Agency Summary

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Agency Mission

To promote and encourage the preservation, expansion, and sound development of new and existing industry, business, commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreational facilities in the State. To create opportunities for economic stability and employment through a business climate that fosters opportunity for all Rhode Islanders.

Agency Description

The Executive Office of Commerce is authorized and established as the state's lead agency for economic development throughout Rhode Island and serves as the principal agency of the executive branch of state government for managing the promotion of commerce and the economy within the State. The Secretary of Commerce, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, oversees the Executive Office of Commerce. The Secretary is charged with coordinating a cohesive direction of the State's economic development activities. The agency oversees the state's Office of Housing and Community Development, the Commerce Corporation (and all pass-through grant appropriations), the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, and the Department of Business Regulation. From time to time, the Executive Office of Commerce is also tasked with facilitating other special governmental programs and initiatives.

Statutory History

The Executive Office of Commerce was created by the 2013 General Assembly for the purpose of developing an integrated system of economic development activities. R.I General Laws § 42-64.19 establishes the Executive Office of Commerce.

Executive Office Of Commerce

	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830
Housing and Community Development	15,915,409	16,417,995	23,206,530	19,978,734	21,262,032
Quasi-Public Appropriations	14,058,345	19,536,750	21,568,258	21,568,258	24,872,258
Economic Development Initiatives Fund	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Commerce Programs	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Total Expenditures	49,869,458	53,240,307	59,996,451	56,768,113	76,949,120
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	1,812,455	1,863,147	2,049,603	2,068,081	2,350,151
Contract Professional Services	51	0	0	0	0
Operating Supplies And Expenses	466,815	375,338	417,617	419,028	730,041
Assistance And Grants	14,493,892	19,055,673	22,697,723	19,449,496	20,721,420
Subtotal: Operating	16,773,213	21,294,158	25,164,943	21,936,605	23,801,612
Capital Purchases And Equipment	2,900	9,301	10,453,250	10,453,250	13,513,250
Operating Transfers	33,093,345	31,936,848	24,378,258	24,378,258	39,634,258
Subtotal: Other	33,096,245	31,946,149	34,831,508	34,831,508	53,147,508
Total Expenditures	49,869,458	53,240,307	59,996,451	56,768,113	76,949,120
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	32,403,452	30,235,018	28,181,129	28,179,484	44,264,097
Federal Funds	8,275,588	11,267,298	17,611,003	14,384,462	15,421,017
Restricted Receipts	6,662,699	4,312,991	4,754,319	4,754,167	4,754,006
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	2,527,719	7,425,000	9,450,000	9,450,000	12,510,000
Total Expenditures	49,869,458	53,240,307	59,996,451	56,768,113	76,949,120
FTE Authorization	17.0	16.0	14.0	14.0	15.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Executive Office Of Commerce

	I	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Classified	11.0	895,087	11.0	907,017	
Unclassified	3.0	453,468	4.0	594,827	
Subtotal	14.0	1,348,555	15.0	1,501,844	
Turnover		(24,397)		0	
Total Salaries		1,324,158		1,501,844	
Benefits					
FICA		96,356		110,157	
Health Benefits		135,496		153,533	
Payroll Accrual		7,719		8,773	
Retiree Health		88,057		88,159	
Retirement		363,992		428,362	
Subtotal		691,620		788,984	
Total Salaries and Benefits	14.0	2,015,778	15.0	2,290,828	
Cost Per FTE Position		143,984		152,722	
Statewide Benefit Assessment		52,303		59,323	
Payroll Costs	14.0	2,068,081	15.0	2,350,151	
Total Personnel	14.0	2,068,081	15.0	2,350,151	
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	10.0	1,391,364	11.0	1,659,225	
Federal Funds	4.0	628,642	4.0	642,348	
Restricted Receipts	0.0	48,075	0.0	48,578	
Total All Funds	14.0	2,068,081	15.0	2,350,151	

Performance Measures

Executive Office Of Commerce

New Jobs Created/to be Created with Assistance from Commerce Jobs Incentive Programs

The figures represent the number of new jobs created/to be created by businesses that received assistance from Commerce Jobs Incentive Programs. This metric includes PARTIAL TOTALS. Please see notes: (1) This metric is based on the number of jobs approved for the Qualified Jobs Incentive as well as jobs approved under the Rebuild Rhode Island Program for Electric Boat (2) Performance measures are measured by calendar year. As a result, 2019 actuals are current through 8/31/2019 and represent PARTIAL TOTALS to date for 2019; (3) 2020 targets will be set via the Performance Management process.

Frequency: Annual		Reporting I	Period: Calendar Year		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Actual	1,353.00	2,418.00	257.00	0.00	

New Development Created/to be Created with Assistance from Commerce Real Estate Incentive Programs

The figures represent the square feet of new development created/to be created with assistance from Commerce Real Estate Incentive Programs. This metric includes PARTIAL TOTALS. Please see notes: (1) This metric is based on real estate approved for the Rebuild Rhode Island tax credits, I-195 Redevelopment Fund, Tax Stabilization Incentive, and Tax Increment Financing programs; (2) Performance measures are measured by calendar year. As a result, 2019 actuals are current through 8/31/2019 and represent PARTIAL TOTALS; (3) Projects that came before the Commerce Corporation Board for approval on more than one date are counted in the calendar year during which the project was first approved for Rebuild Rhode Island tax credits; (4) 2020 targets will be set via the Performance Management process.

Frequency: Annual		Reporting Period: Calendar Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Target	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00		
Actual	887,948.00	2,096,298.00	631,799.00	0.00			

Total Real Estate Investment Leveraged by Commerce Real Estate Investment

The figures represent the total real estate investment leveraged by Commerce Real Estate Investments. This metric includes PARTIAL TOTALS. Please see notes: (1) This metric is based on total project cost of real estate projects approved for the Rebuild Rhode Island tax credits, Tax Stabilization Incentive, Tax Increment Financing, and I-195 Redevelopment Fund programs; (2) Performance measures are measured by calendar year. As a result, 2019 actuals are current through 8/31/2019 and represent PARTIAL TOTALS; (3) These figures represent the total project cost. (4) 2020 targets will be set via the Performance Management process.

Frequency: An	nual	Reporting Period: Calendar Year						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021			
Target	160,000,000.00	160,000,000.00	160,000,000.00	160,000,000.00	160,000,000.00			
Actual	336,793,401.00	1,369,098,540.00	206,685,089.00	0.00				

Performance Measures

Executive Office Of Commerce

Businesses Assisted by Commerce

The figures below represent the number of businesses assisted by Commerce. This metric includes PARTIAL TOTALS. Please see notes: (1) This metric is based on unique businesses contacted or assisted by members of Commerce in each calendar year. (2) Performance measures are measured by calendar year. As a result, 2018 actuals are current through 9/26/2018 and represent PARTIAL TOTALS. (4) In 2016, Commerce contacted or assisted 2,570 in-state entities and 485 out-of-state entities; in 2017, Commerce contacted or assisted 4,218 in-state entities and 562 out-of-state entities; and in 2018 YTD Commerce has contacted or assisted 6,578 in-state entities and 239 out-of-state entities. (5) For YTD 2019, 877 businesses were contacted by staff. This number is based on interactions logged to Salesforce by Commerce RI staff during the period of January 1, 2019 through September 4, 2019. It includes both in-state entities as well as out-of-state entities. This figure does not include interactions that were not logged to Salesforce.

Frequency: Annual		Reporting F	Period: Calendar Year		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Actual	4,780.00	7,184.00	5,470.00	0.00	

Tourist and Visitor Expenditure Numbers

The figures represent the annual tourist and visitor expenditures over the baseline of 2015. 2019 Data for this metric is not yet available. Please see notes: (1) This metric is measured in calendar years. (2) Proxy measures show positive growth for tourist and visitor expenditures. In FY2019, the 5% hotel tax revenue was up 26% over FY15 (FY15 = \$17,219,528, FY19 = \$21,690,421). (3) In 2018, the traveler economy in Rhode Island reached \$6.8 billion, including visitor spending, tourism-related construction, and supporting industries, which is a \$0.8 billion increase over 2015.

Frequency: An	nual	Reporting Period: Calendar Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Target	200,000,000.00	200,000,000.00	200,000,000.00	800,000,000.00	800,000,000.00		
Actual	500,000,000.00	800,000,000.00	0.00	0.00			

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Central Management

Mission

To coordinate the administration and financing of the functions within the Executive Office of Commerce.

Description

The Central Management function of the Executive Office of Commerce is overseen by the Secretary of Commerce. This unit oversees the various functions of the Executive Office of Commerce and is responsible for the strategic planning, administration, and financing of economic development in the state.

Statutory History

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Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Central Management

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830
Total Expenditures	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	699,704	710,293	736,281	735,739	967,408
Operating Supplies and Expenses	161,000	172,640	182,132	182,132	282,172
Assistance And Grants	0	2,531	0	0	390,000
Subtotal: Operating	860,704	885,465	918,413	917,871	1,639,580
Capital Purchases And Equipment	0	0	1,003,250	1,003,250	1,003,250
Operating Transfers	(65,000)	98	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	(65,000)	98	1,003,250	1,003,250	1,003,250
Total Expenditures	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830
Total Expenditures	795,704	885,562	1,921,663	1,921,121	2,642,830

Personnel

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Central Management

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF/POLICY	00845A	1.0	136,059	2.0	275,839
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00836A	1.0	96,945	1.0	97,428
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	00856A	1.0	220,464	1.0	221,560
Subtotal Unclassified		3.0	453,468	4.0	594,827
Subtotal		3.0	453,468	4.0	594,827
Transfer In			39,612		41,801
Turnover			(3,750)		0
Total Salaries			489,330		636,628
Benefits					
FICA			32,285		43,765
Health Benefits			25,240		40,323
Payroll Accrual			2,851		3,714
Retiree Health			32,541		37,371
Retirement			134,164		180,460
Subtotal			227,081		305,633
Total Salaries and Benefits		3.0	716,411	4.0	942,261
Cost Per FTE Position			238,804		235,565
Statewide Benefit Assessment			19,328		25,147
Payroll Costs		3.0	735,739	4.0	967,408
Total Personnel		3.0	735,739	4.0	967,408
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		3.0	735,739	4.0	967,408
Total All Funds		3.0	735,739	4.0	967,408

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Housing & Community Development

Mission

To provide financial and operational support for all housing programs administered by the Housing Resources Commission, Federal Community Development Block (CDBG) program, and related programs. To provide opportunities for healthy and affordable housing through production and the coordination of the homeless system and implementation of the State's plan to end homelessness.

Description

Housing and Community Development is comprised of the Housing Resources Commission (HRC) and the Office of Community Development, which administers Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and related programs. The Housing Resources Commission (HRC) is responsible for the disbursement of funds for a rental assistance program, which will provide housing to homeless individuals and families by non-profit homeless service providers.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 42-64.19-7(h) establishes the state's housing and community development functions within the Executive Office of Commerce.

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Housing and Community Development

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Housing and Community Development	9,252,710	12,105,003	18,452,211	15,224,567	16,508,026
Housing Resources Commission	6,662,699	4,312,991	4,754,319	4,754,167	4,754,006
Total Expenditures	15,915,409	16,417,995	23,206,530	19,978,734	21,262,032
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,112,751	1,152,854	1,313,322	1,332,342	1,382,743
Contract Professional Services	51	0	0	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	305,815	202,698	235,485	236,896	447,869
Assistance And Grants	14,493,892	15,053,142	21,657,723	18,409,496	19,431,420
Subtotal: Operating	15,912,509	16,408,693	23,206,530	19,978,734	21,262,032
Capital Purchases And Equipment	2,900	9,301	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	2,900	9,301	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	15,915,409	16,417,995	23,206,530	19,978,734	21,262,032
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	977,122	837,706	841,208	840,105	1,087,009
Federal Funds	8,275,588	11,267,298	17,611,003	14,384,462	15,421,017
Restricted Receipts	6,662,699	4,312,991	4,754,319	4,754,167	4,754,006
Total Expenditures	15,915,409	16,417,995	23,206,530	19,978,734	21,262,032

Personnel

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Housing and Community Development

		FY	Z 2020	FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00137A	1.0	99,030	1.0	104,504
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PLANNING	00137A	1.0	93,498	1.0	93,963
CHIEF OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	00138A	1.0	113,638	1.0	114,204
HOUSING COMMISSION COORDINATOR	00128A	3.0	215,932	3.0	217,005
PRINCIPAL PLANNER	00129A	1.0	70,142	1.0	72,988
PRINCIPAL PLANNER	00829A	2.0	142,079	2.0	142,786
PRINCIPAL PLANNER	03529A	1.0	78,538	1.0	78,928
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	00131A	1.0	82,230	1.0	82,639
Subtotal Classified		11.0	895,087	11.0	907,017
Subtotal		11.0	895,087	11.0	907,017
Transfer Out			(39,612)		(41,801)
Turnover			(20,647)		0
Total Salaries			834,828		865,216
Benefits					
FICA			64,071		66,392
Health Benefits			110,256		113,210
Payroll Accrual			4,868		5,059
Retiree Health			55,516		50,788
Retirement			229,828		247,902
Subtotal			464,539		483,351
Total Salaries and Benefits		11.0	1,299,367	11.0	1,348,567
Cost Per FTE Position			118,124		122,597
Statewide Benefit Assessment			32,975		34,176
Payroll Costs		11.0	1,332,342	11.0	1,382,743
Total Personnel		11.0	1,332,342	11.0	1,382,743
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		7.0	655,625	7.0	691,817
Federal Funds		4.0	628,642	4.0	642,348
Restricted Receipts		0.0	48,075	0.0	48,578
Total All Funds		11.0	1,332,342	11.0	1,382,743

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Quasi-Public Appropriations

Mission

To supervise the work of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, and other special governmental programs and initiatives in the areas of economic development and research.

Description

This program includes appropriations made to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, and other related initiatives.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 42-64.19-6(1) charges the Secretary of Commerce with the supervision of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation's works, which include pass-through funding to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission and other economic development programs and functions. RIGL § 42-64 establishes the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. RIGL §42-64.14 is the I-195 Redevelopment Act of 2011, of which §42-64.14-5 establishes the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission.

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Quasi-Public Appropriations

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
I-195 Redevelopment District Commission	1,681,657	1,186,000	1,211,000	1,211,000	2,401,000
Quonset Development Corporation	1,607,066	7,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	11,000,000
RI Commerce Corporation	7,224,514	7,474,514	7,431,022	7,431,022	7,485,022
RI Commerce Corporation Pass Through Grants	3,545,108	3,876,236	3,926,236	3,926,236	3,986,236
Total Expenditures	14,058,345	19,536,750	21,568,258	21,568,258	24,872,258
Expenditures by Object					
Assistance And Grants	0	4,000,000	1,040,000	1,040,000	900,000
Subtotal: Operating	0	4,000,000	1,040,000	1,040,000	900,000
Capital Purchases And Equipment	0	0	9,450,000	9,450,000	12,510,000
Operating Transfers	14,058,345	15,536,750	11,078,258	11,078,258	11,462,258
Subtotal: Other	14,058,345	15,536,750	20,528,258	20,528,258	23,972,258
Total Expenditures	14,058,345	19,536,750	21,568,258	21,568,258	24,872,258
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	11,530,626	12,111,750	12,118,258	12,118,258	12,362,258
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	2,527,719	7,425,000	9,450,000	9,450,000	12,510,000
Total Expenditures	14,058,345	19,536,750	21,568,258	21,568,258	24,872,258

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Initiatives Fund

Mission

To be utilized to fund various economic development initiatives and programs within state government.

Description

This program includes funds for specific development initiatives and programs that the Executive Office uses to carry out its mission of promoting and developing commerce and creating opportunity for all Rhode Islanders.

Statutory History

The Executive Office of Commerce was created by the 2013 General Assembly for the purpose of developing an integrated system of economic development activities. R.I. General Laws § 42-64.19 establishes the Executive Office of Commerce as the state's lead agency for economic development throughout Rhode Island. Funding was initially appropriated for the Economic Development Initiatives Fund as part of the FY2016 Appropriations Act to support a number of new initiatives and programs designed to spur the development of commerce in the state.

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Economic Development Initiatives Fund

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Economic Development Initiatives Fund	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Total Expenditures	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Transfers	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Subtotal: Other	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Total Expenditures	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000
Total Expenditures	17,800,000	14,300,000	12,100,000	12,100,000	26,100,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Commerce Programs

Mission

To house the economic initiatives that will carry out the mission of the Executive Office of Commerce.

Description

This program includes those economic development initiatives and programs that will enable the Executive Office of Commerce to carry out its mission of promoting and developing commerce and creating opportunity for all Rhode Islanders.

Statutory History

The Executive Office of Commerce was created by the 2013 General Assembly for the purpose of developing an integrated system of economic development activities. R.I. General Laws § 42-64.19 establishes the Executive Office of Commerce as the state's lead agency for economic development throughout Rhode Island.

Agency: Executive Office Of Commerce

Commerce Programs

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Economic Initiatives	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Total Expenditures	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Transfers	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Subtotal: Other	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Total Expenditures	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000
Total Expenditures	1,300,000	2,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,072,000