

Coastal Resources Management Council

House Fiscal Staff Presentation

FY 2021 Revised and FY 2022 Recommended

FY 2022 – FY 2026 Capital

May 19, 2021

Coastal Resources Management Council

- State agency responsible for:
 - Preservation, protection, development & restoration of the coastal areas of the state
 - Issuing permits for work within the coastal zone
 - Federal law consistency
 - Lead state agency for dredging
 - Aquaculture
 - Coordinating & oversight role for other state agencies
 - Coastal flooding, hazard mitigation, & special area management planning

Coastal Resources Management Council

- Governed by a council of 10 members
 - Staff consists of:
 - Professional engineers
 - Biologists
 - Environmental scientists
 - Marine resources specialists

Summary by Source

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2021 Revised	FY 2022 Governor	Change to Enacted
General Revenues	\$2,580,300	\$2,588,632	\$2,852,347	\$272,047
Federal Funds	2,283,202	2,287,399	1,850,628	(432,574)
Restricted Receipts	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Other Funds	91,310	91,310	550,115	458,805
Total	\$5,204,812	\$5,217,341	\$5,503,090	\$298,278

Summary by Category

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2021 Revised	FY 2022 Governor	Change to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,626,097	\$3,638,626	\$3,863,113	\$237,016
Contracted Services	200,770	200,770	388,770	188,000
Operations	361,971	361,971	254,434	(107,537)
Grants	881,823	879,664	378,658	(503,165)
Capital	134,151	136,310	618,115	483,964
Total	\$5,204,812	\$5,217,341	\$5,503,090	\$298,278

Budget Items

- Staffing
- Contracted Services
- NOAA Funds
- Federal Grants
- Capital Development Plan

Staffing

- FY 2022 - \$3.9 million all funds, \$2.8 million general revenues
 - \$0.2 million more than enacted
 - Current service
 - Assumes one vacant positions for a few pay periods
 - FY 2021 revised recommendation is \$12,529 more than enacted for updated AFB rates
- Governor recommends 30.0 FTE in both years
 - 27.0 filled FTE as of April 10

Contracted Services

- Legal Services
 - Governor includes \$158,000 for FY 2022
 - \$20,000 more from general revenues
 - Potential need for wind energy projects
 - FY 2021 enacted/revised remains \$138,000
 - Spent \$88,651 as of May 18
 - Quarter 3 projections notes a savings of \$40,000 is likely

NOAA Funds

- Coastal Resilience: \$27,673 in FY 2022
 - Reflects the expected balance of the grant
 - Helps coastal communities prepare for extreme weather & climate-related hazards
- Special Area Mgmt. Plan: \$0.2 million
 - \$0.1 million more than enacted
 - Carryforward funding from prior year
 - Tools to manage urban waterfronts, watersheds or any area of particular concern

Other Federal Grants

- Quonochontaug Pond - \$0.1 million in FY 2021
 - Funds used to monitor & restore 30 acres of degraded salt marsh
 - Estimated completion in FY 2021
- Governor recommends \$0.8 million over FY 2021 & FY 2022 for different projects addressing
 - Aquatic invasive species, coastal environmental risk, & coastal resilience

Capital Development Plan

Capital Projects

Project	Status	Cost	Source	End Date
Green Hill Pond Study	Ongoing	\$0.1	RICAP	FY 2021
Narragansett Bay SAMP	Ongoing	\$0.3	RICAP	FY 2022
CAD Cells	Ongoing	\$11.0	COPS, RR	FY 2022
Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Fund	Ongoing	\$5.7	RR	FY 2026+
Coastal Storm Risk Study	Ongoing	\$10.4	FF, RICAP	FY 2022
Providence Rivers Dredging	Ongoing	\$13.0	GO	FY 2023

\$ in millions

Capital Development Plan

- Providence Rivers Dredging
 - Bond funds from November 2018 & March 2021 special election
 - \$13.0 million to dredge areas of downtown Providence's rivers
 - Rivers to be dredged include portions of the Woonasquatucket, the Moshassuck, & Providence

Capital Development Plan

- Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cells
 - Total cost - \$11.0 million
 - \$10.5 million – Certificates of Participation
 - \$0.5 million - CRMC Dredge Fund restricted receipts
 - Project to start fall of FY 2022
- Rhode Island Coastal Storm Risk Study
 - Total costs \$10.4 million from federal & RICAP
 - Identifies coastal risk management strategies, prepares GIS base mapping, collect sediment source data, engineering evaluation

Capital Development Plan

- Coastal & Estuary Habitat Restoration
 - Preserves and restores coastal wetlands, fish runs, & eelgrass beds that protect the shore from storms and erosion
 - Total project costs of \$5.7 million from the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Fund

Article 6, Section 8 – CRMC Fees

CRMC Penalties	Current	Proposed
Blocking or Posting Rights-of-Way	\$500	\$1,000
Criminal Penalty	\$500	\$1,000
Admin. Penalties/violation	\$2,500	\$10,000
Admin. Penalties/day violation exists	\$500	\$1,000
Total Max Assessed Admin. Penalties	\$10,000	\$50,000

- Administrative penalties last increased in 2004
 - Budget assumes \$15,000 in new general revenues
 - \$28,000 collected in FY 2017; more recently \$7,200 to \$500

Article 6, Sec. 8 – CRMC Fees

- Article also changes the “de novo” standard of legal review
 - Changes appeals process
 - Refers to the amount of deference given by the Superior Court in reviewing decisions by the Council in assessing administrative penalties
 - This means the appellant would not get a new trial in Superior Court, rather have the findings of CRMC reviewed

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