

Secretary of State

House Fiscal Staff Presentation

FY 2021 Revised and FY 2022 Recommended
FY 2022 - FY 2022 Capital Recommendation
May 12, 2021

Summary by Source

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2021 Revised	FY 2022 Governor	Chg. to Enacted
General Revenues	\$12.3	\$12.3	\$9.6	\$(2.7)
Federal Funds	2.3	2.3	1.8	(0.5)
Restricted Receipts	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0
Total	\$15.1	\$15.1	\$11.9	\$(3.2)

\$ in millions

Summary by Category

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2021 Revised	FY 2022 Governor	Chg. to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$6.8	\$6.8	\$6.9	\$0.0
Contracted Services	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.7
Operations	7.4	7.4	3.4	(4.1)
Assistance & Grants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Capital	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Operating Transfers*	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Total	\$15.1	\$15.1	\$11.9	\$(3.2)

\$ in millions; *~\$40,000 to RIC students that conduct tours

Budget Items

- Staffing
- Help America Vote Act Grant
- Election Expenses
- eGov Initiative
- State Archives
- State House Programs
- Capital Projects

Staffing

FY 2022 Governor Recommendation		
	SOS	Statewide
Gross Salaries (in millions)	\$4.5	\$1,153.8
Turnover (in millions)	(0.0)	(55.4)
Turnover %	0.6%	4.8%
Turnover FTE	0.4	724.9
FY 2022 FTE recommended	59.0	15,089.2
Funded FTE	58.6	14,364.3
Filled as of April 10	58.0	13,817.9
Funded but not filled	(0.6)	546.4

Role in Elections

- Board of Elections and Secretary of State's Elections & Civics Division are charged with different responsibilities
 - Complementary tasks, many of which are mandated by Rhode Island General Laws

Role in Elections

Board of Elections	Secretary of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervises all elections• Instructs and certifies all election officials assigned to polls• Trains poll workers• Prepares and distributes poll worker guides and related materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides municipalities with forms for candidates• Certifies federal and state candidates for ballot placement• Prepares state and local referenda• Describes and explains state referenda in Voter Handbook

Role in Elections

Board of Elections	Secretary of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepares and delivers voting machines and supplies to polling places• Conducts recounts• Certifies election results to Secretary of State• Conducts voter registration drives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publishes guides for candidates, election officials, and voters• Provides ballot information and polling place locations on website• Prepares and prints ballots• Maintains central voter registration system

Election Expenses COVID 19

- Predominantly mail ballot elections held in September, November, & March 2021
- Revised budget includes \$1.8 million from CARES Act for Sept. & Nov. elections
 - March special election cost \$958,391 from general revenues
- Governor's recommendation removes use of federal funding in FY 2022
 - Aligns general revenues similar to FY 2018 expenses; the last non-election year

Election Expenses

- Help America Vote Act Election Security
 - \$1.8 million in FY 2022 & \$0.4 million in FY 2021
 - Governor's budget excludes \$1.4 million awarded in FY 2021
 - GBA requested April 12, 2021 to include funding
 - Funding supports
 - Update of the Central Voter Registration System, cybersecurity, e-poll books, mail ballot equipment, risk-limiting audits

eGov Initiative

- Multiple IT projects
 - Redesigning the Open Meeting Interface
 - Restructuring the Business Services Database
- FY 2022 - \$0.5 million from general revenues
 - \$229,639 less than enacted
 - Reflects average cost of projects from FY 2018 to FY 2020
- FY 2021 - \$0.7 million
 - Consistent with the enacted budget

State Archives

- \$0.3 million in FY 2022 & \$0.4 million in FY 2021
 - Funding split between restricted receipts and general revenues
- Moved to new space at 33 Broad St.
 - 10 year lease starting August 2020
 - 11,234 square feet
 - Includes more exhibition, meeting, & research space

State House Programs

- Tour Program
 - FY 2021 revised & FY 2022 - \$40,000
 - Consistent with enacted budget
 - Provides tours of state house to children and adults
- Visitor's Center
 - \$25,000 in FY 2021 revised & FY 2022
 - Same as enacted
 - Funds the Visitor's Center & Gift Shop

Grants

- Appropriations to community organizations identified in Article 1
 - \$125,000 to the Rhode Island Historical Society
 - \$18,000 to the Newport Historical Society
 - Funding provided is to care for, preserve, and catalog the property of the state
 - Consistent with the enacted budget

Capital Projects

- Election Equipment
 - \$0.2 million from RICAP for equipment in FY 2023
 - 200 AutoMark tables, 500 privacy booths, and other equipment
 - Expected to last multiple elections
 - Consistent with approved capital plan

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