

Office of the Attorney General

FY 2019 Revised & FY 2020 Recommended Budgets
FY 2020 – FY 2024 Capital Budget
Staff Presentation
April 9, 2019

Office of the Attorney General

- Central legal agency of the state
- Prosecutor of all criminal felony cases and misdemeanor appeals
- Represents all state agencies, departments, and commissions
- Initiates litigation to protect the interest of Rhode Island citizens

Office of the Attorney General

- Includes four programs:
 - Criminal – Prosecution of felony cases and misdemeanor appeals
 - Civil – Lawsuits brought against the state, agencies, boards and commissions
 - Bureau of Criminal Identification – Criminal history information, conducts background checks
 - General – Administrative Support

Governor's Recommendation

Divisions	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2019 Rev. Req.	FY 2019 Gov. Rev.	Change to Enacted
Criminal	\$30.1	\$32.7	\$33.0	\$2.9
Civil	6.3	6.5	6.3	-
General	3.5	3.3	3.4	(0.1)
BCI	1.7	1.8	1.7	-
Total	\$41.6	\$44.4	\$44.4	\$2.8
<i>FTE</i>	237.1	237.1	237.1	-

\$ in millions

Governor's Recommendation

Divisions	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	FY 2020 Gov. Rec.	Change to Enacted
Criminal	\$30.1	\$22.2	\$21.7	\$(8.4)
Civil	6.3	6.6	6.4	0.1
General	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.1
BCI	1.7	1.9	1.8	-
Total	\$41.6	\$34.1	\$33.3	\$(8.3)
FTE	237.1	237.1	239.1	2.0

\$ in millions

Governor's Recommendation

Category	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2019 Revised	FY 2020 Rec.	Chg. to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$27.4	\$27.2	\$28.5	\$1.1
Operating	2.8	3.0	2.9	0.1
Contracted Services	2.0	2.5	0.5	(1.5)
Capital	9.4	11.7	1.3	(8.1)
Total	\$41.6	\$44.4	\$33.3	\$(8.3)

\$ in millions

Governor's Recommendation

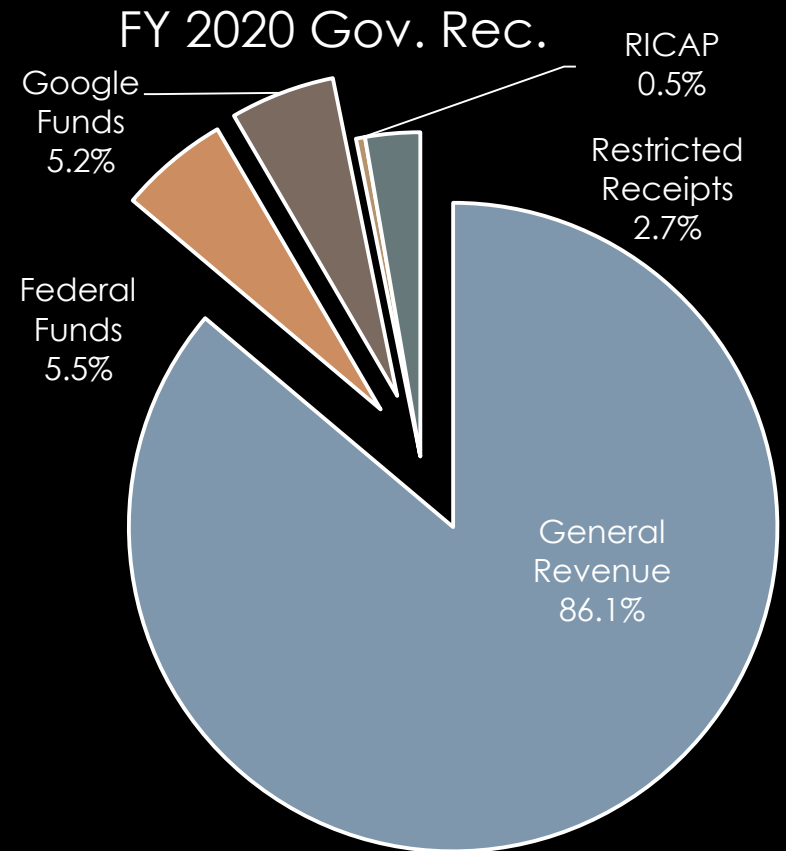
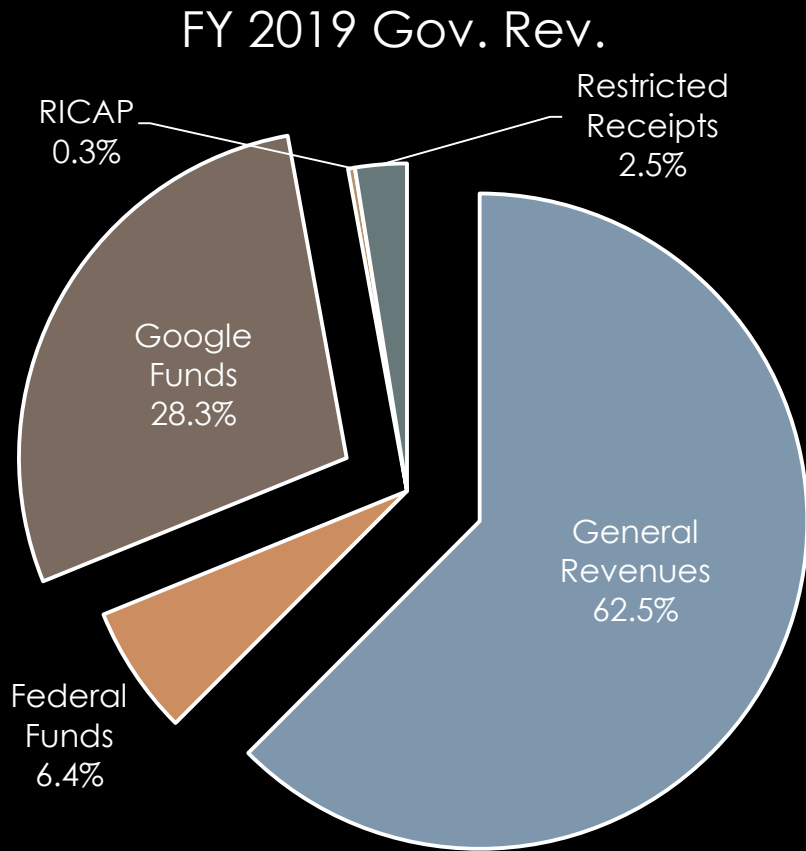
Category	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2019 Revised	FY 2020 Rec.	Chg. to Enacted
General Rev.	\$28.0	\$27.7	\$28.7	\$0.7
Google Funds	10.4	12.5	1.7	(8.7)
Federal Funds	2.3	2.8	1.8	(0.5)
Restricted Rec.	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.1
RICAP	0.2	0.2	0.2	-
Total	\$41.6	\$44.4	\$33.3	\$(8.3)

\$ in millions

Budget Office Target

- General revenue target of \$27.4 million
 - Current service adjustments of \$0.9 million
 - 5.0% target reduction of \$1.4 million
 - Prior administration prepared the budget and did not submit constrained budget
 - Governor's budget is \$0.2 million less than current services

Recommendations by Source



Governor's Recommendation

FY 2019 Revised - Change to Enacted

	Gen Rev.	All Funds
Google Funds	\$0.1	\$2.1
Customer Service Center	-	0.1
RI Victim Outreach	-	0.4
Carbon Study	-	0.3
Salaries & Benefits	(0.4)	(0.2)
All Other	0.05	0.1
Total	\$(0.2)	\$2.8

\$ in millions

Governor's Recommendation

FY 2020 Recommendation - Change to Enacted

	Gen Rev.	All Funds
Google Funds	\$0.1	\$(8.6)
Customer Service Center	-	0.1
Medicaid Fraud System	(0.3)	(1.0)
Consumer Ed. Carbon Study	-	0.03
2 New FTE	0.1	0.2
Salaries & Benefits	0.8	1.0
All Other	0.03	0.02
Total	\$0.7	\$(8.3)

\$ in millions

Centralized Services

- 2017 Assembly authorized use of internal service funds for centralized services
 - Information technology, capital asset management & human resources
- Costs previously budgeted in DOA
 - 2018 Assembly included costs in user agencies
 - Final FY 2018 & FY 2019 budget

General Revenues	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2019 Gov. Rev.	Chg. to Enacted	FY 2020 Gov. Rec.	Chg. to Enacted
IT	\$29,581	\$50,798	\$21,217	\$50,798	\$21,217

Statewide Savings Initiatives

- Governor distributes statewide general revenue savings enacted for FY 2019 in the Department of Administration
 - Prompt Payment - \$0.4 million
 - Vendors voluntarily offer a discount if payments are received within an agreed upon date
 - Contracts - \$3.0 million
 - Effort to reduce costs of certain commodities
 - Food, maintenance, office equipment, telecommunications
 - Insurance - \$0.5 million
 - Reductions in policies for property & crime

Statewide Savings Initiatives

Initiative	FY 2019 Gov. Revised	FY 2020 Gov. Rec.
Prompt Payment	\$(2,674)	\$(2,674)
Contract	(37,693)	(39,427)
Insurance	(4,485)	(4,621)
Total	\$(44,852)	\$(46,722)

Staffing

FY 2020 Governor Recommendation		
	AG	Statewide
Gross Salaries (in millions)	\$19.1	\$1,249.1
Turnover (in millions)	(0.4)	(42.9)
Turnover %	2.1%	3.4%
Turnover FTE	4.9	529.0
FY 2020 FTE recommended	239.1	15,413.1
Funded FTE	234.2	14,884.1
Filled as of March 30	214.6	14,123.6
Funded but not filled	19.6	760.5

Staffing

Full-Time Equivalent Positions

Full-Time Positions	FTEs	Chg. To Enacted
Enacted Authorized	237.1	-
FY 2019 Gov. Rev.	237.1	-
FY 2020 Request	237.1	-
FY 2020 Governor	239.1	2.0
FY 2020 Funded FTE	234.1	-
Filled as of March 30	214.6	(22.5)
FY 2018 Average Filled	228.9	(8.2)

Staffing

- The Governor includes 2.0 new positions for FY 2020
 - 1.0 – Intake Clerk
 - Assist with intake and processing operations
 - General revenues
 - 1.0 – Staff Attorney I
 - Serve as Traffic Resource Prosecutor
 - Federal funds

Volkswagen Settlement

- Volkswagen agreed to settle allegations of Federal Clean Air Act violations
 - State of Rhode Island awarded \$18.5 million for FY 2019
 - \$14.4 million to Department of Environmental Management
 - \$4.1 million to Attorney General
 - Allocated to agencies for environmentally beneficial projects
 - Not included in the Office's budget
 - Currently in an escrow account

Google Settlement

- Office received \$60 million in FY 2012
- Spent \$35.3 million through FY 2018
 - Purchased new building & other repairs
 - Constructed new customer service center at the Pastore Complex - \$15.4 million
- Governor includes \$12.5 million for FY 2019 & \$1.7 million for FY 2020
 - Reduction in FY 2020 is capital projects

Customer Service Center

- Customer Service Center at the Pastore Complex
 - Opened July 2018
 - Relocated investigators, consumer protection & diversion units & background checks
 - Governor includes \$0.1 million for building maintenance costs for FY 2019 & FY 2020
 - Google Settlement funds

Project Manager

- IT Project Manager
 - Governor adds \$100,000 for FY 2019 and \$100,000 for FY 2020
 - From general revenues
 - FY 2019 enacted budget assumed using \$45,000 from Google Settlement
 - Agency requested \$45,000 from general revenues for FY 2019
 - Point of contact for case management system enhancements

Rhode Island Victims Outreach

- Governor includes \$398,121 for FY 2019
 - Federal awards from Victims of Crime Act
 - Department of Public Safety
- Develop a “victim portal”
 - Centralizes information stored and maintained across agencies
 - Attorney General, Department of Corrections & Treasury
 - Integrates with new case management system

Medicaid Fraud Unit

- Governor's FY 2019 revised budget includes \$1.0 million to enhance efforts to combat fraud, waste & abuse in Medicaid program
 - Consistent with the enacted level
 - \$750,000 from Medicaid
 - \$250,000 from general revenues
- Intent to purchase a system to help analyze Medicaid claims data

Medicaid Fraud Unit

- Future of this project is uncertain
 - Request for Proposals issued October 2017
 - No vendors selected
- Governor does not include FY 2020 funding
- No spending to date on the project

Consumer Education Carbon Study

- In conjunction with Climate Change Coordinating Council
 - 2017 Session - Senate Bill 0108
 - For strategies, programs & actions to meet target greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Governor includes \$285,343 for FY 2019 and \$36,518 for FY 2020
 - Restricted receipts
 - Fund a carbon study on behalf of the Council

Background Checks

- The Office of the Attorney General currently conducts state and national background checks
 - \$5 for state background check
 - \$35 for national background check
- Revenues:
 - FY 2018: \$323,520
 - FY 2017: \$321,548

National Background Check

- Must obtain at AG:
 - Alarm companies/private security personnel
 - Financial industry agents
 - Precious metals, tools & pawn shops
 - Pre-school/Nursery School operators & staff
 - Child care/day care operators & owners
 - Nurses (needs both state & national)
 - Adult Day Care & Long Term care facilities
 - Owners and employees

National Background Check

- Must obtain at RI State Police or local police:
 - Child Care/day care employees
 - Massage therapists
 - Mental health facilities
 - Adoptive Parents
 - Foster Parents

National Background Check

- Must obtain at AG, State or local police:
 - Firefighter (state and national)
 - Medical Marijuana caregiver
 - DCYF employees
 - Public & private school employees
 - Third party public and private school vendors
- Must obtain at AG or State Police
 - Lottery employees, incl. Twin River

Background Checks

H 5151 Art. 3 Sections 14-17

- Establishes new requirements for who must undergo state and national fingerprint criminal background checks
 - Volunteers and employees at RI Training School
 - State employees and vendors who have access to federal tax information

Background Checks

- Personnel administrator to coordinate background checks for employees
- New employees and current employees
 - Must be complete within time approved by agency director/designee
- Requirement for vendors will be included in contracts
- Agency directors must be notified to determine if person is suitable for having access

Background Checks

- Expands child care facility employment requirements to include criminal records checks
 - Includes any adult household member in a licensed family day care home
 - Attorney General's Office, state or local police, or DCYF may receive applications to conduct background checks
 - Criminal record checks conducted every five years of continuous employment

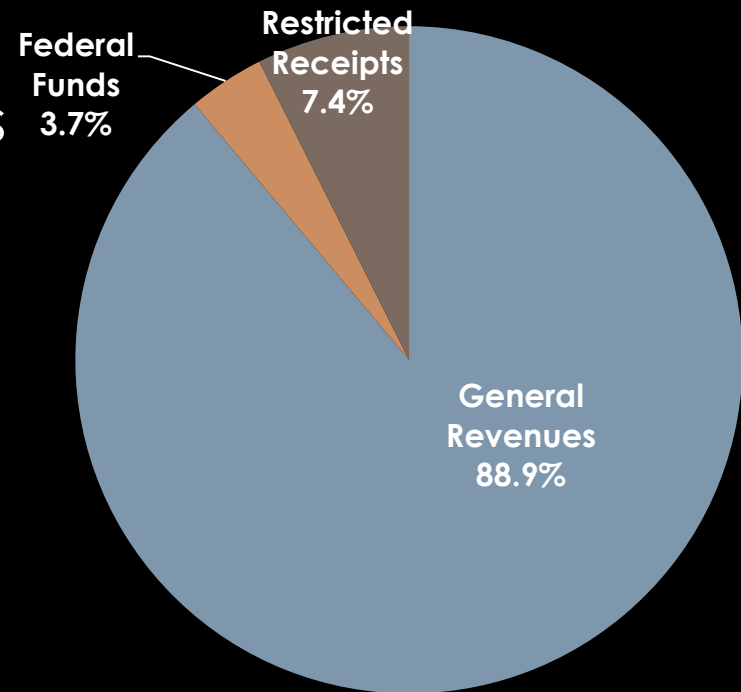
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Other Expenses

FY 2019 & FY 2020

- \$2.7 million both years
 - \$1.6 million for office supplies & utilities
 - \$0.5 million for repairs
 - \$0.1 million for tech support
 - \$0.5 million for other expenses
- Both years - \$0.1 million more from general revenues

FUND SOURCE



Capital Projects

- Two funding sources over the five-year period FY 2020 – FY 2024
 - Google Settlement funds
 - Rhode Island Capital Plan funds

Source	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Google	\$1,129,800	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$3,580,000
RICAP	150,000	750,000	250,000	150,000	150,000
Total	\$1,279,800	\$820,000	\$330,000	\$230,000	\$3,730,000
Google % Total	88.3%	8.5%	24.2%	34.8%	96.0%

Google Settlement

- Other ongoing projects
 - Information technology upgrades & other renovations at 150 South Main Street
 - Repairs at its office space at Licht Judicial complex
- Remaining balance of \$7.8 million

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

- Governor includes \$1.5 million from RICAP for the five-year period
 - \$150,000 for FY 2020/FY 2023 & FY 2024
 - \$750,000 for FY 2021 & \$250,000 for FY 2022
 - Building Renovations & Repairs Project
 - Upgrading elevator mechanics, roof replacement & interior renovations