,071

Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiscal Advisory Staff

Mission

Fiscal Advisory Staff members perform fiscal research and analysis for the Legislature, its committees, and individual legislators.

Description

The Fiscal Advisory Staff to the House Finance Committee and to the Legislature operates under the supervision of the House Finance Committee. Duties include examination of revenues, review of appropriations and expenditures, and analysis of the State's indebtedness and Capital Improvement Plan. The House Fiscal Advisor serves as one of three principals on the Revenue Consensus Forecasting and the Medical and Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conferences.

Statutory History

The Fiscal Advisory Staff to the House Finance Committee was established in 1959. Statutory provisions for the Fiscal Advisory Staff are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-6.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiscal Advisory Staff

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535
Total Expenditures	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	1,277,704	1,396,517	1,713,017	1,632,638	1,745,135
Operating supplies and Expenses	113,907	70,774	105,400	156,400	105,400
Subtotal: Operating	1,391,611	1,467,292	1,818,417	1,789,038	1,850,535
Capital Purchases And Equipment	14,226	0	25,000	50,000	25,000
Subtotal: Other	14,226	0	25,000	50,000	25,000
Total Expenditures	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535
Total Expenditures	1,405,837	1,467,292	1,843,417	1,839,038	1,875,535

Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislative Council

Mission

The Legislative Council is the principal research and legal arm of the General Assembly. The Council's staff of attorneys, researchers, secretaries, and clerical aides provides legislators with information on matters pending or to come before the Legislature. The Legislative Council's principal activity is drafting of legislation for individual members.

Description

The Legislative Council has two main functions: bill drafting and research, with separate offices to handle each. The bill-drafting section is ordinarily referred to as the Legislative Council. Staffed by a number of attorneys, the Council takes bill-drafting requests and prepares the legislation. Other staff members handle the typing, proofing, duplication, and delivery of bills to legislators in the House and Senate chambers.

Statutory History

The Legislative Council was established in 1939. Its statutory provisions are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-8.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislative Council

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747
Total Expenditures	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	3,574,743	3,917,468	5,258,980	4,599,643	5,053,297
Contract Professional Services	225	0	5,500	55,500	5,500
Operating supplies and Expenses	81,177	82,777	126,950	316,950	131,950
Subtotal: Operating	3,656,145	4,000,245	5,391,430	4,972,093	5,190,747
Capital Purchases And Equipment	27,169	1,033	45,000	90,000	45,000
Subtotal: Other	27,169	1,033	45,000	90,000	45,000
Total Expenditures	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747
Total Expenditures	3,683,314	4,001,278	5,436,430	5,062,093	5,235,747

Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Joint Comm. on Legislative Services

Mission

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services (JCLS) is responsible for all administrative matters affecting the operations of the General Assembly. The Office also coordinates the Legislative Data Services and Telecommunications - Cable TV activities.

Description

Under the direction of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services, the JCLS Administrative Office is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the General Assembly. Matters pertaining to personnel, payroll and benefits, operations, purchasing and accounts payable are handled through this office. The JCLS Office prepares and submits the annual budget and oversees the finances of the Legislature. The operations staff is responsible for the purchasing function, the upkeep and maintenance of the legislative offices in the State House, the disbursement of supplies to the various offices of the JCLS, and repairs to equipment and furnishings of the Legislature.

Statutory History

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services was established as a permanent joint committee in 1960. Its statutory provisions are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-11.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Joint Comm. on Legislative Services

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695
Total Expenditures	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	18,945,620	19,289,057	19,012,193	20,709,437	21,387,510
Contract Professional Services	100,573	44,617	222,000	232,000	232,000
Operating supplies and Expenses	865,613	876,596	1,014,195	2,443,070	896,185
Assistance And Grants	2,238,865	2,051,025	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating	22,150,671	22,261,295	22,548,388	25,684,507	24,815,695
Capital Purchases And Equipment	145,475	424,014	582,000	862,000	192,000
Subtotal: Other	145,475	424,014	582,000	862,000	192,000
Total Expenditures	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695
Total Expenditures	22,296,146	22,685,308	23,130,388	26,546,507	25,007,695

Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Auditor General

Mission

The Office of the Auditor General provides independent audits, accounting, and evaluation of state government programs to the General Assembly for its legislative oversight and capability.

Description

The Office of the Auditor General assists the General Assembly in reviewing compliance, efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of state programs. The Office of the Auditor General conducts financial and program audits which encompass the investigation of all matters relating to a review of program costs and the evaluation of program performance. The Office also completes the annual post-audit of the receipts and expenditures of the State; and, in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, circular number A-128, issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget, and Chapter 41 of the Rhode Island General Laws, conducts annual audits of federally-funded programs administered by the State.

Statutory History

The Office of the Auditor General was established in 1974. Statutory provisions for the Office of the Auditor General are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-13.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Auditor General

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	4,833,990	4,591,882	5,748,004	5,486,511	5,740,085
Total Expenditures	4,833,990	4,591,882	5,748,004	5,486,511	5,740,085
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	4,280,553	4,071,856	5,197,704	4,988,330	5,240,761
Contract Professional Services	1,879	10,469	11,000	5,800	1,000
Operating supplies and Expenses	514,257	491,151	476,800	459,881	465,824
Subtotal: Operating	4,796,689	4,573,476	5,685,504	5,454,011	5,707,585
Capital Purchases And Equipment	37,301	18,405	62,500	32,500	32,500
Subtotal: Other	37,301	18,405	62,500	32,500	32,500
Total Expenditures	4,833,990	4,591,882	5,748,004	5,486,511	5,740,085
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,383,993	3,191,882	4,018,047	3,841,754	4,019,390
Restricted Receipts	1,449,997	1,400,000	1,729,957	1,644,757	1,720,695
Total Expenditures	4,833,990	4,591,882	5,748,004	5,486,511	5,740,085

Program Summary

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Special Legislative Commissions

Mission

Special Legislative Commissions include boards and commissions established for the promotion of certain goals and objectives, and to address items of local, regional, and national concern.

Description

Included in this program are the Commission on Uniform State Laws, the Criminal Justice Commission, and the Martin Luther King Commission.

Statutory History

Special Legislative Commissions are generally established under the authority granted to the General Assembly in the Rhode Island State Constitution. Specific provisions for various commissions are also established within the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Agency: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Special Legislative Commissions

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Expenditures by Object					
Operating supplies and Expenses	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Subtotal: Operating	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	8,475	8,539	13,900	13,900	13,900