

# Lieutenant Governor

<b>Expenditures By Program</b>	<b>FY2020 Actual</b>	<b>FY2021 Enacted</b>	<b>FY2021 Revised</b>	<b>Change from Enacted</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>Change from Enacted</b>
Lieutenant Governor	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.0 0.0%	\$1.2	0.04 3.5%
<b>Expenditures By Source</b>						
General Revenue	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.0 0.0%	\$1.2	0.04 3.5%
Authorized FTE Levels	8.0	8.0	8.0	- -	8.0	- -

\$ in millions. Totals may vary due to rounding.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor is one of the five general offices subject to voter election under the Constitution of Rhode Island. The Lieutenant Governor fulfills the executive responsibilities of the Governor upon his/her death, resignation, impeachment or inability to serve. The Lieutenant Governor serves on the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council (Chair); the Small Business Advocacy Council (Chair); and the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (Chair), and the Office initiates legislation and assumes advocacy and leadership roles in several policy areas such as emergency management, veterans affairs, education, economic development, the environment, long-term care, health care and elderly affairs. The Office also serves as a liaison between citizens and state agencies.

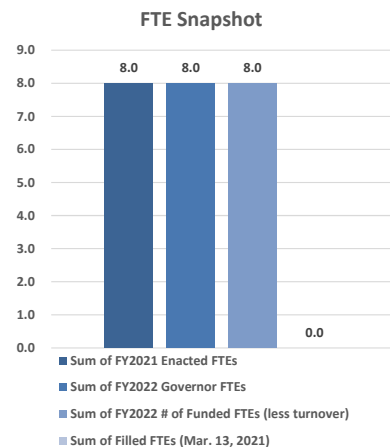
## MAJOR ISSUES AND TRENDS

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor’s budget is financed entirely by general revenue. The FY2021 Budget as Enacted includes \$1.1 million in general revenue. The FY2021 Supplemental Budget request includes a slight increase of \$3,687 to cover the payroll assessed fringe benefit assessment costs required for the last nine payroll periods to finance the ongoing Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program. The assessed fringe benefit personnel expense is a bi-weekly assessment of 3.9 percent charged to direct salaries.

The Budget includes \$1.2 million for FY2022, reflecting an increase of \$27,473 in salary and benefit costs and an increase of \$15,465 for contracted legal services; offset by a decrease of \$2,049 for centralized information technology adjustments.

On March 2, 2021, Lieutenant Governor Daniel McKee assumed the position of Governor upon the resignation of the incumbent Governor. On April 14, 2021, Sabina Matos was sworn in as the State’s new Lieutenant Governor. During the transition period, the number of filled FTE positions reduced to zero employees by March 13, 2021 [BC1] [RCB2]. As of April 24, 2021, there is 1.0 filled FTE position.

The Budget includes 8.0 FTE positions for FY2021 and FY2022, consistent with the enacted budget.



<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	<b>General Revenue</b>
FY2021 Enacted	\$1,145,231
<i>Target and Other Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Personnel Adjustments	27,473
Contracted Services	15,465
Centralized Service Charges	(2,049)
<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>\$1,186,120</b>

**Personnel Adjustments****\$27,473**

The Budget increases general revenue expenditures to reflecting statewide planning value adjustments set by the Budget Office that translates into an effective salary and benefit increase of 2.6 percent as compared to the FY2021 Budget as Enacted.

<b>Personnel Adjustments</b>	<b>FY2021 Enacted</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	<b>Change</b>
Assessed Fringe Benefits	\$25,554	\$26,194	\$640
Defined Contribution Plan	6,840	7,002	162
Dental Insurance	4,441	4,846	405
Employees' Retirement	178,037	185,746	7,709
FICA: Medicare	9,555	9,614	59
FICA: Social Security	39,495	40,975	1,480
Longevity Pay	7,093	7,093	-
Medical Insurance	89,148	92,837	3,689
Medical Insurance Waiver Bonus	1,001	1,001	-
Payroll Accrual	3,851	3,873	22
Regular Wages	639,810	656,056	16,246
Retiree Health Insurance	38,020	35,014	(3,006)
Vision Insurance	774	841	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,043,619</b>	<b>\$1,071,092</b>	<b>\$27,473</b>

**Contracted Services****\$15,465**

The Budget increases general revenue expenditures by \$15,465, reflecting an increase for outside legal costs impacting the agency. The Office has incurred legal expenses over the past several years, for drafting legislation, Access to Public Records Act (APRA) requests, and general legal assistance for the office. As of April 27, 2021, there have been no legal service expenditures. The following table illustrates the legal expenses incurred by the Office over the past five years.

	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>
Legal Service Expenses	\$112,849	\$45,486	\$54,151	\$47,326	\$32,535	\$48,000

**Centralized Service Charges****(\$2,049)**

The Budget increases general revenue expenditures to reflect billed amounts for information technology services. The FY2018 Budget as Enacted authorized the Governor to establish centralized accounts for information technology, capital asset management and maintenance, and human resources. In FY2019 these expenditures are reflected in each agency based on actual use, thereby showing the true costs associated with a particular program or agency. The FY2021 Budget as Enacted appropriated \$28,013 for centralized information technology expenses, which decreased by \$2,049 to \$25,964 in the FY2022 budget.