Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

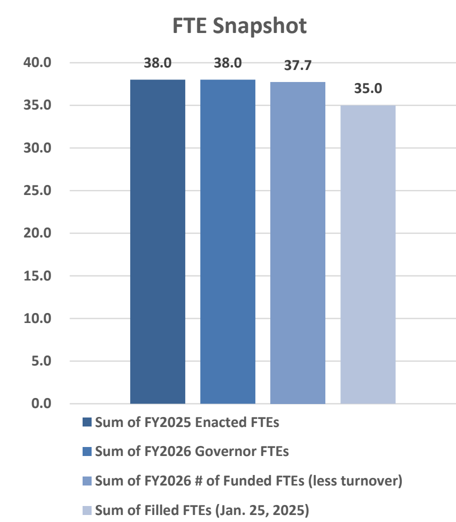
Expenditures By Program	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Enacted	FY2025 Governor	*Change from Enacted*		FY2026 Governor	*Change from Enacted*	
Central Management	$58.4	$36.5	$45.4	*$8.9*	*24.4%*	$43.7	*$7.1*	*19.5%*
Expenditures By Source								
General Revenue	$6.7	$7.0	$7.1	*$0.1*	*0.8%*	$7.5	*$0.5*	*6.4%*
Federal Funds	48.4	28.9	35.3	*6.4*	*22.3%*	34.9	*6.0*	*20.9%*
Restricted Receipts	0.0	0.4	0.4	*0.0*	*1.7%*	0.4	*0.0*	*3.9%*
Other Funds	3.3	0.2	2.6	*2.4*	*1096.4%*	0.9	*0.6*	*293.2%*
Total	**$58.4**	**$36.5**	**$45.4**	***$8.9***	***24.4%***	**$43.7**	***$7.1***	***19.5%***
Authorized FTE Levels	37.0	38.0	38.0	-	-	38.0	-	-

$ in millions. Totals may vary due to rounding.

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) is the coordinating agency for multi-jurisdiction and multi-agency response in the state for all emergencies including natural and technological hazards such as fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms, chemical releases, weapons of mass destruction, and terrorism incidents. RIEMA is the official coordinating agency of the State for the federal Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in times of state, national, multi-jurisdiction, and multi-agency emergencies and disasters. RIEMA operates and maintains the State Emergency Operations Center, as well as the statewide 800 MHz radio system and network.

MAJOR ISSUES AND TRENDS

The FY2025 Revised Budget includes $45.4 million, of which $7.1 million is general revenue. This reflects a net increase of $55,122 from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. The largest funding source is federal funds which comprises 77.7 percent or $35.3 million of the Agency's budget in FY2025. Federal funding increases by $6.4 million from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted, largely due increased emergency and security program grant awards.



The FY2026 Budget includes $43.7 million, of which $7.5 million is general revenue. The net general revenue increase is $449,782, reflecting the inclusion of a partial year lease payment for the managed public safety warehouse and the second year COLA of 4.0 percent.

Other funds are $865,404, an increase of $645,404 from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted, reflecting additional RICAP funding for the Rhode Island Statewide Communications System Network (RISCON) system.

Federal funds are $34.9 million and account for 84.4 percent of the Agency's budget in FY2026, an increase of $6.0 million. RIEMA has been affected by the recent freezes or pauses in federal funds. RIEMA states, "that they have pending drawdowns that have not been disbursed, and that the Agency has grants that the available balances have holds which precludes the Agency from doing drawdowns in those grants."

The Budget includes 38.0 FTE positions in FY2025 and in FY2026, consistent with the budget as enacted.

Warehouse Lease

Article 9, Section 3 authorizes a lease agreement for warehouse space to be administered by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. Pursuant to RIGL 37-6-2(d), the lease requires the approval from the General Assembly for any new or extended lease agreements meeting certain conditions. The article authorizes the renewal for the existing lease of 73,770 square feet of warehouse space located at 2700 Plainfield Pike in the City of Cranston and owned by EIM Plainfield Pike LLC. The existing lease expires on July 31, 2025, and the warehouse needs continue. The lease terms state that the length of the lease is not to exceed 10 years and the aggregate base rent is not to exceed $7.2 million.

Central Management	General Revenue
FY2025 Enacted	$7,007,474
Target and Other Adjustments	*30,825*
RIEMA Managed Public Safety Warehouse Lease	299,516
Personnel Adjustments (statewide adjustment)	119,441
FY2026 Governor	**$7,457,256**

Central Management	Other Fund Changes
Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Grants (federal funds)	$7,022,983
Personnel, Contract Services, Operating, and Capital Adjustments (federal funds)	(996,950)

RIEMA Managed Public Safety Warehouse Lease **$299,516**

The Budget includes $592,016 in general revenue to fund the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency public safety warehouse, reflecting an increase of $292,516 from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. Article 9 of the FY2026 Budget authorizes a lease agreement for warehouse space to be administered by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

The warehouse is 73,770 square feet of space located at 2700 Plainfield Pike in the City of Cranston and owned by EIM Plainfield Pike LLC. The existing lease expires on July 31, 2025, and the warehouse needs continue. The lease terms state that the length of the lease is not to exceed 10 years and the aggregate base rent is not to exceed $7.2 million.

The warehouse space has been co-administered between the Department of Administration and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency as part of the State's pandemic response using federal funding from the ARPA SFRF for the storage of personal protection equipment (PPE) and other necessary COVID-19 response related supplies.

Analyst Note: The FY2023 Actual Budget included $380,977 in federal funding from the ARPA SFRF for the storage of personal protection equipment (PPE) and other necessary COVID-19 response related supplies. The FY2024 Actual Budget included $1.9 million, and the FY2025 Revised Budget includes $1.9 million, for a total appropriation of $4.2 million.

Personnel, Contract Services, Operating, and Capital Adjustments (federal funds) ***($996,950)***

The Budget includes $11.6 million in federal funds for personnel, contract services, operating, and non-RICAP capital costs, reflecting a decrease of $996,950 in federal funds from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. The largest increase reflects the new 2024 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant award of $3.1 million in FY2026 and a $1.1 million increase for the 2024 State Homeland Security Grant. These are largely offset by the decrease of $3.2 million for municipal and state repair projects and plowing costs associated with the January 29, 2022, blizzard, referred to as Winter Storm Kenan.

Personnel, Contract Services, Operating, Capital - Federal	FY2025 Enacted	FY2025 Governor	*Change*	FY2026	*Change*
Winter Storm Kenan Projects	$3,214,245	$176,487	*($3,037,758)*	$0	*($3,214,245)*
EMPG 2024 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant	-	1,171,338	*1,171,338*	3,109,107	*3,109,107*
SHSP 2021 State Homeland Security Grant	1,069,418	-	*(1,069,418)*	-	*(1,069,418)*
SHSP 2024 State Homeland Security Grant	-	401,589	*401,589*	1,063,731	*1,063,731*
All Other Personnel, Contract Services, Operating, Capital-Federal	8,354,663	10,519,287	*2,164,624*	7,468,538	*(886,125)*
Total	**$12,638,326**	**$12,268,701**	***($369,625)***	**$11,641,376**	***($996,950)***

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Grants (federal funds) *$7.0 million*

The Budget includes $23.3 million in federal funds for various federal grants and reimbursements received for storm and natural disaster events. This appropriation is $7.0 million more than the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. These funds also reimburse preparedness efforts for terrorist threats, active shooters, hazardous material containment, and other emergency events. The preparedness efforts are intended to improve and enhance the State's ability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats and incidents. Federal grant funds vary from year to year depending upon the number and severity of natural disasters and the availability of federal funds for non-disaster grants. The following table highlights the more significant changes in FY2025 and FY2026.

RIEMA Federal Grants	FY2025 Enacted	FY2025 Governor	*Change*	FY2026 Governor	*Change*
SLCGP 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	$0	$4,243,868	*$4,243,868*	$4,243,868	*$4,243,868*
SHSP 2024 State Homeland Security Grant	-	1,779,786	*1,779,786*	2,979,786	*2,979,786*
SHSP 2022 State Homeland Security Grant	3,366,032	1,195,186	*(2,170,846)*	1,195,186	*(2,170,846)*
NSGP 2024 Non-Profit Security Grant Program	-	1,425,000	*1,425,000*	1,425,000	*1,425,000*
NPSG 2023 Non Profit Security Grant	1,034,162	2,210,047	*1,175,885*	2,240,386	*1,206,224*
All Other Grants	11,842,063	12,193,118	*351,055*	11,181,014	*(661,049)*
Total	**$16,242,257**	**$23,047,005**	***$6,804,748***	**$23,265,240**	***$7,022,983***

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Budget includes $2.6 million in RICAP funds in FY2025, reflecting an increase of $2.4 million from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted and $865,404 in RICAP funds in FY2026, reflecting a n increase of $645,404 from the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. The projects include:

RICAP Fund Projects	FY2025 Enacted	FY2025 Governor	*Change*	FY2026 Governor	*Change*
RICAP - Emergency Management Building	$0	$250,000	*$250,000*	$0	*$0*
RICAP - RISCON 700 MHZ Project	-	1,388,188	*1,388,188*	-	-
RICAP - RISCON Infrastructure Upgrades	140,000	664,198	*524,198*	315,404	*175,404*
RICAP - RISCON Tower	-	-	-	550,000	*550,000*
RICAP - RISCON Warehouse	-	250,000	*250,000*	-	-
RICAP - State Emergency Ops Center	80,000	80,000	-	-	*(80,000)*
Total	**$220,000**	**$2,632,386**	***$2,412,386***	**$865,404**	***$645,404***

- The Budget includes $865,404 in RICAP funds in FY2026 and out-year RICAP funding of $35,000 for infrastructure upgrades the RISCON system and tower. This reflects $550,000 to construct a communication tower for the RISCON system and municipal agencies in the Town of Warren and $315,404 for continued RISCON infrastructure improvements including propane generator replacements, adding propane generators to sites currently without one, and other security and wiring upgrades.