

# Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Governor's FY 2025 Revised and FY 2026 Budgets  
Staff Presentation to  
House Finance Subcommittee on General Government  
March 25, 2025

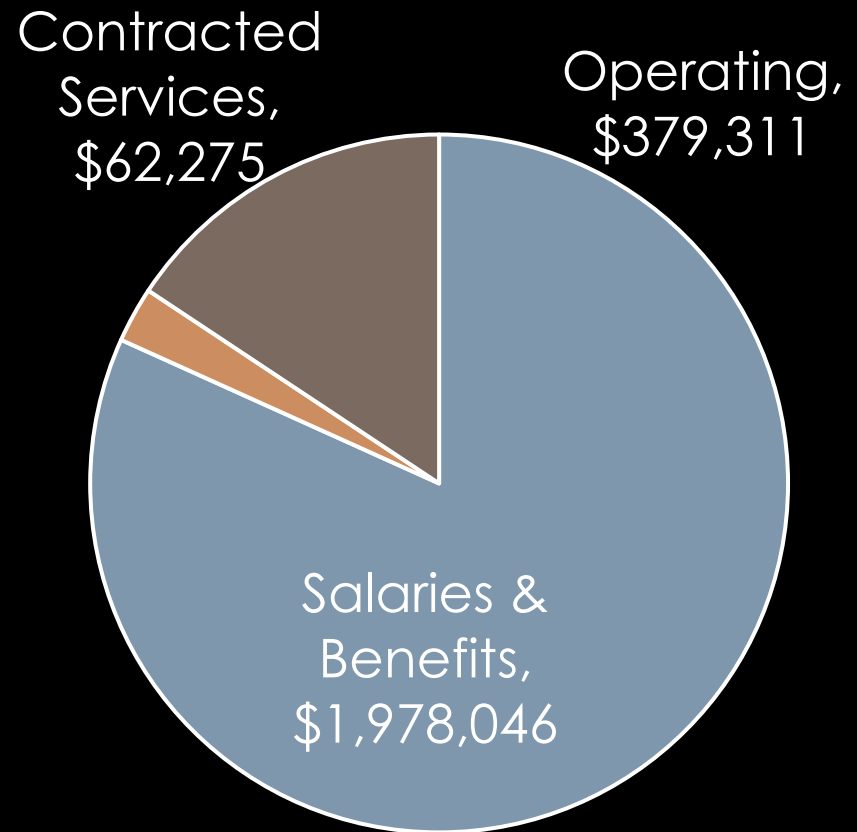
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# Background

- Prescription and publication of rules and regulations associated with state Code of Ethics
- Jurisdiction over three branches of state government, municipal & local government bodies
- Maintains all required filings made by elected and appointed officials
  - Including Financial Disclosure Statements

# FY 2026 Recommendation

- FY 2026 is a current service budget - \$2.4M
  - \$0.2 M more than enacted
    - For salaries & benefits
      - COLA



# Case Management System

- New case management system
  - \$61,664 in FY 2024 final budget
  - \$12,760 spent & \$48,904 reappropriated
    - Governor's recommendation
  - To centralize all records and data
    - Complaints, conflicts of interest, advisory opinions, & financial statements in one system

# Online Disclosure Filings

- Online financial disclosure filings began in 2012

<b>Filings for prior year</b>	<b>CY 2020</b>	<b>CY 2021</b>	<b>CY 2022</b>	<b>CY 2023</b>	<b>CY 2024</b>
Online Filings	3,680	3,750	4,134	3,937	4,120
Total Filings	4,120	4,179	4,582	4,371	4,531
% Filed Online	89.3%	89.7%	90.2%	90.1%	90.9%

# Access to Public Records

- Public may request access to records
  - Financial statements, recusal forms, advisory opinions, request letters, and complaints

<b>FY 2024 Timeliness</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Requests	17	18	58	35	128
Responses within 24 hours	16	17	58	35	126
% Responses within 24 hours	94.1%	94.4%	100%	100.0%	98.4%

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