Education Function Summary

Expenditures by Agency	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Office Of The Postsecondary					
Commissioner	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	2,807,793	3,440,962	3,955,027	3,918,375	4,362,738
Contract Professional Services	4,934,241	5,672,535	1,461,001	1,270,611	1,346,284
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,503,577	11,071,086	4,845,834	4,977,573	5,040,084
Assistance And Grants	17,172,627	18,431,956	21,709,287	22,118,042	27,504,566
Subtotal: Operating	29,418,238	38,616,539	31,971,149	32,284,601	38,253,672
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,907,819	110,441	6,156,975	6,751,127	6,536,387
Debt Service (Fixed Charges)	0	1,167,361	1,170,500	1,170,500	1,167,750
Subtotal: Other	1,907,819	1,277,802	7,327,475	7,921,627	7,704,137
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	6,125,462	13,945,549	16,288,918	16,214,222	18,176,011
Federal Funds	14,333,835	13,878,878	7,924,589	8,253,542	14,853,141
Restricted Receipts	651,103	1,977,455	1,985,385	2,852,416	2,752,977
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	1,901,271	2,321,904	5,204,732	4,991,048	5,375,680
Other Funds	8,314,386	7,770,555	7,895,000	7,895,000	4,800,000
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
FTE Authorization	27.0	38.0	36.0	36.0	38.0

Agency Summary

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Agency Mission

The mission of the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC) is to support the work of the Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education in providing an excellent, accessible and affordable system of higher education designed to improve the overall educational attainment of the citizens of Rhode Island, support economic development, and enrich the civic, social, and cultural life of all living in the state of Rhode Island.

Agency Description

The Office serves as the definitive resource for information on and the interpretation of Council policy for public higher education and the postsecondary institutions in Rhode Island that are under the authority of the Council on Postsecondary Education (the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island). The Office looks for shared opportunities to advance the objectives of postsecondary education with the public and independent institutions.

The Commissioner of Postsecondary Education is the state's higher education executive officer. In fulfilling this role, the Commissioner for Postsecondary Education works closely with the presidents of the state higher education institutions to determine the benefits or disadvantages of proposed new programs, departments, division, courses of study within the scope and role adopted by the Council on Postsecondary Education and in developing tables of organization. The presidents also prepare and submit budgets to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Board of Education for approval, and are be responsible for the general management of property.

To accomplish these and additional responsibilities called for in Title 16 of the General Laws, the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner relies on the collegial relations and civil discussions among the members of the postsecondary community and with important stakeholders from business, government, and PK-12 education.

Statutory History

Chapter 16-59 of the General Laws establishes the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

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	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Office of Postsecondary Commissioner Operations	13,189,592	12,295,600	12,496,417	13,626,993	13,668,926
Higher Education Assistance Program	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center	0	6,867,209	8,512,207	8,289,235	8,359,317
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	2,807,793	3,440,962	3,955,027	3,918,375	4,362,738
Contract Professional Services	4,934,241	5,672,535	1,461,001	1,270,611	1,346,284
Operating Supplies And Expenses	4,503,577	11,071,086	4,845,834	4,977,573	5,040,084
Assistance And Grants	17,172,627	18,431,956	21,709,287	22,118,042	27,504,566
Subtotal: Operating	29,418,238	38,616,539	31,971,149	32,284,601	38,253,672
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,907,819	110,441	6,156,975	6,751,127	6,536,387
Debt Service (fixed Charges)	0	1,167,361	1,170,500	1,170,500	1,167,750
Subtotal: Other	1,907,819	1,277,802	7,327,475	7,921,627	7,704,137
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	6,125,462	13,945,549	16,288,918	16,214,222	18,176,011
Federal Funds	14,333,835	13,878,878	7,924,589	8,253,542	14,853,141
Restricted Receipts	651,103	1,977,455	1,985,385	2,852,416	2,752,977
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	1,901,271	2,321,904	5,204,732	4,991,048	5,375,680
Other Funds	8,314,386	7,770,555	7,895,000	7,895,000	4,800,000
Total Expenditures	31,326,057	39,894,341	39,298,624	40,206,228	45,957,809
FTE Authorization	27.0	38.0	36.0	36.0	38.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

		FY 2019	F	FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Classified	6.0	409,018	6.0	412,418	
Unclassified	30.0	2,578,852	32.0	2,656,087	
Subtotal	36.0	2,987,870	38.0	3,068,505	
Turnover		(315,725)		(72,036)	
Total Salaries		2,672,145		2,996,469	
Benefits					
FICA		201,805		224,579	
Health Benefits		368,630		439,926	
Payroll Accrual		14,162		15,805	
Retiree Health		189,052		136,884	
Retirement		349,413		425,767	
Subtotal		1,123,062		1,242,961	
Total Salaries and Benefits	36.0	3,795,207	38.0	4,239,430	
Cost Per FTE Position		105,422		111,564	
Statewide Benefit Assessment		123,168		123,308	
Payroll Costs	36.0	3,918,375	38.0	4,362,738	
Purchased Services					
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		36,000		36,000	
Design and Engineering Services		10,000		10,000	
Legal Services		85,909		85,909	
Management & Consultant Services		25,702		25,702	
Other Contracts		50,000		95,673	
Training and Educational Services		1,058,000		1,088,000	
University and College Services		5,000		5,000	
Subtotal		1,270,611		1,346,284	
Total Personnel	36.0	5,188,986	38.0	5,709,022	
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		2,107,507		2,191,797	
Federal Funds		475,909		473,690	
Restricted Receipts		1,666,940		2,100,717	
Operating Transfers from Other Funds		938,630		942,818	
Total All Funds		5,188,986		5,709,022	

Performance Measures

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Statewide Postsecondary Attainment

The figures below represent the percentage of the working-age population (25-64) holding an associate degree or higher. Figures are reported annually in the Lumina Stronger Nation report, with a two-year data lag (i.e., 2018 figures are based on 2016 data). [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

Frequency: Annua	al	Reporting P	Period: Calendar Year		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	43.10%	47.00%	47.00%	50.00%	54.00%
Actual	43.10%	45.80%	46.80%	0.00%	

Minority Postsecondary Attainment

The figures below represent the percentage of the working-age population (25-64) identifying as black, hispanic/ Latino, Native American, or Pacific Islander who hold an associate degree or higher. Figures are sourced from the Lumina Stronger Nation report, then weighted by US Census American Community Survey data, with a two-year data lag (i.e., 2018 figures are based on 2016 data). [Notes: The 2019 target has been revised. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

Frequency: Annual		Reporting P	Period: Calendar Year		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	23.70%	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	30.00%
Actual	23.70%	22.80%	23.50%	0.00%	

Total Cost of Attendance Coverage for Low-income In-state Students

The figures below represent the percentage of low-income in-state students who are covered for 70 percent of the total cost of attendance (tuition/ books/ fees/ room/ board) at the University of Rhode Island through grants, scholarships, and federal need-based student loans. Low-income students are defined as those who are eligible to receive Pell grants. [Notes: 2018 data is not currently available. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

Frequency: Annual		Reporting Pe	eriod: State Fiscal Year		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	42.00%	45.00%	47.00%	47.00%	47.00%
Actual	42.00%	44.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Average Student Loan Debt of Graduates from Rhode Island Public Institutions

The figures below represent the average amount of debt from student loans for graduates of the state's public institutions (URI, RIC, CCRI). Averages from URI and RIC are reported yearly by the Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS), and the CCRI data is derived from institutional reporting. [Notes: Actual and target figures have been revised to factor in those graduating without student loan debt. Previously, average student loan debt included only those graduates with debt, and therefore did not reflect cases in which students graduated without debt as a result of scholarship and grant awards, family contributions, or personal contributions from employment. Historical targets are not available due to the revision. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

Frequency: Ann	nual	Reporting	Period: Calendar Year		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	14,750.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Actual	14,750.00	15,740.00	15,916.00	0.00	

Performance Measures

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OPC -- Graduates in High-demand, High-wage Fields

The figures below represent the total number of graduates per year from the three public institutions in high-demand, highwage fields. For the purposes of institutional performance funding, "high-demand, high-wage" fields are identified based on labor market projections for occupations associated with each field in terms of job growth (more than 50 openings) and median wages (more than \$40,000 per year). [Notes: This measure has been revised to be consistent with institutional performance funding metrics. Actual and target figures have been revised, and historical targets are not available. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

Frequency: Ann	ual	Reporting Pe	eriod: State Fiscal Year		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Target	4,524.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,900.00
Actual	4,524.00	4,676.00	5,195.00	0.00	

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Office of Postsecondary Commissioner Operations

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Operations	13,189,592	12,295,600	12,496,417	13,626,993	13,668,926
Total Expenditures	13,189,592	12,295,600	12,496,417	13,626,993	13,668,926
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,627,724	1,914,882	2,473,513	2,655,356	3,100,204
Contract Professional Services	648,435	1,449,491	1,361,001	1,209,000	1,280,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,118,838	5,058,201	2,822,616	2,940,355	2,934,222
Assistance And Grants	4,886,776	3,785,021	3,819,287	4,228,042	3,975,000
Subtotal: Operating	11,281,773	12,207,595	10,476,417	11,032,753	11,289,426
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,907,819	88,005	2,020,000	2,594,240	2,379,500
Subtotal: Other	1,907,819	88,005	2,020,000	2,594,240	2,379,500
Total Expenditures	13,189,592	12,295,600	12,496,417	13,626,993	13,668,926
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	6,125,462	6,324,059	4,986,443	4,891,835	4,974,949
Federal Funds	4,511,756	3,924,556	3,524,589	3,853,542	3,600,000
Restricted Receipts	651,103	1,977,455	1,985,385	2,852,416	2,752,977
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	1,901,271	69,530	2,000,000	2,029,200	2,341,000
Total Expenditures	13,189,592	12,295,600	12,496,417	13,626,993	13,668,926

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Office of Postsecondary Commissioner Operations

		F	Y 2019	F	Y 2020
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (RIHEAA)	00131A	3.0	226,279	3.0	227,979
STOREKEEPER	00315A	1.0	46,739	1.0	46,739
SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN II	00321A	2.0	136,000	2.0	137,700
Subtotal Classified		6.0	409,018	6.0	412,418
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	00820A	0.0	0	1.0	55,000
Assessment Specialist	00000A	0.0	0	1.0	50,000
Associate Commissioner - Planning	00000A	1.0	150,938	1.0	152,825
Business Manager	00000A	1.0	55,344	1.0	56,036
Chief Financial Officer - OPC	00000A	1.0	166,031	1.0	168,106
CHIEF OF STAFF	00841A	1.0	145,906	1.0	147,730
COMMISSIONER OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION	00F54F	1.0	191,188	1.0	193,578
Director of Adult Programs and Policy	00009A	1.0	72,450	1.0	73,356
Director of Communications and Outreach	00009A	1.0	133,328	1.0	134,995
Director of Strategic Initiatives	00000A	1.0	125,781	1.0	127,353
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00836A	2.0	121,214	2.0	122,729
Executive Director Westerly	00000A	1.0	120,750	1.0	122,259
FACILITIES COORDINATOR	00000A	1.0	81,506	2.0	162,525
Legislative and Policy Advisor	00009A	1.0	71,444	1.0	72,338
Marketing Director	00000A	1.0	72,551	1.0	73,458
Network Technician III	00000A	1.0	95,594	1.0	96,789
POLICY ANALYST	00833A	1.0	50,312	1.0	50,941
Program Manager	00000A	1.0	64,324	1.0	65,128
PROJECT MANAGER	08624A	0.0	0	1.0	70,000
Research Associate	00000A	1.0	85,402	1.0	86,470
Senior Business Analyst	00000A	1.0	65,313	1.0	66,129
Specialist Proprietary Schools	00000A	1.0	72,604	1.0	73,512
ZProgram Reduction FY20	00000A	0.0	0	(2.0)	(210,000)
Subtotal Unclassified		20.0	1,941,980	22.0	2,011,257
Subtotal		26.0	2,350,998	28.0	2,423,675
Transfer Out			(202,436)		(204,686)
Turnover			(315,725)		(72,036)
Total Salaries			1,832,837		2,146,953

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	F	Y 2019	FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		137,592		159,595
Health Benefits		231,019		299,828
Payroll Accrual		9,752		11,343
Retiree Health		138,135		99,007
Retirement		221,459		295,849
Subtotal		737,957		865,622
Total Salaries and Benefits	26.0	2,570,794	28.0	3,012,575
Cost Per FTE Position		98,877		107,592
Statewide Benefit Assessment		84,562		87,629
Payroll Costs	26.0	2,655,356	28.0	3,100,204
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		36,000		36,000
Design and Engineering Services		10,000		10,000
Legal Services		50,000		50,000
Other Contracts		50,000		91,000
Training and Educational Services		1,058,000		1,088,000
University and College Services		5,000		5,000
Subtotal		1,209,000		1,280,000
Total Personnel	26.0	3,864,356	28.0	4,380,204
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		2,107,507		2,191,797
Federal Funds		89,909		87,690
Restricted Receipts		1,666,940		2,100,717
Total All Funds		3,864,356		4,380,204

Agency: Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Higher Education Assistance Program

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Higher Education Assistance Program	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566
Total Expenditures	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,180,069	1,108,184	300,000	324,389	319,716
Contract Professional Services	4,285,806	4,176,894	100,000	61,611	66,284
Operating Supplies and Expenses	384,739	799,519	0	14,000	14,000
Assistance And Grants	12,285,851	14,646,935	17,890,000	17,890,000	23,529,566
Subtotal: Operating	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566
Total Expenditures	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	3,006,655	5,995,000	5,995,000	7,876,425
Federal Funds	9,822,079	9,954,322	4,400,000	4,400,000	11,253,141
Other Funds	8,314,386	7,770,555	7,895,000	7,895,000	4,800,000
Total Expenditures	18,136,465	20,731,532	18,290,000	18,290,000	23,929,566

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Higher Education Assistance Program

	FY 2019	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE C	ost	FTE	Cost	
Transfer In	202,4	436		204,686	
Total Salaries	202,	436		204,686	
Benefits					
FICA	15,4	487		15,658	
Health Benefits	29,6	619		30,174	
Payroll Accrual	1,	138		1,150	
Retiree Health	18,4	473		10,817	
Retirement	47,5	924		48,634	
Subtotal	112,0	641		106,433	
Total Salaries and Benefits	0.0 315,	077	0.0	311,119	
Cost Per FTE Position		0		0	
Statewide Benefit Assessment	9,3	312		8,597	
Payroll Costs	0.0 324,5	389	0.0	319,716	
Purchased Services					
Legal Services	35,9	909		35,909	
Management & Consultant Services	25,7	702		25,702	
Other Contracts		0		4,673	
Subtotal	61,0	611		66,284	
Total Personnel	0.0 386,0	000	0.0	386,000	
Distribution by Source of Funds					
Federal Funds	386,0	000		386,000	
Total All Funds	386,	000		386,000	

Agency: Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Rhode Island Nursing Education Center

Expenditures by Sub Program	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center	0	6,867,209	8,512,207	8,289,235	8,359,317
Total Expenditures	0	6,867,209	8,512,207	8,289,235	8,359,317
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	417,896	1,181,514	938,630	942,818
Contract Professional Services	0	46,150	0	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	5,213,366	2,023,218	2,023,218	2,091,862
Subtotal: Operating	0	5,677,412	3,204,732	2,961,848	3,034,680
Capital Purchases And Equipment	0	22,436	4,136,975	4,156,887	4,156,887
Debt Service (Fixed Charges)	0	1,167,361	1,170,500	1,170,500	1,167,750
Subtotal: Other	0	1,189,797	5,307,475	5,327,387	5,324,637
Total Expenditures	0	6,867,209	8,512,207	8,289,235	8,359,317
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	4,614,835	5,307,475	5,327,387	5,324,637
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0	2,252,374	3,204,732	2,961,848	3,034,680
Total Expenditures	0	6,867,209	8,512,207	8,289,235	8,359,317

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Rhode Island Nursing Education Center

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	00820A	1.0	114,008	1.0	115,434
Admistrative Coordinator-RINEC	00000A	1.0	53,834	1.0	54,506
Business Manager	00000A	1.0	80,500	1.0	81,506
Manager Simulation Education Services	00000A	2.0	151,578	2.0	153,472
Simulation Specialist - NEC	00000A	5.0	236,952	5.0	239,912
Subtotal Unclassified		10.0	636,872	10.0	644,830
Subtotal		10.0	636,872	10.0	644,830
Total Salaries			636,872		644,830
Benefits					
FICA			48,726		49,326
Health Benefits			107,992		109,924
Payroll Accrual			3,272		3,312
Retiree Health			32,444		27,060
Retirement			80,030		81,284
Subtotal			272,464		270,906
Total Salaries and Benefits		10.0	909,336	10.0	915,736
Cost Per FTE Position			90,934		91,574
Statewide Benefit Assessment			29,294		27,082
Payroll Costs		10.0	938,630	10.0	942,818
Total Personnel		10.0	938,630	10.0	942,818
Distribution by Source of Funds					
Operating Transfers from Other Funds			938,630		942,818
Total All Funds			938,630		942,818