

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

FY 2016 Revised
FY 2017 Recommended
FY 2017 – FY 2021 Capital
Staff Presentation
April 14, 2016

Background

- Responsible for ongoing identification and protection of historic buildings, sites, and districts
- Responsible for the development and effectuation of the state historical preservation plan

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- Conducts and maintains statewide survey of historical sites and buildings
- Develops and carries out programs to document and celebrate the cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people

Summary by Source

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Governor	Change to Enacted
<i>(in millions)</i>				
General Revenues	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$(0.0)
Federal Funds	2.1	2.0	1.1	(1.0)
Restricted Receipts	0.4	0.4	0.4	(0.0)
Other	0.1	0.2	0.1	(0.0)
Total	\$4.0	\$4.1	\$3.0	\$(1.0)

Summary by Category

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Governor	Change to Enacted
<i>(in millions)</i>				
Salaries & Benefits	\$1.8	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$(0.1)
Contracted Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Grants	2.1	2.1	1.2	(0.9)
Capital	0.0	0.1	0.0	(0.0)
Total	\$4.0	\$4.1	\$3.0	\$(1.0)

Target Issues

- Budget Office provided a general revenue target of \$1.3 million
 - Current service adjustments of \$11,636
 - 7.5% reduction of \$0.1 million
- Budget submitted by the Department \$131 below the target
 - Commission proposed 30.5 hour furlough for each staff member
- Governor recommends \$0.1 million more than target

FY 2017 Recommendation

- Includes \$1.0 million for Historic Preservation Grants
- Includes \$0.1 million from RICAP for close-out costs associated with Eisenhower House renovations
- Reflects FY 2017 as final year of Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief grants
- Includes turnover equivalent to 0.8 of a position; no position specified for reduction

Personnel

Full-Time Positions	FTEs	Change to Enacted
Enacted Authorized	16.6	-
FY 2016 Revised	16.6	-
FY 2017 Requested	16.6	-
FY 2017 Governor	16.6	-
FY 2015 Average Filled	14.9	(1.7)
Filled as of April 2 nd	16.0	(0.6)

Personnel

- Includes authorized 16.6 full-time positions
- \$1.7 million from all funds for FY 2017
 - \$1.0 million from general revenues
 - Governor's recommendation includes turnover savings equivalent to 0.8 FTE
 - All full-time positions filled
 - Assumes Commission will determine position to eliminate
 - Reflects updated benefits costs and recent staffing changes

State Preservation Grants

- Total of \$35.0 million from new G.O. bonds
 - Approved by voters in November 2014
- Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission: \$5.0 million
 - Renovation and preservation of historic sites and nonprofits
- Arts Council: \$30.0 million
 - Renovations to nonprofit theaters and performance spaces

State Preservation Grants

- FY 2016 & FY 2017: \$1.0 million from G.O. bond funds each year
 - \$5.0 million total funding
 - Plan includes \$1.0 million/year for 5 years
 - Restarts program
- Funding for preservation projects
 - Municipalities and non-profits
 - Museums and cultural arts centers
 - Public historic sites

State Preservation Grants

- Original program ran CY 2003 – CY 2007
 - Funded from G.O. bond funds
 - Total \$5.9 million granted
 - No funds appropriated since FY 2008
- New funding from G.O. bond funds put before November 2014 voters
- Competitive matching grant program
 - \$1.8 million of projects approved to date

State Preservation Grants

	Small Project	Large Project
Min. Project Cost	\$7,500	\$45,000
Max. Project Cost	\$45,000	None
Min. Grant Request	\$5,000	None
Max. Grant Request	\$30,000	\$100,000
Applicant Match	\$1 per \$2 grant funds	\$1 per \$1 grant funds
In-Kind Allowed	Yes	No

Sandy Disaster Relief Grants

- Assistance for rehab of historic properties damaged by Hurricane Sandy
 - Funded from federal award of \$3.2 million
- Buildings and properties impacted by storm differently
 - Funds to property owners as reimbursements or on as-needed basis
- Governor recommends \$1.4 million for FY 2016 and \$0.5 million for FY 2017

Eisenhower House

Asset Protection

- Transferred from the Navy to the state in 1964
 - Per transfer agreement, the state has affirmative obligation to maintain the property
- Rhode Island Capital Plan funds used for asset protection since FY 2012
 - Repairs previously funded from general revenues

Eisenhower House – Asset Protection

- Available for public events
 - Previously open May – October
 - Open year-round effective FY 2016
 - Rental fees deposited as general revenues
- Significant rehabilitation and reconstruction necessary to maintain property
- Was closed FY 2014 – FY 2015 season
 - Staff person on-site to schedule events for reopening

Eisenhower House – Asset Protection

- FY 2016 revised: Includes \$0.1 million from RICAP to finish project
 - Governor recommends keeping house open year-round for use as event and conference space
- 20 events held in CY 2015 - \$0.1 million of revenues
- 16 events scheduled for CY 2016 - \$0.1 million of revenues

Preservation Programs

- The Commission offers publications for public purchase and allows copies made by the public
 - Funds must be used to support operations.
- Revolving Loan Fund - to provide low-interest loans to preserve properties listed on State Register of Historic Places
 - Commission maintains \$0.4 million balance
 - Associated interest revenue account reflects actual interest earned

Preservation Programs

- Survey and Planning – RI State Survey is compilation of information about historical and archeological properties in every city and town
 - Constitutes the principal inventory of the state's historic resources
 - Activities funded from federal funds, determined by formula that changes annually
 - Governor includes \$0.6 million for FY 2017

Preservation Programs

- Federal Historic Preservation and Heritage Awards – program to support efforts to increase the number of state properties and landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - Governor includes \$25,000 for FY 2016
 - Commission anticipates additional funding for FY 2017 will be granted from National Park Service

Community Service Grants

- Consistent with enacted budget
- Provides \$0.2 million for 12 grants to veterans' and local preservation organizations

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