

Coastal Resources Management Council

Staff Presentation to the
House Finance Subcommittee on Environment and
Transportation
Governor's Capital, FY 2026 Revised and FY 2027 Budgets
April 2, 2026

Coastal Resources Management Council

- Governed by a council of 10 members
 - Staff consists of
 - Professional engineers
 - Biologists
 - Environmental scientists
 - Marine resources specialists
- State agency responsible for
 - Preservation, protection, development & restoration of the coastal areas of the state

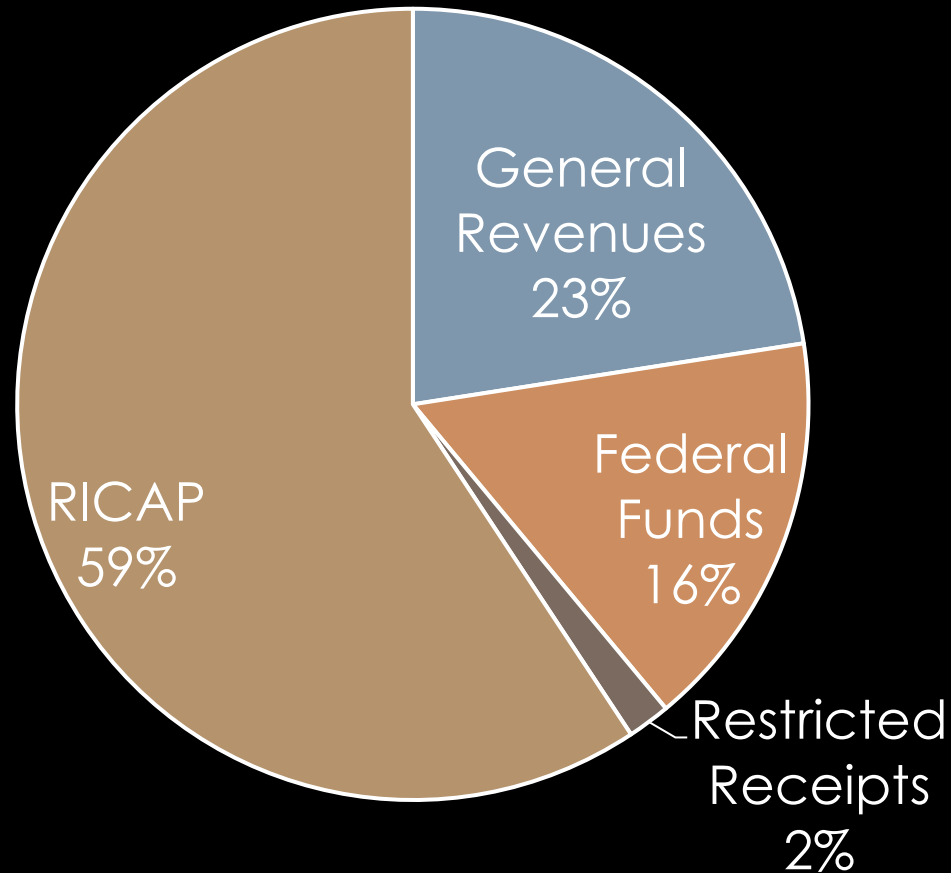
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- Responsibilities
 - Issuing permits for work within the coastal zone
 - Federal law consistency
 - Lead state agency for dredging
 - Aquaculture
 - Coordinating & oversight role for other state agencies
 - Coastal flooding, hazard mitigation, & special area management planning

Summary by Category

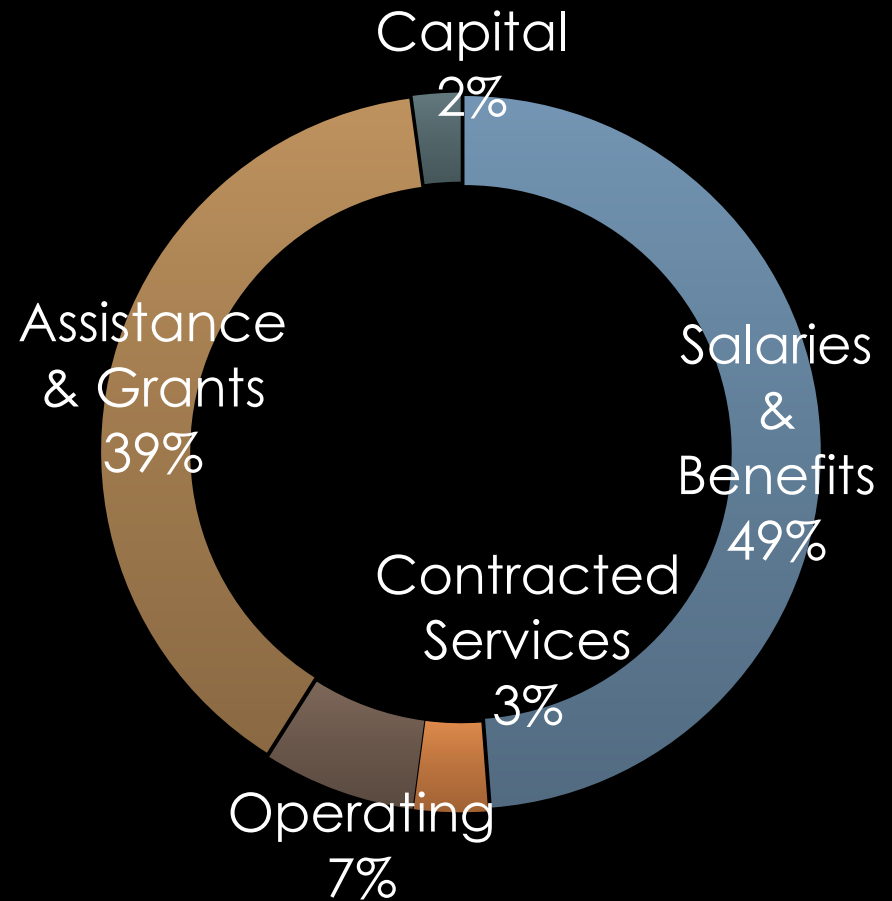
Category	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Governor	Change to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,098,362	\$5,107,407	\$5,241,447	\$143,085
Contracted Services	382,770	7,246,959	246,959	(135,811)
Operations	583,884	521,510	580,885	(2,999)
Grants	1,727,730	1,674,605	1,674,605	(53,125)
Capital	7,068,000	118,000	11,448,000	4,380,000
Total	\$14,860,746	\$14,668,481	\$19,191,896	\$4,331,150
FTE	32.0	32.0	32.0	-

Summary by Source



Federal Funds

- Funds ~10 FTE
- Grants for
 - Winnapaug Pond-Sorensen
 - Offshore Wind
 - South Fork Wind Farm
 - Habitat restoration and conservation



Staffing

- FY 2027 - \$5.2M
 - \$0.1M more than enacted
 - Current services & turnover savings
 - Fund ~ 31 of 32 positions
 - March 9 pay period - 3.0 vacancies
 - 5.0 new positions requested
 - Not recommended

Position	FTE	Cost
Implementation Aide	1.0	\$108,702
Environmental Engineer	1.0	170,486
Environmental Policy Analyst	1.0	178,435
Environmental Scientist	1.0	150,514
Paralegal Aide	1.0	92,482
Total	5.0	\$700,619

Indirect Cost Recovery

- Indirect Cost Recovery on Federal Funds
 - Most federal grants allow for overhead cost recovery in addition to direct admin costs
 - State law requires agencies to charge indirect costs on their grants where allowed – CRMC previously was not
 - Enacted budget: \$0.4M GR savings
 - Governor assumes \$0.1M at 15% rate and restores \$0.3M from general revenue savings from NOAA agreement

Other Items of Note

- Request - \$2.0M GR in FY 2026 for a permit database
 - Enacted budget includes a \$50,000 placeholder
 - Not recommended & inadvertently removed the placeholder
 - GBA #4 restores \$50,000 placeholder
- Storm Tools
 - Technology applications help state prepare, respond, and recover from coastal hazards
 - \$200k from GR added by 2025 Assembly
 - Maintained in FY 2027 recommendation

Capital Development Plan

Capital Projects

Project	Status	Cost	Source	End Date
Point Street Creosote Pilings	New	\$2.6	FF, GO	FY 2026
Winnapaug Land Conservation	New	\$1.6	FF	FY 2026
Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program	Ongoing	\$1.5	RR	N/a
Confined Aquatic Dredged Material Disposal Cells	Ongoing	\$116.7	RICAP, FF, COPS	FY 2027
Dredging Waterplace Park	Ongoing	\$5.8	GO	FY 2026
Pawcatuck Resiliency	Ongoing	\$0.1	RICAP	FY 2026
South Coast Restoration	Ongoing	\$8.5	RICAP	FY 2026

\$ in millions

Capital – New Projects

- Point Street Creosote Pilings Removal
 - \$2.6M from all sources – FY 2026
 - Removes pilings from the Providence River
 - \$2.3M from federal funds and \$250,000 from GO bonds approved in 2021
- Winnapaug Land Conservation
 - \$1.6M from federal funds – FY 2026
 - Acquisition of three parcels of coastal wetland on Atlantic Ave in Westerly that abuts DEM property
 - Passive recreation use

Capital – Ongoing Projects

- Confined Aquatic Material Disposal (CAD) Cells
 - \$116.7M to build one cell in the Providence River and Shipping Channel
 - \$23.0M from Certificates of Participation
 - Authorized by 2025 Assembly
 - \$81.7M from federal funds
 - \$11.4M from RICAP
 - \$0.6M from dredge fund
 - Consistent with the approved plan

Capital – Ongoing Projects

- Coastal and Estuary Habitat Program
 - Approved \$250,000 annual appropriation from DEM's Oil Spill Prevention, Administration, and Response Fund for restoration projects
- Dredging at Waterplace Park
 - Approved \$4.1M from GO bonds to dredge Providence and Waterplace Park

Capital – Ongoing Projects

- Pawcatuck Resiliency Elevation
 - Governor recommends approved \$50,000 placeholder to construct non-structural floodproofing projects on residential structures
 - Narragansett, South Kingstown, Charlestown, and Westerly
 - Council requested \$16.5M for state share
 - Not recommended by Governor

Capital – Ongoing Projects

- South Coast Restoration Project
 - \$7.0M in FY 2026 to restore the west wall of the Ninigret Breachway
 - Future dredging in FY 2028?
 - \$2.0M omitted in request

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